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“The President Chirps”

by Sheldon Havey
President, Bird Protection Quebec

Our field trips for 2014 have wrapped up. The 2015 outings will begin again in mid-January. Details of the upcoming trips appear in this newsletter. Full details also appear on our website. Given the early arrival of Snowy Owls, Snow Buntings, Pine Siskins and other winter species, it looks like we will have some exciting and productive outings this winter.

Remember that the winter can be a tough period for many of our feathered friends. Please consider giving them a little help throughout the coming winter months by setting out some snacks and treats for them in your feeders. It provides them with much needed nutrition throughout the season, plus gives you some winter enjoyment by having them around your home.

Our focus for the balance of the month of December now turns to this year's Christmas Bird Counts. The Montreal area count will be held on Saturday, December 20, and the Hudson area count will take place on Saturday, December 27. Many of you have already put your names forward to participate in these popular and important citizen science events. If you have never participated in either of these events, we really encourage you to get involved. These two activities historically attract more participation from our members than any of the events we schedule throughout the year. Compilation parties are held following each of the counts, which provide participants with the opportunity to share their experiences of the day, plus to join with their fellow birders in celebrating the upcoming holidays. If you would like to participate, please contact either Sheldon Harvey or Jean Demers, the Christmas Bird Count coordinators.

We hope that you have had a chance to check out the brand new, bilingual BPQ website. Several BPQ volunteers made up the working group responsible for translating all of the material. Thanks to everyone on the team for their co-ordinated efforts in accomplishing this important task.

On behalf of the BPQ Board members and the BPQ membership at large, I would like to thank Georges Mony for his time spent on our Board of Directors. Georges has decided to step away from the Board. His expertise and

assistance in numerous projects while a member of the Board have been greatly appreciated.

As we head towards the end of 2014, on behalf of the BPQ Board of Directors I would like to extend our best wishes to everyone, family and friends included, for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2015. Enjoy the holidays.

Bird Protection Quebec's Education Committee is pleased to be a sponsor of Le Nichoir's education program that will teach elementary school children about bird adaptations. We look forward to working in the classroom with them and to taking them out in the field.

Committee members: Barbara Macduff, Gay Gruner, Fred Hareau, Francine Marcoux, David Mulholland

Last Call!

The 2014 BPQ Christmas Bird Counts will take place on the following dates.

Montreal: Saturday, December 20

Hudson: Saturday, December 27

If you need more information or if would like to participate, please contact Sheldon Harvey at ve2shw@yahoo.com or 450-462-1459 for the Montreal Christmas Bird Count, or Jean Demers at cbchudson2@gmail.com or 514-694-8240 for the Hudson Christmas Bird Count.

See also the following BPQ webpage: http://pqspb.org/bpq2/?page_id=139

Dr. Rodger Titman Wins an Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions



Rodger Titman with breeding female Red-breasted Mergansers
Photo © Shawn Craik

by Barbara Frei

Dr. Rodger Titman, one of Bird Protection Quebec's own, was honoured this fall with the Society of Canadian Ornithologists' (SCO) most prestigious award, the Doris Huestis Speirs Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding lifetime contributions in Canadian ornithology. As Rodger's ongoing involvement and contributions to waterfowl

science, avian habitat conservation, and public education and outreach in Canada have spanned half a century, there could be no better recipient for this great honour. The award was presented in Estes Park, Colorado, at the annual joint AOU/COS/SCO meeting this October. As Rodger was absent from this year's meeting, the award was accepted by a former graduate student and carried back to Montreal. There it was presented to Rodger with great fanfare and celebration at the McGill Bird Observatory, where he and his wife Elise were conducting a morning bird census walk. A group of former graduate students, for whom Rodger is a beloved teacher, mentor, and ongoing inspiration, nominated him for this award. He fostered in us our love of ornithology, passed on his strong convictions about conservation, and taught us to always question and be critical in our pursuit of excellence in science. With this award, Rodger is recognized for his outstanding contribution to ornithological research, conservation, and education.

Rodger is among Canada's research pioneers in the field of waterfowl ecology, researching the behaviour and ecology of ducks and wetland ecosystems from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia for the last 48 years. This includes his graduate research on Mallards in Manitoba, his research on territoriality of teals and Black Ducks during his first decade as a professor at McGill University, and his long-term research on the breeding ecology of the Red-breasted Mergansers, for which he is now the undisputed world expert. In the late 1970s, Rodger's research group produced seminal research on breeding waterfowl abundance and marsh characteristics, providing some of the first evidence supporting the hemi-marsh conservation strategy. This formative research is still at work today, as conservation organizations, including Ducks Unlimited Canada, recommend the hemi-marsh strategy to maximize wetland bird diversity.

Over the last 40 years, Rodger has been a key stakeholder in the identification, acquisition, and conservation of important bird habitats throughout eastern Canada. In addition to being a key consultant for various environmental impact assessments, Rodger has served as a member of the national and regional Nature Conservancy of Canada trustee board and been a long-time member of Bird Protection Quebec (BPQ). Rodger has served terms as Vice-President and President, of BPQ, and he has also served on the Board of Directors, and sat on the Property Acquisition, Conservation, and Sanctuary committees. Rodger has been a stalwart champion of the McGill Bird Observatory (MBO) since its inception 10 years ago, and since his

retirement from McGill he has been an invaluable volunteer scientific advisor and bird bander at the MBO.

In Rodger's own words, "As much as the Doris Huestis Speirs Award honours me, it honours my students. If I have a legacy it arises from the success and accomplishments of my students." Rodger teaches with such knowledge, conviction, and energy that he has inspired admiration in his students, and many speak of him as one of their greatest inspirations and one of the best educators they have known. During his 37 years at McGill University Rodger supervised nine Ph.D. and nearly 50 M.Sc. students, many of whom have continued in the fields of ornithology and avian conservation. He touched the lives of thousands of undergraduate students through the classes he taught, as well as through his involvement in the McGill Desert Ecology field course in the southwestern United States and the Canadian Field Studies in Africa program. He continues to be involved in public education and scientific communication through his week-long introductory bird courses, leading birding trips, writing popular articles, and his continuing work at the MBO.

Here at BPQ we are very proud of Rodger's achievements and wish him our heartfelt congratulations for receiving the 2014 Doris Huestis Speirs Award. We know we only have more of his successes and accomplishments to look forward to in the future, both through his ongoing work, and his far-reaching legacy of his students and all those he has touched during his lifetime of research, conservation, and education efforts.

Dr. Barbara Frei is a BPQ Board director, an MBO volunteer, and a member of the Conservation, Philipsburg, and Research and Grants Committees. She completed her M.Sc. with Rodger Titman on Bobolink conservation and habitat use in hayfields in Quebec and Ontario. She received her PhD from McGill in February 2014 and is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Ottawa and Visiting Scholar at McGill University. Her specialties are conservation biology, macroecology, and avian species-at-risk. Her professional website is <http://bfrei.weebly.com>



Rodger Titman at the MBO © Marcel Gahbauer, 2014. Surrounded by 20 former students and lifetime friends, Rodger opens a special banding bag and receives his award.

Editor's Note: The 2014 joint American Ornithologists' Union (AOU), Cooper Ornithological Society (COS), and Society of Canadian Ornithologists/Société des Ornithologistes Canadiens (SCO) attracted ornithologists from around the world. The Doris Huestis Speirs Award is the SCO's most prestigious award. In 2002, the award was received by long-standing and highly respected BPQ member Normand David, founder of the *Association québécoise des groupes d'ornithologues*. For more information about the SCO, visit <http://www.sco-soc.ca/>

Bird Views

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PARLONS D'OISEAUX Un bilan des observations intéressantes à Montréal et à travers la province Août-novembre 2014

by Pierre Bannon

Pink-footed Goose: singles at Saint-Malachie 25 Oct (JP. Ouellet, M. Lafleur, P. Fradette, A. Gagnon) and at Saint-Gervais 9 Nov (C. Deschênes). **Ross's Goose:** a juv dark morph was well photographed at Victoriaville 26 Oct (B. Turgeon, G. Éthier) and again 11 Nov and 25 Nov (D. & R. Roy, J & A. Charrette); 10 birds at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 15 Nov provided a remarkable count (F. Grenon, L. den Besten). **Barnacle Goose:** one at Victoriaville 13-18 Oct (J. Charrette, *ph.*, A. Daigle et al.), one at Saint-Joseph de Beauce 18 Oct (M. Therrien, MA. Rubénovitch) and then 2 at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 14 Nov (J. Tougas, *fide* S. Mathieu). **Cackling Goose:** 17 birds at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 15 Nov were noteworthy (F. Grenon, L. den Besten). **Trumpeter Swan:** 3 at Val d'Or 1st Oct (G. Éthier). **Tundra Swan:** 3 birds (2 ad, 1 imm)

par Pierre Bannon

Oie à bec court : des indiv à Saint-Malachie 25 oct (JP. Ouellet, M. Lafleur, P. Fradette, A. Gagnon) et à Saint-Gervais 9 nov (C. Deschênes). **Oie de Ross :** un juv sombre fut photographié à Victoriaville 26 oct (B. Turgeon, G. Éthier) et à nouveau 11 nov et 25 nov (D. & R. Roy, J & A. Charrette); 10 oiseaux à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 15 nov constituent un décompte remarquable (F. Grenon, L. den Besten). **Bernache nonnette :** une à Victoriaville 13-18 oct (J. Charrette, *ph.*, A Daigle et al.), une à Saint-Joseph de Beauce 18 oct (M. Therrien, MA. Rubénovitch) et 2 à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 14 nov (J. Tougas, *fide* S. Mathieu). **Bernache de Hutchins :** 17 oiseaux à Saint-Jean-sur Richelieu 15 nov sont dignes de mention (F. Grenon, L. den Besten). **Cygne trompette :** 3 à Val d'Or 1^{er} oct (G. Éthier). **Cygne**

at Dundee 14 Nov (P. Laniel) and a juv at Salaberry-de-Valleyfield 22-30 Nov (D. Ouellette et al.). **Common Shelduck**: a wary juv was photographed at Saint-Basile 31 Aug-6 Sept; for the moment, its origin remains obscure but the recent increase in Iceland's population could explain the appearance of some stray birds in e. North America (S. Denault). **Eurasian Wigeon**: a total of 7 birds reported, including 3 at Plaisance 11 Oct (Y. Gauthier, F. Morand). **Canvasback**: seen in above average numbers compared to last few years' totals; one reached Percé 20-22 Oct (A. Couture).

Leach's Storm-Petrel: stray birds detected at Sainte-Pétronille 29 Oct (R. Simard) and at Rivière-Ouelle 5 Nov (C. Auchu, C. Cormier). **BROWN BOOBY**: while kayaking in the Parc National du Bic 3 Aug, Marie Gervais photographed a bird sitting on a rock without knowing what it was; this bird was later identified as a Brown Booby by Daniel Jauvin, a first confirmed record for the province. **American White Pelican**: 15 in Cabbage Willow Bay 1 Aug (T. Cheskey); one at Pointe Yamachiche 4-9 Aug (M. Richard, M. Bourassa). **Little Blue Heron**: singles at Fatima 4-6 Aug (A. Richard), Sept-Îles 11-15 Aug (JF. Laporte et al.) and Stoneham 5 Nov (*ph.*, J. Vaudreuil, *fide* S. Rioux). **Cattle Egret**: 9 birds reported including one in the Magdalen Is. 31 Oct-6 Nov (DG. Gaudet), and one at Saint-Marc-de-Figuery (Abitibi) 6-7 Nov (*fide* J. Fréchette). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: a 1st-summer bird at Shigawake (Gaspésie) 20-25 Aug (J. Hayes, *ph.*, *m. ob.*).

Black Vulture: one nicely photographed in flight at Magog 12 Oct (M. Osborne, M. Viger). **Swainson's Hawk**: singles at Cap d'Espoir 22-27 Sept (*ph.*, A. Couture et al.) and at Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue 22 Oct (B. Barnhurst). **Sandhill Crane**: definitely more birds seem to migrate through s. Québec, e.g. 100 at Saint-Narcisse 30 Sep (J. Blackburn) and 110 at Saint-Jacques-de-Montcalm 19 Oct (B. Dugas). A flock of 21 was still at Dundee 14 Nov (P. Laniel). **Willet**: one at Notre-Dame-des-Pins (Beauce) 16 Sept (R. Turgeon). **Marbled Godwit**: one at Sainte-Martine 14-17 Aug (T. Long, *ph.*, L. Lemay). **Western Sandpiper**: a molting ad at Portneuf 9 Aug (M. David). **Ruff**: one at Douglstown 19 Aug (F. Schaffer, C. Maurice). **Long-billed Dowitcher**: a total of 9 birds reported, an increase compared to last fall's total. **Wilson's Phalarope**: singles at Pointe Yamachiche 4 Aug (M. Richard, M. Bourassa) and Montmagny 7-22 Sept (*ph.*, P. Lane et al.). **Red Phalarope**: inland reports included singles at La Baie 7 Sept (N. Boutin, Y. Darveau), Henryville 20 Sept (R. English, R. Riel), and Montmagny 4 Oct (M. Therrien, MA. Rubénovitch).

siffleur : 3 oiseaux (2 ad, 1 imm) à Dundee 14 nov (P. Laniel) et un juv. à Salaberry-de-Valleyfield 22-30 nov (D. Ouellette et al.). **Tadorne de Belon** : un juv très farouche a été photographié à Saint-Basile 31 août-6 sept; pour l'instant, son origine demeure obscure mais la récente augmentation des populations en Islande pourrait expliquer la présence d'oiseaux égarés en Amérique du Nord (S. Denault). **Canard siffleur** : 7 oiseaux signalés, dont 3 à Plaisance 11 oct (Y. Gauthier, F. Morand). **Fuligule à dos blanc** : plus nombreux que lors des dernières années; un s'est rendu à Percé 20-22 oct (A. Couture).

Océanite cul-blanc : des oiseaux égarés détectés à Sainte-Pétronille 29 oct (R. Simard) et à Rivière-Ouelle 5 nov (C. Auchu, C. Cormier). **FOU BRUN** : en faisant du kayak dans le Parc National du Bic 3 août, Marie Gervais a photographié un oiseau perché sur un rocher mais sans pouvoir l'identifier; l'oiseau fut identifié plus tard comme étant un Fou brun par Daniel Jauvin, une première présence confirmée au Québec. **Pélican d'Amérique** : 15 à la baie Cabbage Willow 1er août (T. Cheskey); un à la Pointe Yamachiche 4-9 août (M. Richard, M. Bourassa). **Aigrette bleue** : des indiv à Fatima 4-6 août (A. Richard), Sept-Îles 11-15 août (JF. Laporte et al.) et Stoneham 5 nov (*ph.*, J. Vaudreuil, *fide* S. Rioux). **Héron garde-boeufs** : 9 oiseaux signalés dont un aux Îles de la Madeleine 31 oct-6 nov (DG. Gaudet), et un à Saint-Marc-de-Figuery (Abitibi) 6-7 nov (*fide* J. Fréchette). **Bihoreau violacé** : un oiseau en plumage de 1^{er} été à Shigawake (Gaspésie) 20-25 août (J. Hayes, *ph.*, *pl. ob.*)

Urubu noir : un photographié en vol à Magog 12 oct (M. Osborne, M. Viger). **Buse de Swainson** : des indiv à Cap d'Espoir 22-27 sept (*ph.*, A. Couture et al.) et à Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue 22 oct (B. Barnhurst). **Grue du Canada** : de plus en plus d'oiseaux migrent par le sud du Québec, e.g. 100 à Saint-Narcisse 30 sep (J. Blackburn) et 110 à Saint-Jacques-de-Montcalm 19 oct (B. Dugas). Un groupe de 21 était encore à Dundee 14 nov (P. Laniel). **Chevalier semipalmé** : un à Notre-Dame-des-Pins (Beauce) 16 sept (R. Turgeon). **Barge marbrée** : une à Sainte-Martine 14-17 août (T. Long, *ph.*, L. Lemay). **Bécasseau d'Alaska** : un ad en mue à Portneuf 9 août (M. David). **Combattant varié** : un à Douglstown 19 août (F. Schaffer, C. Maurice). **Bécassin à long bec** : un total de 9 oiseaux signalés, une augmentation comparée à l'an dernier. **Phalarope de Wilson** : des indiv à la Pointe Yamachiche 4 août (M. Richard, M. Bourassa) et Montmagny 7-22 sept (*ph.*, P. Lane et al.). **Phalarope à bec large** : des indiv à La Baie 7 sept (N. Boutin, Y. Darveau), Henryville 20 sept (R. English, R. Riel), et à Montmagny 4 oct (M. Therrien, MA. Rubénovitch).

Mouette de Sabine : un ad à Windsor 3 sept (*ph.*, F. Langlois et al.) et 3 juv au barrage de Beauharnois 8-16 sept (P. Bannon, *pl.ob.*) étaient dignes de mention. **Mouette pygmée** : un ad à Saint-Armand 1-12 nov (JG. Papineau, *pl.ob.*). **Mouette atricille** : un juv à Roxton Pond 28 août (M. Berlinguette, M. Maheu). **Mouette de Franklin** : 3 oiseaux signalés. **Goéland de Thayer** : un indiv de 1^{er} cycle à Saint-Lambert-de-Lauzon 18 nov (O. Barden). **Guifette leucoptère** : un ad en mue photographié à Fatima (IDL) 5 août (A. Richard et al.) puis probablement le même indiv en plumage internuptial décrit au même endroit 21 août (G. Cyr). **Sterne royale** : un ad en plumage internuptial signalé à Plaisance 9 août (C. Savignac). **Bec-en-ciseaux noir** : l'oiseau présent cet été dans l'estuaire du St-Laurent fut signalé pour la dernière fois à Les Escoumins 7 sep (C. Roy). **Labbe pomarin** : un imm à Victoriaville 14 sept (C. Roy). **Labbe parasite** : un égaré à Verdun 19-22 oct (*ph.*, R. Lussier, *pl. ob.*). **Labbe à longue queue** : 3 indiv. (2 ad, 1 juv) à Sainte-Pétronille 1 sept constituaient une observation remarquable (P. Lane, R. Simard) tandis qu'un autre était signalé à Rivière-Ouelle 17 sept (JF. Rousseau).

Mergule nain : plusieurs présences dans le bas Saint-Laurent en sept-oct, dont 9 oiseaux à Pointe-au-Père 5 oct (J. Mikaël). **Petit Pingouin**: un oiseau photographié à Lac-Saguay 28 sept donnait une 1^{ère} mention pour les Laurentides (D. Hamel, M. Carrière). **Coulicou à bec jaune** : 3 oiseaux signalés: Saint-Lazare 25 sept (M. Dennis), Saint-Hyacinthe 5 oct (R. Gauvin), et Cap Tourmente 12-14 oct (F & R. Dion). **Pic à ventre roux** : des égarés sont apparus aux IDLM 22 oct (B. Vigneault) et à Gaspé 4 nov (D. Jalbert).

Tyran mélancolique: un trouvé et photographié par des visiteurs français chanceux à Pointe des Monts 1^{er} août (P. Devoucoux, P. Miguët, G. Monchaux). **Tyran de l'Ouest**: des indiv à Rivière-du-Loup 1-2 sept (S. Rioux) et à Rivière-Rouge 5 oct (*ph.*, M. Blais). **Viréo aux yeux blancs**: des indiv à Québec 20-21 oct (*ph.*, G. Garant) et à Longueuil 28 oct (Daigneault, N. Tétreault). **Viréo à gorge jaune**: un à Cap Tourmente 26 oct a fourni une nouvelle date tardive record (G. Garant, C. Maurice). **Gobemoucheron gris-bleu** : plusieurs signalés dont un très tardif à Lévis 10 nov (S. Bégin, M. O'Neill). **Traquet motteux** : 4 indiv signalés, une baisse comparée à l'automne 2013. **Solitaire de Townsend** : des indiv à Sainte-Catherine 6-11 nov (D. Sirois, *ph.*, L. Lemay) et à Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue 11 nov (B. Barnhurst). **Grive à collier** : une à Tadoussac 23-24 oct (R. Pintiaux).

Paruline à flancs marron : une à Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague (Montréal) 23 nov était la plus tardive par près de 3 semaines (JW. Côté). **Paruline à gorge**

Sabine's Gull: inland reports included a rare ad at Windsor 3 Sept (*ph.*, F. Langlois et al.) and up to 3 juv at the Beauharnois dam 8-16 Sept (P. Bannon, *m.ob.*). **Little Gull**: an ad at Saint-Armand 1-12 Nov (JG. Papineau, *m.ob.*). **Laughing Gull**: a juv at Roxton Pond 28 Aug (M. Berlinguette, M. Maheu). **Franklin's Gull**: 3 birds reported. **Thayer's Gull**: a first-cycle indiv at Saint-Lambert-de-Lauzon 18 Nov (O. Barden). **White-winged Tern**: a molting ad was nicely photographed at Fatima (Magdalen Is.) 5 Aug (A. Richard et al.) while probably the same indiv in nonbreeding plumage was described at the same location 21 Aug (G. Cyr). **Royal Tern**: an ad in nonbreeding plumage reported at Plaisance 9 Aug (C. Savignac). **Black Skimmer**: the bird that spent most of the summer in the St. Lawrence estuary was last seen at Les Escoumins 7 Sept (C. Roy). **Pomarine Jaeger**: an imm at Victoriaville 14 Sept (C. Roy). **Parasitic Jaeger**: a stray bird at Verdun 19-22 Oct (*ph.*, R. Lussier, *m. ob.*). **Long-tailed Jaeger**: 3 indiv. (2 ad, 1 juv) were noteworthy at Sainte-Pétronille 1 Sept (P. Lane, R. Simard) while one was also reported at Rivière-Ouelle 17 Sept (JF. Rousseau).

Dovekie: several reports in the Lower St. Lawrence in late Sept-Oct, including 9 birds at Pointe-au-Père 5 Oct (J. Mikaël). **Razorbill**: a bird was photographed at Lac-Saguay 28 Sept, a first record for the Laurentians (D. Hamel, M. Carrière). **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**: only 3 birds reported: Saint-Lazare 25 Sept (M. Dennis), Saint-Hyacinthe 5 Oct (R. Gauvin), and Cap Tourmente 12-14 Oct (F & R. Dion). **Red-bellied Woodpecker**: stray birds appeared in the Magdalen Is. 22 Oct (B. Vigneault) and at Gaspé 4 Nov (D. Jalbert).

Tropical Kingbird: one was found and photographed by lucky visitors from France at Pointe des Monts 1 Aug (P. Devoucoux, P. Miguët, G. Monchaux). **Western Kingbird**: singles appeared at Rivière-du-Loup 1-2 Sept (S. Rioux) and at Rivière-Rouge 5 Oct (*ph.*, M. Blais). **White-eyed Vireo**: singles at Québec City 20-21 Oct (*ph.*, G. Garant) and at Longueuil 28 Oct (Daigneault, N. Tétreault). **Yellow-throated Vireo**: one at Cap Tourmente 26 Oct was record late (G. Garant, C. Maurice). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: several were reported including a late bird at Lévis 10 Nov (S. Bégin, M. O'Neill). **Northern Wheatear**: 4 indiv were reported, a little less than during fall 2013. **Townsend's Solitaire**: singles at Sainte-Catherine 6-11 Nov (D. Sirois, *ph.*, L. Lemay) and at Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue 11 Nov (B. Barnhurst). **Varied Thrush**: one at Tadoussac 23-24 Oct (R. Pintiaux).

Chesnut-sided Warbler: one at Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague (Montréal) 23 Nov was record late by almost 3 weeks (JW. Côté). **Yellow-throated Warbler**:

singles at Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé 5-7 Sept (*ph.*, A. Couture, Y. Cyr) and at Lachute 29 Oct-23 Nov (*ph.* D. Miron, *m. ob.*). **Prairie Warbler**: an ad female at Rivière-du-Loup 2 Sept (P. Fradette, JP. LeBel). **MacGillivray's Warbler**: one described, but unfortunately not photographed, at Cap Tourmente 14 Oct (F & R. Dion et al.). **Yellow-breasted Chat**: remarkably, 4 reports were made: Île de la Visitation 24 Sept (E. Samson), Cabano 28-30 Sept (M. Beaulieu), Anse-à-l'Orme 5 Oct (J. Coutu et al.) and Rivière-Saint-Jean 27 Oct (Y. Rochepault, C. Buidin, *fide* S. Denault).

Clay-colored Sparrow: several reports including one of 4 birds at Port Cartier 21 Oct (F. Jean). **BREWER'S SPARROW**: a bird, likely of the *taverneri* ssp, was nicely photographed at Percé 12 Oct (A. Couture), providing a first record for the province. Interestingly, one had been recorded in Maine in spring 2014. **Lark Sparrow**: one at Saint-Fabien-de-Panet 3-4 Oct (L. Martin). **Lark Bunting**: a female at Longue-Rive 30 Aug (*ph.*, J. Bernier, N. Boucher). **Grasshopper Sparrow**: one caused surprise as it was found in a parking lot with a Lapland Longspur and 2 Horned Larks at Cap-des-Rosiers 16-17 Nov (*ph.*, D. Jalbert, A. Gagnon). **Nelson's Sparrow**: a high count of 150 was made in Cabbage Willow Bay 1 Aug (T. Cheskey). **Golden-crowned Sparrow**: a juv was nicely photographed at Saint-Donat-de-Montcalm 1-2 Nov, a second confirmed provincial record (L. Guénette, P. Martin).

Summer Tanager: one at Plaisance 5 Oct (R. Bisson et al.). **Western Tanager**: one at Rivière-Saint-Jean 27 Oct (*fide* S. Denault). **Dickcissel**: 6 birds reported, all from eastern Québec. **Yellow-headed Blackbird**: a female at Îles de Boucherville NP (M. Sansfaçon), and single males at Val d'Or 20 Sept (F. Dubois) and at Montmagny 25 Sept-4 Oct (B. Gendron, *fide* S. Rioux). **Brewer's Blackbird**: a female reported at Cap Tourmente 10 Oct (F & R. Dion). **Bullock's Oriole**: an adult male at Haldimand (Gaspé) 7-23 Nov (*ph.*, D. Jalbert, A. Gagnon). **Pine Grosbeak**: a record number of 10,386 individuals migrated at the Tadoussac Bird Observatory this fall, most of them in Nov. **Purple Finch**: also a record, 2,909 indiv migrated at the Tadoussac Bird Observatory. **European Goldfinch**: one at Laval 9-12 Nov (*ph.*, R. Martin).

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jaune : des indiv à Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé 5-7 sept (*ph.*, A. Couture, Y. Cyr) et à Lachute 29 oct-23 nov (*ph.* D. Miron, *pl. ob.*). **Paruline des prés** : une femelle ad à Rivière-du-Loup 2 sept (P. Fradette, JP. LeBel). **Paruline des buissons** : une décrite, mais non photographiée à Cap Tourmente 14 oct (F & R. Dion et al.). **Paruline polyglotte** : une présence remarquable cet automne avec 4 mentions : Île de la Visitation 24 sept (E. Samson), Cabano 28-30 sept (M. Beaulieu), Anse-à-l'Orme 5 oct (J. Coutu et al.) et Rivière-Saint-Jean 27 oct (Y. Rochepault, C. Buidin, *fide* S. Denault).

Bruant des plaines : plusieurs présences dont 4 oiseaux à Port Cartier 21 oct (F. Jean). **BRUANT DE BREWER** : un indiv, probablement de la ssp *taverneri*, a été photographié à Percé 12 oct (A. Couture), fournissant une première mention pour la province. Non sans intérêt, cette espèce avait été signalée au Maine au printemps 2014. **Bruant à joues marron** : un à Saint-Fabien-de-Panet 3-4 oct (L. Martin). **Bruant noir et blanc** : une femelle à Longue-Rive 30 août (*ph.*, J. Bernier, N. Boucher). **Bruant sauterelle** : un surprenant indiv trouvé dans une aire de stationnement avec un Plectrophane lapon et 2 Alouettes hausse-col à Cap-des-Rosiers 16-17 nov (*ph.*, D. Jalbert, A. Gagnon). **Bruant de Nelson** : un décompte élevé de 150 à la baie Cabbage Willow Bay 1er août (T. Cheskey). **Bruant à couronne dorée** : un indiv photographié à Saint-Donat-de-Montcalm 1-2 nov, une 2^{ième} mention confirmée pour la province (L. Guénette, P. Martin).

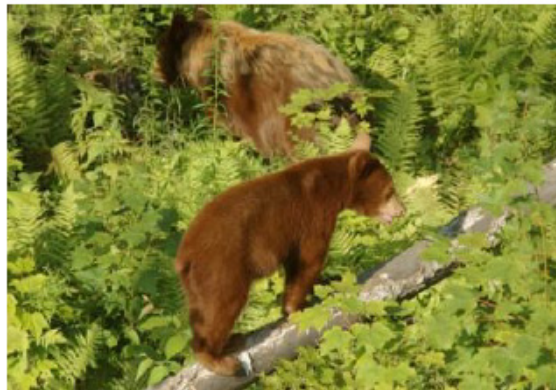
Piranga vermillon : un à Plaisance 5 oct (R. Bisson et al.). **Piranga à tête rouge** : un à Rivière-Saint-Jean 27 oct (*fide* S. Denault). **Dickcissel d'Amérique**: 6 oiseaux signalés, tous dans l'est du Québec. **Carouge à tête jaune**: une femelle au PN des Îles de Boucherville (M. Sansfaçon), et des mâles à Val d'Or 20 sept (F. Dubois) et à Montmagny 25 sept-4 oct (B. Gendron, *fide* S. Rioux). **Quiscale de Brewer**: une femelle à Cap Tourmente 10 oct (F & R. Dion). **Oriole de Bullock**: un mâle ad à Haldimand (Gaspé) 7-23 nov (*ph.*, D. Jalbert, A. Gagnon). **Durbec des sapins**: un nombre record de 10386 indiv a été enregistré à l'Observatoire d'Oiseaux de Tadoussac cet automne, la plupart en nov. **Roselin pourpré**: aussi un record, 2909 indiv ont migré à l'Observatoire d'Oiseaux de Tadoussac cet automne. **Chardonneret élégant**: un à Laval 9-12 nov (*ph.*, R. Martin).

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Kenauk: Treasures of the 300-Year-Old Seigneurie

by Gail Desnoyers

On November 3, Joël Bonin of the Nature Conservancy of Canada came to tell us about the newly acquired Papineau Seigneurie, north of Montebello, QC, now known as the Kenauk Property. It is along a Precambrian fault line that goes right through the province of Quebec to Philipsburg. Thus, it shares many features with our George H. Montgomery sanctuary there. NCC is anxious to document all the flora and fauna of the 5,000-acre, sixty-lake territory but they need the help of citizen scientists to catalogue it. Joël called on BPQ members to help out with the birds. Cerulean Warblers are in the area along with Black Bears and a rare morph Cinnamon Bear (photos showed it really was the colour of cinnamon!), Grey Wolves and 300 moose. Rare plants abound, along with the largest forest of Black Maples in Quebec. It was heartwarming to hear that this historical wildlife area has been preserved.



Photos courtesy of the Nature Conservancy of Canada

Upcoming BPQ Monthly Lectures

BPQ Monthly Lectures are held on the first Monday of every month, during the fall and winter, at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Crescent, Kensington & First Presbyterian Church,

6225 Godfrey Ave, NDG

They are free of charge. All are welcome!

For up-to-the-minute information about our lectures and other events, visit the calendar page of the BPQ website: [online calendar](#):

Travel Tales

Monday, January 5, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
Knox Crescent, Kensington & First Presbyterian Church

As we are a club of globetrotters, as well as birdwatchers, we thought you might be interested in hearing several Travel Tales from our members, along with our special guest speaker Charlie Vogt. This line-up of talks may be about places that you have already visited or places that you would like to visit to birdwatch. The speakers will be available afterwards to give you more details about their travels.

Ecuador: Birdland Extraordinaire

Presenter: Charlie Vogt

Charlie Vogt will talk about the advantages of birding in Ecuador, providing an overview of the different regions and tours with a highlight on Southern Ecuador. He will outline the factors and history that led to such a high species diversity in Ecuador.



Charlie Vogt is the owner of [Andean Birding](#). A native of Boston, he studied biology at Colorado College, and has an MS from Northern Arizona U. He spent twelve summers in Mexico at his father's [Harvard-Chiapas Project](#) – the first summer was with BPQ Board member Nick Acheson – and later worked at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, in Cambridge, MA. In 1990, he directed a highway EA in Ecuador and was hooked. He has guided at Sacha Lodge and with Wilderness Travel in Amazonia and the Galapagos. He has birded since 1974 and has lived in Ecuador for 26 years, doing environmental consulting, teaching tropical ecology to study-abroad students, conducting bird surveys and preparing bird lists for foundations and protected areas in Ecuador and Bolivia. He led two ornithological expeditions to Volcan Sumaco. He found a new bird species for Ecuador and has published on [bird behaviour](#) and [range extensions](#). The Banded Ground-Cuckoo was his 1,400th species for Ecuador. His list is now at 1,421. He is an active bird sound recordist with over 640 recordings on [Xeno-canto](#) and 42 tracks on [Bird sounds of Ecuador](#) – a comprehensive collection by John V. Moore et al.

From the Sea to the Sky

Presenter: Frédéric Hareau

Discover the incredible richness of birdlife in Peru. Frédéric Hareau will present some of the highlights of his recent trip to Peru: the richness of coastal islands and deserts blooming by flowers, the mighty condor and birding specialties of high Andes, and the stunning biodiversity of rain forest and Amazonia, along the legendary Manu Road.

Frédéric Hareau has always been passionate about nature conservation and wildlife, including birdlife. He has travelled throughout the world to discover more about these interests. At BPQ, he is an active member of the Conservation Committee, a popular field trip leader, and a director. He coordinated the SOSPOP project with BPQ in 2010 and is kept busy with translation for The Song Sparrow and the Web site. He has also done extensive work in conservation for the COA and volunteers at McGill Bird Observatory.

At a professional level, he oversees projects implemented in 17 countries and reaching over 1,000 young people every year. A majority of these projects focus on the conservation of the environment in Canada and throughout the world. In the past ten years, he has played a leadership role in fundraising over \$6 million with the support of co-workers and partners. He has a degree in biology and agriculture, from the Institut National Agronomique of Paris-Grignon, France.

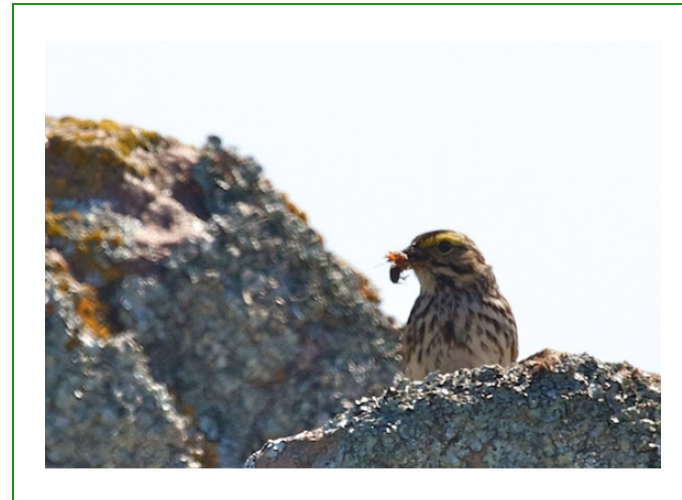
Newfoundland's Gros Morne National Park, the Great Northern Peninsula and Labrador

Presenter: Richard Gregson

An introduction to birding, rare arctic flowering and exciting whale-watching in the northern peninsula of Newfoundland, including Gros Morne National Park and Labrador. A less-visited part of the province, which is highly

recommended for the range of accessible northern birding that can be enjoyed far from the crowds of everyday tourists but close to the world's best lobster suppers.

Richard Gregson, Past President of Bird Protection Quebec, is currently a BPQ director, Chair of the Sanctuaries Committee, and Webmaster. He is a biologist with a keen interest in birding – especially greenbirding. He maintains a website for people interested in this alternative way to go birding at www.greenbirding.ca and is the author of a book on the subject called, what else, *Green Birding*. Richard is completing a big green year.



Savanah Sparrow in Newfoundland © Richard Gregson

Birding in Namibia

Presenter: Nick Acheson

Namibia lies along the Atlantic coast between South Africa and Angola. Its lowlands are mostly desert but the northeastern Caprivi Strip, between Angola and Botswana, is more humid. Etosha Park abounds in large mammals, easily seen at water holes. A recent 18 day trip produced 374 bird species including several endemics, as well as 46 mammals.



Lilac-breasted Roller in Namibia © 2014 Nick Acheson

Nick Acheson is a BPQ director and co-Chair of the of the Philipsburg Project Group. He was an avid birdwatcher from the age of ten until other things like

work and family took over in his twenties. He finished a Ph.D. in virology at Rockefeller University, spent ten years doing research on viruses in Switzerland and France, and moved to Montreal in 1980, where he joined the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University. Upon his retirement in 2005, he found time to revive his interest in birds. He also wrote/edited a new textbook on viruses for undergraduate university students.

Travels to Trinidad and Tobago

Presenter: Christine C. Lengvari

Christine Lengvari started birding in South Africa while living in Durban on the Indian Ocean. She has travelled extensively and been on many birding holidays to several exotic destinations: Amazon, Antarctica, Australia, Borneo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Galapagos, and Trinidad and Tobago. T&T is located in the southern Caribbean, just off the east coast of Venezuela. It is a tropical paradise, with a rich biodiversity. It is an outstanding birding destination with both endemic and migratory birds and bird count of over 200. In Trinidad, most travellers stay at Asa Wright Nature Centre, where you don't have to leave the viewing gallery to enjoy exotic birds to your heart's content. The estate is famous for the leks of the white-bearded and golden-headed manakins, the bearded bellbird and the nocturnal oilbird. Tobago is just a short stop away, with a variety of different birds and beautiful beaches.

Christine C. Lengvari trained as a chartered accountant and now continues the family business: Lengvari Financial Inc., which provides retirement and estate financial planning. She is an insurance specialist.

Birding Adventures in Amazonia and the Andes

Presenter: Jane Cormack

Ecuador is a tiny country with an incredibly rich biodiversity. It has, in fact, the highest number of bird species per square kilometre in the world. Jane Cormack will talk about some of her more soul-satisfying observations from a

total of 602 species produced on a three-week trip to the Amazon and the Andes with Charlie Vogt of Andean Birding, this past October.

Jane Cormack has always been passionate about nature and wildlife. She joined BPQ in 2008 to learn something about birds and became hooked, line and sinker. There were a few gaps to fill and less than a year later, she joined the Board of Directors. She is vice-president, head of Conservations and Sanctuaries, co-Chair of the Philipsburg Project Group, and editor of *The Song Sparrow* newsletter. She has a B.A. in English Literature and works as a technical writer and trainer.

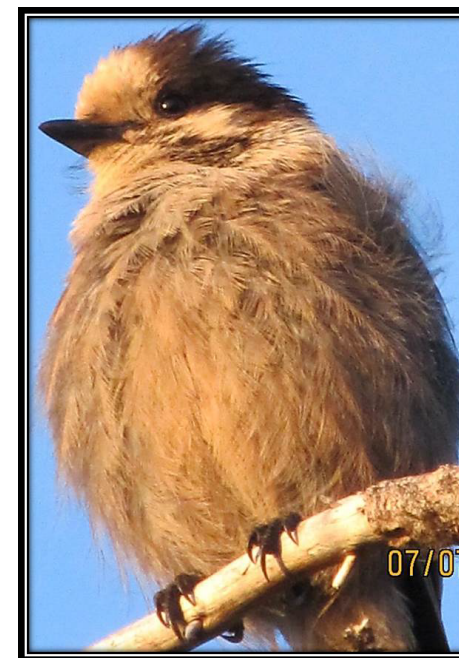
Birds of the Northern Lights

Monday, February 2, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
Knox Crescent, Kensington & First Presbyterian Church

Presenter: Joël Coutu

Joël Coutu will talk about the birds he observed in boreal and tundra habitats located in Northern Quebec and Labrador as part of his field research. As well, he will recount some of his adventures. Discover natural beauty in landscapes that have never known the presence of the white man. And learn how certain species of birds behave in their nesting territories, behaviours that are very different from those we see during migration.

Joël Coutu developed a passion for nature and wildlife early in life and has a keen interest in bird behaviour. He hosted a local television show and co-hosted a radio show about birds and bird watching. He is a past president of the COA. He has worked on numerous birding projects with schools and institutions and bird-related projects with the City of Montreal and some provincial parks. He has conducted several bird inventories in northern Quebec, Labrador, Bas-Saint-Laurent, and Beauce. He organizes day field trips for birding clubs and longer excursions in Ontario and Quebec for his own company. On occasion, he is asked to develop birding projects for clients.



Chloë: A Gray Jay, who became the camp mascot along with her siblings © Joël Coutu, 2014

New Member

Warm greetings to new member Christopher Finlay. Please join us on our field trips and at our monthly meetings. Good birding!

New Checklists

New checklists for the BPQ region will be available soon on the [BPQ website](#). One version includes French and English names only and can be printed and folded ifor use in the field. Another includes the scientific names, as well as the French and English. It can be printed downloaded to a tablet or computer.

About Boundaries

The boundaries of the BPQ Checklist of Birds are as defined in the 1971 edition of *Tchebec*, the BPQ annual report. The province was divided into ten sections by a committee that included Dr. Henri Ouellet. The Montreal area was defined as the St. Lawrence Lowlands from the northern end of Lac St. Pierre and the southern edge of the Laurentians (i.e., off shield) south to Ontario and the US border, east to Nicolet.

Changes

Modifications reflect the latest changes to the American Ornithological Union (AOU) checklist. The following birds were added to the checklist: Pink-footed Goose, Black Vulture, Louisina Waterthrush, Yellow-throated Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Western Tanager, and Eurasian Collared Dove. The Loggerhead Shrike was removed.

Interested in a Point Pelee Spring Camping Trip?

Last Call!

This year, for organizational reasons, we are putting out an early call to assess interest in a 2015 Point Pelee Spring Camping Trip in mid-May before actually attempting to reserve campsites. A minimum of eight participants is needed in order to make a reservation and the optimal number is 13 to 20. BPQ members may invite non-member friends to join them.

The setting is a small group campground in the woods with associated kitchen shelter, bathrooms and showers. From the campsite, it is a five-minute walk to the Interpretation Centre with connecting walking trails and tram service to the tip. Or you can simply wake up and start birding from your tent!

Although this is not a BPQ field trip per se, we are happy to try to organize the reservation and several Pelee veterans may be on hand to orient you to the park and its amenities. They may also direct you to the superb shorebird migratory area at Hillman Marsh nearby.

For further information and/or to signal an interest in this trip, please contact Martin Bowman at pict@riverlink.ca **before mid-December**.



Canada Warbler © Chuck Kling, August 2014

Past Field Trips

October and November 2014



Common Loon © Chuck Kling, August 2014

18/10/14 – Hungry Bay St. Louis de Gonzague

Guide: Frédéric Hareau

Cloudy, light winds. 8 birders; 44 species.

Bird of the Day: Eurasian Wigeon

Other Birds of Note: Snow Goose, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Ruddy Duck, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Peregrine Falcon, Common Raven, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Rusty Blackbird

25/10/14 – Parc National d'Oka, Oka

Guide: Wayne Grubert

Sunny, then overcast; 10°C. 20 birders; 34 species.

Bird of the Day: American Tree Sparrow

Other Birds of Note: American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, White-winged Scoter, Common Raven, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Rusty Blackbird

01/11/14 – Centre Lac-Boivin, Granby & Roxton Pond

Guide: Sheldon Harvey

Overcast, cool. 5 birders; 20 species.

Bird of the Day: Snow Goose; Black Scoter

Other Birds of Note: Wood Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Black Scoter, Herring Gull, Red-winged Blackbird

08/11/14 – Cap St-Jacques Nature Park, Pierrefonds

Guide: Wayne Grubert

2-3°C, breezy, cloudy. 12 birders; 23 species.

Bird of the Day: Fox Sparrow

Other Birds of Note: Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, American Tree Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco

15/11/14 - Parc Cagaux & Pointe-aux-Prairies, Montreal

Guide: Joël Coutu

Sunny and cold. 15 birders; 23 species

Bird of the Day: Rough-legged Hawk

Other Birds of Note: Great Blue Heron, Northern Harrier, Golden-crowned Kinglet, American Robin

22/11/14 – Hungry Bay, St-Louis-de-Gonzague, St-Timothée, Beauharnois

Guide: Frédéric Hareau

Cold, strong winds at points. 8 birders; 46 species

Birds of the Day: Glaucous Gull, Snow Buntings, White-winged Scoters

Other Birds of Note: Snow Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Common Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Brown-headed Cowbird, Red-tailed Hawk, Tufted Titmouse, Red-winged Blackbird

29/11/14 – Morgan Arboretum, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

Guide: Richard Gregson

Sunny, -8°C. 28 birders; 21 species.

Bird of the Day: Red-bellied Woodpecker

Other Birds of Note: Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Red-winged Blackbird

Birdwatching Ethics

As reports of Snowy Owls and other majestic winter species come in, birders are reminded to respect the birds and the property they are on. Stay on paths. Approach gently and always maintain a good distance. Remember that if the bird flies away, you're too close.



Snowy Owl © Chuck Kling, December 2014

Field Trips for January and February 2015

Sorties ornithologiques pour janvier et février 2015

Saturday 17 January - samedi 17 janvier
Montreal Botanical Garden - Jardin Botanique de Montréal
<https://goo.gl/maps/FOQNe>

Guide: David Mulholland 514-630-6082 davidjmulholland@sympatico.ca

8:00 a.m. Meet in front of the restaurant, near the entrance on Sherbrooke St. East. There is a charge for parking inside the gates. Looking for winter finches.
Half day.

8 h 00 Rassemblement devant le restaurant, près de l'entrée du jardin sur la rue Sherbrooke Est. Prévoir des frais de stationnement si vous stantionnez à l'intérieur du jardin. Espèces recherchées : oiseaux d'hiver. **Demi-journée.**

Saturday, January 24 – samedi 24 janvier
Urban Birding – Sortie Ornithologique Urbaine
<https://goo.gl/maps/6eOF3>

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

8:00 a.m. Meet in the Costco parking lot at the corner of Bridge and Mill Streets in the Pointe-St-Charles area of Montreal. We will explore the Cité-du-Havre, Technoparc and CN rail yard areas before continuing on and making some final stops on Nuns' Island. Looking for resident winter birds in an urban setting. Possibilities include raptors, ravens and mockingbirds. **Half day.**

8 h 00 Rassemblement dans le stationnement de Costco à l'angle des rues Mill et Bridge dans le quartier de Pointe-St-Charles à Montréal. Nous allons explorer la Cité-du-Havre, le Technoparc et les zones de triage du CN avant de continuer et de faire quelques arrêts sur l'île des Sœurs. Nous serons à la recherche des oiseaux d'hiver résidents en milieu urbain, avec la possibilité de rapaces, de corbeaux et de moqueurs. **Demi-journée.**

Saturday, January 31 – samedi 31 janvier
Chateauguay, Rue Higgins and Sainte-Catherine
Récré-O-Parc

<https://goo.gl/maps/MWFd2>

Guide: Tom Long 450-692-1590 ram_air455@yahoo.com

8:00 a.m. Meet at rue Higgins in Châteauguay. At Higgins, the birds to look for will be Red-bellied Woodpecker and Tufted Titmouse. But you never know what will show up. One Christmas Bird Count, 22 species were counted there in just over an hour. They included a Carolina Wren and an Eastern Towhee. After checking out the Higgins area, we will go to the Récré-O-Parc in Sainte-Catherine where it will be mostly winter ducks and there may be some surprises. There are no facilities at the Récré-O-Parc. **Half day.**

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 Boul. St-Francis. Follow St. Francis all the way to the end where it meets the Châteauguay River at Blvd. Salaberry Nord. Turn right on to Salaberry Nord and continue to rue Higgins and turn right. There is a small parking area on the left next to the cell-phone tower.

8 h 00 Rendez-vous sur la rue Higgins à Châteauguay où les espèces recherchées sont le Pic à ventre roux et la Mésange bicolore. Mais nous ne pouvons prévoir qui sera au rendez-vous. Lors d'un décompte de Noël, 22 espèces y ont été dénombrées dans un peu plus d'une heure comprenant un Troglodyte de Caroline ainsi qu'un Tohi à flancs roux. Après avoir fait le tour de la rue Higgins, nous irons à la Récré-O-Parc à Sainte-Catherine. Au Récré-O-Parc, nous rencontrerons presque exclusivement des canards d'hiver et peut-être quelques autres surprises. Le Récré-O-Parc n'offre aucune installation sanitaire ni de restauration. **Demi-journée.**

De Montréal, prendre la route 138 et traverser le pont Mercier. Rester à droite en venant du pont et prenez l'autoroute 138 à Kahnawake dans Châteauguay. Lorsque vous entrez dans Châteauguay, tourner à droite sur le boul. St-François. Suivez St.-François jusqu'au bout, en face de la rivière Châteauguay au boul. Salaberry Nord. Tourner à droite sur Salaberry Nord et continuer jusqu'à la rue Higgins et tourner à droite. Il y a un petit parking sur la gauche à côté de la tour de téléphonie cellulaire.

Saturday, February 7 – samedi 7 février Ste-Marthe, St-Clet, Ste-Justine

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

Guide: Wayne Grubert 450-458-5498 wgrubert@hotmail.com

8:00 a.m. Meet at Hudson Inn, exit 17 off Highway 40. From Montreal, take Highway 40 west towards Ottawa. Allow an hour's drive from Montreal. Looking for Snowy Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, Snow Buntings and other open-country winter birds. Bring warm clothes for standing around or taking short walks (or in case weather conditions dictate a complete change of itinerary). We will try to keep the number of cars to a minimum; therefore, car-pooling arranged ahead of time and/or at our rendez-vous point would be greatly appreciated. **Half day.**

8 h 00 Rassemblement au Hudson Inn, sortie 17 de l'autoroute 40. De Montréal, prendre l'autoroute 40 ouest, en direction d'Ottawa. Prévoir une heure à partir de Montréal. Espèces recherchées : Harfang des neiges, Buse pattue, Bruant des neiges et autres oiseaux d'hiver. Apporter des vêtements suffisamment chauds pour de courtes marches et permettant de passer du temps à l'extérieur; prévoir également d'éventuels changements de plans, dus à la météo. Nous vous encourageons à faire du covoiturage en vue de limiter le nombre de voitures. **Demi-journée.**

Saturday, February 14 – samedi 14 février Valentine's Surprise Trip – Excursion surprise de la Saint Valentin

Guide: TBA – A confirmer

In the winter months it is difficult to know in advance the best places to go birding. As a result, the destination of this trip will be determined mere days

before the actual outing. It will be chosen based on a number of factors including weather conditions, bird activity, and special or rare bird sightings reported in the days leading up to the trip. Complete details, including the destination, the start time, the meeting spot, and the duration, will be posted on the BPQ website and on the Song Sparrow Yahoo Group two or three days in advance of the Saturday outing.



Rosy-faced Lovebirds in Namibia © 2014 Nick Acheson

Durant les mois d'hiver il est difficile de connaître à l'avance les meilleurs endroits pour observer les oiseaux. Par conséquent, la destination de cette excursion sera déterminée quelques jours seulement avant la sortie. Elle sera choisie en fonction de certains facteurs tels que les conditions météorologiques, l'activité des oiseaux et toutes observations d'oiseaux rares ou spéciaux signalés dans les jours précédents. Deux ou trois jours avant la sortie du samedi, surveillez notre page web sur les sorties ornithologiques et le «Song Sparrow Yahoo Group» pour y trouver les détails complets de l'excursion, sa destination, l'heure, le lieu du rassemblement et la durée.

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BPQ Birding Calendar December 2014 to February 2015

Full details are on our Web site at: www.birdprotectionquebec.org

Christmas Bird Counts

- **79th Annual Montreal Christmas Bird Count:**
Saturday, December 20, 2014
For information about participating, contact Sheldon Harvey by e-mail: ve2shw@yahoo.com or telephone: 450-462-1459.
- **74th Hudson Christmas Bird Count:**
Saturday, December 27, 2014
For information about participating, contact Jean Demers by e-mail cbchudson2@gmail.com or by telephone at: 514-694-8240.

January Lecture: Travel Tales

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