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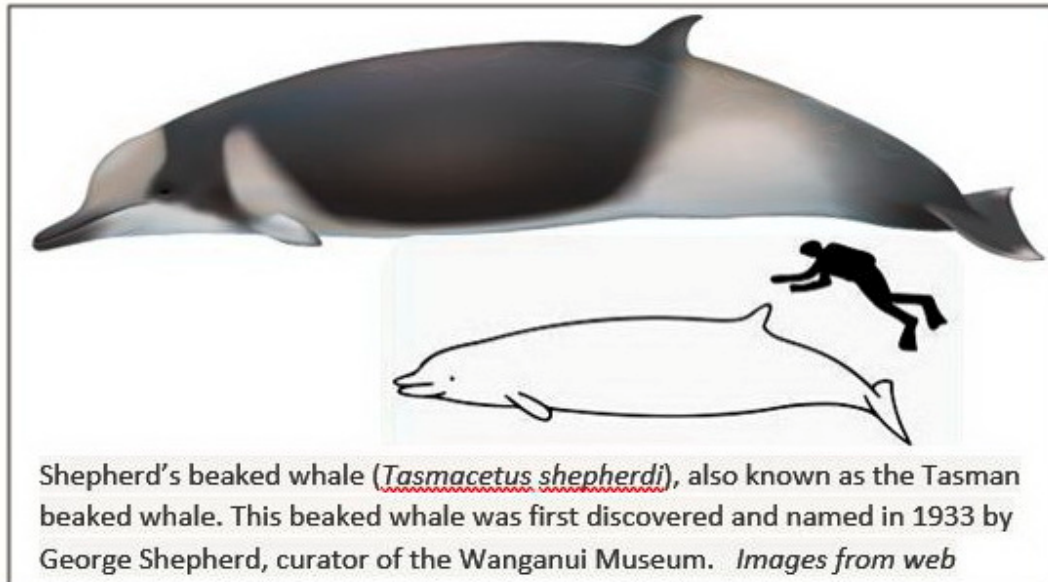
If, in the event the PNCC Library advises us they are closing their Event rooms due to the COVID-19 we will send out a notice to your email address. Also, we will also post the notice on our website www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz

October 2020 Monthly talk
Tuesday 13th October 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: Beaked Whales: Why are they the least understood cetaceans?

Speaker: Keith Beautrais, science teacher and environmentalist,
Whanganui



New Zealand has played a central role in unraveling some of the enigmas of the Ziphiidae. Keith Beutrais researched these masters of deep dark places for a new Whanganui Museum exhibition and will share some of the discoveries being made. The Beaked Whale is mysterious and rarely-seen and has several unusual characteristics.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated
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F&B Manawatū October 2020 Monthly Trip

We are hoping to arrange a trip to Whanganui Museum later in the month. We will advertise it on our website – www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz

EVENTS

Nature Calls: Wastewater

Event date: Tuesday October 13, 4:30 pm – 6.00 pm

Event location: The Seminar Room, Palmerston North Conference Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North

Nature Calls and ENM invite you to get the latest update on this important project, looking at how we manage wastewater in Palmerston North and what we need to achieve before 2022 to bring our wastewater management and infrastructure up to a future-proofed standard. Hear about the consultation process to date, which options are being looked at, and other input into the decisions being made.

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>

Rangitikei Weeding Bee

Event date: *Saturday 17 October*

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 October 13 at the latest**.

November 2020 Monthly talk

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

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

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.

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