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South Trent River Nature Hike (hiking) return to Reports list Sat Apr 11, 2015 Leader: Krista Kaptein Co-Leader: Petra Strougal

A lovely spring hike with the sounds of Orange-crowned Warblers & Rufous Hummingbirds all around.

Trip Report

The first 9 k was fairly brisk to the marsh viewing stand where we had a leisurely lunch & listened to Common Yellowthroat warblers around the marsh.

The birding increased as we saw Song Sparrows, Canada Goose, male & female Northern Harrier, Turkey Vultures, heard Pacific Wren, heard a Northern Flicker drumming on the metal Hydro pylons, and saw a female Rufous Hummingbird gathering nesting material from the pussy willows along the Hydro right-of-way.

The woods along the river were full of trilliums & Calypso (fairyslipper) orchids (including some white ones) Other blooms included Salmonberry, Red-flowering Currant, Pacific Bleeding-heart, yellow Stream Violet, Palmate Coltsfoot.

Total distance 15 km , took us 4.5 hrs with a 1 hr lunch break.



Red-flowering Currant [Krista Kaptein photo]



Male Northern Harrier [Krista Kaptein photo]



Common Yellowthroat [Krista Kaptein photo]



Female Rufous Hummingbird at Pussy Willows [Krista Kaptein photo]



Female Rufous Hummingbird Gathering Nesting Material [Krista Kaptein photo]



Nature Photography close up. [Chris Carter photo]



Palmate Coltsfoot [Krista Kaptein photo]



Calypso Orchid ? [Chris Carter photo]



Spring Greens [Chris Carter photo]



New forest bench [Jacqueline Moore photo]

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