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Dear birders,

Finally, spring is here! Seasonal bird diversity is increasing as is our enthusiasm for observing them. We have launched our contest celebrating 30 years of service and we already have received many unusual stories. In this newsletter you will find information on: a new nature reserve created last January; our "Bird Stories" contest; our returning quiz bird and our new products and suggestions. Be sure to visit [www.ornithologie.ca](http://www.ornithologie.ca) in order to see the Peregrine Falcon webcams. The nesting season is under way with Spirit incubating her 4 eggs.

Happy birding.

Alain Goulet, Owner.

### A new reserve is created

Bird Protection Quebec (BPQ) announced in January the creation of a 459 hectare nature reserve in the hills between Piedmont and Prévost, about 45 minutes north of Montreal. This invaluable habitat comprised of two escarpments, mixed forests and lakes, is home to many endangered species. The land was acquired by the Nature Conservancy of Canada with financial support from both governments and a major contribution from Bird Protection Quebec. The nature reserve will be named in honor of Alfred Kelly, Bird Protection Quebec's most generous donor. Alfred Kelly was an ornithologist who lived in the Piédmont region and who created a small bird sanctuary that was bequeathed to BPQ a quarter of a century ago. To this original sanctuary, a vast territory has been added. Thanks to the help of local birders and members of Club d'ornithologie de Mirabel COMIR, no fewer than 22 of the 27 species of nesting raptors in Quebec have been reported in this reserve.

Peregrines nest on the Prévost escarpment. Forests and lakes are populated with a fabulous assortment of bird species. It's a very special place.

If you would like to learn more about this new reserve and visit it, please join us for the festival "À la découverte des oiseaux de proie" organized by Comité régional pour la protection des falaises Prévost, Piedmont, St-Hyppolite. We will have a booth at the festival. For more information visit : [www.parcdesfalaises.ca](http://www.parcdesfalaises.ca)

Did you know that Bird Protection Quebec is the oldest nature conservation charity in Canada? They are able to contribute to the preservation of bird habitats through donations and support from people like you. If you're not a member, please visit their website [www.birdprotectionquebec.org](http://www.birdprotectionquebec.org) for more information.

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# Quiz

What nocturnal bird eats only fruit?

## The Alfred Kelly Reserve



### “Bird Stories” Contest

Following the launch of the contest “Bird Stories”, I received several comments on the photo of the little girl with a Chickadee on her lip.

That's a special bird story. During the Christmas holidays, when I visit my parents in Lac St. Charles near Quebec City, we frequently hike in the woods in the Marais du Nord and pause to feed the birds (Chickadees, Nuthatches, Blue Jays, etc) with sunflower seeds and peanuts. A handful of shelled peanuts and it's chickadee madness! I wondered how daring the chickadees would be to get the peanuts. I decided to put a handful of shelled peanuts in my mouth and waited, open-mouthed.

It took only a minute for a Chickadee to perch on my lip and take a peanut from my tongue. What joy! The next day my niece Mackenzie tried it and you see the results. This is one of the best ways to feed birds in winter without freezing your hands!



My niece, Mackenzie Harvey, feeding a Black-capped Chickadee with shelled peanuts. Photo: Alain Goulet

## OUR MAJOR CONTEST SPONSORS:



Here are the prizes you can win in the Bird Stories contest:

**1st Prize:** A pair of Swarovski binoculars SLC 10x42  
Suggested price: \$ 2,100.00



**2nd Prize:** A pair of Vortex binoculars Viper 8x42 HD  
Suggested price: \$ 760.00



**3rd Prize:** A pair of Vortex binoculars Diamondback 8x42  
Suggested price: \$ 300.00



Several other prizes will be available including:

- Magazine subscriptions to Québec Oiseaux
- Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Québec DVD
- Books from Éditions Michel Quintin
- Woodstream Bird Feeders
- Squirrel Buster Plus Feeders
- Cardinal Feeders
- Camera Bags
- Accessories from Eagle Optics

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## The Crossley ID Guide



What's so different about the Crossley ID Guide? Everything. Crossley's guide is designed to reflect how we see and identify birds. We identify birds by their size, shape, structure, behavior, habitat, and field marks. We see the birds up close, at medium distances and also over long distances, in the field, flying, in the trees, and on the water .... If you want to be a better birder, you'll find the new Crossley ID Guide is a major innovation and a valuable tool.

## Bottoms Up Niger feeder



This premium "Bottoms Up" Niger feeder discourages House Sparrows and House Finches. Small holes distribute thistle seeds economically as birds must pull the seeds out. The built-in baffle at the base keeps the seeds angled towards the seed ports. Made of stabilized polycarbonate, this feeder will not deteriorate in the sun. The cover opens easily for filling or thorough cleaning. This feeder may be suspended or pole mounted. It also comes with a lifetime warranty against damage caused by squirrels.

## Droll Yankees Seattle Dome



Finally, a suet feeder for the Pileated Woodpecker. The large size of this feeder allows the Pileated Woodpecker to balance himself with the tail prop while eating. The feeder is made from recycled plastic and holds two standard-sized suet cakes. It is easy to clean and disinfect.