



**CCFA**  
**Nature Expert**

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# Centre de Conservation de la Faune Ailée

## Nature Expert

Fall 2011

Dear friends,

Major changes are coming to the CCFA-Nature Expert! First of all, we look forward to serving you at our new location on 5120 rue de Bellechasse from January 4th 2012 on. This is a short walk from the botanical garden. We will keep you up to date with the move (including our Major Moving Sale) in our November newsletter, our website and our Facebook page. Our bird stories contest was a big success and you will find the names of all the winners in this newsletter. Thanks to the numerous stories that were sent to us, we may publish them in a book in the upcoming year. It's always a pleasure for us to serve you and help you practice this hobby we all love so much. We will be equally happy to serve you in our new location. Please visit our website, our Facebook page regularly for more information.

Alain Goulet, Owner.

### **WE ARE MOVING!**

As of January 4th, 2012, you will find us in our new location on 5120 rue de Bellechasse, near the Montréal Botanical Garden (Métro Viau).

Come and visit our new boutique!

*5120 rue de Bellechasse*

### **Bird Stories Contest**

The contest winners have been chosen. We would like to thank all participants. As we received so many great stories, the choice of the winners was not an easy task. We would like to remind you that the top three first prizes were chosen by a team of five judges and all the other prizes were drawn at random among all other participants. We also like to thank our partners in this contest: Swarovski, Vortex Canada, Regroupement Québec Oiseaux, Éditions Michel Quintin, Eagle Optics, Squirrel Buster, Woodstream and Manfrotto.

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# Quiz

I can swim very well.  
I can walk more than 30  
km at the age of 1 day.  
I can fly non-stop the  
equivalent of Montréal-  
Toronto RETURN TRIP  
at an average speed  
of 55 km / h.

What North American  
bird am I?



Answer for the last quiz:

What is the smallest bird  
species that cannot fly?

The Inaccessible Island  
Rail

## Here are the top 3 prize winners:

### 1st prize:

**Samuel Denault**, winner of a pair of Swarovski SLC 10x42 binoculars valued at \$ 2,100.00 and an Eagle Optics lens pen for his story « An encounter with a Bald Eagle and a police officer ».

### 2nd prize:

**Pierre Poulin**, winner of a pair of binoculars 8x42 Vortex Viper HD valued at \$ 760.00 and an Eagle Optics lens for his story « A Snowy Owl and 2 Gyrfalcons ».

### 3rd prize:

**Céline Poulin**, winner of a pair of binoculars Vortex Diamondback 8x42 valued at \$ 300.00 and an Eagle Optics lens for her story « A Belted Kingfisher in compromising position with a mussel ».

### Other winners (by a draw amongst all entries) are:

**Claudette Bolduc**-winner of a Manfrotto camera bag, a one-year subscription to the Québec Oiseaux magazine and a DVD of the Atlas of Breeding Birds of Québec.

**Jocelyne Leduc-Gauvin, Daniel Dagenais, Charline Gilbert and Jacques Dessart**, each a winner of a one-year subscription to the Québec Oiseaux magazine and a DVD of the Atlas of Breeding Birds of Québec.

**Claudette Cormier and Jean-François Noulin** each a winner of a Unique Cardinal Feeder and a Squirrel Buster Plus feeder.

**Mario Turcotte**, winner of a cardinal feeder, the book Rivières du Québec and a book from Éditions Michel Quintin.

**Bernard Cloutier, Robert Barbeau, Serge St-Louis, Claudine Dufour, Louise Chiasson, Sébastien Rioux and Linda Castilloux** each a winner of a Unique Cardinal Feeder, a Woodstream feeder and the book Rivières du Québec.

**Loraine Pinard and France Paradis** each a winner of a package containing 6 nature books from les Editions Michel Quintin.

## Looking back on our 30th anniversary

Our 30th anniversary celebration was held on August 27 at the store. For the occasion, several experts in ornithology were present. The live birds of prey were quite a hit for both young and old. The day was a success and forty prizes were given or drawn during the day. Thank you to all visitors who

# Some photos from our 30th anniversary.



Alain and Isabelle Goulet, Marie-Lou Skelling (Services Environnementaux Faucon) with an American Kestrel



Marie-Lou Skelling, Peregrine Falcon and Eve Belisle

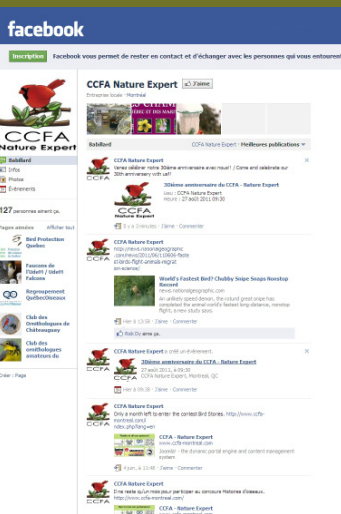


Ron Calderoni and Hugues Brunoni



Éric St-Pierre and Serge Côté (Swarovski Optics)

Here is the new CCFA - Nature Expert Facebook page. Click the image to access.



Don't forget to click the like button.

## Fall Tips

With the arrival of cold weather, there is also an influx of sparrows and juncos in southern Quebec. It is time to instal your trays and your millet to attract White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Tree Sparrow and Dark-eyed Junco. With any luck, some of these birds will remain at your feeders all winter. It is also time to put up your chickadee feeder and also hang your suet. Most birds will soon be in search of higher energy grains such as sunflower and rapeseed. Remember to raise your squirrel baffle up your pole to forecast snowfall. It is also time to install weather domes above your feeders to prevent the accumulation of snow or freezing rain. Winter is the perfect time to offer birds frozen mealworms in a log. This is a very popular food especially by chickadees, woodpeckers and nuthatches. Of course in order to continue to provide water to birds, you must install a water heating element or simply use a heated bird bath.

**CCFA - Nature Expert will be present at the next Victoriaville festival:**

**Victoriaville and its geese**

**Date:** October 22nd and 23rd, 2011

Come and see thousands of Snow Geese! Approximately 20 bird-loving artists will display their work. A birding expert will be on hand to answer questions and conferences will also be given.



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# Our new products and suggestions

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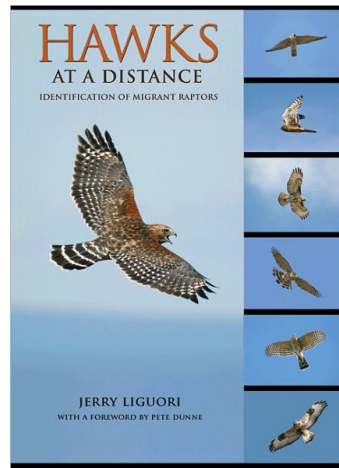
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## Hawks at a Distance



The ultimate must-have guide for identifying migrant raptors, *Hawks at a Distance* is the first volume to focus on distant raptors as they are truly seen in the field. Jerry Liguori, a leading expert on North American raptors, factors in new information and approaches for identifying twenty-nine species of raptor in various lighting situations and settings. The field guide's nineteen full-color portraits, 558 color photos, and 896 black-and-white images portray shapes and plumages for each species from all angles. Useful flight identification criteria are provided and the accompanying text discusses all aspects of in-flight hawk identification, including flight style and behavior. Concentrating on features that are genuinely observable at a distance, this concise and practical field guide is ideal for any aspiring or experienced hawk enthusiast.

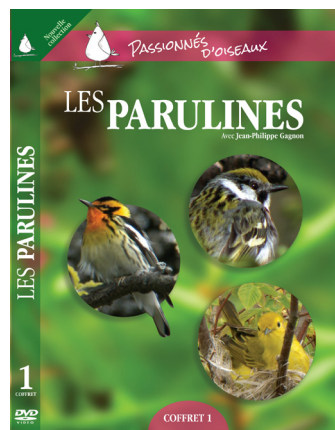
## Squirrel Buster Peanut +



This new highly anticipated squirrel-proof feeder from Squirrel Buster will hold 600g of shelled peanuts and comes with an adjustable mechanism limiting the access to larger birds when needed. It is resistant to gnawing squirrels and also comes with a two-year warranty. It will attract chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers and more.

Available November, 2011.

## DVD Les Parulines (French)



Even though this DVD is in French, we thought it was well worth mentioning as it is a very exciting new product. This new DVD is the first devoted solely to Quebec warblers. By the same director of the series 1-888-OISEAUX, this DVD presents 32 species of warblers most of which breed in Quebec as well as some unusual species. The DVD covers the common warblers, followed by chapters on migration, habitat, nesting and fall warblers. In addition, you will find a report on a Golden-winged Warbler research project undertaken by Regroupement Québec Oiseaux.

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