

GEELONG FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES 2024

(Z=Zoom for talks)

JANUARY 2024

- 13 Snipe survey
- 18 Bird Group: Pete Sullivan—Travelling north through NSW to northern Queensland
- 20 Excursion: Armstrong Creek, family friendly
- 25 Bird Group Excursion: Swan Bay

FEBRUARY 2024

- 3-4 Summer wader count: John Newman
- 6 General Meeting: Marilyn Hewish & Lorraine Phelan—Nature through the eyes of an artist
- 9-12 Fauna survey: Spring Creek
- 12 Meeting: Publication Subcommittee
- 15 Bird Group: Craig Morley—Birding in Indonesia: through the Banda Sea
- 18 Excursion: Afternoon/evening—Jerringot, view new walking platform, birds and evening creatures
- 22 Bird Group Excursion: Avalon, private property
- 24 Brolga Flocking Season Survey—Trevor Hodson
- 26 Meeting: Committee

MARCH 2024

- 3 'Clean up Australia Day' at Jerringot
- 5 General Meeting: George Custance & Molly Fisher (TSN)—The Small Ant-blue plus Otway butterflies
Fauna Group: Tile checks, cameras, evening survey
- 17 Excursion: Otway Ranges invertebrates
- 18 Meeting: Enviro Fund Subcommittee
- 21 Bird Group: Andrew Skeoch—The Dawn Chorus
- 23 Brolga Flocking Season Survey—Trevor Hodson
- 28 Bird Group Excursion: Rice and Dans Reserves

APRIL 2024

- 9 AGM—Members Night: Presentations from Enviro Fund projects
Fauna Group: Tile checks, cameras, TBC
- 15 Meeting: New committee
- 18 Bird Group: Susie Lycett—Birding in Indonesia: Java and Sumatra
- 19-22 SEANA camp—FNCV, Cowes
- 21 Excursion: Bellarine Basin (Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk)
- 25 Bird Group Excursion: Gherang Gherang
- 26-29 City Nature Challenge BioBlitz Weekend

MAY 2024

- 6 Meeting: Conservation Subcommittee
- 7 General Meeting: James Templeton—Controlling feral pigs in the Otways
- 10-13 Fauna survey: Painkalac Valley (possibly combine with excursion)
- 11 eBird Global BIG day
- 16 Bird Group: Steve Atkinson—Birding in the Alaskan summer
- 18-19 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
- 12 or 19 Excursion: Surf Coast—Aireys Inlet, Painkalac Valley
- 23 Bird Group Excursion: Distillery Creek
- 25-26 Boneseed pull—You Yangs

JUNE 2024

- 4(Z) General Meeting: Michael Loughnan (landowner) & Roger Ganly (Angair)—Rewilding the Painkalac Valley TBC
Fauna Group: Tile checks, cameras, TBC
- 16 Excursion: Brisbane Ranges Sth and Werribee Plains (Durdiwarrah greenhoods and birds)
- 17 Meeting: Committee
- 20(Z) Bird Group: TBC
- 27 Bird Group Excursion: Balliang, private property

JULY 2024

- 2(Z) General Meeting: Ben Franceschelli—Fossils of the Port Phillip Bay coast TBC
- 6-7 Winter Wader count: John Newman
Fauna Group: Equipment maintenance, TBC
- 18(Z) Bird Group: TBC
- 25 Bird Group Excursion: Batesford Dog Rocks Sanctuary
- 27-28 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
- 29 Meeting: Enviro Fund Subcommittee

AUGUST 2024

- 6(Z) General Meeting: Royal Bot Gardens—Threatened orchid species recovery TBC
Fauna Group: Tile checks, cameras, TBC
- 15(Z) Bird Group: TBC
- 18 Excursion: Golden Plains, Otway Foothills (Bald Hills Rd—Yan Wurring Marr Loop)
Meeting: Committee
- 19 Meeting: Committee
- 22 Bird Group Excursion: Pt Richards Flora and Fauna Reserve
- 24-25 Boneseed pull—You Yangs
- 26 Meeting: Program Subcommittee

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 3 General Meeting: Members night
- 9 Meeting: Publication Subcommittee
Fauna Group: Cameras, trapping, TBC
- 13-15 Campout:
- 14-15 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
- 19 Bird Group: TBC
- 20-24 Great Southern Bioblitz
- 21-22 Angair Wildflower Show
- 23 Meeting: Conservation Subcommittee
- 26 Bird Group Excursion: Anglesea Heath (a new spot)

OCTOBER 2024

- 1 General Meeting: Adrian Marshall (VNPA)—The Geelong Strategic Assessment TBC
- 7 Meeting: Committee
Fauna Group: Reptile survey Pomborneit, TBC
- 12 eBird Global BIG day, Austral Spring
- 17 Bird Group: TBC
- 20 Excursion/Multiday trip
- 21 Meeting: Program Subcommittee
- 24 Bird Group Excursion: Woolloomanata
- 25-27 SEANA camp—Ringwood FNC, Marysville

NOVEMBER 2024

- 5 General Meeting: John Morgan—Grassland Ecology TBC
Fauna Survey: Gerangamete, trapping, cameras, TBC
- 17 Excursion: Further West! Mr Mercer Grassland and Leigh River
- 18 Meeting: Committee
- 21 Bird Group: TBC
- 27 Meeting: Environment Fund committee
- 28 Bird Group Excursion: Birregurra/ Lake Colac

DECEMBER 2024

- 1 Challenge Bird Count: Brisbane Ranges, You Yangs
- 5 General Meeting: Members Night and Christmas supper
Fauna Group: TBC

JANUARY 2025

- 16 Bird Group: Meeting
- 18 Saturday ½ Day Excursion:
- 23 Bird Group Excursion