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## Opening hours:

**Tuesday and Wednesday**  
9h30 - 18h

**Thursday and Friday**  
9h30 - 19h

**Saturday**  
9h30 - 17h

**Sunday and Monday**  
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Hello,

Can you name the three greatest sources of man-induced bird mortality? Hunting? Pesticides? Wind turbines? Read on to find out. You may be surprised to learn what they are. Feel free to discuss this topic on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/ccfanatureexpert>

Our June 9th, 2012 grand reopening was a complete success. Everyone enjoyed meeting our exhibitors and observing live birds of prey. The winner of the Swarovski binoculars was Olga Bozac. Congratulations! Due to people's requests and feedback, we will hold a similar event again next year in June 2013 but we will improve the formula once again. Feel free to send us some of your comments and suggestions.

Happy birding,

Alain Goulet, owner and bird enthusiast

## Birding festivals

Birding festivals are a great way to learn about birds, meet other birders and enjoy the outdoors. Come and see our wide selection of birding products. We will be present with a booth at the following birding festivals.

**September 15th, 2012**

**Congrès de ornithologues amateurs du Québec (COAQ) in St-Hyacinthe**

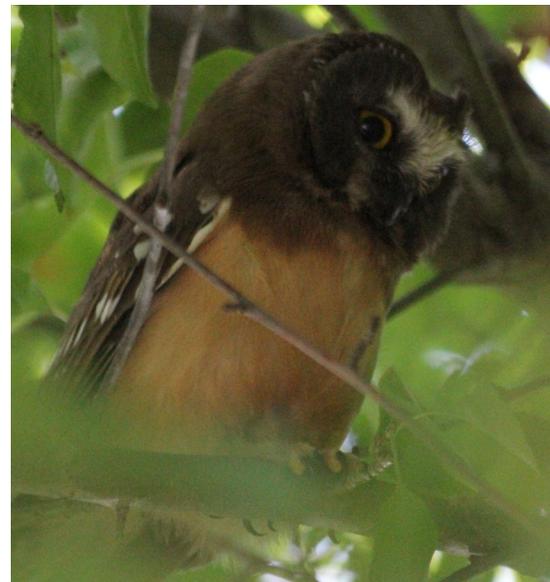
**September 21st to 23rd, 2012**

**Festival des oiseaux migrateurs de Tadoussac**

**October 6th to 8th, 2012**

**Festival des oiseaux migrateurs de Danville**

Click on the festival for more information.



*Saw-whet Owl (Photo: Gaetan Couture)*

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## Bird Killers

Have you ever accidentally walked into a glass door? If so, you have an idea of the pain felt by a small bird when it hits a window at full speed. When a bird hits a window, although it may seem in good shape shortly after, most of the time, he will have suffered internal injuries. This can be a head injury with internal bleeding in the brain. Even if the bird flies away, 50% of these birds will die from their injuries.

Each year, hundreds of millions of birds worldwide die after hitting windows. The reason is simple. The windows are transparent reflecting trees and sky, giving the impression that the bird safely continue their journey. Moreover, birds have a visual perception different from ours. Their frontal vision is not as good as their peripheral vision.

To demonstrate the extent of the problem, we have collected for you some sobering statistics:

In the U.S. alone, an estimated 100 million to 1 billion birds die per year as a result of collisions with windows (Klem 1990). That's the equivalent of 333 Exxon Valdez spills each year (Klem 2006)! In Canada, the mortality rate is estimated at 15 to 56 million birds per year (Wedeles 2010). Three different studies have estimated that one bird per house dies each year.

According to FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program), an organization that has taken care of injured birds for almost 20 years, the species most affected are sparrows and warblers. They represent 75% of the 100 species recorded. This problem is greatly expanded during migration.



*Photo: Karl Egressy (chipping sparrow)*

Knowing these alarming statistics, it is our responsibility to act for the welfare of nature and all living creatures.

We offer some solutions to reduce the number of birds killed every year:

1) When possible, use opaque or tinted windows. There is also a new type of windows with infrared markings inside: [www.ornilux.com](http://www.ornilux.com) Click on the link to access their website.

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# QUIZ

## Question:

How many bird names can you find in the following phrase ?

**Eastern Meadowlark**

Send us your answer and you could win a copy of the book: **A guide to Nature in Winter** by Don and Lillian Stokes

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## News and suggestions

**NEW**



The canadian company **UWAY** makes excellent **surveillance cameras**. Be it for use around your home or cottage while you are away or for taking photos or videos of animals, you will find a camera that will meet your needs. They even have a model that will send photos directly to your smart phone!



**NEW**

The new **Razor HD** have gone through a major upgrade in 2012.

The new version of these binoculars is lighter, more ergonomic and has a better optical quality. Of all the high end binoculars we have in stock in that format, it is the lightest. An excellent choice if you are considering a new pair of binoculars. Available in 8x42 and 10x42.



**NEW**



The new **Swarovski ATX and STX spotting scopes** are a game changer in the spotting scope business. Swarovision technology, large field of view, excellent ergonomics, optical "perfection", focusing and magnification rings side by side, easy to use. They are available in 65mm, 85mm and 95mm, straight or angled. Order yours today.

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