

## Forest and Bird Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 @ 7.30 p.m.

Sound and Vision Centre, Palmerston North City Library,  
George Street, Palmerston North

**“DECLINING WHITEBAIT - what has gone wrong and how we can save”**



**SPEAKER:** Stella McQueen - Native Fish Geek

Stella says “four of the five whitebait species are in decline, including the most common fish in the whitebait catch: the inanga.” Stella will talk about the fact that these four species will be extinct in 35 years if we don't do something about it soon.

But what is really causing the decline?

And what we do to reverse it before it is too late?

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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## **F&B AUGUST 2016 TRIP**

**4WD adventure to Whitebait Creek, Whirokino Whitebait Spawning Ground, Koputaroa Scientific Reserve, Wildlife Foxton Trust AND MORE...**

**This is a special trip, and is limited to 4WD vehicles only, and a total of 20 people. We need 3 more 4WD vehicles for the trip and would have spaces to car-pool.**

**Registration for this trip will opened at our Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, together with a waitlist, should the trip fill up on Tuesday.**

If you are interested, please contact me: Anthea McClelland Ph. 021 184 6241 email: [Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz) after Tuesday, to register and or if you have a 4WD vehicle available. The trip is not suitable for young children.



**Leader:** Alastair Cole, NZ Landcare Trust

**Guides:** Bob Hoskins, who has been involved in habitat restoration.

John Girling, who will guide us through Wildlife Foxton Trusts centre, where they have some Giant Kokupu and Inanga adults!

Join us on this unique 4WD adventure We will visit important spawning and adult habitat sites. Meet locals who will open your eyes to the incredible and secretive world of NZ freshwater species, and their importance to NZ ecosystem.

Don't miss this chance to get familiar with the iconic NZ freshwater species and book your place in advance, the number of places is limited to 20.

**Depart:** 10.00 a.m. sharp from Palmerston North

**Meet:** Palmerston North - Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side). If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver.

**What to bring:** Suitable warm/wet weather clothing, gumboots or suitable footwear for wet conditions. Bring snacks, water, lunch\*, binoculars (we may spot a bittern or so!) – and - do not forget your camera.

\*We will be stopping at the Dutch Oven Café, if you do not wish to bring your own lunch, and arrangements have been made for those who bring their own lunch.

For more information: **Up to 12<sup>th</sup> August** contact: Anthea McClelland email: [Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz) Ph. 021 184 6241

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