



Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

Term 4 Programme 2013

Meetings at 7 p.m. Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2
(Unless advised differently)

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| October | 11 | Alaskan Adventure David Fleetwood has been living in Alaska for over 30 years. He has done lots of interesting things including fishing and building and would like to share his adventures with Junats. |
| | 18 | Grass and Africa Shirley Nichols, AgResearch scientist who specialises in improving the quality and quantity of pasture grass. Shirley will tell us a bit about her work – and she has recently been to South Africa on safari and she would like to share some of her experiences and photos with Junats. |
| | 25 | Labour Weekend – no meeting |
| November | 1 | No meeting - Trip tomorrow instead. |
| | 2 | Fish Trap: Waikare fish trap and flood protection site visit We have arranged to visit the famous koi carp trap on Lake Waikare. This clever machine catches pest fish by the truckload and then digests them into fertiliser. While in the area we will also check out some impressive engineering that helps protect the Waikato from flooding. The trip will be a goody and should not be missed. |
| | 8 | Alista Fow , The University of Waikato. Alista treats us to another one of his fascinating presentations. |
| | 9 | Fish Trap : default day if the weather last weekend was unsuitable. |
| | 15 | Good George An introduction to the science, history and art of good beer brewing by one of Hamilton's top brewers. Brent Edwards, beer geek at Good George Brewery. |
| | 22 | Zoo Trip Dean, one of Hamilton's Zoo's senior keepers, has an evening zoological adventure for us. More details will follow. |
| | 29 | Over the Wallace Line: A Pictorial Journey Through Borneo , Salina Ghazally, Science Curator at Waikato Museum, talks about the tropical island's unique wildlife and the importance of "biodiversity hotspots" like the Sunderland and New Zealand. (Homework – find out what is meant by a biodiversity hotspot). |
| December | 6 | Four Brothers Scenic Reserve : Bring your dinner with you and we'll walk up through Four Brothers Scenic reserve to a great look out over the Waikato Basin. The walk will take 15 minutes and, after we've eaten, some Junats could walk through to Old Mountain Road where parents/drivers could pick them up. That walk would take about 30 – 40 minutes. |
| | 13 | BBQ at Dave and Dianne's place. Pot luck – bring food and drink and a prepared speech. Directions to D&D's place will follow. |
| January | 5 - 10 | Summer camp at Te Kauri Lodge. |