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President's Word

by Barbara MacDuff, BPQ President

In August, I had the good fortune to visit two islands owned by Bird Protection Quebec: Île aux Canards and Îlet Vert. These islands are located in the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Vercheres, Quebec.

The trip was organized by Francine Marcoux, chair of the Sanctuary committee. We were joined by Claude Cloutier, a new BBQ board member, Helen Kohler, a member of the committee, and Valerie Aubin of Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC). The NCC owns nine islands in the area.

We travelled by boat on a beautiful sunny day and were surprised to see how large BPQ’s two islands are and by the popularity of boating and fishing. Our boat was beached on îlet Vert in order for us to have a look around. It is a lovely area but we were disappointed by the amount of garbage that had been left there. Someone had even put up a restaurant sign with a menu. I guess they deliver! We realize that we have a lot of educating to do so plans are underway for a clean-up.

Thanks to Claude Cloutier for putting up a BPQ sign with a list of restrictions.

New Members


Of course, we couldn’t visit the islands without doing some birding. We were pleased to see several flocks of unidentified shorebirds flying about as well as Common Terns, Great Egrets, Great Blue Herons, and Canada Geese. Surprisingly for me, there were many Black Ducks. It was a special day in a remarkable place.

BPQ’s Île aux Canards and Îlet Vert islands provide important bird habitat.

Bird Protection Quebec
Made in the Shade: Is Your Morning Cup of Coffee Boreal Bird-Friendly?

by Connie Morgenstern

Fall migration is underway, which means scores of enthusiastic birders will be eagerly searching for a glimpse of any of the millions of birds egressing from Canada’s boreal forest. This enormous and diverse habitat accounts for 85% of the 1.5 billion acre forest that spans coast to coast across the top of the continent. It is larger even than the Amazon. In fact, it is the world’s largest remaining intact forest. Canada’s boreal forest serves as a vital stopover or breeding habitat for over 325 bird species, a crucial role that has led the Boreal Songbird Initiative (BSI) to work for its preservation with the Boreal Birds Need Half campaign.

For birders eagerly anticipating views of fall migrants, warblers generate feverish excitement. Interestingly, the BSI cites that 53% of North America’s warbler species breed within the boreal forest, which places them among the hundreds of species affected by increasing habitat loss in the southern boreal region. Their future is inextricably tied to the forest’s conservation.

The threat to the boreal habitat is not the only danger these warblers face as they join the almost unfathomable number, 3–5 billion birds, that will take to the skies, leaving behind what is known as the “bird nursery” of the north, and move southward in search of warmer winter habitat. Many will look for a haven in the shade-grown coffee plantations of Central and South America until the time comes to make the return journey to their boreal forest breeding grounds the following spring.

Numerous studies show that these shade-grown coffee plantations offer habitat that fosters rich biodiversity. A huge variety of bird species have been observed flitting about within them. According to the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, 11 boreal breeding warblers count among the 17 most commonly observed bird species on shade plantations in Central and South America.

The following table lists warbler species commonly seen in Central and South American coffee plantations. It shows the percentage of the North American population breeding in the boreal forest.

Female Wilson’s Warbler © Chuck Kling 2017
Unfortunately, modern coffee-growing practices have diverged from the traditional shade-grown methods that support biodiversity, to more “efficient” sun-grown methods which yield quicker harvests and prevent the spread of leaf rust disease, but result in deforestation and lack adequate habitat to attract birds.

Coffee is a shade plant traditionally cultivated within an existing forest among native plants that provide multiple layers of vegetation resulting in a shade canopy of 70–100%. According to the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, certain native tree species covered with epiphytes (plants that live on other plants) attract far more birds than non-native tree species. A minimum tree height of 12 metres is required to ensure an adequate thickness of foliage cover and sustain the conditions that make for desirable bird habitat.

In contrast, modern sun-growing practices vary greatly and have resulted in large tracts of deforestation. Current cultivation methods span from traditional shade to full sun-growing practices. Consequently, while some plantations can technically claim the presence of shade trees, they are too sparse within the landscape to foster the conditions that attract birds.

In addition to biodiversity, there are other benefits to the slower shade-growing method. For the farmer, shade habitat means curtailed weed growth, protection.
of crops from frost and disease, and a better fruit set resulting from the increased presence of pollinators. For the consumer, the slower plant growth results in a better (less bitter) taste.

Unfortunately, coffees bearing this seal can be difficult to find.

One place you can enjoy a cup of Bird–Friendly certified coffee is at our monthly meetings, where you can also buy it by the bag. See “Bird Protection Quebec Centenary Monday Night Lectures” on page 11.

As well, be sure to visit the Boreal Bird Café during Feather Fest on Saturday, September 23, at Parc des Rapides. We’ll be selling shade-grown coffee by the cup and bag and we’ll have more information about it. See page 10.

Finally, don’t miss the opportunity to learn all about the boreal forest and its birds at the BPQ Anniversary Dinner where BSI director Jeff Wells will be the keynote speaker. See page 14.

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http://www.coffeehabitat.com/

https://nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/bird-friendly-coffee-criteria

https://nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/bird-friendly-coffee-bird-list

Nevertheless, despite a number of product certification seals letting the consumer know that goods emanate from socially and ecologically friendly sources, finding a product that is bird–friendly isn’t as easy as one might hope. Coffees marked with Rainforest Alliance, Organic, and Fairtrade seals must meet rigorous requirements. However, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center’s Bird Friendly certification is currently the most comprehensive and is the only process that makes shade growth mandatory.

Connie’s passion for birds and habitat conservation emerged from an interest in wildlife photography. After deciding to concentrate on photographing birds because of their ubiquity, she became intrigued with the unexpected glimpses of avian behaviour she began to capture through her lens. Her absorption with the topic of shade-grown coffee is an offshoot of being a lifelong coffee addict, a product without which it is unlikely she’d be birding anytime before noon! In addition to being a newly fledged board member, Connie is regularly perched at her computer in order to make sure that the BPQ website is still chirping. She blogs about bird related topics on BPQ’s Early Birder Blog. As a member of the 100th Anniversary Committee, she is currently busy organizing “Feather Fest,” which will take place on Saturday, September 23 at Parc des Rapides in LaSalle. (Note: Connie is also known for taking advantage of any opportunity for a shameless PR plug!)
Pocket Birds of Canada

Consulting Editor: Dr. David M. Bird
Emeritus Professor, Wildlife Biology McGill

The concise guide to 434 bird species found in Canada

DK Canada: April 5 2016

Paperback: 296 pages
ISBN-10: 1553632672

10.2 x 1.7 x 19.2 cm. 340 g


The soon-to-be-released second edition of Birds in Canada will be available and David Bird will be on hand to sign copies.

Expanded and revised, the full desktop version of Birds in Canada features 436 main profiles, 35 rare, and 143 vagrants. It was updated from the popular first edition, published in 2010, in order to reflect the most recent taxonomic data.

A Handy Field Reference

by Jane Cormack

For a little over a year now, I have been using the Pocket Birds of Canada as a reference while out in the field. At less than a pound, it’s lightweight and it really does fit into a pocket, making it ever so convenient. In many ways, it’s even handier than a smartphone app. It never needs to be recharged and no password is required. You can read it in intense sunlight and flip through the pages in extreme cold.

The book is designed for quick navigation. Bird families are organized in chapters and these are colour-coded. Bird species are arranged by genus inside each chapter. Similar species, such as Western and Eastern Bluebirds, appear side-by-side making them easy to compare.

Yet, information is packed into its compact format. Each double-page spread presents one to four birds. Variations in plumage are indicated with a few easily understood icons, key characteristics are identified, a few pointers on voice, nesting, feeding, habitat, length, and wingspan are included for each species, as are range maps.

Leafing through the book at leisure, you can pick out some surprising facts about each species, revealing the authors’ passion for birds and profound knowledge of them. For example, the Common Loon can remain underwater for over 10 minutes. Snowy Owls will defend their young against much larger predators, including the Arctic Fox. In extreme cold, Black-capped Chickadees can lower their body temperatures and enter into a state of controlled hypothermia to conserve energy. If you’ve been following BPQ’s Songsparrow forum, you know these species are the provincial birds of Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick, respectively. And that David Bird is campaigning to make the Gray Jay the national bird of Canada. Its description is particularly heartfelt and fact–filled: “Fearless, cunning, and inquisitive ... the Gray Jay... stores food for later use above the snow. ... collect[s] in groups to investigate intruders encroaching on its territory.”

Pocket Birds of Canada is part of the Birds of Canada series, of which David Bird is the consulting editor.
March–May 2017

Pink-footed Goose: singles at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 12–14 March, a record early arrival date (R. Clermont, A. Messier, *m. ob*.), Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague 17–18 March (ML. Beaudin, C. Bélanger), Beauceville 14–17 April (R. Gingras, C. Deschênes), and Baie-du-Febvre 23 April (L. Roy, A. Dery). Barnacle Goose: one at Saint-Blaise 3–5 March, a record early arrival date (L. Paquette, R. Faucher), 2 at Bedford 12 April (JG. Papineau), 2 at Farnham 15–19 April (JP. Santerre, *m. ob*.), and finally one at Baie-du-Febvre 4 May (Y. Dugré, D. Jauvin). Mute Swan: one at Saint-Césaire 13–26 March (H. Brodeur, F. Lafortune), 2 near Saint-Fabien-de-Panet 24 May (L. Boissonneault) and a group of 8 at Boucherville 25 May (H. Dery), but only 2 thereafter (*m. ob*.). Trumpeter Swan: besides the Abitibi region where they are now regular, one was discovered at Mirabel 3 May (N. Gendron, M. Bélanger, S. Duchemin). Tundra Swan: a group of 5 at Saint-Blaise 6 March (R. & G. Boulet), singles at Saint-Zotique 12 March (J. Cantara), Saint-Étienne-de-Beauharnois 13–17 April (P. Laniel), Pointe Lebel 6 May (JP. Barry) and 2 at Isle-aux-Allumettes 20 April–8 May (V. Agnesi). Eurasian Wigeon: a pair photographed in flight at Chambord 29 May was showing their typical underwing covers (J. Rousseau). Willow Ptarmigan: extremely rare so far south at any time of the year, one was at Marston, Estrie 22 May (S. & C. Martin).

Mars–mai 2017


Long-tailed Jaeger: singles seen at Neuville 20 May (G. Cyr et al.) and at Pointe-aux-Trembles (Montréal) 29 May (Y. Gauthier) were noteworthy. Common Murre: rare for this locality 20 years ago, a total of 246 indiv was tallied at Rivière-Ouelle 27 May (C. Auchu, C. Girard). Little Gull: singles ad at Québec City 10-11 May (Y. Aubry et al.) and at Baie-du-Febvre 19 May (S. Robert, G. Laperrière). Caspian Tern: one at Verdun 2 April, a record early arrival date (C. Trudel). Pacific Loon: one in breeding plumage at Pointe-au-Père 14 May, apparently a record early arrival date (J. Roy-Drainville et al.). American White Pelican: 2 stopped at Saint-Étienne-de-Beauharnois 9 May (P. Laniel, ML. Beaudin), while 2 (the same ?) were reported at Terrebonne 20 May (M. Mondor et al.).

Tricolored Heron: singles at Pointe-à-la-Croix 23 May (C. Vallée, ph.) and at Grosse-Île (IDLM.) 27 May (B. Vigneault et al.). Cattle Egret: one at Boucherville 18 May (A. Duval et al.). Black Vulture: singles at Saint-Barthélemy 15 April (R. Gagnon, ph.) Lac-Castagnier (Abitibi) 9 May (S. Perron), and Isle Verte 31 May (JP. Ouellet, M. Lafleur). Mississippi Kite: one was spotted migrating over the Valleyfield hawkwatch 24 May, a third record for the province (B. Barnhurst, M. McIntosh). Great Gray Owl: not unusual after an irruption year, a late bird lingered at Granby 6-14 May (M. Berlinguette, M. Maheu).
Owl: a bird was incubating an egg in a nesting box at Kuujjuaq 17 April (P. May, fide S. Denault).

Red–headed Woodpecker: an imm. bird continued at Godbout until at least 26 March (J.P. Barry), while single ad was seen at Godmanchester 22 May (E. Tremblay, M. Leclerc), Rigaud 23 May (P. Bergeron) and Prévost 26–27 May (Y. Payette). Loggerhead Shrike: a bird equipped with a transmitting antenna was seen briefly at Cap Tourmente 28 May (J. Bernier et al.).

Townsend’s Solitaire: two more birds were added to last winter list of five: one at Val d’Or 20 April (M. Roy) and one at Rouyn–Noranda 8 May (J. Gagnon). Pine Siskin X American Goldfinch: this presumed hybrid was photographed at Stukeley–Sud 7 May onwards (R. Thomas).

Prothonotary Warbler: a male at Québec City 18 May (M. Côté).

Mourning Warbler X Common Yellowthroat: this presumed hybrid was photographed for the second consecutive year at the same place at Laval 20 May (S. Guertin et al.). Hooded Warbler: single males were at the Montreal Botanical Gardens 25–27 April (L. D’Amours, m.ob.) and at Île des Soeurs (Montréal) 10 May (A. Schmidt), while a female was in Angrignon Park (Montréal) 11 May (A. Gagné). Yellow–throated Warbler: one photographed at Saint–Arsène 9–11 May (D. Bérubé).

Prairie Warbler: a male defended a territory at Coaticook 11 May through at least 26 June (G. Gilbert, m. ob.).

Spotted Towhee: one that overwintered at Saint–Mathieu–de–Rioux was last seen 25 April (L. Dionne, D. Riou). Chipping Sparrow X Clay–colored Sparrow: this presumed hybrid was photographed at Saint–Hubert 15 May (L. Loubert). Nelson’s Sparrow: one singing at Châteauguay 12 May, a rarity for this locality (D. Auger). Dark–eyed Junco: a bird of the Oregonus group was photographed at Val d’Esper 17–19 April (G. Roussy). Summer Tanagers: single females at Drummond–des–Ormeaux 17–19 May (J. White), Cap Tourmente 20 May (R. Gingras), and Québec City 22 May (S. Blais). Blue Grosbeak: a 1st summer male at Drummondville 5–9 May (Y, Roy, m.ob.). Painted Bunting: single males were photographed at Saint–Joseph–de–la–Rive 18–20 May (Z. Duchesneau), Sainte–Aurélie 25 May (S. Lariviène) and Rimouski 31 May (D. Ruest, J. Roy).

Nyctale de Tengmalm : un oiseau incubait un oeuf dans un nichoir à Kuujjuaq 17 avril (P. May, fide S. Denault).


Solitaire de Townsend : deux autres oiseaux se sont ajoutés au 5 signalés durant l’hiver : un à Val–d’Or 20 avril (M. Roy) et un à Rouyn–Noranda 8 mai (J. Gagnon). Tarin des pins X Chardonneret jaune : cet hybride présumé a été photographié à Stukeley–Sud 7 mai (R. Thomas).

Paruline orangée : un mâle à Québec 18 mai (M. Côté). Paruline triste X Paruline masquée : cet hybride a été photographié pour la 2ième année consécutive au même endroit à Laval 20 mai (S. Guertin et al.).


Western Meadowlark: one at Baie-Comeau 21 May (JP. Barry). *Oriole des vergers*: an imm male at Hudson 20 May (W. Grubert) and single females at Laterrière 23 May–1st June (Y. Darveau et al.) and at Les Bergeronnes 31 May (P. Côté et al.); for the second consecutive year, a pair was back at Stanstead 13 May and was seen building a nest 25 May (S. Kohl et al.).

Please report your interesting bird observations to:
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Did you know?
Bird Protection Quebec was founded in 1917 and has been working for birds and habitat conservation and offering weekly field trips ever since. Check us out at www.pqspb.org/bpqpoq or visit us on Facebook. Please share this flyer!

FEATHER FEST - FESTIVAL DES PLUMES

Saturday, September 23, 2017
Parc des Rapides, LaSalle, Qc.
10 AM - 3 PM

Join us for a fun day in the park to celebrate the amazing world of boreal birds and fall migration with activities for all ages:

- Bird nature walks led by Bird Protection Quebec’s expert field trip leaders,
- A variety of kiosks featuring hands-on activities focusing on bird id,
- Habitat conservation, bird banding, bird friendly gardening tips and more!
- Explore the park with self-guided migration themed activities.

Visit the Boreal Bird Café!

Come for refreshments in our unique café serving shade-grown coffee & learn about Canada’s boreal “coffee birds.” Bird Friendly® certified coffee will be for sale by cup or package.
BPQ’s Canada Goes Birding Challenge

Earlier this centennial year for BPQ, we are challenged birders to compete in our three part “Canada Goes Birding Challenge. Now we want to know how you have been doing? Fall migration is starting to get exciting. It’s time to make those last attempts at Big Days and Sasquatch Hours If you have held off earlier in the year, now is the time to get out and make your mark.

The rules are at https://pqspb.org/bpqpoq/100-years/canada-goes-birding/ if you need a reminder.

Write to us at greenbirding@gmail.com with your results and include a short account of the highs and lows of your challenge attempts. We look forward to hearing from you.

Bird Protection Quebec Centenary Monday Night Lectures

All lectures are free of charge and are open to members and non-members alike.

Fall 2017 Lineup

- October 2: David Bird: Drones: A New Tool for Bird Research and Conservation
- November 6, Noah Strycker: Birding Without Borders: An Epic World Big Year
Drones: A New Tool for Bird Research and Conservation

Monday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.
Kensington Presbyterian Church
6225 Godfrey Ave., NDG

A Presentation by Dr. David M. Bird

Small unmanned vehicle systems (UVS) — aka drones — are gaining in popularity among wildlife biologists and conservation managers all over the world. They are using them for conducting population surveys; tracking radio-tagged animals; sensing and observing animals in sequestered or dangerous places; mapping and monitoring wild habitats; and deterring poachers. All these uses naturally include avian species.

Researchers have experimented with using a fixed-wing drone to monitor the abundance of nesting Common Terns in a colony in New Brunswick; to count seabirds in colonies in Newfoundland and the Arctic; to map breeding habitat of threatened Least Bitterns near Baie-du-Febvre, Quebec; to detect heat signatures from bird nests; to radio-track songbirds in Montmorency, Quebec, and to disperse nuisance birds such as starlings from vineyards and blueberry crops in British Columbia. They also employed a rotary drone to record the nest contents of several raptors nesting in Saskatchewan and Montana, and monitor their respective behavioural responses.

They are now collaborating on this application with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to produce a White Paper on the safe use of drones to census raptor nests. Compared to using manned light airplanes or helicopters, flying drones is cheaper, greener, less obtrusive, and much safer. The number one source of mortality for wildlife biologists is dying in a plane or helicopter crash!

However, drone technology is still in its infancy. Limitations exist in the form of regulations, costs, and in the technology itself, e.g. weather constraints, terrain, piloting skills, etc. This presentation summarizes the latest research and discusses the positive and negative sides of using drones for avian research and management, tourism, and public education.
David M. Bird has worked with UAVs for more than 10 years, counting water birds and mapping their habitat use; surveying hawk and eagle nests dispersing nuisance birds; tracking birds wearing transmitters; and detecting caribou in Labrador. He is the founding editor of the Journal of Unmanned Vehicle Systems and serves as a board member of Unmanned Systems Canada. He has given several keynote/plenary talks and organized symposia, workshops, and panel discussions on UAVs and wildlife studies at conferences worldwide.

He is Emeritus Professor of Wildlife Biology and the former Director of the Avian Science and Conservation Centre at McGill University. As a past president of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists and the Raptor Research Foundation, a Director with Bird Studies Canada, a Fellow of both the American Ornithologists' Union and the International Ornithological Union, David Bird has received several awards for his conservation and public education efforts, including the Doris Huestis Spiers Award for outstanding contributions to Canadian ornithology in August 2017.

He is a regular columnist for both Bird Watcher's Digest and Canadian Wildlife magazines, the author of several books and almost 200 peer-reviewed scientific publications. He is the consultant editor of DK's Birds of Canada, Birds of Eastern Canada, Birds of Western Canada, Pocket Birds of Canada, and in September 2017, the second edition of Birds of Canada. The book will be available during his presentation.

Birding Without Borders: An Epic World Big Year

A Presentation by Noah Strycker

Monday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.
Kensington Presbyterian Church
6225 Godfrey Ave., NDG

Noah Strycker is a writer, photographer, and birder based near Eugene, Oregon. In 2015, during a quest spanning 41 countries and all seven continents, he became the first human to see more than half of the planet’s bird species (6,042 species of birds) in one calendar year.

Strycker has written three books: Birding Without Borders (2017), a personal account of his epic quest in 2015; The Thing with Feathers (2014), about the relationships between bird and human behaviour; and Among Penguins (2011), describing a summer in an Antarctic field camp. He is Associate Editor of Birding magazine and regularly writes for Audubon and other publications.

Strycker will present highlights of his 2015 Big Year. He was scourged by blood-sucking leeches, suffered fevers and sleep deprivation, survived airline snafus, car breakdowns, mudslides, torrential floods, skirted war zones, and had the time of his life. Carrying only a pack on his back, he enlisted the enthusiastic support of local birders to help find more than 6,000 species. Strycker reflects on what he learned—and shares some tips for anyone itching to do a big year.
Invitation: Bird Protection Quebec 100th Anniversary Dinner Reception November 4, 2017

In honour of Bird Protection Quebec’s 100th anniversary, join us for a very special evening featuring a dinner reception with keynote speaker Jeff Wells, Ph.D., Science and Policy Director for the Boreal Songbird Initiative and one of the nation’s leading bird experts and conservation biologists.

Be part of this commemorative event celebrating the notable achievement of 100 years dedicated to protecting birds and their habitats, education and supporting scientific research by Canada’s oldest bird conservation charity. We look forward to an evening that not only highlights BPQ’s past accomplishments but will also inspire us to take on the challenges ahead as we embark on our second century of operations.

Whether you are an old or new friend of BPQ, don’t miss what is sure to be the birding social event of the year!

The evening will feature some great door prizes and the draw of the winners of the 100th Anniversary Raffle benefiting the George Montgomery Bird Sanctuary.

Details
- Cost: $60.00 per ticket
- Location: Holiday Inn Point Claire, 6700 Trans Canada Pointe Claire, QC. H9R1C2
- Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017
- Cocktail Reception: 6–7 p.m. Cash Bar
- Dinner: 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Get your tickets online or at the October 2 meeting

Dinner Menu
- Appetizer
- Main Course: Chicken, Salmon or Vegetarian option.
- Complimentary glass of wine
- Dessert

Note that you must indicate the main course choice at time of ticket purchase.

Keynote Speaker: Jeff Wells, Ph.D.
Science and Policy Director for the Boreal Songbird Initiative

Dr. Jeff Wells is the Science and Policy Director for the Boreal Songbird Initiative. He is also a science advisor to The Pew Charitable Trusts. Jeff has previously worked as a conservation ornithologist at Cornell University’s Laboratory of Ornithology in Ithaca, NY. From 1996–2003 Jeff was with the National Audubon Society, first as Bird Conservation Director for the New York State office, then as the National Director of Bird Conservation. Jeff has earned a reputation as one of the nation’s leading bird experts and conservation biologists.

He is dedicated to understanding and protecting the land where many of North America’s birds are born and raised, the boreal forest of Canada and Alaska. Jeff received his Ph.D. and Master’s degrees in avian ecology from Cornell University. He has authored or co-authored dozens of scientific papers, reports, and popular articles on birds and bird conservation.

Invitation:
Protection des oiseaux du Québec
Réception pour le 100e anniversaire
4 Novembre 2017

Conférencier / Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Jeff Wells

En l’honneur du 100e anniversaire de Protection des Oiseaux du Québec, joignez-vous à nous pour une soirée bien spéciale avec un conférencier de renom, Jeff Wells Ph.D. directeur des sciences et des politiques de Boreal Songbird Initiative et un des plus grands experts de la nation en ornithologie et en biologie de la conservation.

Prenez part à cet évènement commémoratif qui célébrera la réussite exceptionnelle de ces cent dernières années dédiées à la protection des oiseaux et de leur habitat, à l’éducation et au soutien à la recherche scientifique par le plus ancien organisme de bienfaisance de conservation au Canada. Nous soulignerons lors de cette soirée les réalisations passées du POQ et nous nous en inspirerons pour affronter les défis qui sont devant nous au moment où nous entamons notre second siècle.

Que vous soyez un vieil ou nouvel ami du POQ, ne manquez pas ce qui sera assurément l’évènement ornithologique de l’année.

De nombreux prix de présence seront attribués lors de la soirée ainsi que le grand tirage de la loterie organisée au profit de notre sanctuaire d’oiseaux de Philipsburg.

Détails
- **Coût du billet** : 60$  
- **Lieu** : Holiday Inn Pointe Claire, 6700 route Trans-Canada, Pointe Claire QC H9R 1C2  
- **Date et heure** : Samedi le 4 novembre 2017  
- **Cocktail** de 1800H à 1900H  
- **Souper** de 1900H à 2300H Bar payant

**Au menu** :
- Hors d’oeuvre
- Plat principal : poulet, saumon, végétarien en option
- Dessert
- Breuvages : le souper comprend un verre de vin

Billets disponibles en ligne ou à la réunion mensuelle du 2 octobre 2017

Veuillez noter que vous devez indiquer votre choix de menu au moment de l’achat de votre billet.
Past Field Trips: April to July

01/04/17 – Parc des Rapides and Verdun Waterfront, LaSalle/Verdun

**Guide:** Diane Demers
Wet snow & slushy conditions. 11 birders; 21 species

**Bird of the Day:** Horned Grebe
Other Birds of Note: Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Great Blue Heron, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead

08/04/17 – Beauharnois/Valleyfield Region

**Guide:** Wayne Grubert
Cold, 45 km/h winds. 17 birders; 50 species

**Bird of the Day:** Peregrine Falcon
Other Birds of Note: Snow Goose, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Wild Turkey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Tufted Titmouse

15/04/17 – Baie-du-Febvre

**Guides:** Jean Demers & Clemence Soulard
Good weather. 14 birders; 44 species

**Bird of the Day:** Eurasian Green-winged Teal
Other Birds of Note: American Wigeon, Redhead, Hooded Merganser, Horned Grebe, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Red-tail Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, American Coot

22/04/17 – Morgan Arboretum, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

**Guides:** Chris Cloutier & Richard Gregson
Cold and damp. 26 birders; 51 species

**Bird of the Day:** Eastern Bluebird

23/04/17 – BPQ Sugar Shack Lunch & Bird Walk, Mont-Saint-Grégoire

**Guide:** Sheldon Harvey
Warm, sunny. 25 birders; 26 species

**Bird of the Day:** Winter Wren
Other Birds of Note: Red–shouldered Hawk, Yellow–bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Common Raven, Brown Creeper, Golden–crowned Kinglet, Ruby–crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Yellow–rumped Warbler

29/04/17 – Parc-nature du Bois-de-l’île-Bizard, Île-Bizard

**Guide:** Mat Mutzl
13 birders; 43 species

**Bird of the Day:** Blue–headed Vireo, Sora
Other Birds of Note: Wood Duck, Green Heron, Broad–winged Hawk, Killdeer, Great Crested Flycatcher, Common Raven, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, White–crowned Sparrow, White–throated Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird
04/05/17 – Beginners’ Field Trip – Morgan Arboretum, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue

Guide: Barbara MacDuff
Dry & mild spring morning. 10 birders; 32 species

Bird of the Day: Yellow-rumped Warbler

Other Birds of Note: Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Cooper’s hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-headed Vireo, Tree Swallow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Chipping sparrow

06/05/17 – Lac Saint-François Reserve, Dundee

Guides: Sheldon Harvey & Wayne Grubert
Overcast, warm. 11 birders; 71 species

Birds of the Day: Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles

Other Birds of Note: Ruffed Grouse, Common Loon, American Bittern, Great Egret, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cooper’s Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Virginia Rail, Wilson’s Snipe, American Kestrel, Merlin, Purple Martin, Brown Thrasher, Northern Waterthrush, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Palm Warbler, Black & White Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Rusty Blackbird

13/05/17 – George Montgomery Bird Sanctuary, Philipsburg

Guide: Sandy Montgomery
Cloudy, 16°C. 12 birders; 58 species

Bird of the Day: Red-bellied Woodpecker


20/05/17 – île Saint-Bernard, Châteauguay

Guide: Tom Long
7°C to 15°C. 14 birders; 52 species

Bird of the Day: Cape May Warbler

Other Birds of Note: Great Egret, Cooper’s Hawk, Least Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Purple Martin, Marsh Wren, Brown Thrasher, Northern Waterthrush, Magnolia Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Bobolink, Baltimore Oriole

22/05/17 – Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal

Guide: Darlene Harvey
Cool, windy & rain. 6 birders; 39 species

Bird of the Day: Scarlet Tanagers & Indigo Bunting

Other Birds of Note: Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Blue-headed Vireo, Eastern Bluebird, Swainson’s Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, American Redstart, Cape May Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler

27/05/17 – Cooper Marsh, S. Lancaster, ON

Guide: Wayne Grubert
Cloudy, breezy, 17°C. 16 birders; 65 species

Bird of the Day: Virginia Rail

Other Birds of Note: American Bittern, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Northern Harrier, Broad-winged Hawk, Sora, Wilson’s Snipe, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Hermit Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, American Redstart, Cape May Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler
03/06/17 – Alf Kelly
Reserve, Piedmont-Prévost

*Guide:* Marc Boudreault

Rainy & muddy. 18 birders, 39 species

*Birds of the Day:* Peregrine Falcon, Indigo Bunting, Blackburnian Warbler

*Other Birds of Note:* Ruby-throated hummingbird, Common Raven, Veery, Wood Thrush, Black-and-white Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler

04/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #1 – Technoparc, St-Laurent

*Guide:* Sheldon Harvey

Mild, sunny. 12 birders; 48 species

*Bird of the Day:* Red-shouldered Hawk

*Other Birds of Note:* Green-winged Teal, Pied-billed Grebe, Cooper’s Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Virginia Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Willow Flycatcher, Common Raven, House Wren, Bay-breasted Warbler, Baltimore Oriole

05/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #2 – Hudson

*Guide:* Wayne Grubert

Overcast, 14°C, then rain. 6 birders; 53 species

*Bird of the Day:* Common Tern

*Other Birds of Note:* American Bittern, Green Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk, Virginia Rail, Wilson’s Snipe, Black-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Bobolink

06/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #3 – Parc Radisson, Brossard, and Parc de l’Arrondissement, La Prairie

*Guide:* Sheldon Harvey

Rain! 2 birders; 25 species

*Bird of the Day:* Alder Flycatcher

*Other Birds of Note:* Double-crested Cormorant, Tree Swallow, Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Swamp Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak

07/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #4 – Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal

*Guide:* Sheldon Harvey

Mild, sunny, low humidity. 10 birders; 27 species

*Bird of the Day:* Clay-coloured Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher

*Other Birds of Note:* Turkey Vulture, Chimney Swift, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, Indigo Bunting

08/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #5 – Hemmingford, Covey Hill, Lacolle & Henryville

*Guide:* Sheldon Harvey

Warm and sunny. 6 birders; 72 species

*Birds of the Day:* Grasshopper Sparrow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

*Other Birds of Note:* Osprey, Bald Eagle, Cooper’s Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Black Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Cliff Swallow, Veery, Brown Thrasher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Eastern Meadowlark, Purple Finch
09/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #6 –
Parc des Rapides, LaSalle

Guide: Sheldon Harvey
Overcast, breezy. 5 birders; 36 species

Bird of the Day: Red-breasted Merganser
Other Birds of Note: American Wigeon, Great Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Merlin, Spotted Sandpiper, Common Tern, Purple Martin, Cedar Waxwing

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17/06/17 – Summer Solstice Field Trip –
Ormstown, Huntingdon, and Godmanchester

Guides: Sheldon Harvey and Wayne Grubert
Partly cloudy, warm. 15 birders; 75 species

Bird of the Day: Upland Sandpiper, Golden-winged Warbler, Brewster’s Warbler

Other Birds of Note: Wild Turkey, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Wilson's Snipe, Black-billed Cuckoo, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Field Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark

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10/06/17 – BPQ Marathon
Birding Week – Trip #7 –
Sainte-Martine, Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague, St-Timothée

Guide: Sheldon Harvey
Sunny, warm, low humidity. 15 birders; 60 species

Bird of the Day: Least Bittern, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon

Other Birds of Note: Gadwall, Ring-necked Duck, Great Egret, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Merlin, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Alder Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Marsh Wren, Swamp Sparrow, Bobolink

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15/07/17 – Summer Series of Birding Trip #2 -
Beauharnois and St-Étienne-de-Beauharnois

Guide: Sheldon Harvey
Warm and overcast. 12 birders; 42 species

Bird of the Day: Black Tern

Other Birds of Note: Spotted Sandpiper, House Wren, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Pied Billed Grebe, Osprey, Merlin, Common Tern, Baltimore Oriole

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29/07/17 – Summer Series of Birding Trip #3 – Lacs Fauvel et Boisé, Blainville

Guide: Sheldon Harvey
Sunny, warm. 27 birders; 45 species

Bird of the Day: Red-shouldered Hawk

Other Birds of Note: Wood Duck, Northern Shoveler, Green Heron, Spotted Sandpiper, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Kingbird, Bank Swallow, Brown Thrasher, Black-and-white Warbler, Nashville Warbler

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08/07/17 – Summer Series of Birding Trip #1 Parc Radisson, Brossard, and Parc de l’Arrondissement, La Prairie

Guide: Sheldon Harvey
Showers, overcast. 3 birders; 28 species

Bird of the Day: Virginia Rail

Other Birds of Note: Great Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Cedar Waxwing, Swamp Sparrow, Green Heron, Barn Swallow

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Bird Protection Quebec
Trip Advice

**Updates:** We send an update of our upcoming events every week by e-mail. This serves as a reminder and keeps you informed of any changes. It also provides additional information about trip conditions when required. If you are not receiving this e-mail, contact us at birdprotectionquebec@gmail.com. You can unsubscribe at any time.

**Online calendar:** Consult the website as well.

**Questions:** Contact the trip guide or post a message on the Songsparrow e-mail group.

**Cancellations:** Trips are rarely cancelled, but check the BPQ website, just in case. Contact the trip guide when the weather is extreme.

**Nice to have:** Binoculars, field guide, scope, hat, gloves, walking shoes, extra socks, extra layers, sun screen, water, and snacks.

De rigueur pour les excursions

**Mise à jour:** Nous envoyons par courriel des mises à jour hebdomadaires sur les événements à venir. Ils servent de rappel pour vous garder informés de tout changement. Ils fournissent des informations supplémentaires sur les particularités reliées aux excursions au besoin. Si vous ne recevez pas ces courriels, contactez-nous à : birdprotectionquebec@gmail.com. Vous pouvez annuler votre participation en tout temps.

**Questions/informations:** Téléphonez au responsable ou contacter le groupe courriel Songsparrow.

**Annulations:** En cas d'intempérie, vérifier la possibilité d'une annulation avec le responsable.

**Prévoir pour les sorties:** Jumelles, guide, télescope, chapeau, gants, souliers de marche, bas de rechange, crème solaire, vêtements pour temps froid, bouteille d’eau, et collations.

Upcoming Field Trips

**Saturday, September 2 – samedi 2 septembre**

**Dundee (Réserve nationale de faune du Lac-Saint-François)**

https://goo.gl/maps/u3ihE

**Guides:** Sheldon Harvey and Wayne Grubert

Sheldon Harvey: 450–462–1459  
Cell on Saturday morning 514–637–2141 ve2shw@yahoo.com

Cell (Please use only on morning of trip/ SVP, Utilisez le matin de la sortie seulement) wgrubert@hotmail.com

8:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Centre parking lot. If you are taking the Mercier Bridge from Montreal go (left) east on Highway 132 for 4.5 km to Highway 730. Take Highway 730 to its junction with Highway 30. Proceed west on Highway 30 for approximately 33 km to the exit for Highway 530. Take Highway 530 until its end. Turn left onto Highway 132, crossing the bridge, and continue about 33 km past Sainte–Barbe and Saint–Anicet to Cazaville. Continue another 8 km on Hwy 132 past Cazaville to chemin–de–le–Pointe–Fraser. Turn right on this road and meet at the visitor centre parking lot about 1 km along on the left.

An alternative route, especially from the West Island, is to take Hwy 20 or 40 west past Vaudreuil–Dorion to Highway 30. Take Highway 30 (Toll $2.80) and then exit onto Highway 530 and continue as per instructions above.

Allow 1.5 hours from Montreal. Looking for waterfowl, raptors, and migrating passerines. **Half day.**
8h00 Rassemblement dans le stationnement de l'Accueil. Si vous arrivez depuis le pont Mercier en provenance de Montréal, prenez vers l'est (gauche) sur la route 132 pour 4.5 km jusqu'à l'autoroute 730. Prendre l'autoroute 730 jusqu'à sa jonction avec l'autoroute 30. Continuez vers l'ouest sur l'autoroute 30 pendant environ 33 km jusqu'à la sortie vers l'autoroute 530. Prendre l'autoroute 530 jusqu'au bout. Tournez à gauche sur la route 132, traversez le pont et continuez environ 33 km, en passant par Sainte-Barbe et Saint-Anicet jusqu'à Cazaville. Continuez encore 8 km sur la route 132 passé Cazaville jusqu'au Chemin de la Pointe-Fraser. Tournez à droite sur cette route et rendez-vous au stationnement du centre d'accueil sur la gauche à environ 1 km.

Un itinéraire alternatif, en particulier depuis l'ouest de l'île de Montréal, consiste à prendre l'autoroute 20 ou 40 Ouest passé Vaudreuil–Dorion jusqu'à l'autoroute 30. Prenez l'autoroute 30 (frais de 2,810 $), puis sortez sur l'autoroute 530 et continuez en suivant les instructions données ci-dessus.

Prévoir environ 1h à 1h30 de route à partir de la région de Montréal. Espèces recherchées : sauvagine, rapaces, passereaux en migration. Demi-journée.

Saturday, September 9 – samedi 9 septembre
île Charron and Parc national des îles-de-Boucherville

http://www.sepaq.com/pq/bou/index.dot
https://goo.gl/maps/AaQoU36EYsn

Guide: Frédéric Hareau 514–805–8491 (cell phone on the day of the trip only – cellulaire pour le jour de la sortie seulement)
fredhareau1@yahoo.ca

7:30 a.m. From the south shore (132 or Highway 20). Take 25 north, then take exit 1 toward Parc des Îles de Boucherville. From north shore (Metropolitain), take 25 south / tunnel Lafontaine, and then as soon as you leave the tunnel, take exit 1 toward Parc national des Îles-de-Boucherville. We will meet in front of the old Hotel des Gouverneurs, on the road to the Parc des Îles de Boucherville. Admission: $8.50 per person. We will explore different habitats on île Charron and Parc des Îles de Boucherville: lake, river, wooded areas looking for waterfowl, raptors, songbirds that are numerous in the area at this time of the year. Half-day trip.

Saturday, September 16 – samedi 16 septembre
George Montgomery Bird Sanctuary, Philipsburg, QC

https://goo.gl/maps/W2P0h (Meeting Place Location)

Guide: Sandy Montgomery 514–212–6208
sandy_montgomery@sympatico.ca

8:30 a.m. Meet at the site of the former Motel Frontière, which is now completely removed. From Montreal take the Champlain Bridge, Highway 10 east to exit 22, Highway 35 south to St. Jean to join Highway 133 south to Philipsburg. Note that the motel has been demolished the location is not easy to see from the southbound side of the road so continue towards the border crossing. Immediately before the border buildings take the well–marked U–turn on the left to cross over to the northbound side of the road. Look on your right for the large white sign telling drivers to fasten their seat belts – the entrance to the old motel site and the parking area is immediately beyond it. Note that there are two gravelled entrances – do NOT take the first, it is washed out and impassable; the second entry is excellent. Good choice of trails from long and strenuous to short and easy. Bring a lunch. Looking for migrating passerines, waterfowl and hawks. All day.

Saturday, September 23 – samedi 23 septembre
Parc des Rapides, LaSalle, Featherfest

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Join us for a fun day in the park to celebrate the amazing world of boreal birds and fall migration with activities for all ages, including bird nature walks, led by BPQ guides; a variety of kiosks featuring hands–on activities focusing on bird ID, habitat conservation, bird banding, bird–friendly gardening tips and more. Visit the Boreal Bird Café and enjoy a cup of Bird–Friendly® coffee. See page 10.

Saturday, September 30 – samedi 30 septembre
Parc national du Mont-Tremblant: "The Search for the Canada Jay (aka Gray Jay)* – Au recherche de la Mésangeai du Canada"

https://goo.gl/maps/hvhe7WTWcuk

Guide: Jeff Harrison
Cell 514–730–7296
lagopus7@gmail.com

8:00 a.m. Meet at Diable Sector Park gate parking lot. Allow 90 minutes' driving time from Montreal. Take Autoroute 15 north and continue on
Highway 117. Take the turnoff to St. Faustin and continue north past Lac Superior to the park gates. Admission: $8.50. Those arriving late will be able to catch up with our party as we proceed north on Park Route 1. We should be at the Lac Chat parking lot (about 7 km north of the gates) until about 9:00 a.m. Bring waterproof footwear and a lunch. Our exploration will require some driving and some walking. We will be looking for boreal birds such as Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee and finches.

All day.

**Important Note:** We have been advised that in the event of an early snowfall access roads to the boreal areas of the park may be closed. If you are planning on taking this trip please contact Jeff Harrison on Thursday, September 28th to confirm that the roads will be open. If they are closed, the trip will be cancelled.

**Editor's Note:** *Canada Jay* (*Perisoreus Canadensis*), the bird formally known as the Gray Jay, has become the subject of hot debate as ornithologists, across the country, campaign to have its name restored to the original – Canada Jay – and perhaps see the bird become the national bird of Canada. Apparently, the name, Gray Jay, was given due to an error made in 1957, as described in the poster on page 26. Join the field trip on September 30 and be charmed by this delightful species.

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**Saturday, October 7 – samedi 7 octobre**

**Refuge Faunique Marguerite D'Youville, Île St-Bernard**

[https://goo.gl/maps/g5spD](https://goo.gl/maps/g5spD)

**Guide:** Tom Long
450-692-1590
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8:00 a.m. Meet at the welcome centre of the Refuge Faunique Marguerite D’Youville on Île St-Bernard, Châteauguay. From Montreal, take Highway 138 and cross the Mercier Bridge. Stay right coming off the bridge and take Highway 138 through Kahnawake into Châteauguay. As you enter Châteauguay, turn right onto Boul. St-Francis. Follow St. Francis all the way to the end where it meets the Châteauguay River at Boulevard Salaberry Nord. Turn right on to Salaberry Nord. Continue past the railway bridge. The next bridge that crosses the road and river is Pont de la Sauvagine. Turn right just after the bridge. There will be a sign and an entrance ramp for the bridge for Beauharnois and Refuge Faunique Marguerite D'Youville. Cross the bridge and continue to Notre-Dame Nord. At the flashing red light turn right onto Notre-Dame and follow the signs to Refuge Faunique Marguerite D'Youville. Cross the small bridge onto Île St-Bernard. The parking area is to the right. Walking trip looking for waterbirds and late...
migrants. The grass paths are usually wet early in the morning so wear appropriate footwear. $4.50 admission fee. Half day.


Saturday 14 October – samedi 14 octobre
Mount Royal Cemetery - Cimetière Mont-Royal
https://goo.gl/maps/kAWiSJGXA1Q2
Guides: Darlene and Sheldon Harvey
450-462-1459
darleneharvey80@gmail.com
ve2shw@yahoo.com

8:00 a.m., Meet at the main gate to the cemetery on chemin de la Forêt, Outremont. Looking for fall migrants. Half day.

8h00 Rassemblement à la porte principale du cimetière sur le chemin de la Forêt, à Outremont. Espèces recherchées : passereaux en migration Demi-journée.

Saturday, October 21 – samedi 21 octobre
Parc national d’Oka
https://goo.gl/maps/sG8gG
514–774–0811 (Cell – morning of trip only / le matin de la sortie seulement)
wgrubert@hotmail.com

8:00 a.m. Take Hwy 13 north to Hwy 640. Go west on 640 to its intersection with Hwy 344. Cross 344 into Parc d’Oka. Proceed 6.2 km to the Accueil Camping. An entrance fee of approximately $8.50 per person will be charged. Looking for migrating passerines, raptors, waterfowl and shorebirds. Half day.

Saturday, October 28 – samedi 28 octobre
Centre d'interprétation de la nature du lac Boivin (CINLB), Granby

http://cinlb.org/

Guide: Sheldon Harvey 450–462–1459
Cell # on Saturday morning 514–637–2141
ve2shw@yahoo.com

8:00 a.m. Meet in the CINLB parking lot, 700 rue Drummond, Granby, Quebec

https://goo.gl/maps/iS88JxucxAs

Driving Instructions: From the Champlain Bridge, follow the Eastern Townships Autoroute (Hwy 10) to Exit 68. Turn right off the exit onto boul. Daniel Bouchard (Hwy 139). Follow boul. Daniel Bouchard into Granby, crossing Hwy 112 and continuing past Granby Zoo. Continue on boul. Daniel Bouchard to the intersection with rue Drummond. Turn right onto rue Drummond. The free parking for the CINLB will be on your left. This site is approximately 75 minutes from the South Shore side of Champlain Bridge.

This is a walking trip, with extensive trails throughout the park and an observation tower overlooking Lac Boivin. The park offers a variety of habitats including the lake itself, wooded trails and areas of open fields and brushy areas. There should be a good selection of species, including migrating songbirds, ducks, geese and, hopefully, a few surprises. Bring along some bird seed as the chickadees, white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatches are very friendly here and always looking to feed from the hands of the visitors. Half day.

8h00 Rendez-vous dans le stationnement du CINLB, 700 rue Drummond, Granby, Québec.
The Canada Jay
A National Bird for Canada

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Following a two-year voting contest to encourage debate among Canadians about the need for a National Bird and suggest a bird species that represented Canada, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society selected the Gray Jay Perisoreus canadensis as a suitable candidate species.

Michael Runtz
1. The species is found in every province and territory in Canada, and its distribution resides largely within Canada.

Dan Strickland
2. As a scatter-hoarding corvid that survives long boreal winters on permanent territories, it has astonishing powers of memory.

André Desrochers
3. Tough and hardy, this resident bird has adapted to not only surviving harsh Canadian winters but is able to incubate at -30˚C!

Dan Strickland
4. These inquisitive birds readily approach people, making them a popular ambassador for our National Parks.


Michael Runtz
5. Occupying a prominent place in indigenous culture, the bird is widely known as a "whiskeyjack", an anglicized version of "Wisakedjak", the original name of both the bird and a famous prankster in Cree mythology.

(image by Mark Nadjiwan, published in Canadian Geographic).

Michael Runtz
6. Warming temperatures are causing increased spoilage of perishable winter food caches, making the species a symbol for the negative effects of climate change in Canada’s boreal forests.

We encourage the Canadian ornithological and birding communities to support this restoration by using "Canada Jay" in their verbal and written communications. We also encourage the AOS to review this case and consider reversion to the original name in one of its future Checklists or Supplements.