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# “The President Chirps”

by Sheldon Harvey  
President, Bird Protection Quebec

As we move through the autumn and prepare ourselves for the winter ahead, it continues to be a busy time for Bird Protection Quebec.

It is membership renewal time. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to renew for another year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and is vital in order for us to continue to work and fulfill our mandate. We are very pleased to now be issuing tax-deductible income tax receipts for our membership dues.

Our annual series of monthly BPQ meetings, with guest lecturers, is now underway. A review of the October lecture appears in this issue of the newsletter. We welcome all to attend the upcoming meetings.

In addition to our regular weekly field trips, which will continue throughout the winter, we are preparing for this year's annual Montreal and Hudson Christmas Bird Counts. Full details of these annual events appear in this newsletter. The CBCs generally attract more participation from our members than any other event throughout the year. We appreciate your continued support of and involvement in these important citizen science projects. If you have never participated before, please consider getting involved this year.

We were pleased this fall to offer a series of Fall Warbler Walks thanks to the efforts of Joël Coutu. The walks took place at Parc nature de l'Île de la Visitation and produced some impressive bird lists, especially for fall warblers. We received many compliments on the outings, particularly on the educational aspect presented by Joël, which has helped participants in identifying those confusing fall plumages. We hope to make these outings a regular feature of our annual calendar.

We have been fortunate to have a number of BPQ members volunteer to help out with the translation of our new, fully bilingual, BPQ website. The finishing touches are being put into place and we hope to launch the site around mid-November.

BPQ has begun working together with McGill's Redpath Museum. We provided guides for a bird walk on Mount Royal for the public, organized by Redpath's Science Outreach Department on September 20. Future walks are being scheduled. We also set up a bird observation and information station at McGill's BioBlitz event at the Morgan Arboretum on September 23, introducing students to birds of the region.

A working group has been formed to plan for the 100th anniversary of BPQ in 2017. We are looking for additional volunteers to work on this project. We hope to organize special events throughout the centenary year 2017 but we will need a lot of help to do so. If you are interested in assisting in the project, please contact us.

## Get In Touch

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## Visit Our New Calendar Page

Remember that you can check at any time on details of BPQ events by visiting our [online calendar](#) where you will find all the information you need.

# The 79th Annual Montreal Christmas Bird Count: Saturday, December 20, 2014

by Sheldon Harvey

One of Bird Protection Quebec's (BPQ) most popular annual events, the Montreal Christmas Bird Count (CBC), will take place on Saturday, December 20, 2014. The annual bird counts play a vital role in tracking local and national birding trends and are one of the most important events on the citizen science calendar. We are once again counting on your important participation.



American Robin in Snow © Chuck Kling

Barbara Szabo, Jean Demers, Clémence Soulard, and I make up the BPQ Christmas Count Committee. Barbara and I will be responsible for the Montreal Count, with Jean and Clémence looking after Hudson. We were very

pleased to have excellent participation in the last year's event. There is, however, space and territory available to add more people. We have a long-standing tradition to uphold and, with everyone's support and cooperation, we aim to carry it on.

## 2014 BPQ Christmas Bird Counts

**Montreal: Saturday, December 20**

**Hudson: Saturday, December 27**

The 24-km-wide circle for the Montreal area count is centred at the intersection of Sherbrooke Street West and Westminster Avenue in Montreal West. An overview of the count, a map of the count circle, and the results from past years are all available on our website. (Follow the link at the end of this article.) Teams of birders cover as much of the territory within the circle as possible. In order to do that, as many participants as possible are needed.

It's a fun day of birding, all for a valuable and important purpose. The key thing to remember on a Christmas Bird Count is that every single bird you see is important, regardless of whether it is common or rare. Seeing some "good birds" is always an added bonus, but the goal of the day is to count each and every bird of each and every species.

If you live anywhere within the count circle and have feeders installed, but are unable to join one of our field teams, you can still assist us without leaving the comfort of your home. Our website explains how to participate as a FeederWatcher.

If you participated last year, you should have received an e-mail from us recently, asking if you wish to participate this year, covering the same territory. (If not, get in touch.) If you would like to move to a different target area, we will do our best to accommodate. If you are new to the Christmas count and are interested in becoming a field participant, please contact us and we will assign you to a sector. We will place you on a team with some experienced Christmas counters. Everyone's involvement is extremely important. We will also be presenting an information session and overview of the Christmas Counts at the December BPQ monthly meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014.

As in previous years, an informal social will be held immediately following the count at the Montreal West Curling Club, 17 Ainslie Road in Montreal West, at approximately 4:00 p.m. All participants are invited to attend for a bite to eat and to submit their findings of the day. The rough results are tabulated and everyone is encouraged to share their birding experiences of the day.

Complete information on the Montreal Christmas Bird Count, as well as the Hudson Christmas Bird Count being held on Saturday, December 27, is available on the following BPQ webpage [http://pqspb.org/bpq2/?page\\_id=139](http://pqspb.org/bpq2/?page_id=139)

We look forward to your participation again this year. If you have any questions, or wish to register for the event, please contact Sheldon Harvey, e-mail: [ve2shw@yahoo.com](mailto:ve2shw@yahoo.com) or telephone: 450-462-1459.

Watch the Songsparrow e-mail forum and the BPQ Facebook page for further information as the event approaches.

## 74th Hudson Christmas Bird Count

by Jean Demers

This year the 74th Hudson Christmas Bird Count will be held on December 27, 2014. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the event. For those of you who have never done a Christmas Bird Count, you are missing out on a terrific citizen science project which helps to evaluate the numbers of birds who spend the winter with us. This project is conducted throughout North America and in some countries in Central and South America.

You do not need to be an expert birder to participate. We will match new participants with experienced bird count veterans. In Hudson, we have seventeen field teams covering many different habitats.

We cover a 24-km-wide circle. The task is simple: counting all birds of all species seen throughout the day. Participants will receive detailed instructions

on how to proceed. Each team will be provided with the required documents to record their findings for the day.



Barred Owl © Chuck Kling 2013

If you live within the count circle and prefer to stay in the warmth of your home, you can still participate in the event as a FeederWatcher. For this, you count the birds at your feeders, at specific intervals, throughout the day. Contact me with your address and I will confirm if you live within the coverage area of the Hudson count.

For details on participating in the Hudson Christmas Bird Count, please contact me at: [cbchudson2@gmail.com](mailto:cbchudson2@gmail.com) or by phone at: 514-694-8240.

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

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

## Bird Views

### A Summary of Interesting Bird Sightings in Montréal and around the Province

June-July 2014

by Pierre Bannon

**Eurasian Wigeon:** a male photographed at Hull 9 July (L. Auger). **Tufted Duck:** a male at Sept-Îles 5-7 July (B. Duchesne, O. Barden et al.). **American White Pelican:** singles at Luskville 17-21 July (Y. Gauvreau et al.) and at Saint-Bruno (Lac Saint-Jean) 30 July (N. Tremblay). **Least Bittern:** one at Sainte-Anne-des-Monts 4 June, a second record for Gaspésie (M. Daudelin). **Tricolored Heron:** singles at Longue-Rive 1 June (P. Otis et al.) and at Cap-Tourmente 15 May-22 June (M. Raymond et al.).

**Wilson's Phalarope:** a female photographed at Saint-Blaise 3 June (D. Stobbe). **Laughing Gull:** at least a dozen birds reported, most of them in eastern Québec. **Franklin's Gull:** an ad. at Métabetchouan 14 July (D. Lavoie). **Caspian Tern:** three nests were discovered on Île Hervieux (Lavaltrie) 11 June (JF. Giroux, F. Saint-Pierre). **Black Skimmer:** an ad. appeared at Rivière-Ouelle 17-19 July (JD. Babin, D. Faucher, *m.ob.*), at Québec Cily 23 July (M. Larouche et al. *m. ob.*), at Sept-Îles 31 July-4 August

## Parlons d'Oiseaux

### Un bilan des observations intéressantes à Montréal et à travers la province

Juin-juillet 2014

par Pierre Bannon

**Canard siffleur** : un mâle photographié à Hull 9 juillet (L. Auger). **Fuligule morillon** : un mâle à Sept-Îles 5-7 juillet (B. Duchesne, O. Barden et al.). **Pélican d'Amérique** : des indiv. à Luskville 17-21 juillet (Y. Gauvreau et al.) et à Saint-Bruno (Lac Saint-Jean) 30 juillet (N. Tremblay). **Petit Blongios** : un à Sainte-Anne-des-Monts 4 juin, la deuxième mention seulement en Gaspésie (M. Daudelin). **Aigrette tricolore** : des indiv. à Longue-Rive 1er juin (P. Otis et al.) et à Cap-Tourmente 15 mai-22 juin (M. Raymond et al.).

**Phalarope de Wilson** : une femelle photographiée à Saint-Blaise 3 juin (D. Stobbe). **Mouette atricille** : au moins une douzaine d'oiseaux signalés, la plupart dans l'est de la province. **Mouette de Franklin** : un ad. à Métabetchouan 14 juillet (D. Lavoie). **Sterne caspienne** : trois nids ont été découverts sur l'Île Hervieux (Lavaltrie) 11 juin (JF. Giroux, F. Saint-Pierre). **Bec-en-ciseaux noir** : un ad. est apparu à Rivière-Ouelle 17-19 juillet (JD. Babin, D. Faucher, *pl.ob.*), à Québec 23 juillet (M. Larouche et al., *pl.ob.*), à Sept-Îles 31 juillet-4 août (B. Duchesne, C. Couture, *pl. ob.*), à Les Escoumins

(B. Duchesne, C. Couture, *m.ob.*), at Les Escoumins 6-8 August (JG. Beaulieu et al. *m.ob.*) and at Kamouraska 9 Aug (D. Brassard, M. O' Neill). All these sightings probably involved the same individual wandering along the St. Lawrence River in the wake of tropical storm Arthur, which hit the Maritime provinces and the tip of the Gaspé Peninsula on 5 July. This provided the second regional record for the province, the first referring to a specimen from Nicolet dating back to October 1938.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove:** singles at Saint-Flavien (Lotbinière) 9 June onwards (R. Gingras, *m.ob.*), at Saint-Vallier 6 June onwards (A. Bourget, *m.ob.*) and at Saint-Thomas from May until at least 23 July (N. Coulombe, R. Piché). **White-winged Dove:** singles at Saint-André-du-Lac-Saint-Jean 23-29 June (M. Savard) and at Fatima (Magdalen Is.) 3 July (A. Richard). **Snowy Owl:** following last winter's irruption, several birds lingered throughout the summer, especially in eastern Québec. A few were even seen in the Montreal area.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** one at Cap-Chat 5 June (C. Turcotte). **Red-bellied Woodpecker:** breeding was confirmed at Châteauguay for the ninth consecutive year (*m. ob.*) while no less than three pairs nested successfully in the Philipsburg-Saint-Armand area (N. Bourdon, JG. Papineau). **Acadian Flycatcher:** a singing bird was present at Notre-Dame-du-Nord (Témiscamingue) 14 June for the fourth consecutive summer (J. Fréchette). **Tropical Kingbird:** one photographed at Magpie 14 June (V. Vogel). **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:** singles at Pohénégamook 1 June (J. Roy, C. Roy) and at Cap-des-Rosiers 8 June (M. Saint-Amour, ph.). **Sedge Wren:** up to two birds spent several weeks in June-July in a wet field at Franklin (D. Ouellette, *m.ob.*) while 5 were found at Dundee 24 June (F. Grenon, L. den Besten). Finally, one at Authier-Nord (Abitibi) 5 July was way out of range (L. Imbeau).

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** one at Cap Tourmente 1-2 June (S. Rioux, MA. Boisvert). **Lark Sparrow:** one at Cap Tourmente 15 June (G. Garant). **Summer Tanager:** a male was seen and heard at Philipsburg 19 July (A. Perras, D. Veilleux). **Blue Grosbeak:** a first summer male was in the company of the Dickcissel at Franklin 23-29 June (ph. M. Brodeur, *m.ob.*). **Painted Bunting:** almost incredible was the report of three different birds documented with photos in early June: single males appeared at Hatley (Estrie) 3-6 June (*fide* Denis Lepage), at Rimouski (Lower St. Lawrence) 5 June (LG. Richard) and at Forestville (North Shore) 15-16 June (E. Michaud). These provided first records for these three respective regions and the

6-8 août (JG. Beaulieu et al., *pl.ob.*) et à Kamouraska 9 août (D. Brassard, M. O' Neill). Toutes ces présences semblent concerner un seul individu errant le long du Saint-Laurent à la suite du passage de la tempête tropicale Arthur qui a frappé les Maritimes et la pointe est de la Gaspésie le 5 juillet. Il s'agit d'une deuxième présence pour le Québec, la première étant celle d'un spécimen obtenu à Nicolet en octobre 1938.

**Tourterelle turque :** des indiv. à Saint-Flavien (Lotbinière) à partir du 9 juin (R. Gingras, *pl.ob.*), à Saint-Vallier à partir du 6 juin (A. Bourget, *pl.ob.*) et à Saint-Thomas de mai au moins jusqu'au 23 juillet (N. Coulombe, R. Piché). **Tourterelle à ailes blanches :** des indiv. à Saint-André-du-Lac-Saint-Jean 23-29 juin (M. Savard) et à Fatima (îles de la Madeleine.) 3 juillet (A. Richard). **Harfang des neiges :** suite à l'irruption de l'hiver dernier, des oiseaux se sont attardés durant l'été, surtout dans l'est de la province. Certains ont même été aperçus dans la région de Montréal.

**Pic à tête rouge :** un à Cap-Chat 5 juin (C. Turcotte). **Pic à ventre roux :** la nidification a été confirmée à Châteauguay pour la neuvième année consécutive (*pl. ob.*), alors que pas moins de trois couples ont niché dans la région de Philipsburg-Saint-Armand (N. Bourdon, JG. Papineau). **Moucherolle vert :** un oiseau chantait à Notre-Dame-du-Nord (Témiscamingue) 14 juin pour le 4ième été consécutif (J. Fréchette). **Tyran mélancolique :** un photographié à Magpie 14 juin (V. Vogel). **Tyran à longue queue :** des indiv. à Pohénégamook 1er juin (J. Roy, C. Roy) et à Cap-des-Rosiers 8 juin (M. Saint-Amour, ph.). **Troglodyte à bec court :** jusqu'à deux oiseaux ont passé plusieurs semaines en juin-juillet dans un champ humide de Franklin (D. Ouellette, *pl.ob.*) tandis que 5 ont été trouvés à Dundee 24 juin (F. Grenon, L. den Besten). Finalement, un oiseau à Authier-Nord (Abitibi) 5 juillet était très loin de sa zone (L. Imbeau).

**Paruline polyglotte :** une à Cap Tourmente 1-2 juin (S Rioux, MA. Boisvert). **Bruant à joues marron :** un à Cap Tourmente 15 juin (G. Garant). **Piranga vermillon :** un mâle vu et entendu à Philipsburg 19 juillet (A. Perras, D. Veilleux). **Guiraca bleu :** un mâle de 1er été a accompagné le Dickcissel à Franklin 23-29 juin (ph. M. Brodeur, *pl.ob.*). **Passerin nonpareil :** incroyable mais vrai, 3 mâles différents documentés avec photos ont été signalés au début de juin : Hatley (Estrie) 3-6 juin (*fide* Denis Lepage), Rimouski (Bas-Saint-Laurent) 5 juin (LG. Richard) et Forestville (Côte Nord) 15-16 juin (E. Michaud). Il s'agit d'une première présence pour ces trois régions respectives et des quatorzième, quinzième et seizième présences pour la

fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth records for the province. **Dickcissel**: a territorial male spent several weeks at Franklin 7 June-17 July (D. Ouellette, *m. ob.*). Two males were present 18 June (L. Lemay).

province. **Dickcissel d'Amérique** : un mâle territorial a passé plusieurs semaines à Franklin 7 juin-17 juillet (D. Ouellette, *pl. ob.*). Deux mâles étaient présents 18 juin (L. Lemay).

Please report your interesting bird observations to:

Pierre Bannon

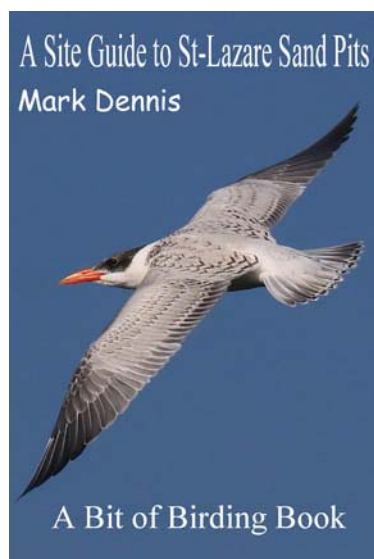
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# Des oiseaux et des mouches

Book review by Richard Gregson

*Des oiseaux et des mouches*  
Jean-Pierre Artigau  
(ISBN : 978-2-9814580-0-1)  
\$28.00

Jean-Pierre Artigau is one half of the “Atlas Team BPQ 2013.” He spent a successful month and a half in the northern forests of Quebec with Hugues Brunoni gathering bird census data for the forthcoming second edition of the *Quebec Breeding Bird Atlas*. He has written a fascinating account of the team’s adventures in this beautifully illustrated book. I know many readers of *The Song Sparrow* newsletter will thoroughly enjoy reading it. Many of you will recall having listened to the presentation he gave at one of our monthly meetings last year. This book fills in the gaps he did not have time to cover and does it in a very entertaining manner.

The author graduated from the University of Ottawa with a specialism in Biology in 1996 and later qualified as a professional translator. One of the many ornithological projects in his career was translating the *Guide des sites d'observation des oiseaux de l'Outaouais*. He was also closely involved with the Loggerhead Shrike project which for many years was conducted on the BPQ Breckenridge Bird sanctuary west of Gatineau.

*Des oiseaux et des mouches*, an extract of which was published in our newsletter in August 2013, takes the form of a day-to-day diary of the survey period. Including preparatory training, this lasted from May 27 to July 18, 2013: a period of important bird activity and extremely energetic mosquito and blackfly activity. When Jean-Pierre met Hugues, his partner, at the introductory sessions, he informed him that if he insisted on using the formal *vous* he would be obliged to bring him coffee every morning before he left his sleeping bag. It was the start of a great partnership.

## Des oiseaux et des mouches

Ce livre est le récit d'une expédition de plusieurs semaines effectuée pour l'*Atlas des oiseaux nicheurs du Québec* en 2013. À cette occasion, Jean-Pierre Artigau et Hugues Brunoni ont passé plusieurs semaines dans une région pratiquement inhabitée.

L'ouvrage raconte les péripéties et les surprenantes rencontres qui ont agrémenté ce périple. Il relate aussi les difficultés éprouvées par les deux ornithologues et leurs conditions de vie au cours de ce voyage : rencontres avec des animaux sauvages, nuits passées sous la tente, lever aux petites heures du matin, cuisine et repas en plein air, mauvais temps, incidents mécaniques, conduite sur des chemins exécrationnels et surtout présence constante de nuées d'insectes piqueurs.

Le récit parfois humoristique est accompagné de nombreuses photographies; il est agrémenté de trois courts intermèdes poétiques (légendes et conte) illustrés par l'artiste Josée Soucie.

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Eventually they hit the road to search for breeding birds in a huge area of almost trackless forest 140 km to a side. This included seventeen 10-km-square parcels of land, where detailed work was to be done, plus a few additional areas partially covered by volunteers. They had a truck, an ATV, tents and camping equipment, the all-important bug nets and sprays, a radio, and a satellite location device. Everything in fact was under control ... until they realized that the box containing all their important maps, files, observation sheets and other necessities had fallen from the roof of the truck somewhere far back down the road earlier in the day. Fortunately these were (for the most part) eventually recovered and after lengthy periods of drying and flattening could be used in the way intended. The life of a bird-atlasser is full of surprises. There is a delightful photograph in the book of Hugues in full mosquito-suit sitting with a box full of crumpled and soggy papers ... but smiling.

And so their weeks progressed. They were up with the sun to breakfast and to count birds. They had long drives on broken roads, many excursions by foot and ATV, sightings and encounters with bears, deer, mosquitoes, blackflies, and many, many birds. Every evening a satellite tracking device reported their position to headquarters (and to the BPQ website team). We plotted their route on a map for our members to follow. This is still available on the website if you would like to check it). On several occasions the last entry for each day was a variant on that for June 7- "*Coucher à 20h. Pluie et mouches noires.*"

I suppose to some people, including some birders, their adventures sound too uncomfortable to contemplate but Jean-Pierre's elegant descriptions of each day's occasional frustrations and frequent triumphs leaves you with the realization that it must have been a very satisfying and enjoyable partnership and that the whole expedition was productive and worthwhile.

Quebec birders have been closely involved with the *Breeding Bird Atlas* for almost five years of data collection now. For most of us, this has involved relatively comfortable days in the field with a warm bed at the end of it, but for Jean-Pierre, Hugues, and the members of the other wilderness teams it was more than that. Without their dedicated work, the atlas when it is eventually published would be diminished. I think we have to thank them for their dedication and fortitude.

This is a book that all birders should read. It is delightfully written and illustrated with a wealth of fine photographs. Indulge yourselves and buy a copy today.

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# 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!



## October Lecture Report

by Nancy Robinson  
BPQ Member

*Photo opposite: 2013 Monitoring: Trees planted in 2012 by Jairo Moncada in the el Palmar community stand over 3 metres tall. This plot demonstrates outstanding tree growth and development in Nicaragua,*

## Restoring Ecosystems, Improving Livelihoods, and Tackling Climate Change

**Presenter: Brooke van Mossel-Forrester**  
**Monday, October 6, 2014**

Brooke van Mossel-Forrester provided us with a fascinating glimpse into what one group of idealistic university graduates has accomplished since 2007 when they were brought together by their common desire to do something about climate change.

Having chosen tree planting as the best way to reduce greenhouse gasses, they focused on Nicaragua, where one of their founders had contacts. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere and largely deforested. An additional benefit of working in a country closer to the equator is that the trees grow about ten times faster than in northern climes.

Their achievements are impressive! Since 2010, they have planted 1,234,500 trees, reforesting 900 hectares of land: the equivalent of 1,267 soccer fields. In terms of compensating for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, this represents 259,000 tons removed from the atmosphere, equivalent to taking 67,700 cars that drive 15,000 kilometres per year off the road.

Taking Root, a non-profit organization based in Montreal, funds its programs by selling carbon offsets to companies and even to individuals. To certify their programs, they use the Plan Vivo Standard, the only reforestation standard that emphasizes community participation, using native tree species and

protecting critical watersheds, and which is managed by the Scottish charitable foundation, Plan Vivo.



2013 planting: A community member helps with the planting season.  
Photo by Chris Henschel.

Taking Root is prospering and expanding. Brooke showed us how they work with local subsistence farmers to reforest underutilized parts of their own land so that the trees will be cared for and provide sustainable income for these families into the future. It took some convincing to get farmers interested in planting trees, she said, as trees do not bring any immediate economic benefit. However, farmers joining the program were interested in receiving the ongoing payments provided by the program in exchange for planting trees and keeping them healthy. They already have 290 farmer families participating in almost 60 different communities, and recruit over 60 new farming families each year. They hire local staff to measure 10% of all the trees each year, and now have 25 full-time employees in Nicaragua. Mahogany is one of the endangered species they have planted, so that in the future controlled harvesting will be an option to bring even more money into the community.

What has this got to do with birds? The group of students who visited Nicaragua initially noticed that in the deforested areas there was not much wildlife. Now they see a change and have especially noticed birds. In fact, Brooke is excited about their new connection with BPQ. They see that their work extends beyond human communities.

We were fortunate to hear this extraordinary success story first-hand. For more information, to calculate your carbon footprint, and to buy or gift a tree, visit their website: [www.takingroot.org](http://www.takingroot.org).

With Taking Root and Plan Vivo, you know where your money is going and that the trees you helped plant will continue to grow and help families and communities prosper. Find out more about Plan Vivo: <http://www.planvivo.org/>

## November Lecture

**Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Knox Crescent, Kensington & First Presbyterian Church,  
6225 Godfrey Ave, NDG**

**Presenter** Joël Bonin: Vice President of Nature Conservancy of Canada, Quebec Division

## Kenauk: Treasures of the 300-Year-Old Seigneurie

The Kenauk Property is a 260 km<sup>2</sup> parcel, one of the largest private lands in Québec. It is located just a few kilometres north of the Ottawa River, less than two hours' drive from Montreal and one hour from Ottawa. This is one of the last regions of southern Quebec where extensive wilderness tracts remain relatively intact. The property is bordered by Crown lands to the north. It allows wide-ranging mammals, including the Eastern wolf, to maintain dynamic and sustainable populations.

The former Papineau Seigneurie is rich in history and hosts the largest stand of black maple forest in Quebec, as well as no fewer than 70 lakes. This place shelters a myriad of unexpected wonders which the Nature Conservancy of Canada hopes to explore. The Cerulean Warbler is a key species among other targets we hope to find within that territory. Along with partners, we are stimulating academic research at the scale of the entire Kinong River Watershed.



Joël Bonin, November Speaker

*"Very rich bird life ...and quite unique ... I would urge anyone looking for new places to go birding to make an effort to attend this talk...."*  
Richard Gregson

## December Lecture

**Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Knox Crescent, Kensington & First Presbyterian Church,  
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**Presenter Jonathan Verreault**, *Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Comparative Avian Toxicology; Centre de recherche en toxicologie de l'environnement (TOXEN), Département des sciences biologiques, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC*



**Jonathan Verreault**, December speaker

## Toxic Birds

### Unusually High Levels of Flame Retardant Chemicals in Gulls from Montreal and the Canadian Arctic

Gulls have been used extensively as sentinels of environmental contaminant exposure and biological effects. Flame retardants have become notorious in recent years. These chemicals are added in a wide range of consumer products, such as electronic/electric equipment, cars, and upholstered furniture, to meet fire safety standards. These include the polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), but also a growing number of alternative or replacement products to the recently banned PBDE mixtures. PBDEs and some new flame retardants have been found at occasionally high concentrations in gulls from industrialized areas including Montreal. These chemicals can also travel long distances before ending up in the tissues of Arctic wildlife such as gulls and polar bears. Where do flame retardants come from? How do they get into our ecosystems and reach the Arctic regions? What are their impacts on ecosystems and birds? During this presentation, Jonathan Verreault, specialist in environmental toxicology, will share his research on these toxic chemicals found in Montreal and Arctic gulls.

## New Members

Warm greetings to new members Joe Delesantro, Christine Kirkman, Maurice Mede, Penny McEwen, John Moorhouse, Monique Racine, and Ute Wilkinson. Please join us on our field trips and at our monthly meetings. Good birding!

## First Annual Fall Warbler Walks



Magnolia Warbler © Chuck Kling

Following are the reports of the first annual BPQ Fall Warbler Walks series. Four walks took place, on the mornings of September 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2014, at Parc-nature de l'Île-de-la-Visitation. They were led by Joël Coutu.

## Summary

An average of 21 birders participated. They were Montrealers from all over the island and a few far-flung visitors from the U.S. and France.

**Total bird species:** 64

**Total warbler species:** 17 (10-13-10-3).

Interestingly, Ovenbird, Yellow Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, and Blackburnian Warbler were not seen during the walks but were observed in the days leading up to and following each walk.

I wish to thank all those who took a few hours out of their busy day to come to these walks. **Merci à vous tous** and see you next year with the return of our gems: the warblers! *Joël Coutu*

## Week 1: September 9

Great September weather. 18°C.  
24 birders. 36 bird species including 10 warbler species.  
A calm morning for warblers and other songbirds in migration.

**Warbler species:** Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler

**Full list and details on eBird**  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S19782601>

## Week 2: September 16

13°C Overcast.  
21 birders. 44 bird species including 13 warbler species.

Due to the weather, the birds were a little less active and you might even say less colourful. We had to work hard to see them. We did have a rare visitor to the park: a beautiful Great Egret. A pair of Merlins showed off their skills a couple of times and even perched for us. A few White-throated Sparrow were also observed: a sign that fall is coming.

**Warbler species:** Wilson's, Common Yellowthroat, Black-and-White, Blackpoll, Bay-breasted, Palm, Black-throated Green, Yellow-rumped, Magnolia, Chestnut-sided, Northern Parula, Nashville, Tennessee Warbler.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S19850089>

## Week 3: September 23

10°C Cloudy. 20 birders. 12 warbler species: a few waves of mixed flocks (or Warbler Attacks!) appeared for the group. Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Palm, Cape May and everyone's darling: the Northern Parula.

Large migrating groups of Canada Geese, many White-throated Sparrow and groups of American Robins were seen passing through the park. Only a couple of Dark-eyed Juncos, not large groups. This indicates that the warblers will still be around.

Some species that have moved on or in very low numbers, compared to a few weeks ago: Wood Duck, Song Sparrow, Warbling Vireo, American Redstart, Bay-breasted Warbler, Cedar Waxwing and most flycatchers.  
Full list on eBird with details: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S19916657#>

## Week 4: September 30

11°C. Cloudy. Proof that fall has arrived: Lowest number of warbler species: 3. Bird species 30. 18 birders.

It was very quiet in the park, except for a Winter Wren who showed off a little.

**Warbler species:** Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler

Full details and report on eBird:

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S19996841>

# 2014 Summer Series Spontaneous Field Trips

Report of the eleventh annual Summer Series of Birding  
by Sheldon Harvey



**Osprey, End of Summer 2014 © Chuck Kling**

Our eleventh consecutive year of summer field trips wrapped up on August 16. This year we conducted five field trips, visiting Parc des Rapides in LaSalle, Cooper Marsh in S. Lancaster, Ontario, Ste-Martine/St-Étienne/St-Timothée, the Nature Park in Pointe-des-Cascades, Quebec, and the Eastern Ontario sewage lagoons. On July 19, rather than scheduling a conventional field trip, we set up a BPQ promotional exhibit at Le Nichoir's open house in Hudson, Quebec.

The five combined trips produced a total of 97 species. That was the second lowest number of species recorded in our eleven years of summer trips. Only 2008 produced fewer, with just 87 species. It was a tie this year for our most productive trip, species-wise, with the Ste-Martine/St-Étienne/St-Timothée trip and the Eastern Ontario sewage lagoon trip both producing 56 species.

We averaged 46 species and fourteen birders per trip for the summer. Just one new species was added to our Summer Series master species list, which now stands at 183 for all years combined. The new species this year was a White-rumped Sandpiper seen on the Ontario sewage lagoon trip.

It was interesting to note that there were two species that were observed in each of the previous ten years of summer trips that were not spotted on any of our five outings this year. They were the American Redstart and the Brown-headed Cowbird.

*I thank everyone who participated in this year's Summer Series. I'd also like to thank Wayne Grubert who filled in for me as leader on the Cooper Marsh trip. I look forward to another great summer series in 2015. Sheldon Harvey*

## **02/08/14 – Summer Series of Birding Trip 5 Parc Nature Pointe des Cascades, Pointe des Cascades, QC Leader: Sheldon Harvey**

Warm and hazy conditions. 14 birders; 43 species

**Bird of the Day:** Cedar Waxwing

**Other Birds of Note:** Green Heron, Osprey, Caspian Tern, Pileated Woodpecker, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler

## **16/08/14 – Summer Series of Birding Trip 6 Eastern Ontario Sewage Lagoons St. Albert/Embrun/Casselman/St. Isidore, ON Leader: Sheldon Harvey**

Mostly cloudy and cool. 8 birders; 56 species

**Birds of the Day:** Solitary Sandpiper and White-rumped Sandpiper

**Other Birds of Note:** Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Duck, American Bittern, Broad-winged Hawk, Semipalmated Plover, Greater

Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Chimney Swift, Bank Swallow, Bobolink

*Reports of the first four summer series field trips are published in the August newsletter.*

## Fall Series Scheduled Field Trips

### 30/08/14 – St-Lazare Sandpits, St-Lazare, QC

**Leaders: Jean Demers & Clémence Soulard**

28 birders; 48 species

**Birds of the Day:** 10 warbler species

**Other Birds of Note:** American Bittern, Great Egret, Least Sandpiper, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Hermit Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Tennessee Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Pine Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Download a free copy of Mark Dennis' new e-book about the St. Lazare Sandpits: <http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/487750>

### 06/09/14 – Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary

**Long Sault, ON**

**Leader: Wayne Grubert**

Cloudy, showers, humid. 1 birder; 50 species

**Bird of the Day:** Bald Eagle

**Other Birds of Note:** Wild Turkey, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Caspian Tern, Brown Creeper, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler

### 13/09/14 – Pointe de Yamachiche/Baie-du-Febvre, QC

**Leader: Sheldon Harvey**

Cloudy, cool. 10 Birders; 53 species

**Bird of the Day:** Common Loon

**Other Birds of Note:** Pointe de Yamachiche - Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, Semipalmated Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat .Baie-du-Febvre – Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Common Goldeneye, Ruddy Duck, Wild Turkey, American Bittern

### 21/09/14 – Parc nature de l'Île de la Visitation, Montreal, QC

**Leader: Joël Coutu**

Mostly sunny, windy. 8 birders; 45 species

**Birds of the Day:** 11 warbler species: Orange-crowned, Nashville, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackpoll, Redstart, Wilson's

**Other Birds of Note:** Black-crowned Night-Heron, Cooper's Hawk, Blue-headed Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Winter Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

### 27/09/14 – Montgomery Sanctuary, Philipsburg, QC –

**Leader: Sandy Montgomery**

Sunny, warm. 13 birders; 24 species

**Bird of the Day:** Tufted Titmouse

**Other Birds of Note:** Ruffed Grouse, Red-tailed Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Swamp Sparrow

### 04/10/14 – Lac-St-François Reserve, Dundee, QC

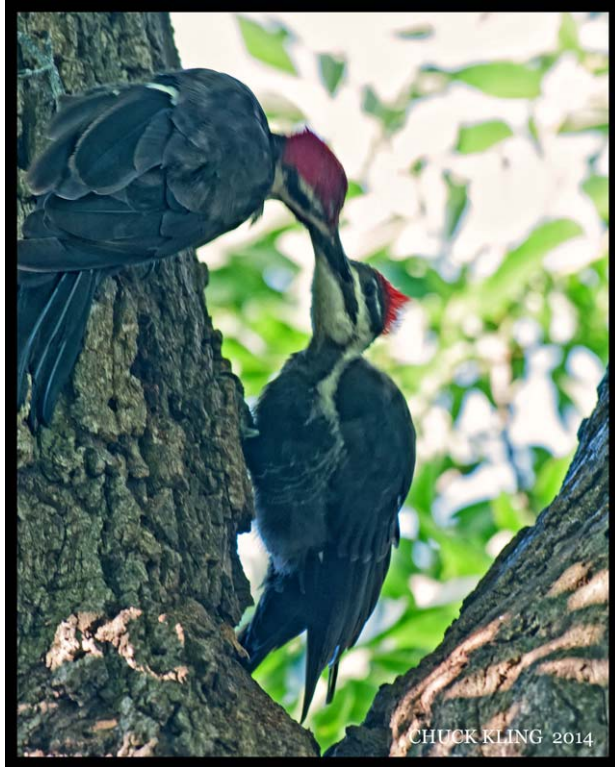
**Leaders: Wayne Grubert & Sheldon Harvey**

Overcast, 13°C. 6 birders; 45 species

**Birds of the Day:** Rusty Blackbirds; Bald Eagles (3)

**Other Birds of Note:** Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Common Moorhen, Sandhill Crane (heard only), Dunlin, Wilson's Snipe, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow

## Past Field Trips (continued)



Pileated Woodpeckers at Mont Royal Cemetery,  
August 2014 © Chuck Kling

### 11/10/14 – Refuge Marguerite-d'Youville Île-St-Bernard, Chateauguay, QC Leader: Tom Long

Cool, light rain, overcast. 13 birders; 46 species

**Birds of the Day:** 6 Common Loons, 6 Red-necked Grebe, Virginia Rail

**Other Birds of Note:** Greater Scaup, American Bittern, Great Egret, Wilson's Snipe, Bonaparte's Gull, Tufted Titmouse, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Fox Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Rusty Blackbird

### 18/10/14 – Hungry Bay, St. Louis de Gonzague, QC Leader: 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, QC Leader: Wayne Grubert

10°C Pleasant. 33 bird species; 20 birders.

**Birds of Note:** Large numbers of Canada Goose (500), Gadwall (70), Ring-necked Duck (300), American Robin (100), Red-winged Blackbird (100+), Common Grackle (100+).

**Other Birds of Note:** Eastern Bluebird (5), America Tree Sparrow (3), Common Raven (2)

# Upcoming Field Trips



Hermit Thrush © Chuck Killing

## November 2014

### Saturday, November 8 – samedi 8 novembre Parc Nature du Cap-St-Jacques

<https://goo.gl/maps/TLEH1>

**Guide:** Wayne Grubert 450-458-5498 / 514-774-0811(Cell – Morning of trip only) [wgrubert@hotmail.com](mailto:wgrubert@hotmail.com)

**8:00 am** Take Highway 40 West. Exit Chemin Ste-Marie. Turn left to Anse-à-l'Orme Road. Turn right and continue to the end. Turn right on Senneville Road (Gouin Blvd.). Continue for 2 km to the park welcome centre. Parking: \$9.00.  
**Half day.**

**8 h 00** Prendre l'autoroute 40 ouest. Prendre la sortie pour le chemin Ste-Marie et tourner à gauche sur celui-ci. Continuer jusqu'au chemin de l'Anse-à-l'Orme. Tourner à droite sur celui-ci et continuer jusqu'au bout. Tourner à droite sur le chemin Senneville (boul. Gouin) et continuer sur une distance de 2 km jusqu'au chalet d'accueil du parc. Frais de stationnement : 9,00 \$. **Demi-journée.**

### Saturday, 15 November -samedi 15 novembre Parc des Cageux and Parc Nature Pointe-aux-Prairies

<https://goo.gl/maps/qH7i0>

**Guide:** Joël Coutu [joelcoutu.jc@gmail.com](mailto:joelcoutu.jc@gmail.com)

**8:00 AM** Meet in the parking lot of Parc des Cageux.(45°40'22.9"N 73°32'27.7"W).Take Highway 40 (Boulevard Métropolitain)east to Boulevard St-Jean-Baptiste. Go north on St-Jean-Baptiste for 3 km to Boul. Gouin. Turn east on Gouin for 0.7km to 87th Ave. Parking lot is on the left. Later a \$9.00 parking fee will apply at Parc-nature de la Pointe-au-Prairies. Looking for local and late migrating species. Waterfowl, raptors, songbirds and even owl species are possible. **Half day.**

**8 h 00** Rencontre au stationnement du Parc des Cageux . (45°40'22.9"N 73°32'27.7"W). Prendre l'autoroute 40 (Boulevard Métropolitain) Est jusqu'au boulevard Saint Jean-Baptiste. Suivre Saint Jean-Baptiste sur 3 km jusqu'au boulevard Gouin. Tourner vers l'est et suivre le boulevard Gouin sur 0.7 km jusqu'à la 87<sup>eme</sup> avenue. Le stationnement est sur la gauche. Par la suite vous aurez à payer 9,00\$ pour le stationnement du Parc nature de la Pointe-aux-Prairies. À la recherche d'espèces locales et de migrateurs tardifs. Sauvagine, oiseaux de proie, oiseaux chanteurs et même espèces de hiboux ou de chouettes sont possibles. **Demi-journée.**

### Saturday, November 22 – samedi 22 novembre Hungry Bay, Beauharnois, St Timothée Area

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

**Guide:** Fred Hareau [fredhareau1@yahoo.ca](mailto:fredhareau1@yahoo.ca)

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at Hungry Bay. 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 1.0 km. Turn right on Chemin du Canal. Bear right after 2.3 km and continue following Chemin du Canal to its end. **Caution:** This becomes a very narrow road. An alternative route, especially from the West Island, is to take Hwy 20 or 40 west past Vaudreuil-Dorion to Highway 30. Take Highway 30 (Toll \$2.00) and then exit onto Highway 530. Then, continue as above.

During this fall migration period, we will be looking for goldeneyes, scaup, grebes, scoters and other diving waterfowl which never fail to frequent this region. We will also look for other migrants including passerines and raptors. We will begin our trip at Hungry Bay near Valleyfield, then go back along the Beauharnois Canal visiting the ponds at Saint-Louis de Gonzague and finish our outing at St Timothée. **Half day.**

**8 h 00** Rassemblement à Hungry Bay. Si vous arrivez depuis le pont Mercier en provenance de Montréal, prenez vers l'est (gauche) sur la route 132 pour 4.5 km jusqu' à l'autoroute 730. Prendre l'autoroute 730 jusqu'à sa jonction avec l'autoroute 30. Continuez vers l'ouest sur l'autoroute 30 pendant environ 33 km jusqu'à la sortie vers l'autoroute 530. Prendre l'autoroute 530 jusqu'about. Tournez à gauche sur la route 132, traverser le pont et continuer environ 1.0 km. Tournez à droite sur Chemin du canal. Restez à droite après 2.3 km et continuez jusqu'au bout du Chemin du Canal. **Faites attention :** C'est une route très étroite. Un itinéraire alternatif, en particulier depuis l'Ouest de l'Île de Montréal, consiste à prendre l'autoroute 20 ou 40 ouest passé Vaudreuil-Dorion jusqu'à l'autoroute 30. Prenez l'autoroute 30 (frais de 2,00 \$), puis sortez sur l'autoroute 530 et continuez en suivant les instructions données ci-dessus.

En cette période de migration automnale, nous serons à la recherche des garrots, fuligules, grèbes et macreuses et autres canards plongeurs qui ne manquent pas de fréquenter la région du Canal de Beauharnois. Nous chercherons également les autres migrateurs, notamment les passereaux et rapaces. Nous débuterons notre excursion par Hungry Bay, aux abords de Valleyfield, puis remonterons le canal de Beauharnois, visitant les étangs de Saint-Louis de Gonzague, pour finir notre sortie à St Timothée. **Demi-journée.**



Wood Duck © Chuck Kling

### **Saturday, November 29 - samedi 29 novembre MORGAN ARBORETUM - ARBORETUM MORGAN**

<http://www.morganarboretum.org/>    <http://goo.gl/maps/etLSX>

**Guide:** Richard Gregson [sparroworks@gmail.com](mailto:sparroworks@gmail.com)

**8:00 a.m.** From Montreal take Highway 40 west. Take exit 44 (Morgan Blvd.). Turn left on Chemin Ste-Marie. Drive 1.4 km to second stop sign (at Arboretum road). Turn right. Drive 1 km to main parking on left. \$5.00 admission charge for non-Arboretum-members. **Half day.**

**8 h 00** De Montréal, prendre l'autoroute 40 ouest, sortie 44 (boul. Morgan). Tourner à gauche sur le chemin Ste-Marie et continuer sur une distance de 1,4 km jusqu'au second arrêt (rue Arboretum). Tourner à droite et rouler sur une distance de 1 km jusqu'au stationnement principal, situé à gauche. Frais d'entrée : 5,00 \$ pour les non-membres. **Demi-journée.**



## BPQ Birding Calendar November and December 2014

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**Parc des Cageux and Parc Nature Pointe-aux-Prairies**

<https://goo.gl/maps/qH7i0>

**Guide:** Joël Coutu [joelcoutu.jc@gmail.com](mailto:joelcoutu.jc@gmail.com)

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**Saturday, November 29 - samedi 29 novembre**

**MORGAN ARBORETUM - ARBORETUM MORGAN**

<http://www.morganarboretum.org/>    <http://goo.gl/maps/etLSX>

**Guide:** Richard Gregson [sparrowworks@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowworks@gmail.com)

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### 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](mailto:ve2shw@yahoo.com) or telephone: 450-462-1459.

#### 74th Hudson Christmas Bird Count

For information about participating, contact Jean Demers by e-mail [cbchudson2@gmail.com](mailto:cbchudson2@gmail.com) or by telephone at: 514-694-8240.