GEELONG FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC
PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES 2026
(Z=Zoom for talks)

JANUARY 2026
15 Bird Group Meeting: Pete Sullivan—Lord Howe Island
17 Excursion: Family friendly Balyang Sanctuary
22 Bird Group Excursion: Jerringot and Breakwater
31–1Feb Summer wader count: John Newman

FEBRUARY 2026
3 General Meeting: Liz Milla—Plants and insect pollinators
7 Bird Group special outing: Western Treatment Plant
13 Twilight walk with BCN at the Geelong Botanic Gardens
14 Excursion: Afternoon/evening (Sat)—Pt Richards
17 Meeting: Committee
19 Bird Group Meeting: Barry Lingham—Birds encountered in NW Australia in Winter
26 Bird Group Excursion: Pt Richards

MARCH 2026
1 'Clean up Australia Day' at Jerringot
3 General Meeting: Ross Dullard—Fossil hunting on the Surf Coast
16 Meeting: Conservation Subcommittee
19 Bird Group Meeting: Jesse Ellis—Ground Parrots in the Otway Ranges
27–29 SEANA weekend Geelong

APRIL 2026
7 AGM: Clara Borrel and Jeane Thompson
11 65th Anniversary Celebration!
14 Meeting: New committee
16 Bird Group Meeting: Tony Hall—Wings of Fire: Birds and the world of Volcanoes
19 Jerringot Planting Day
20 Meeting: Conservation Subcommittee
23 Bird Group Excursion: Fyansford and Balyang Sanctuary
24–27 City Nature Challenge

MAY 2026
5 General Meeting: Silvana Ianello—Cave Ecology
9 eBird Global BIG day
11 Meeting: Publications Subcommittee
16–17 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey
17 Excursion: Bannockburn
21 Bird Group Meeting: Members night—Bird Calls
23 Boneseed pull—You Yangs
28 Bird Group Excursion: Russells Bridge/Moorabool River

JUNE 2026
2(Z) General Meeting: Thomas Mesaglio— iNat, 5 years of biodiversity records
16 Meeting: Committee
18(Z) Bird Group Meeting: Rebecca Toohey—Perspectives on Problematic Species in the Otway Ranges
21 Excursion: Wye River a decade after fire
25 Bird Group Excursion: Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park

JULY 2026
7(Z) General Meeting: Saving Spring Creek Valley—Graeme Stockton
5-6 Winter Wader count: John Newman
16(Z) Bird Group Meeting: Duncan Sutherland—Re-wilding Phillip Island with Bush Stone-Curlew
23 Bird Group Excursion: You Yangs
25–26 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
26 National Tree Day—Seaview Reserve planting activity with CoGG
27 Meeting: Conservation Subcommittee

AUGUST 2026
4(Z) General Meeting: Deborah Evans—Geological History of the Geelong Region
16 Excursion: Brisbane Ranges, private property
18 Meeting: Committee
20(Z) Bird Group Meeting: Matt Herring—Managing wetlands for Australia's threatened and cryptic waterbirds
24 Meeting: Program Subcommittee
27 Bird Group Excursion: Private property near Steiglitz
29 Boneseed pull—You Yangs

SEPTEMBER 2026
1 General Meeting: Greg Robinson— Porronggitj Karrong Reserve
12–13 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
13 General Excursion: Moorabool River Reserve, Golden Plains
17 Bird Group Meeting: Susie Lycett—Birds of Cameroon
19–20 Angair Wildflower Show
24 Bird Group Excursion: Teasdale Grassland and Inverleigh Common
27 Jerringot Wetlands Gardening Day

OCTOBER 2026
6 General Meeting: Annette Rypalski—Old Boardman Property, Brisbane Ranges
9-11 SEANA camp—Castlemaine
10 eBird Global BIG day, Austral Spring
13 Meeting: Committee
15(Z) Bird Group Meeting: Steve Debus—Populations of threatened raptors on the Northern Tablelands of NSW
18 General Excursion: Arilpa, Pt Lonsdale
19 Meeting: Publications Subcommittee
22 Bird Group Excursion: Dans Reserve and Rice Reserve
26 Meeting: Program Subcommittee

NOVEMBER 2026
3 General Meeting: Wayne McLaren— Fish Ladders in the Barwon and Moorabool
9 Meeting: Conservation Subcommittee
15 Excursion: Bambra
19 Bird Group Meeting: Margaret Alcorn—Birds of Costa Rica
24 Meeting: Committee
26 Bird Group Excursion: Moorabool River Reserve, Golden Plains
27–30 Great Southern Bioblitz

DECEMBER 2026
1 General Meeting—Members Night and Christmas supper.
5 Challenge Bird Count: Brisbane Ranges/You Yangs

JANUARY 2027
21 Bird Group Meeting: TBC
16 Saturday ½ Day Excursion: TBC
28 Bird Group Excursion