

OBJECTIVES: To stimulate interest in our natural environment and to preserve and protect Australian flora and fauna.

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (FNCV) is Victoria's oldest natural history group, established in 1880.

Today we have many special interest groups which focus on: **Bats, Botany, Fauna Survey, Fungi, Geology, Marine Research, Microscopy and Terrestrial Invertebrates.** We even have a group especially for the **Juniors!**

Members are welcome to attend activities of all of the various special interest groups. Visitors are welcome, but please note a \$5 fee will apply to non-members on excursions and \$2 for meetings (this is to cover costs and includes insurance).

Membership is open to any person interested in natural history and includes beginners as well as experienced naturalists.

Membership Benefits:

- ◆ significant discounts off a wide selection of natural history books through our bookshop.
- ◆ an opportunity to meet and exchange information and ideas with others who have a passion for our natural environment.
- ◆ monthly meetings with leading speakers in all areas of natural history
- ◆ regular excursions and field surveys
- ◆ training and workshops
- ◆ six issues of *The Victorian Naturalist*, our prestigious natural history journal (published since 1884)
- ◆ our monthly newsletter *Field Nats News*
- ◆ access to our extensive natural history library (*individual membership only*)
- ◆ discounts on our FNCV publications

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Please be considerate when contacting members by not calling too early or too late in the day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2012 TO MAY 2012



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FNCV OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

Office: Monday and Tuesday
9am - 4pm

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Visitors welcome at
all activities!

February



Sun 5th – Juniors Group. Excursion – 10.30am Marine Discovery Centre and Kyena trip. Contact: Claire Ferguson.



Mon 6th – Fungi Group. No monthly meeting.



Tues. 7th - Fauna Survey Group. Meeting - "Regulating the wildlife trade in Victoria." Speaker: Mike Sverns, Senior Wildlife Investigator with DSE. Contact: Sally Bewsher.



Wed 8th – Bat Group. Grey-headed flying-fox count. Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 8.00 pm. RSVP by email or phone Megan Davidson.**



Sat 11th – Sun 12th - Fauna Survey Group. Survey - ** Chamber's Reserve, Pakenham Upper. Surveying & spotlighting with the local Landcare Group. Contact: Sally Bewsher.



Sun 12th – Bat Group. Bat Lover's Barbee - Join us at Yarra Bend Park, Bellbird Picnic Area (Mel 2D K6) from 12 noon until fly out. We will have tours, speakers and a children's costume competition. BYO everything. Contact: Ian Kitchen.



Mon 13th – Marine Research Group. No Meeting.



Mon 13th – Fri 17th Marine Research Group. Survey - **Surveying in the Portland area, with low tides early in the morning. Contact: Leon Altoff.



Wed 15th – Terrestrial Invertebrates Group. Meeting – Caterpillars. Speaker: Peter Marriott. Contact: Alan Yen.



Thurs 16th – Botany Group. Meeting - Sphacelariales: sex a rare event. Speaker: Dr Mary Gibson. Contact: Sue Bendel.



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Mon 12th (Labour Day) – Fri 16th – Marine Research Group. Survey - **Surveying in the Inverloch area with low tides early in the morning. Contact: Leon Altoff.



Mon 12th – Marine Research Group. No Meeting.



Thurs 15th – Botany Group. Meeting – An introduction to sedges and rushes. Speaker: Graeme Lorimer. Contact: Sue Bendel.



Sat 17th – Botany Group. Excursion – 10.30am to 12.30pm, meet at Bonview Wetlands, Ruffey Lake Park, The Boulevard, off George Street, Doncaster. (Mel. 33 F10). Contact: Sue Bendel.



Wed 21st - Microscopy Group. Meeting – See FNN for details. Contact: Phillipa Sterpin.



Sat 24th - Fauna Survey Group. Stagwatch - **Come along to an evening stagwatch to search for Leadbeater's Possum and other nocturnal wildlife in the Yarra Ranges National Park. Contact: Ray Gibson.



Tues 27th– Day Group. Meeting – 'Silviculture in Victoria's state forests' Speaker: Peter Fagg (retired forester). 10.30 for an 11.00 start. Contact: Gary Presland.



Wed 28th – Geology Group. Meeting – Secrets in the Sediments – Evidence for our ever-changing Climate. Speaker: Professor Peter Gell, Professor of Environmental Science and Director, Centre for Environmental Management, University of Ballarat. Contact: Kaye Oddie



Fri 30th – Juniors Group. Meeting – Turtle Research. Speaker: Danielle. Contact: Claire Ferguson.

April



Mon 2nd – Fungi Group. Meeting – Phoenix fungi – mushrooms and other fungi appearing after fire. Speaker: Tom May. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.

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Sun 22nd – Fungi Group. Fungi Foray – Fungi after Fire. 10.30 am, Tims Corner, Gembrook (MEL 299 A5, VIC ROADS 80 B8). Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



Tues 24th – Day Group. No Meeting.



Wed 25th – Geology Group. Meeting – Working with the Melbourne Museum Palaeontology Collection. Speaker: Ms. Lisa Nink, Public Programs Presenter, Melbourne Museum. Contact: Ruth Hoskin.



Fri 27th – Juniors Group. Meeting – Victorian Mammals. Speaker: Wendy Clark. Contact: Claire Ferguson.



Sun 29th – Fungi Group. Fungi foray – 10.30 am Badger Weir (MEL key map 10 R5, VIC ROADS 80 B4). Contact: Ed Grey 94359019.



Sun 29th – Sun 6th – Fungimap Festival Tasmania. Contact: fungimap@rbg.vic.gov.au.

May



Tues 1st - Fauna Survey Group. Meeting - 'Predicting the responses of arboreal folivores to a changing climate'. Speaker: Natalie Briscoe. Contact: Sally Bewsher.



Wed 2nd – Bat Group. Grey-headed flying-fox count. Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 5.30 pm. RSVP by email or phone Megan Davidson.**



Sun 6th – Fungi Group. Fungi foray – 10.30 am Upper Yarra Reservoir, Reefton (MEL X912 U2, VIC ROADS 80 G4). Contact: Ed Grey 94359019.



Mon 7th – Fungi Group. Meeting - Members night. Bring photographs to share. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



(February cont)



Wed 22nd – Botany Group. Excursion - Looking at algae in the intertidal zone Mushroom Reef, Flinders. Leader: Dr Mary Gibson. Meet at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start - in the case of inclement weather contact Sue Bendel.



Wed 22nd - Geology Group. Meeting – An Insight into How Minerals Form. Speaker: Dr. Stuart Mills, Senior Curator, Geosciences, Museum Victoria. Contact: Kaye Oddie.



Fri 24th – Juniors Group. Meeting – Bats. Speaker: TBC. Contact: Claire Ferguson.



Sat 25th – Fauna Survey Group. Stagwatch. ** Join us as we look for Leadbeater's Possum and other nocturnal inhabitants in forest close to Melbourne. Contact: Ray Gibson.



Tues 28th – Day Group. Meeting – ‘Flora and fauna in the city of Whitehorse’. Speaker: Ian Moodie (Parkside Dept, City of Whitehorse). 10.30 for an 11.00 start. Contact: Gary Presland.

March



Sat 3rd & Sun 4th – Geology Group. Excursion - Western Port Geology. Leader: Dr. Eric Bird, former Professor of Geology, University of Melbourne. Contact: Kaye Oddie.



Mon 5th – Fungi Group. Meeting – Macro-photography. Speakers: Paul George, Jurrrie Hubregtse. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



Tues 6th - Fauna Survey Group. Meeting - “Insights into breeding shorebirds – the research paparazzi”. Speaker: Dr. Mike Weston, Deakin Uni. Contact: Sally Bewsher.



Wed 7th – Bat Group. Grey-headed flying-fox count. Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 7.30 pm. RSVP by email or phone Megan Davidson.**



Sat 10th – Mon 12th- Fauna Survey Group. Survey - **Wildlife survey in the Mt Samaria State Park (north of Mansfield). Contact: Robin Drury.

(April cont)



Tues 3rd - Fauna Survey Group. Meeting - Speaker: TBC. See FNN for details. Contact: Sally Bewsher.



Wed 4th – Bat Group. Grey-headed flying-fox count. Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 5.45 pm. RSVP by email or phone Megan Davidson.**



Thurs 5th – Tues 10th - Fauna Survey Group. Survey - Easter camp & survey in Victoria's Western District. Contact: Russell Thompson.



Fri 6th – Mon 9th – Juniors Group. Camp – Wedderburn. Contact: Claire Ferguson.



Mon 9th – Marine Research Group. No Meeting.



Wed 11th – Marine Research Group. Survey - **The Jawbone, Williamstown. Meeting 10.30 am. Contact: Leon Altoff.



Thurs 12th April – Marine Research Group. Survey - **Shoreham WP. Meeting 8.30 am. Contact: Leon Altoff.



Sun 15th – Fungi Group. Fungi foray - 10.30 am Noojee, Toorongo Falls Circuit (MEL X928 B5, VIC ROADS 81 B7), meet at Toorongo Falls car park, Toorongo Falls Rd (turn off 2.5 k east of Noojee). Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



Mon 16th – Botany Group. Meeting – Wetlands. Speaker: Damien Cook. *Please note this is to replace the meeting on Thursday 19th April.* Contact: Sue Bendel.



Wed 18th – Terrestrial Invertebrates Group. Meeting – Native bees. Speaker: Ken Walker. Contact: Alan Yen.



Sat 21st- Fauna Survey Group. Stagwatch - **Join FSG members on the last stagwatch for this season. Help look for Leadbeater's Possum & other wildlife near Melbourne. Contact: Ray Gibson.

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Sat 12th – Sun 13th - Fauna Survey Group. Excursion - **Rushworth camp. Help check nest-boxes for Phascogales, Sugar Gliders & other surprises. Contact: Ray Gibson.



Sun 13th – Fungi & Juniors Groups. Fungi Foray - 10.30am Bunyip State Park (Gembrook), Mortimer Reserve Picnic Ground, off the Gembrook-Tonimbuk Road (MEL key map 14 R12).The Juniors Group will join us – Contact: Claire Ferguson or Virgil Hubregtse.



Mon 14th – Marine Research Group. Meeting – See FNN for details. Contact: Leon Altoff.



Wed 16th - Microscopy Group. Meeting – See FNN for details. Contact: Phillipa Sterpin.



Thurs 17th – Botany Group. Meeting – See FNN for details. Contact: Michael Murray.



Sat 19th – Botany Group. Excursion – See FNN for details. Contact: Sue Bendel.



Sun 20th – Fungi Group. Fungi Foray – 10.30am Mt Worth State Park (MEL X912 U8, VIC ROADS 97 B6), meet at Moonlight Creek Picnic Area. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



Tues 22nd – Day Group. Meeting – ‘Birdwatching on Christmas Island’ Speakers: Joan Broadberry and Linda Rogan. 10.30 for an 11.00 start. Contact: Gary Presland.



Wed 23rd – Geology Group. Meeting – Ground-water-Surface Water Interactions. Speaker: Dr. Peter Dahlhaus, Senior Lecturer, Geology, University of Ballarat. Contact: Ruth Hoskin .



Fri 25th – Juniors Group. Meeting - Fungi speaker TBC. See FNN and Junior Nat for details. Contact: Claire Ferguson.



Sun 27th – Fungi Group. Fungi Foray – 10.30am Cathedral Range State Park (MEL X910 T9) Meet at Ned's Gully car park. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



