



Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

Term 2 Programme 2014

Meetings at 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens, Gate 2

(unless advised differently)

- May 9 **Senderismo in Central Chile:** Images and Tales of trekking in an incredibly beautiful place. Bill Carlson, Mountaineer Extraordinaire.
- May 16 **Pests and Pest Control:** Dave Matthews, Department of Conservation. Methods of pest control including trapping, poisoning, shooting etc.
- May 23 **Photographing Nature:** Bryce McQuillan, Photographer, shows us how to improve our skills in photographing nature. Bring your camera and a torch, preferably a headlamp. If it's raining, we'll adjourn to the classroom and look at some of Bryce's amazing photos.
- May 30 **Long Fin/Short Fin Eels – What's the Difference?** – Holly Molesworth, Waikato Regional Council, has been working with and studying eels near the Whangamarino Wetland.
- June 6 **To be advised.**
- June 7 & 8 **Rat Monitoring at Te Kauri Park Scenic Reserve.** Come and help survey rat numbers either by setting rat tunnels on the Saturday, or by retrieving the papers on the Sunday. You could help on both days and stay overnight at our lodge. Ring Dave for more details (07) 846 4013.
- June 13 **When is a Swamp Really a Bog? An ABC of Wetlands and What's in Them.** Keith Thompson, renowned Wetland Ecologist gives us reminder about how important wetland habitats are.
- June 20 **Alpinismo in the High Andes: Fulfilling a Dream of Climbing a Really High Mountain.** Bill Carlson returns to give us another instalment of his recent adventures in South America.
- June 27 **Annual General Meeting** McMeekan Centre, AgResearch Ruakura Campus 7.30pm. Guest speakers Keith and Judy Hitchcock, volunteer hut wardens in DOC huts in Fiordland National Park.
- July 14-18 **Winter Camp at Te Kauri Lodge.** Second week of school holidays. Details about programme, etc will follow

For further information, contact Dave Matthews (07) 846 4013, or visit www.junats.org.nz