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Fri May 16 to Sun May 18, 2014

Leader: **Chris Carter**

Co-Leader: **Tim Penney**

This weekend we got lucky ! Three great days on the West Coast without any rain. After an interesting drive through Lake Cowichan and the now tarred road to Port Renfrew we settled in to our accommodations. The Renfrew Ritz was old and creaky but filled our needs. The Naturalist Birders upstairs had close up experience of nesting starlings or whatever. Botanical Beach, Botany Bay, Avatar Grove and part of the Juan De Fuca trail were visited at random. Port Renfrew is a good base camp area and could be the focus of another visit one day. Great for photography. Please add your photos of interest. We have 3 days worth of space, 20 images possible.

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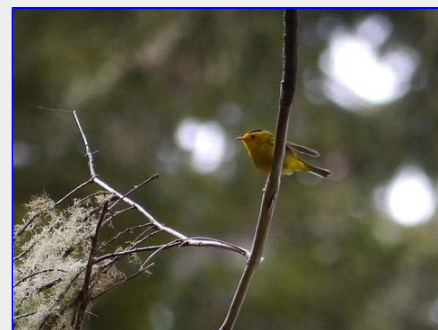
*Big tree group shot*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*San Juan Spruce (Canada's largest spruce) 3.7m dia.*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Red Creek Fir (world's largest Douglas-fir) 4.3m dia. Estimated 750-1000 years old.*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Wilson's Warbler (singing everywhere!)*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Red Columbine (Aquilegia formosa)*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Smith's Fairybells (Disporum smithii) rare in BC*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Piggy-back Plant (Tolmiea menziesii)*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Fringecup (Tellima grandiflora)*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



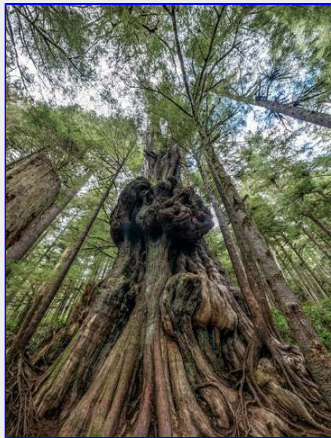
*On Botanical Beach*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Chris at one of the big cedars at Avatar Grove*  
[Tim Penney photo]







*Gnarly old cedar at  
Avatar Grove  
[Tim Penney photo]*



*More like aliens from  
sci-fi movies  
[Tim Penney photo]*



*A quiet evening at the Ritz  
[Chris Carter photo]*

*Beached Gooseneck Barnacles  
- A feast just waiting to be  
cooked  
[Tim Penney photo]*



*Chris at Pacheedaht Beach with  
photo bombing Juanita  
[Jacqueline Moore photo]*



*Tim and Bruce busy  
photographing  
[Chris Carter photo]*



*An interesting discovery on the beach. Stump and Goose Neck barnacles*  
[Chris Carter photo]



*These barnacles look like an advancing army !*  
[Chris Carter photo]



*Big tree group shot*  
[Bruce Stevenson photo]



*Avatar Grove on the uphill side of the road*  
[Bruce Stevenson photo]

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