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Sonya Richmond Exploring New Places

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President's Word

by Jane Cormack
Celebrating Migration

For birdwatchers, this is the most exciting time of the year to be in southern Quebec. Each day brings a new species, a new first of the season, from a flock of Northern Flickers seen between showers in late April, a slyness of Fox Sparrows, White-throated Sparrows practising their song, a spiral of Brown Creepers, and now, Eastern Bluebirds and the first warblers, Black-and-white, Black-throated Green, Yellow-rumped, Magnolia are beginning to arrive.

Birding Ethics

At all times of the year, but especially now when birds are exhausted from long migrations and preparing to nest, it is important to observe good birding ethics. Birds are facing increased stress. Loss of habitat means that both the number of places they can stop over is reduced. As well, the size of each stopover is decreased. Natural and unnatural predators are concentrated into smaller areas.

Birds Come First

- Avoid approaching too closely
- Make as little noise as possible
- Limit the use of recordings
- Keep away from nests, nesting colonies and breeding sites
- Avoid using flash photography.

If birds become agitated by your presence, BACK OFF.

Protect all Bird Habitat

- Stay on roads, marked trails or paths.
- Avoid trampling vegetation.
- Do not remove any plant material or fungi.
- Park sensibly.

Respect Private Property

- Do not trespass .
- Leave immediately if asked to do so.
- Do not block driveways.
- Inform landowner of interesting sightings.

Have Consideration for other Birders

- Do not disrupt other birders' activities.
- Be polite and helpful to other birders.

- Explain the impact of thoughtless behaviour courteously.



First of the season Eastern Bluebird / Merlebleu mâle – le premier de la saison
© Chuck Kling 2019

Rare Bird Sightings

- Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the circumstances carefully.
- Consider whether an influx of birders will disturb the bird, people or other species in the area, and whether habitat will be damaged and where people will park.
- Inform the landowner of the find and explain what may happen.

Walking Across Canada and Raising Awareness of Wild Birds and Their Habitats

An Interview with Sonya Richmond and Sean Morton, Come Walk With Us Online

by Jane Cormack

Next month, Sonya Richmond and Sean Morton will begin a three-year walk across Canada along the Great Trail, from Cape Spear, NL to Victoria, BC, then from Edmonton, AB to Tuktoyaktuk, NT. They are doing this to raise awareness about the importance of protecting wild birds and their habitats. In their words:

“It’s about connections – people to people, people to nature, past to present, and coast to coast to coast...to inspire individuals, families, and youth to connect to nature through birding, to share steps people can take to help birds in their own communities, to feature opportunities for becoming involved in conservation through citizen science, and to introduce people to Important Bird Areas across the country.”



The Song Sparrow contacted Sonya and Sean while they were on a 40-day preparatory hike.

Song Sparrow: Good Morning, Sonya and Sean. It’s so exciting to be able to exchange a few words with you.

Have you set out on the 40-day hike already? How is Northern Ontario?

Sean and Sonya: We are about one week into our 40-day training session, currently covering around 20 km per day, and carrying around 35 lbs. So far the temperatures have been perfect for hiking, and we’ve only had one day of rain. The trail we are on provides a nice mix of wetlands, forests, towns, and agricultural areas, and we’ve seen about a dozen new bird species. So far it has turned out to be a good choice as we make the transition to wandering birders

at large, living on an extremely limited budget, but as the result of a last-minute change of plans, and a wonderful birthday gift from Sonya's parents, we are no longer in Ontario. Regardless our preparations are continuing daily and we are regularly getting closer to being prepared for our trek across Canada.

Song Sparrow: I read on your website that you began hiking together when you met in university. Did your love of the outdoors begin at an early age or was it sparked on your hikes then?

Sean and Sonya: Both of us developed a love of nature as young children. Sonya's parents began taking her cross-country skiing as soon as she could walk, and took her on regular walks in conservation areas all through her childhood. In elementary and high school she was lucky enough to do a lot of camping, hiking, and canoeing with her class. Her drive during this hike is to show students how everything from the birds in their backyards are connected to environments in the northern territories. Sean's love of nature began in the Boy Scouts as a child, and developed at summer camp in Algonquin Provincial Park. As a young child Sean spent a great deal of time in and out of hospitals, as a result one of his passions is to find ways to ensure that nature is accessible to those spending lengthy times in hospice or those with mobility issues. During University and

afterward we spent as much time as we could camping and hiking to get away from the computer. Our love of the outdoors has grown steadily ever since.

Song Sparrow: I have read your reasons for concentrating on birds on your website. They are excellent.

How long have you been birding? Was there a particular bird that sparked your interest in birding?

Sean and Sonya: Sonya's mother began teaching her about the birds in their backyard when she was a little girl. Although she loved birds, insects, mammals, and everything else outdoors, she didn't really begin birding until after her first year at Trent University. She took a summer job volunteering for an MSc student that involved nest searching and monitoring in Algonquin Provincial Park, and has been hooked ever since. Sean discovered birding more recently during our hikes, and through his interest in photography.

Song Sparrow: Do you belong to birding club at home? If so, are they supportive of your endeavour?

Sonya: Great question. Given that I work at Bird Studies Canada, I am blessed with having a number of experts around me daily - all of whom are very supportive of this trek. Previously, I have also been a

member of the Canadian Ornithological Society and American Ornithological Union and in all of my past undertakings the members of both organizations have been wonderfully supportive. Throughout the past year of work, proposals, and sponsorship requests, we have been continually amazed at the amount of support and advice that we have received from all quarters.

Song Sparrow: How much of Canada have you seen already? Will you be mostly exploring new territory or returning to places you know well?

Sean and Sonya: This is a tricky question. We have both travelled extensively over the decades and in particular we have visited family on both coasts by Via Rail train and by car in the summers. However, this will be the first occasion that we have had to enjoy and explore each community and the surrounding nature extensively. Neither of us has visited the Arctic Circle before, so that will be a highlight for us both.

Song Sparrow: I know you have your route mapped out, but what happens if you hear about an exciting bird sighting five or six kilometres away? Are you hoping for any lifers?

Sean and Sonya: We are definitely open to exploring interesting birding areas or natural features that are located near the

trail. We do plan to spend most of our time walking the trail, but if opportunities present themselves to see new birds nearby, or to explore local culture or other points of interest we would love to see and experience as much of Canada as we can. Although we are very enthusiastic about birding, neither of us has a very long life list, so we are very excited to make many new additions as we cross the country.

Song Sparrow: I have a few practical questions as well.

What are you bringing? Everything from parkas to summer hiking gear? Or, do you plan to mail stuff home at certain periods?

Sean and Sonya: We are starting out with summer clothing, but also a winter sleeping bag, light down jackets, mittens, and hats. We plan to ship our winter clothing to Sonya's parents when the weather stays reliably warmer at night, and switch our sleeping bags for lighter weight ones. Apart from clothing we will be carrying a tent, sleeping pads, pots, cups, spoons, 3-4 days' worth of food, rain gear, first aid supplies, toiletries, a cell phone, a Garmin Inreach device, tablet, binoculars, and camera.

Song Sparrow: Is \$10./day for meals isn't much.

Sean and Sonya: This is true! Our main staples will be rice, beans, oatmeal, and tea. Apart from that we have a few sponsors, including in-kind donations of Clif bars and frozen fruit and vegetables from Briden Solutions, as well as a sponsorship from Bird Studies Canada for the first year which will slightly increase our daily allowance. We will definitely be looking for kind people who are willing to let us camp in their backyards as we go!

Song Sparrow: What is practical to carry on the Great Trail, given that you will often be far from places to resupply on fuel, etc.? Presumably with the growing risk of forest fires you are not going to be keen on relying on wood.

Sean and Sonya: We are beginning with a small, contained, wood-burning stove which we hope to use until we reach Manitoba. Once we are in the prairies, we expect we will have to switch to a stove that uses gas canisters, but we are not sure yet how to arrange resupply of fuel and are keen not to create lots of waste containers. It is also likely that during longer periods we will forego cooking entirely which will help with the situation. This will be one of the challenges we will need to figure out in our second and, of course, our third year.

Song Sparrow: How do you intend to keep everyone up-to-date on where you are, what you're seeing, and how it's all going?

Sean and Sonya: We are carrying a cell phone and tablet, and we plan to make daily updates of our progress and birding highlights on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our blog. Connectivity on the trail may be inconsistent, so it will likely not be possible to do daily uploads, but we will do our best to provide regular updates, and upload the daily entries as frequently as possible. Below are the links we will be using:

Song Sparrow: Finally, what sort of business do they want to start?

Sean and Sonya: We will have to see where the trail leads us, and what opportunities present themselves. At the moment Sonya hopes to return to Bird Studies Canada and continue the great work that goes on there, while Sean is thinking of trying to start a wilderness lodge for hikers or nature lovers, which offers some special opportunities to connect with nature, either through guided bird walks, supported hikes, organized or supported canoe trips, or whatever the location we end up in offers.

Song Sparrow: What would be the best outcome of your three-year journey?

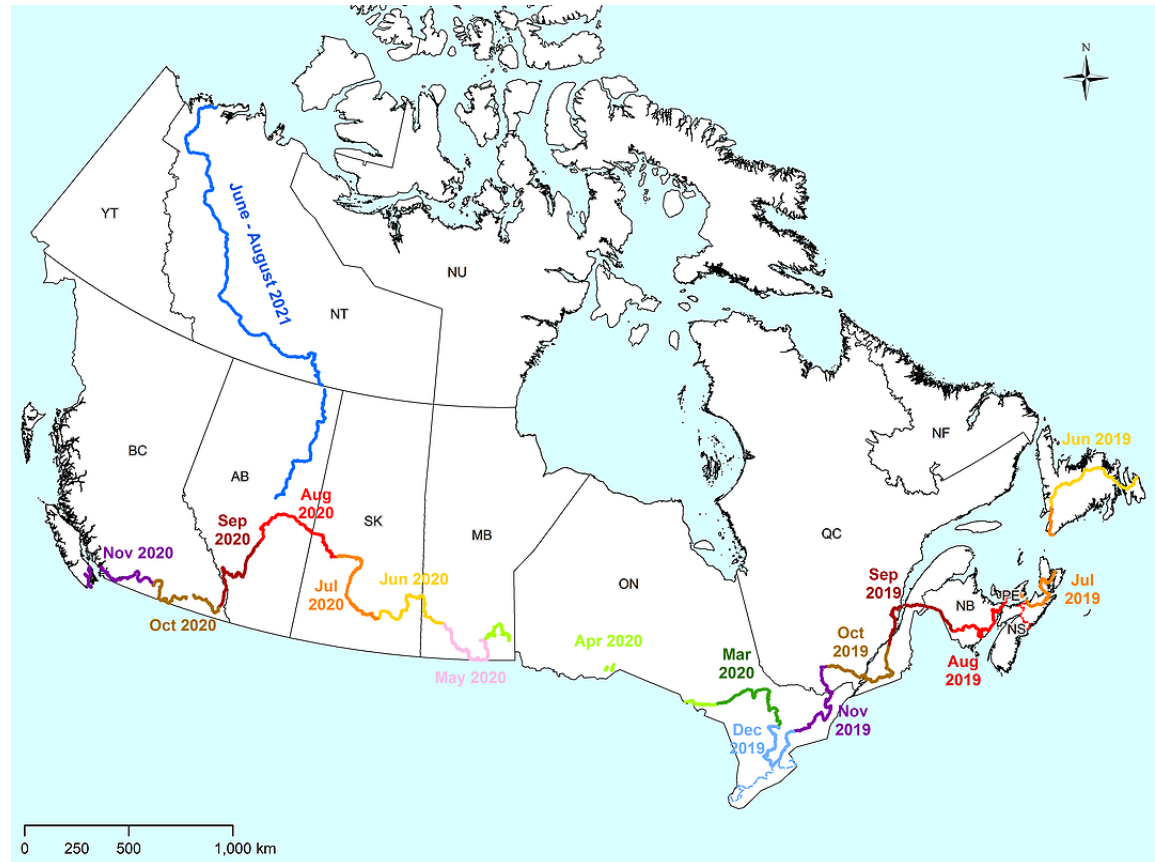
Sean and Sonya: We hope to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds, but especially youth, to connect with nature, develop a sense of curiosity and a desire to explore the natural world, and become the next generation of birders and environmental stewards. If we could inspire even one person who wasn't already a nature lover to develop a love of birds and the outdoors, we would consider the hike a success. However we do hope that we can get as many people interested in birding, back into nature, and interested in protecting important areas such as the Boreal Forest.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WalkWithUsAcrossCanada/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TransCanadaWalk>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/comewalkwithusonthegreattrail/>

Website (with blog):
www.comewalkwithus.online



The route Sonya and Sean plan to take, walking and paddling their way across Canada o raise awareness

about the importance of protecting birds and bird habitat. Stay tuned as we encourage them on their path.

BPQ Grants 2019 - Supporting Birds and Birding

by Richard Gregson

On the last day of February, the shutters came down on applications for Bird Protection Quebec's 2019 Grants program. The members of the Grants Committee settled down to read the many documents and to decide which of the eligible applicants we felt we could support this year. It is always a fascinating exercise and one that I look forward to each year as the winter comes to an end.

Up until recent years the amount of money allocated towards grants was in the region of \$15,000 in total and most awards went to graduate or undergraduate projects of short duration and minimal cost. Today the Board of Directors provides funding over five times that amount. The value of individual grants has also increased along with the number of grants awarded. Our emphasis has shifted from student awards towards the support of major scientific studies run by well-established research groups and we have been able to provide multi-year support for some projects that would never have gotten off

the ground if the teams running them had to worry about continuing funding applications every twelve months. We are one of the few funding organizations in this area of study who are willing and able to provide that sort of support. Alongside the scientific work, we also give towards conservation and educational initiatives when we are asked to help.

Scientific Projects

There were several studies that we had started supporting in earlier years and which continued into 2019. Almost all of these were migration monitoring studies based on the three major bird banding stations in Quebec situated in Montreal at the McGill Bird Observatory, in Tadoussac and a relatively new station in Rimouski that is concentrating on water birds, such as ducks and geese. In the past few years traditional banding has been supplemented by immensely valuable new technologies using tiny radio tracking devices that can be affixed to individual birds and then their movements can be tracked by radio stations all over the continent. The information this can gather is fascinating and valuable but, inevitably, the radio-tracking stations and the devices affixed on the birds are a lot more expensive than metal leg bands and so the calls on our budget are consequently greater.

Other continuing support grants were given to the Nature Conservancy Canada teams studying Canada Warblers in the Outaouais region of Quebec and another group working to develop the "Appalachian Corridor." The latter have submitted the results of their ongoing studies of Bicknell's Thrush and Peregrine Falcon in eastern Quebec.



Bicknell's Thrush with Geolocator /
Grive de Bicknell avec Geolocateur

This year's new applications that we are supporting comprise a five-year MAPS study of birds in BPQ's recently acquired Montée Biggar Bird Reserve in southern Quebec (a stupendously wonderful place for birds) and a project in the Argenteuil region investigating breeding locations of Chimney Swifts.

Conservation

Again in the Argenteuil region, we are supporting a project to aid in the recovery of all birds species using cavities (mainly Tree Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds, American Kestrel, some forest cavity nesting owls and cavity nesting ducks) by establishing a network of nesting boxes.

We will be supporting L'Union québécoise de réhabilitation des oiseaux de proie (UQROP) to provide information panels on their property to inform visitors about the birds they will meet there. We are also giving funds to UQROP for a compilation of data relating to wounds and the causes of death of raptors that come to the attention of the group. This will be valuable for future research in the field.

Education

Education is one of the major arms of interest of BPQ. Traditionally, our involvement has comprised guided field trips for youth groups, talks and demonstrations given to community and school organizations and some financial support given to outside operations such as Le Nichoir. Two or three years ago we were invited to provide funds to set up a school birding group in the Riverside School Board on the South Shore. This has been more successful than anyone could

have dreamed of and reports we have been sent indicate that a lot of effort has gone into creating a realistic project that demonstrably provides real involvement for students in bird-related studies and fieldwork. One of the board members has worked with the schools and the educational model they have evolved seems to be spreading to other school boards with the consequence that we received applications for funding from two other schools. One of these schools is in the Hull/Gatineau region while the other is a day's drive north in Val-D'Or. Interestingly both schools have a high indigenous student population and were encouraged to apply to BPQ as a consequence of the project they learned about on the South Shore. We hope this initiative of helping schools to develop their own programmes will prove fruitful in the years to come.

Summary

The visible work of BPQ revolves around field trips, monthly talks and our bird sanctuaries. Of equal, but less visible importance, is the help we can provide to other groups in the field of bird research and conservation. The committee thanks the Board of Directors for approving our recommendations and providing the funds we are currently in the process of distributing.

The Grants Committee

The members of the BPQ Grants Committee are Richard Gregson (Chair), Jean Demers, Kyle Elliot, Barbara Frei, Alain Goulet, Mélanie Guigueno, Jeff Harrison, and Lance Laviolette.

New BPQ Members

by Darlene Harvey
Membership Secretary

A warm welcome to our new and returning members:

Peter Steiner, Lucie Basque, Lucy Fellowes, Robert Crowe, Natalie Zukowsky, Donald Atwood, Johane Lefebvre, Brad Smith, Deborah Van Which, Alan Lewis, Pierre Tellier, Anne-Marie McLoughlin, Mary Rutherford, Linda LeBrun, Alyssa DeRubeis, Don-Jean Léandri-Breton, Marie-Chantal Gauthier and Bruce Rattray.

We appreciate your support and hope to meet you soon. Be sure to take a look at the listings of our upcoming activities – spring is a busy and exciting time of year!

Bird Views

A summary of interesting bird sightings in Montréal and around the province of Québec

February - March 2019

by Pierre Bannon

Barnacle Goose X

Canada Goose: this rare hybrid was nicely photographed at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 29 March (J. Côté, J. Dubé).

Wood Duck : seen in 4 localities in Feb.

Canvasback: a female stopped at Châteauguay 16-27 March (ML.

Beaudin, *(m. ob.)* and a pair at Île Perrot 25-31 March (J. Côté et al.). **Redhead :** a male at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 22 Feb+ was early (P. Bannon. S. Labbé). **Wilson's Snipe:** one still at Bécancour 1 Feb (Y. Dupont)



Canvasback/Fuligule a dos blanc
femmele © ML Beaudin 2019

Parlons d'oiseaux

Un bilan des observations intéressantes à Montréal et à travers la province de Québec

Février - Mars 2019

par Pierre Bannon

Bernache nonnette X

Bernache du Canada: ce rare hybride a été photographié à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 29 mars (J. Côté, J. Dubé).

Canard branchu: vu dans 4 localités en fév.

Fuligule à dos blanc : une femelle s'est arrêtée à Châteauguay 16-27

mars (ML. Beaudin, *m. ob.*) puis un couple à l'Île Perrot 25-31 mars (J. Côté et al.). **Fuligule à tête rouge :** un mâle à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 22 fév. était hâtif (P. Bannon. S. Labbé). **Bécassine des marais:** une encore à Bécancour 1 fév (Y. Dupont)



Redhead/Fuligule à tête rouge ©
Suzanne Labbé 2019

Double-crested Cormorant: one at Sainte-Catherine 3 March was early (D. Guimond, C. Gagnon). **Great Blue Heron:** one still at Bécancour 1–6 Feb (Y. Dupont et al.). **Turkey Vulture:** two at Hemmingford 17 Feb (B. Bellocq, H. Longpré) and one at Saint-Armand 23–24 Feb (N. Bourdon) were either early migrants or wintering birds. **Red-shouldered Hawk:** singles seen at Saint-Jude 22 Feb (F. Bourret) and at Longueuil 27 Feb (D. Tétreault). **Golden Eagle:** 19 ad migrating at the Valleyfield Hawkwatch 15 March (B. Barnhurst, M. McIntosh) and 18 ad at the Bic Hawkwatch 21 March (J. Roy-Drainville, A. Foisy-Morrisette). **Great Gray Owl:** almost unreported this winter, but unexpectedly, one appeared late at Châteauguay 20–30 March (A. Lajeunesse et al.). **Gyrfalcon:** rare near Montréal in recent years, an imm grey bird spent several weeks in the area of Sainte-Catherine, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Chambly and Saint-Hilaire (*m.ob.*). A white bird was also reported at Saint-Stanislas-de-Kostka 15 March (B. Barnhurst, M. McIntosh).

Hermit Thrush: at least 5 birds reported during the period, most probably wintering birds, all around Montréal: one at the Botanical Gardens through 14 March (*m.ob.*), one in the Villeray neighbourhood 31 Dec through 24 March (C. Bergeron), one at île de la Visitation Nature Park 27 Feb (J. Coutu), one in the Côte St-Luc neighbourhood 22 Feb (R. Lortie), and one at Longueuil 9 March (J. LaMothe, *ph.*). **Brown Thrasher:** singles at Saint-Clet 1–18 Feb (D. Collins) and at Sainte-Rosalie from Dec until at least 24 March (F. Frappier, A. Daigle).

Cormoran à aigrettes: un à Sainte-Catherine 3 mars était hâtif (D. Guimond, C. Gagnon). **Grand Héron:** un encore à Bécancour 1–6 fév (Y. Dupont et al.). **Urubu à tête rouge:** deux à Hemmingford 17 fév (B. Bellocq, H. Longpré) et un à Saint-Armand 23–24 fév (N. Bourdon) pouvaient être des migrateurs ou des hivernants. **Buse à épaulettes :** des oiseaux vus à Saint-Jude 22 fév (F. Bourret) et à Longueuil 27 fév (D. Tétreault). **Aigle royal:** 19 ad. en migration, dénombrés à Valleyfield 15 mars (B. Barnhurst, M. McIntosh) et 18 ad. au Bic 21 mars (J. Roy-Drainville, A. Foisy-Morrisette). **Chouette lapone:** pratiquement absente cet hiver, mais une est apparue à Châteauguay 20–30 mars (A. Lajeunesse et al.). **Faucon gerfaut :** rare près de Montréal ces dernières années, un imm de forme grise a passé plusieurs semaines dans la région de Sainte-Catherine, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Chambly et Saint-Hilaire (*pl.ob.*). Un oiseau de forme blanche a aussi été aperçu à Saint-Stanislas-de-Kostka 15 mars (B. Barnhurst, M. McIntosh).

Grive solitaire: au moins 5 oiseaux signalés près de Montréal durant la période, probablement des hivernants: une au Jardin botanique de Montréal jusqu'au 14 mars (*pl.ob.*), une dans le quartier Villeray du 31 déc au 24 mars (C. Bergeron), une à l'île de la Visitation 27 fév (J. Coutu), une à Côte St-Luc 22 fév (R. Lortie), et une à Longueuil 9 mars (J. LaMothe, *ph.*). **Moqueur roux:** des oiseaux à Saint-Clet 1–18 fév (D. Collins) et à Sainte-Rosalie de déc jusqu'au 24 mars (F. Frappier, A. Daigle).



Aigle royal/Golden Eagle © J. Roy-Drainville 2019



Tohi tacheté:/Spotted Towhee
© Y.-Dugré 2019

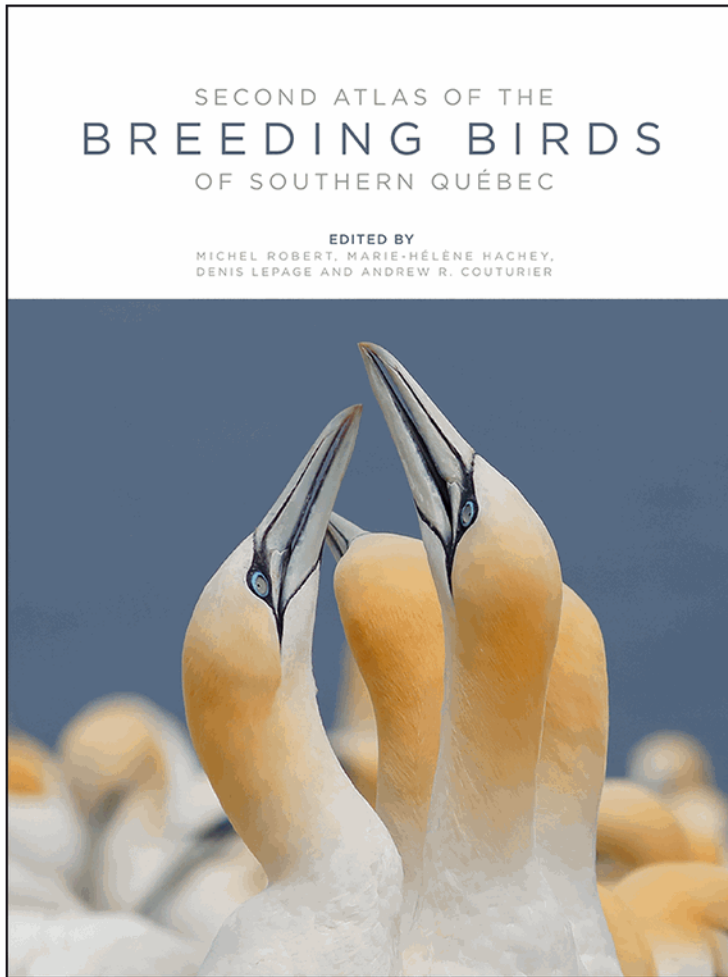
Spotted Towhee : a male overwintered at a feeder at Saint-Maurice in La Mauricie region (*fide* Y. Dupont, *ph.*). **Chipping Sparrow** : at least 12 still present during the period including singles successfully overwintering at feeders as far north as Pabos (C. Kearny), Rimouski (P. Saint-Pierre, G. Raboin) and La Baie (M. Bélanger, A. Lavoie). **Fox Sparrow** : at least 6 seemingly overwintering in 6 different localities of southern Quebec. **Swamp Sparrow** : singles at Pointe-aux-Prairies NP until 7 Feb and Beauport until 11 Feb. **White-crowned Sparrow** : at least 12 different birds apparently overwintering in localities of southern Quebec.

Please report your interesting bird observations to: Pierre Bannon, by e-mail at pbannon@videotron.ca

Tohi tacheté: un mâle a hiverné à Saint-Maurice en Mauricie (*fide* Y. Dupont, *ph.*). **Bruant familier**: au moins 12 signalés durant la période incluant des oiseaux qui ont hiverné avec succès aussi au nord que Pabos (C. Kearny), Rimouski (P. Saint-Pierre, G. Raboin) et La Baie (M. Bélanger, A. Lavoie). **Bruant fauve**: au moins 6 semblants hiverner dans 6 localités du sud de la province. **Bruant des marais**: des indiv. au PN de la Pointe-aux-Prairies jusqu'au 7 fév et à Beauport jusqu'au 11 fév. **Bruant à couronne blanche**: au moins 12 oiseaux différents hivernant dans des localités du sud du Québec.

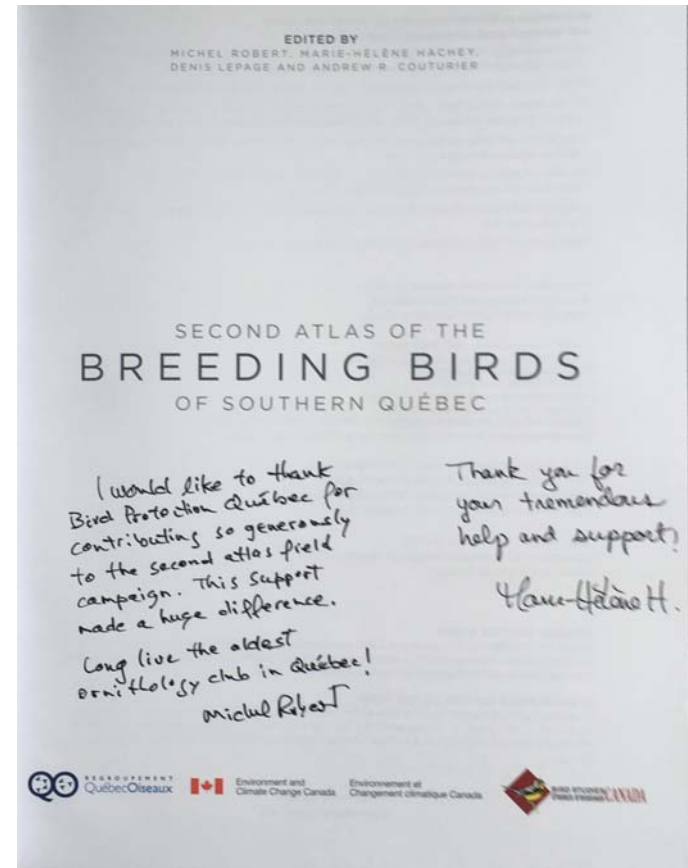
Veuillez communiquer vos observations intéressantes à Pierre Bannon, par courriel à: bannon@videotron.ca

Breeding Bird Atlas



The Second Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Southern Québec is now available.

Following the successful launch of the Second Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Southern Québec, the editing team sent a copy to BPQ for internal use, with the following dedication:



Come out to the AGM on May 27 for your chance to win a copy.

Annual General Meeting and Party

**Monday, May 27, 2019
at 7:30 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Presbyterian Church, 6225 Godfrey Avenue, NDG.

The Agenda for the AGM will include annual reports by the president and treasurer respectively, and the election of directors by members in good standing.

Biographies of candidates for election to the board will be distributed to members by email at least two weeks before the AGM. If you would like a copy, ensure that your e-mail address is registered with us. Printed copies will be available at the meeting.

Assemblée générale et party

**le lundi 27 mai 2019 à
19 h 30**

L'Assemblée générale (AGA) aura lieu le lundi 27 mai 2019 à 19 h 30 à l'église Knox Crescent Kensington & First Presbyterian, 6225 Godfrey Avenue, NDG.

L'ordre du jour de l'AGA inclura comme d'habitude les rapports annuels respectifs du président et du trésorier.

Les notes biographiques des candidats en élection au conseil seront envoyés par courriel à tous les membres au moins deux semaines avant la tenue de l'AGA. Si vous désirez obtenir une copie avant la tenue de l'AGA assurez-vous que votre adresse courriel est enregistrée auprès du secrétaire. Des copies papier seront à votre disposition à l'entrée lors de votre arrivée à l'AGA.

Agenda/Ordre du Jour

- 7:30–8:00 Welcome, President's report, election of the new board / Bienvenue, rapport du président, élection du nouveau conseil d'administration: Jane Cormack
- 8:00–8:10 Grants / Subventions: Mélanie Guigueno
- 8:10:8:20 île aux Perroquets: Jeff Harrison
- 8:20 –8:35 Lucas property and beyond / La propriété Lucas et plus: Joël Bonin
- 8:35–8:50Treasurer's report / Rapport du trésorier: Sheldon Harvey
- 8:50–8:55 Purple Martin Project/Étude des Hirondelles noires Kristen Lalla
- 8:50–9:05 Cat predation / Prédation des chats: Émile Bisson Curadeau
- 9:05–9:25 Break/Pause
- 9:35–10:15 Quiz: Kyle Elliot & Chris Cloutier

Bird Triva Quiz



What colour are the tertials of a male painted bunting? The average airspeed of an unladen swallow? What is Ammodramus savannarum?

If you think you know your bird lore, come challenge yourself to 'Chris & Kyle's Quiz' at the BPQ Annual Meeting. Prizes will abound, and, even better, you can win prestige and envy from your fellow bird nerds.

The Quiz Masters



Dr. Kyle Elliot at work with artic seabirds



The Quiz Master – Come out and enjoy the challenge.



Chris Cloutier

Seeking volunteers to help with Purple Martin master's project

Purple Martins are aerial insectivores that readily use nest boxes. Quebec's population of Purple Martins is declining. This project aims to quantify reproductive success in southern Quebec's Purple Martins and understand movements of fledglings.

I am looking for volunteers who would be willing to monitor a Purple Martin nest box (or nest boxes) this summer. Volunteers can choose which nest box(es) they would like to monitor and would need to provide breeding data (number of pairs, estimated number of fledglings).

Participants will be updated on the progress of the project and will be acknowledged for their help.

For more information, please contact Kristen Lalla, in English or French, at kristen.lalla@mail.mcgill.ca or +1 450-525-5260.

Recherche des bénévoles pour projet de maîtrise sur les hirondelles noires

L'hirondelle noire est un insectivore aérien qui niche principalement dans des nichoirs. Au Québec, les hirondelles noires sont en déclin. Le but de ce projet est de quantifier le succès reproductif et de mieux comprendre les mouvements des jeunes.

Je cherche des bénévoles qui aimeraient surveiller un nichoir (ou des nichoirs) cet été. Les bénévoles peuvent choisir le nichoir (ou les nichoirs) qu'ils souhaitent surveiller. Les participants doivent fournir des données de reproduction (nombre de paires, estimation du nombre de naissants).

Les participants seront informés de l'avancement du projet et seront remerciés de leur aide.



Purple Martin pair / Paire de Hirondelles noires

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Kristen Lalla, en français ou en anglais, à kristen.lalla@mail.mcgill.ca ou +1 450-525-5260.

Protect Philipsburg Migratory Bird Sanctuary from an unknown invader: **garlic mustard**

Philipsburg Migratory Bird Sanctuary

- An exceptional nesting site for birds
- Many rare plant species

Protect this remarkable biodiversity

Do you know garlic mustard?

- Invasive exotic plant forming very dense colonies
- One plant = 2500 seeds in one season
- Produces a toxin that kills soil fungi and harms all plants

CIME gets involved!

Since 2016, CIME Haut-Richelieu has developed, in concert with BPQ, a project to control garlic mustard. Despite the thousands of plants torn off, the invasion is progressing!

We need your help!



GARLIC MUSTARD PULLING

When: Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 11 pm to 15 pm

Meeting Point: Refuge Entrance

(Road 133, 1 km north of the border crossing)

To register, contact CIME Haut-Richelieu:

services@cimehautrichelieu.qc.ca



Protégeons le refuge d'oiseaux migrateurs de Philipsburg d'une envahissante méconnue: **l'alliaire officinale**

Le refuge d'oiseaux migrateurs de Philipsburg

- Un site de nidification exceptionnel pour les oiseaux
- Nombreuses espèces floristiques rares

Protégeons cette biodiversité remarquable

L'alliaire officinale vous connaissez?

- Plante exotique envahissante formant des colonies très denses
- Un plant = 2500 graines en une saison
- Produit une toxine qui tue les champignons du sol et nuit à tous les végétaux

CIME s'implique!

Depuis 2016, CIME Haut-Richelieu a amorcé de concert avec POQ, un projet de contrôle de l'alliaire.

Malgré les milliers de plants arrachés, l'invasion progresse!

Nous avons besoin de votre aide!



GRANDE CORVÉE D'ARRACHAGE

Quand: le samedi 18 mai 2019

De 11h à 15h

Point de rencontre: Entrée du refuge
(route 133, 1 km au nord du poste frontalier)

Pour vous inscrire, contacter CIME
services@cimehautrichelieu.qc.ca



Past Field Trips

12/01/19 – Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal

Guide: Sheldon Harvey

Weather: – 18°C, sunny, moderate wind

Participants: 14; **Species:** 19

Bird of the Day: Pine Grosbeak

Other Birds of Note: Red-breasted Nuthatch, American Robin, White-throated Sparrow, House Finch, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin

19/01/19 – Rue Higgins and surrounding area, Châteauguay

Guide: Tom Long

Weather: – 21°C and windy

Participants: 2; **Species:** 15

Bird of the Day: Red-bellied Woodpecker

Other Birds of Note: Hairy woodpecker, Tufted titmouse, Pine grosbeak, American Tree Sparrow

26/01/19

Field Trip cancelled due to weather conditions

02/02/19 - Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal

Guides: George Levtchouk & Chuck Kling

Weather: Cold and snowy

Participants: 14; **Species:** 11

Bird of the Day: Pileated Woodpecker

Other Birds of Note: White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, American Robin

09/02/19 – St-Clet/Ste-Marthe/Ste-Justine-de-Newton

Guide: Wayne Grubert

Weather: Extremely windy

Participants: 5; **Species:** 17

Bird of the Day: Snowy Owl

Other Birds of Note: Wild Turkey, Merlin, Common Raven, Snow Bunting, American tree Sparrow

16/02/19 – Great Backyard Bird Count

23/02/19 – Morgan Arboretum. Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

Guide: Richard Gregson

Weather: Sunny, mild

Participants: 21; **Species:** 16

Bird of the Day: Bohemian Waxwing

Other Birds of Note: Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, House Finch, Common Redpoll

02/03/19 – Mirabel and Lachute

Guide: Frédéric Hareau

Weather: Overall, nice

Participants: 31; **Species:** 22

Bird of the Day: Boreal Chickadee

Other Birds of Note: Wild Turkey, Glaucous Gull, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Snowy Owl, Common Redpoll, Snow Bunting

09/03/19 – TechnoParc, Ville St-Laurent

Guide: Wayne Grubert

Weather: Sunny, light breezes. High of +2

Participants: 30; **Species:** 17

Bird of the Day: Great Horned Owl

Other Birds of Note: Red-tailed Hawk, Common Raven, White-throated Sparrow, Common Redpoll

16/03/19 - Parc de la Frayere, St-Lawrence Waterfront, Boucherville, Varenes, and St-Hubert Airport

Guide: Sheldon Harvey

Weather: Cold, windy

Participants: 14; **Species:** 21

Bird of the Day: Snowy Owl

Other Birds of Note: Common Goldeneye, Common Raven, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Shrike

23/03/19 - Cap-St-Jacques Nature Park, Pierrefonds

Guide: Wayne Grubert

Weather: Windy, sunny

Participants: 11; **Species:** 14

Bird of the Day: Bohemian Waxwings

Other Birds of Note: American Black Duck, Common Goldeneye, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-winged Blackbird

30/03/19 – Parc des Rapides, LaSalle

Guide: Diane Demers

Weather: Overcast, freezing rain

Participants: 13; **Species:** 25

Bird of the Day: Eastern Phoebe

Other Birds of Note: Gadwall, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Wild Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Common Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Double-crested Cormorant

Dr. Marie-France Boudreault

BPQ was saddened to learn of the death of past board member Dr. Marie-France Boudreault in January 2019 after a hard-fought battle against cancer. Marie-France was a member of the BPQ board and the 100th anniversary committee.

Marie-France was a member of the McGill University Department of Psychiatry Mental Health Mission for over thirty years. As codirector of the internship program she was a dedicated clinician and teacher, who was highly admired and respected by her interns. Marie-France had many interests; she was a national level gymnastics judge, a dog lover, and participant in agility and obedience competitions. She also volunteered at the McGill Bird Observatory. She will be remembered for her years of dedicated work with Le Group Musiart, a choir close to her heart.

On a personal note Marie-France was thrilled to tell me the Wood Duck nesting box she installed near her cottage had a family of wood Ducks the first season!

Donations to La Maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie would be appreciated by the family. For details, follow <https://www.mmfs.org/fr/>

Field 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. 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, sun screen, layers for cold weather, 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: Téléphonnez au responsable ou contactez 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

Wood Warbler Walks at Westmount Summit Woods – Sorties ornithologiques au Boisé Sommet

Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 a.m. / mardi 14 mai 7h00

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

Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 a.m. mardi 21 mai 7h00 Guide: TBD

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 a.m. mardi 28 mai 7h00

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

Meet us at the Summit Circle Lookout. To reach Summit Circle, head north on Côte-des-Neiges. Turn left onto The Boulevard. Proceed to Ch. Belvedere and turn right. Drive up the steep hill on Ch. Belvedere to Summit Circle.

Pour vous rendre au Summit Circle, dirigez-vous vers le nord sur Côte-des-Neiges. Tourner à gauche sur le Boulevard. Poursuivre jusqu'au Ch. Belvédère et tourner à droite. Monter la côte abrupte sur le Ch. Belvédère jusqu'à Summit Circle.



Canada Warbler / Paruline du Canada © Chuck Kling 2018



BPQ World Migratory Bird Day Event: 8:00 a.m. to noon

Event Info:
education@pqspb.org

Driscoll-Naylor Bird Sanctuary,
Hudson, QC

<https://goo.gl/maps/dN8LbfjyxMco3o357>

Bring the family and come for a morning of birding at BPQ's smallest sanctuary, a wetland nestled within the picturesque village of Hudson. Learn about the importance of wetlands for birds and what you can do to

help protect birds in keeping with this year's WMBD theme of **Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution.**

We will be conducting a bird walk in the sanctuary area woods starting at 8:30 a.m. Migration will be in full swing, so you never know what birds may show up to surprise you!

The sanctuary is accessed by a trail located off Rue Olympic in Hudson. Directions from Montreal: Highway 40 toward Ottawa – Exit 28. Turn Right at Exit onto Route Harwood 342 Turn Right on Cameron. Turn Right on Olympic and continue until you see the sign for the Taylor Bradbury Nature Trail on the left. Roadside Parking. Walk along the trail to the Sanctuary.

Saturday, May 11 - samedi 11 mai International Migratory Bird Day

Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution

Events will be held in BPQ's smallest sanctuary and in our newest sanctuary.

Learn more about World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD): <https://www.migratorybirdday.org>

Bird Protection Quebec

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BPQ World Migratory Bird Day Event at BPQ's Newest Sanctuary on Montée Biggar.

Sheldon Harvey ve2shw@yahoo.com

8:00 a.m. Meet on Mtée Biggar <https://goo.gl/maps/2GZ35ZEB8sw>

The Field Trip Committee will honour this theme by holding a combined "field trip/clean-up" morning at our newest property acquisition on Montée Biggar near Huntingdon. Come enjoy a few hours of birding along this quiet rural road which has become known as one of the "hotspots" for breeding birds in Southwestern Québec, with over 1,000 checklists totalling 176 species reported on eBird...and counting!

Then, for those who wish to stay and help, we will organize a work bee to clean up the trash that never fails to accumulate along the margins of any road. Bring work gloves and any other implements which you think may be handy in such an endeavour. We'll supply the garbage bags.

Stay for as little or long a time as you like. Enjoy the camaraderie that comes with both a job well done and the knowledge that your contributions help an organization that sees the value in protecting these unique habitats.



Northern Cardinal / Cardinal Rouge

Sunday, May 12 - samedi 12 mai

Promenade de la fête des mères

Mother's Day Migration Bird Walk

in the falaise

In collaboration with Sauvons la falaise! <http://sauvonslafalaise.ca/>

8:00 a.m. to noon. Falaise Saint-Jacques, 6510 rue Saint-Jacques. The falaise St. Jacques is on a migratory bird flight path attracting warblers, sparrows, hawks, ravens, finches and rarer birds in the spring. Stewardship of the falaise protects the birds. This is an activity for people of all ages.

8h00 à midi. La falaise Saint-Jacques est sur une voie de migration d'oiseau qui attire des fauveltes, des moineaux, des faucons, des corbeaux, des pinsons et d'autres oiseaux plus rares. La migration de printemps est une période particulièrement excitante. La gérance environnementale de la falaise protège alors les oiseaux. Ceci est une activité pour les personnes de tous âges.

Tuesday, May 14 - mardi 14 mai

Hudson – Evening trip

<https://goo.gl/maps/fMLfj>

Guide: Barbara MacDuff 514-942-6330 barb.macduff@sympatico.ca

6:30 p.m. Meet at Finnegan's Market, 775 Main Road, Hudson Heights. Take Hwy 40 to Exit 22. Turn right onto Côte St-Charles. Drive to its end at T-intersection with Main Road. Turn left. Drive (about 2.5 km) to Finnegan's Market parking lot on left. Looking for marsh birds, Bobolink, and Eastern Meadowlark.

18h30. Rassemblement au marché Finnegan, 775 Main Road, Hudson Heights. Prendre l'autoroute 40, sortie 22. Tourner à droite sur Côte St-Charles. Suivre cette route jusqu'au bout. Tourner à gauche sur la rue Main. Poursuivre (2.5 km environ) jusqu'au stationnement du Marché Finnegan, situé à gauche. Espèces recherchées :oiseaux des marais, Goglu des près, et Sturnelle des près.

Saturday, May 18 - samedi 18 mai

George H. Montgomery Bird

Sanctuary, Philipsburg

<http://goo.gl/UKfM9E> (Sanctuary)

<https://goo.gl/maps/y4UwW> (Location)

Guide: Nick Acheson nicholas.acheson@mcgill.ca

8:30 a.m. From Montreal take the Champlain Bridge and follow Highway 10 east. Take exit 22 to Highway 35. Follow Highway 35 south for 40 km to its end. Turn left on Highway 133 south and after 15 km you will pass the exit for the town of Philipsburg. Continue on 133 towards the Canada-US border. Immediately before the border buildings take the U-turn on the left to cross over and start back along the northbound side of the highway. (Note that, if you are very careful, it is possible to make your U-turn sooner on 133 near Boulevard des Falaises which is 1.9 km south of the main Philipsburg town exit on 133.) Look for the large white sign telling drivers to fasten their seat belts. The gravel entrance to the parking area is 100m beyond it and is marked by two very small BPQ signs. Good choice of trails from long and strenuous to short and easy. Looking for migrating passerines, waterfowl and hawks. **Half day.**

Prenez le pont Champlain de Montréal, et poursuivez sur l'autoroute 10 Est. Empruntez la sortie 22 pour l'autoroute 35. Poursuivez sur la 35 Sud pour environ 40 km jusqu'à la fin. Tournez à gauche sur la route 133. Après 15 km vous passerez l'entrée principale pour le village de Philipsburg. Continuez sur la route 133 en direction de la frontière Canada-États-Unis. Juste avant d'arriver au bâtiment frontalier, effectuez un virage en U, à gauche, et traversez pour aller dans la direction opposée. (Si vous êtes attentifs, vous pouvez faire le virage en U plus tôt, près du boulevard des Falaises qui est à 1.9km de l'entrée principale pour le village de Philipsburg.) Recherchez le grand panneau blanc avec les indications d'attacher les ceintures. L'entrée en gravier du stationnement est 100 m après le panneau. Elle est indiquée par deux petits panneaux verts de POQ. Un bon choix de sentiers longs et difficiles et certains courts et faciles. À la recherche des espèces en migration, sauvagine et rapaces. **Demi-journée.**

Monday, May 20 – lundi 20 mai Mount Royal Cemetery - Cimetière Mont-Royal

<https://goo.gl/maps/kAWiSJGXA1Q2>

Guides: Darlene Harvey darleneharvey80@gmail.com and Sheldon Harvey ve2shw@yahoo.com 450-462-1459

8:00 a.m. Meet at the main gate to the cemetery on *chemin de la Forêt*, Outremont. Looking for spring 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, May 25 – samedi 25 mai Dundee (La Réserve nationale de Faune du lac Saint-François)

<https://goo.gl/maps/u3ihE>

Guides: Sheldon Harvey 450-462-1459 ve2shw@yahoo.com

Wayne Grubert 450-458-5498 Cell (Please use only on morning of trip): 514-774-0811 wgrubert6@gmail.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 approximately 33 km past Sainte-Barbe and Saint-Anicet to Cazaville. Continue 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 \$3.10 and then exit onto Highway 530 and continue as per instructions above.

Allow about 1.5 hours from Montreal. Looking for waterfowl, raptors, migrating passerines and Sandhill Cranes. **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 4.5km 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 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 3,10 \$), puis sortez sur l'autoroute 530 et continuez en suivant les instructions données ci-dessus. Prévoir environ 1h30 de route à partir de la région de Montréal. Espèces recherchées : sauvagine, rapaces, parulines en migration et Grues du Canada. **Demi-journée.**

Saturday, June 1 – samedi 1 juin ***Pincourt Hydro-Cut***

<https://goo.gl/maps/yZjZqtAPTQr>

Guide: Chris Cloutier 514-914-9464 chriscivic90@hotmail.com

8:00 a.m. Take Highway 20 west to exit 35 for Pincourt (Boul. Cardinal-Léger). Take Boul. Cardinal-Léger south for approximately 3.0 km and turn left on 42nd Avenue, which is the first street past the fire station located on the right. We will park on the very edge of this street. Please arrive at least 5 minutes early so that the outing can start on time.

This area is a right of way for Hydro Quebec vehicles and comprises a nice mix of young forest and open field habitats.
Half Day.

8h00. Prenez l'autoroute 20 Ouest jusqu'à la sortie 25 en direction de Pincourt (boul. Cardinal-Léger). Empruntez le boul. Cardinal Léger vers le sud sur une distance d'environ 3 km, tournez à gauche sur la 42e avenue qui est la première rue au-delà de la station de pompiers que vous apercevrez sur votre droite. Le stationnement se fera au bord de cette rue. Nous vous suggérons d'arriver au moins 5 minutes à l'avance afin que le départ pour l'excursion se fasse à l'heure prévue soit 8h00.

Ce secteur est un droit de passage pour les véhicules d'Hydro-Québec et nous offre un beau mélange d'habitats soit une jeune forêt et une aire ouvertes de champs. **Demi-journée.**

Saturday, June 8 - Samedi 8 juin

Refuge Faunique Marguerite-D'Youville, Île Saint-Bernard, Qc

<https://goo.gl/maps/g5spD>

Guide: Tom Long 450-692-1590 cardinalis.1997@gmail.com

7:30 a.m. Meet at the welcome centre of the Refuge on Île St-Bernard, Châteauguay. From Montreal, take Hwy 138 and cross the Mercier Bridge. Stay right coming off the bridge and take Hwy 138 through Kahnawake into Châteauguay. As you enter Châteauguay, turn right onto St-Francis Blvd. Follow St-Francis all the way to the end where it meets the Châteauguay River at Salaberry Blvd North. Turn right on to Salaberry North. 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 the Refuge. Cross the bridge and continue to Notre-Dame Nord. At the flashing red light turn right onto Notre-Dame and follow the signs to the Refuge. Cross the small bridge onto Île St-Bernard. The parking area is to the right. Walking trip looking for waterbirds, summer breeding birds and migrants. The grass paths are usually wet early in the morning

so wear appropriate footwear. A \$7.00 admission fee will be charged. (\$5.00 if you bring your BPQ membership card). **Half day.**

7h30. Rassemblement à l'accueil du refuge, île Saint-Bernard, Châteauguay. De Montréal, prendre la route 138 et traverser le pont Mercier. À la sortie du pont, garder la droite et continuer sur la 138, passé Kahnawake, jusqu'à Châteauguay. A l'entrée de Châteauguay, tourner à droite sur le boul. St-Francis. Continuer sur celui-ci jusqu'à l'intersection avec le boul. Salaberry Nord, qui longe la rivière Châteauguay. Tourner à droite sur Salaberry Nord, passer en dessous du pont de la voie ferrée et continuer jusqu'à un deuxième pont : il s'agit du pont de la Sauvagine. Tourner à droite juste après avoir passé sous ce pont et accéder à une rampe d'accès au pont. Des indications pour le refuge y sont visibles. Traverser le pont et continuer jusqu'à la rue Notre-Dame Nord. Au feu rouge clignotant, tourner à droite sur Notre-Dame et suivre les indications pour le refuge. Traverser le petit pont qui mène à l'île Saint-Bernard. Le stationnement est à la droite. Excursion à pied, à la recherche d'oiseaux aquatiques, d'oiseaux nicheurs et de migrateurs. Considérant que les sentiers gazonnés sont généralement humides le matin, il est conseillé de porter des chaussures adéquates. Frais d'entrée de 7,00\$. (5,00\$ avec carte de membre POQ). **Demi-journée.**

Saturday, June 15 - samedi 15 juin **Centennial Park/Parc du** **Centenaire, Dollard-des-Ormeaux**

<https://goo.gl/maps/qEiD8EpTnzj>

Guides: Jean Demers and Clémence Soulard 514-694-8240
jd030824@gmail.com

7:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot for Centennial Park. From Highway 40 take the exit for Sources Boulevard and go north. Continue past Salaberry and take a left on Churchill until Lake. Take a light right on Lake and continue until you reach the parking lot which faces Manuel. **Half Day.**

7h30. Rendez-vous dans le stationnement pour Parc du Centenaire. De l'Autoroute 40 prenez la sortie pour Boulevard des Sources et prenez la direction nord. Continuer passé Salaberry et prendre Churchill à gauche jusqu'au Lake. Virez légèrement à droite sur Lake et continuez jusqu'au le stationnement qui est en face de la Rue Manuel. **Demi journée**

Saturday, June 22 - samedi 22 juin

Note exceptional start time!
Remarquez l'heure de départ!!

Southwestern Quebec - Early **Solstice Trip - Sud-ouest du Québec -** **Excursion du solstice d'été**

<https://goo.gl/maps/AKwGmsUBQKT2>

Guides: Sheldon Harvey 450-462-1459 ve2shw@yahoo.com
Wayne Grubert 450-458-5498 Cell (Please use only on morning of trip): 514-774-0811 wgrubert6@gmail.com

5:15 a.m. Meet in Ormstown, at Petro-Canada gas station-Tim Hortons, crossroads of Hwy 201 and Hwy 138. From Montreal take the Mercier Bridge and follow Hwy 138 to Ormstown. From

the West Island take Hwy 40 –20 west then take highway 30 (toll). Take 530 toward Salaberry de Valleyfield. Take exit 9 from 530. Turn left onto Boulevard Pie–XII. Continue onto Pont St. and onto Rang du 40. Turn right on 138 west, following signs for Ormstown. Turn left on Hwy 201 in Ormstown. Petro–Canada Station is located a few hundred metres on the right. This is a driving trip; carpooling is recommended. This trip will explore some of the roads of southwestern Quebec in the Ormstown–Huntingdon area. We are starting early because some of the roads are busy and parking can be difficult. Looking for birds of the forests and of open country. Possible species include Yellow–throated Vireo, Golden–winged Warbler, Field Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird as well as more common passerines. **Half day.** Possibility of extension into the early afternoon.

5h15. Rassemblement à Ormstown, à la station Pétro Canada – Tim Hortons au croisement des routes 201 et 138. De Montréal, prendre le pont Mercier. Tourner à gauche sur la route 138 jusqu'à Ormstown. De l'Ouest–de–l'île de Montréal, prendre l'autoroute 40–20 direction ouest puis l'autoroute 30 (péage). Prendre l'autoroute 530 en direction de Salaberry–de–Valleyfield. Prendre la sortie 9, puis tourner à gauche sur la route Pie XII. Continuer sur la Route du Pont puis sur le Rang du 40. Tournez à droite sur la route 138 et suivez les directions vers Ormstown. À Ormstown, prendre la route 201 vers le sud, sur quelques centaines de mètres jusqu'à la station Pétro Canada. Les déplacements se feront principalement en voiture. Le covoiturage est recommandé. Cette excursion permettra d'explorer certaines routes du Sud–Ouest du Québec, dans la région d'Ormstown et Huntingdon. L'excursion débute tôt, car certaines routes sont très achalandées et il peut être difficile d'y trouver un stationnement. À la recherche d'oiseaux forestiers et d'oiseaux d'espaces ouverts. Parmi les espèces susceptibles d'être rencontrées, notons le Viréo à gorge jaune, la Paruline à ailes dorées, le Bruant des champs, le Merlebleu de l'Est ainsi que d'autres passereaux plus communs. **Demi–journée**, avec possibilité de poursuivre jusqu'en début d'après–midi.

Saturday, June 29 - samedi 29 juin Sanctuaire Covey Hill Sanctuary

<https://goo.gl/maps/bNcpiQcCM7F2> (Meeting Place – Lieu de rencontre)

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

7:00 a.m. Meet in Hemmingford at the Tim Hortons / Esso Station on road 219. From Montreal, take highway 15 south toward USA. Take exit 6 west toward Hemmingford on road 202. After 6 km, take 219 North in Hemmingford and you will find the Esso–Tim Hortons on your right after 800 metres. We will explore different habitats of the very rich and diverse Covey Hill Sanctuary. Looking for breeding birds in open fields, mixed forests, pine stands, bog, etc. This field trip will contribute to BPQ efforts to gather conservation data on breeding birds in the sanctuary. **Half–day.**

7h00. lieu de rencontre à Hemmingford à la station Tim Hortons / Esso sur la route 219. De Montréal, prenez l'autoroute 15 sud en direction des États–Unis. Prenez la sortie 6 ouest vers Hemmingford sur la route 202. Après 6 km, à Hemmingford, prenez à droite sur la route 219 Nord. Vous trouverez la station Esso – Tim Hortons sur votre droite après 800 mètres. Nous explorerons différents habitats du très riche et diversifié sanctuaire de Covey Hill, à la recherche d'oiseaux nicheurs dans les champs, les forêts mixtes, les pinèdes, la tourbière, etc. Cette sortie contribuera aux efforts de conservation menés par POQ pour documenter les espèces nicheuses du sanctuaire. **Demi–journée.**