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HAWKE'S BAY Newsletter August 2011

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Report on Meeting Sunday 14 August

Meeting started with a very interesting talk from Denise (DOC) and Tamsin from Cape Kidnappers. They presented their plans for the next few years for Boundary Stream and the Cape Preserve focusing on what species they were intending to translocate and volunteer opportunities.

After the presentation the group mapped out the plan detailed below for the remainder of 2011 and start of 2012.

Helen read an email from John Cheyne (who has recently rejoined OSNZ) about the proposed Bittern Booming Survey and also the Peka Peka Swamp survey.

Upcoming Field Trips and Meetings

Sat 27 August Bittern Booming Learning Experience.

Meet at 4pm at John & Gail Cheyne's house, 309 Racecourse Road, Waipukurau. To be followed by a barbecue. Exact directions will be sent by separate email. Please note this date has changed from that discussed at the meeting

Sunday 25 September - A Talk from Brent Stephenson

An afternoon meeting with Brent presenting his usual stunning images from far flung places. Venue to be confirmed but most likely Fish & Game Meeting Room in Meanee.

Sunday 30 October – Boundary Stream & Lake Opouahi

A visit to an old favourite, hopefully with Kowhai and other Spring delights.

Saturday 05 November - Waders

Wader Census at Ahuriri at 09.00am. Margaret will confirm closer to the date

Sunday 06 November - Waders

Wader Census at Porangahau. Morning low tide

Sunday 27 November Forest & Bird Survey

Blowhard Bush, Napier – Taihape Road. Some members will do the 5MBCs, others will just enjoy the surroundings. Meet at Omahu/Fernhill School at 09:30am

Sunday 22 January – Picnic at Ocean Beach

A Picnic & get together at Ocean Beach Volunteer House. Thanks for the suggestion Tamsin. A wander among the dunes & beach, a picnic and a short meeting.

A Sunday in February – Gallen/Lattley Covenant

To be confirmed. An outing to this great piece of New Zealand bush – off the Napier Taupo road. Jim to contact Sir Rodney and obtain access & directions

A Weekend in March

A return trip to Mahia. Last year's trip was so successful Bernie is organising another one with the Frasers.

Other Projects & Outings

Bittern Booming Survey

In support of John Cheyne our group will be surveying the Fernhill Lakes for Bitterns. Jim & Christine will be organising this and when they decide to go out will make contact with our group. These surveys are weather & wind dependent.

PekaPeka Swamp

John Cheyne will liaise with Jim & Christine re survey of the Pekapeka Swamp. John has 2 tape recorders and hopes to borrow some extras from DOC. Some other members may also have one. He suggests the survey is best completed in Sept or Oct and has suggested one of the following dates: 11 or 25 Sept, or 9 or 16 Oct. (Comment from Helen – Sunday 25 September is the date arranged with Brent some months ago and now confirmed)

Notes prepared by Helen Andrews.