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NOVEMBER 2020

November 2020 Monthly talk
Tuesday 10th November 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

NOTE: We are back in our usual place at the Library on the ground floor,
George Street Entrance

Talk: The science behind the conservation of New Zealand orchids"

Speaker: Carlos Lehnebach, Curator Botany, Te Papa



Spider orchid Corybas macranthus – photo provided

There are more than a 100 species of orchids in New Zealand and although several species are widespread across the country, a few are restricted to a single locality. Conservation of uncommon and threatened orchids requires an integrated approach that includes resolving taxonomic uncertainty and documenting their interactions with other organisms. In this talk I will provide

an insight into my current projects at Te Papa to describe NZ orchid diversity, understand their reliance on pollinators for sexual reproduction and fungal partners for seed germination, and establish methods to propagate threatened orchids for restoration purposes.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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www.forestandbird.org.nz

F&B Manawatū November 2020 Monthly Trip

Saturday 21nd November, 2020

LOOKING FOR ORCHIDS IN WAITARERE FOREST



Following on from our talk on Orchids, we have arranged a trip to Waitarere Forest where there are a number of species of orchids. Andrew Broome from the NZ Orchid Society has agreed to help us find the orchids and identify them. There is an option after the visit to Waitarere Forest to go onto the beach.

The details of the trip are still to be confirmed, but in the meantime please register your interest in going on the trip to

Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz



2-15 November 2020 *Te Manu Rongonui o Te Tau 2020*

Voting opens at 9am on Mon 2 November and closes at 5pm on Sun 15 November

To vote go to: <https://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz/>

The birds are back! You can vote for your top five incredible and unique native birds. Choose a flightless wonder, a long-distance traveller, or a favourite from your own backyard!

Unfortunately, many of New Zealand's native birds are in trouble and need your help. About 75% of land birds and 90% of seabirds are threatened or at risk of extinction. Their habitats are being destroyed or degraded by introduced predators, pollution, human development, and climate change. Use *Bird of the Year 2020* to get to know our amazing native birds. Cast your vote and make a donation to give nature a voice.

EVENTS

Trapping Regional Ashhurst and Pohangina Information Launch.

Event date: Saturday 14th November 2pm-4pm.

Event location: Ashhurst Village Green.

<https://recap.org.nz/node/331>

RECAP will be officially launching its new TrAP project with funding from DoC with information and training sessions for interested members of the community to up skill themselves in urban and rural trapping practice. Led by Ian Rasmussen, RECAP board member and experienced trapper.

The event will include:

- Information about the project and its potential impact locally and regionally
- Discussion around different kind of predators in our area and trapping technique.
- Training about how to use traps effectively in both rural and urban settings.
- The opportunity to borrow traps for your property, and join our library system, and understand the kaupapa behind this important mahi.

Please register your interest so we have an understanding of numbers.

Rangitikei Weeding Bee

Event date: Saturday 14th November

Join Forest & Bird volunteers and others to remove weeds from this beautiful old growth forest remnant / community restoration project, about 20 minutes beyond Mangaweka. The work is mostly cutting sycamore saplings with loppers then pasting with glyphosate gel to prevent re-growth. The ground is flat but uneven and moderate fitness is required. Nibbles and drinks provided, BYO lunch. Carpooling needs to be arranged in advance. [Please email Sally](#) or phone her on 021 254 9641 by Tuesday November 10. Should the weather be bad, the postponement date is November 21.

Beach Litter Survey - Litter Intelligence programme

Be a Citizen Scientist with Wildlife Foxton Trust!

Event date: Friday 27th November, 2020, 2.15 PM

Event location: [Foxton Beach](#) - meet at the Surf Club car park at 1.30pm for the H&S briefing.

Usually look for a white double cab ute but not sure of vehicles at this stage - site is 2km south at mouth of river so look for person with hi vis yellow vest and burgundy mitz 4 door - possibly with trailer.

Help the [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#) and [Sustainable Coastlines](#) collect and analyze the litter in specific areas of the beach. The data gathered will be added to a national database of beach litter, providing information in solving litter problems. There will be a health and safety briefing before a walk down the beach to the site. Beach transport available if required. Please [email to RSVP](#) (name and cellphone number), or phone 06 363 5300 by noon on the 26th.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

[Plastic in the Environment](#)

Consultation closes 4 December

Plastic has many uses in our lives yet it is polluting our land, lakes, rivers, streams and marine environment. The government has two proposals that would help us to move away from hard-to-recycle and single-use items. The first is to phase out some types of unrecyclable plastic; some polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and polystyrene packaging, and all oxo-degradable plastic products. The second proposal is to phase-out seven types of single-use plastic items. Click

the link and tell them what you think.

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/reducing-impact-of-plastic-on-environment>

F&B Manawatu December 2020 Meeting

This is our annual social meeting. It is still in the planning stage. We will advertise it closer to the time.

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