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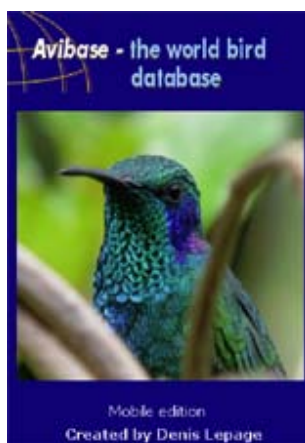
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INTERNATIONAL

Avibase Goes Mobile



11 April 2012 – [Avibase](#) offers a wealth of information about birds around the world. There is now a new **mobile version of Avibase**, making it easier than ever before for smartphone users to access the same information found on the main Avibase website. As with the standard site, the mobile site provides bird checklists from virtually anywhere in the world, and also enables users to look at photos and listen to recordings for a majority of those birds. To see photos and listen to sounds more quickly, visitors can now simply click on a species name within any checklist – a new feature that was recently introduced in both the mobile and the standard versions.

Avibase is one of the world's most popular birding websites. Bird Studies Canada hosts the site, which is maintained by Avibase creator and BSC Senior Scientist Denis Lepage.

Une nouvelle version mobile pour Avibase

11 avril 2012 – [Le site Avibase](#) offre une foule de renseignements sur les oiseaux du monde. **Une nouvelle version mobile** vient tout juste d'être lancée, permettant ainsi aux usagers de téléphones intelligents de trouver plus facilement les mêmes renseignements que sur le site principal. Tout comme avec le site principal, le site mobile offre la possibilité de consulter des listes d'espèces à peu près partout dans le monde, et permet aussi aux usagers de consulter des photos et des enregistrements sonores pour la majorité des espèces. Une nouvelle option, introduite à la fois dans la version classique et la version mobile, permet aux usagers de consulter les images et les chants plus facilement à même les listes d'oiseaux.

Avibase est l'un des sites Internet sur les oiseaux parmi les plus populaires au monde. Études d'Oiseaux Canada héberge le site, qui est géré par Denis Lepage, chercheur sénior chez Études d'Oiseaux Canada, et concepteur d'Avibase.

25th Anniversary of Migratory Bird Joint Ventures

9 April 2012 – Migratory Bird Joint Ventures are cooperative, regional partnerships that work to conserve habitats for the benefit of birds, other wildlife, and people. The newly-released video **“North American Migratory Bird Joint Ventures: 25 Years”** celebrates a quarter-century of partnership-driven conservation throughout Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

Joint Ventures bring together diverse partners under the guidance of national and international bird conservation plans, to design and implement landscape-scale conservation efforts. For more information, visit the websites of the **North American Waterfowl Management Plan** and the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation**.

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NATIONAL

TD FEF a Major Supporter of Bird Research and Conservation



**TD Friends of the
Environment
Foundation**



20 April 2012 – In communities throughout Canada, the **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation** (TD FEF) funds local projects dedicated to preserving the environment. For years, TD FEF has supported a wide variety of Bird Studies Canada projects across the country.

TD FEF funding has been key to the success of Bird Studies Canada’s monitoring and stewardship initiatives for at-risk species such as Bald Eagles, Chimney Swifts, Yellow Rails, and Piping Plovers. From major grants for Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas fieldwork and book production, to surveys of owls and loons in Atlantic Canada, to marsh monitoring activities in the Prairies and Ontario, TD FEF is helping extend the reach and effectiveness of Bird Studies Canada’s Citizen Science network. One grant is enabling us to produce and share a national report on three decades of work by the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey. Long Point Bird Observatory and Long Point Waterfowl have received significant contributions from TD FEF to support research activities. Bussing subsidies and funding for equipment generously supplied by TD FEF facilitate school field trips as part of BSC’s Bird Science and Environmental Education program.

Incredibly, this diverse list is only the tip of the iceberg – a snapshot of BSC projects funded by TD FEF in the past year! Bird Studies Canada is extremely grateful to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for their invaluable support. Over the last 20 years, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation has funded Bird Studies Canada with over \$375,000 to support more than 130 projects.

Funding for Neotropical Migratory Birds and Habitat Conservation

13 April 2012 – Bird Studies Canada has been awarded two **2012 Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) grants**. The NMBCA-funded projects will target two species that are of high conservation priority. Conservation actions for the Bicknell's Thrush will be undertaken in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in partnership with Environment Canada and the University of New Brunswick. In southern Ontario and southern Manitoba, Bird Studies Canada is partnering with Environment Canada, Queen's University, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to address threats to Golden-winged Warbler recovery.

The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** has announced more than \$3.7 million in 2012 NMBCA grants for 28 collaborative projects that will support bird conservation throughout the Western Hemisphere. Matched by more than \$14 million in contributions from partners, the projects will support habitat restoration, environmental education, population monitoring, and other priority activities within the ranges of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and 23 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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REGIONAL

Southern Ontario Bald Eagle Monitoring



Photo: Ron Ridout

18 April 2012 – 2011 was a great year for Bald Eagles along Ontario's lower Great Lakes. Fifty-seven active nests were confirmed – the most since the **Southern Ontario Bald Eagle Monitoring Program** began in 1983.

We are delighted to report that six transmitters deployed through Bird Studies Canada's **Destination Eagle** satellite tracking program are still transmitting. These six eagles were born between 2007-09 and given satellite tags as part of Destination Eagle's efforts to track the movements of juvenile eagles hatched in the Great Lakes Basin. Many thanks to all the volunteers and landowners who have participated, and to the Government of Ontario for supporting the program.

Visit the Bird Studies Canada website to read the **2011 Summary Report** for the Southern Ontario Bald Eagle Monitoring Program. Interested in other Ontario monitoring reports? Select these links to read the latest **Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey Newsletter** and the **2011 American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey report**.

New Online Manitoba SAR Guide

17 April 2012 – As part of Bird Studies Canada's ongoing efforts to inform people about Species at Risk (SAR), the Manitoba Breeding Bird Atlas has just launched a new online **Manitoba SAR Guide**. This website provides detailed Manitoba-specific information on all

avian SAR that breed in the province, with numerous habitat photos, descriptions, and other relevant details.

The site was built by University of Winnipeg student Richard Stecenko, as part of a practicum for a rhetoric course, with material provided by atlas staff and volunteers. Richard went over and above the call of duty in designing the site, and demonstrated another way of becoming involved in BSC's regional programs. This site will augment the significant contributions of data relating to SAR that atlas volunteers have already made.

Students for a "Swift" Recovery is in the Top Four!

17 April 2012 – Voting for Cycle II of Shell's FuellingChange Program is nearing completion. Bird Studies Canada's project, *Students for a "Swift" Recovery*, is in the running for a \$50,000 grant! Funding for this project will enable BSC to offer hands-on conservation and science experiences for urban children, and engage students in the study and protection of Chimney Swifts and their habitats.

We thank all the voters who have helped us get this far, and ask you to keep up the good work! Please note that you can continue to vote until April 30, 2012. If you have not yet voted, you can still help *Students for a "Swift" Recovery* by registering online for a free account at **Shell FuellingChange**. For voting assistance, contact Kathy Jones at volunteer@birdscanada.org or the Maritimes Swiftwatch Coordinator at marswifts@birdscanada.org.

LPBO 'Spring Flings'

16 April 2012 – Do you want to experience the height of spring migration at the Tip of Long Point, in southern Ontario? **Long Point Bird Observatory** is inviting a select few guests to rent our "Tip Cabin" this spring!

Come stay in LPBO's private and rustic quarters, nestled alongside a large sand dune. Your only neighbours will be the birds (and a handful of researchers, housed in a separate building). Spend your days birding and enjoying other wildlife, taking photos, or just relaxing. The days are entirely yours to schedule.

You may also choose to participate in LPBO's migration monitoring program, on a casual or intensive basis. Guests who select this option will receive hands-on training, and will work alongside LPBO biologists and volunteers. We welcome the opportunity to share our experiences with enthusiastic people who have a passion for birds and nature.

At the Tip of Long Point, you will discover a rewarding alternative to the hustle and bustle of everyday life. For more information, contact Stu Mackenzie at smackenzie@birdscanada.org.

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