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Dear birders,

We are happy to witness spring's arrival and to take advantage of the migration of a multitude of birds returning to our regions to nest. It has been a pleasure for my wife Dara and I to have served you, often behind the scenes, for 12 years now. We invite you to come celebrate these 12 beautiful years with us during our Bird Fest which will take place on June 16th at Nature Expert. You will find many kiosks filled with experts of all kinds, many prizes to win, discounts on a wide range of in-store products and live birds of prey.

In this newsletter you will find information on:

- Bird Fest
- A free workshop on digiscoping
- Which nesting materials to offer (and not to offer) to birds
- The Grand Défi QuébecOiseaux
- Our new products and suggestions

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Sunday - Monday
Closed

Tuesday - Wednesday

9:30am to 6:00pm

Thursday - Friday

9:30am to 7:00pm

Saturday

9:30am to 5:00pm



Online store open 24-7

We wish you a pleasant perusal of our newsletter and, as always, happy birding!

Alain and Dara Goulet
Owners and bird enthusiasts



Chestnut-sided Warbler Photo: Roland De Vries

Calendar of events

Two trips to Mount Royal Cemetery, followed by a presentation on birds

Come observe the birds with experts
and listen to a presentation on birds.

Free

Saturday, May 26 8:30 am: with Joel
Coutu (in French)

Presentation: Wetland Birds

Sunday, May 27 8:30 am: with Alain
Goulet (in English)

Presentation: Where do our birds go?



Eureka Festival

June 8-9-10, 2018

Three days of fun with over 100

Bird Fest 2018

On Saturday, June 16, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, you are invited to
5120 Bellechasse, to participate in a unique birding event in
Quebec. Come as a family to participate in various activities.

At one of the kiosks, you can visit with birds of prey and have your
picture taken with one of these birds on your arm, in collaboration
with an expert from Falcon-Ed. Please bring your camera or
smart phone.



Come talk with members of **Nature Expert**. Whether you are a
beginner, intermediate or expert, our team is there to advise you
on everything related to bird watching (binoculars – spotting
scopes - selective feeders). We also have material for entomology
and educational activities for the family (games - books - CDs –
stuffed animal birds with song). Come and benefit from 35 years of
expertise. Discounts will be applied to several products in store,
and a draw will be held with many prizes.

Would you like to know what to do if you find an injured bird?
Come meet the extraordinary members of **Le Nichoir**, a renowned
treatment center for injured birds.



FREE outdoor activities for the whole family!

At the Old Port of Montreal

Nature Expert will be present with a kiosk



Bird Fest

Saturday, June 16, 2018

9:30 to 17:00

Free

At the Nature Expert boutique
5120 rue de Bellechase, Montréal



Digiscoping workshop

Sunday, June 17th, 2018

Free

The **Regroupement QuébecOiseaux**, a non-profit organization dedicated to the observation and protection of birds, will be on hand with their magnificent magazine QuébecOiseaux.



REGROUPEMENT
QuébecOiseaux

Bird Protection Quebec will also have a booth, where they can share with you the conservation projects they are working on.



Would you like to test binoculars? Birding experts and Vortex Pro staff **Jean-Philippe Gagnon** and **Serge Beaudette** will be on site in the Vortex booth to allow you to do so.



As international bird guides, they can also answer any

Come and perfect your digiscoping technique with Norm Cavallaro from Swarovski Optik.

Location to be determined
(information in this newsletter)

Registration required by sending an email to:
info@nature-expert.ca



question related to your future birding trips.

There will be something for all budgets. **Norm Cavalarro**, technical advisor for **Swarovski Optik**, will also be present to make you try high-end models by **Swarovski**. Let yourself be tempted and risk becoming, as we are ... crazy about birds!



On the artistic side, Mr. **Géry van der Kelen**, an exceptional animal painter, will share with you some of his creations.



[Binocular Exchange Program](#)



Binocular Exchange Canada is a project that aims to engage more people in outdoor activities and to find a use for older, but working birding equipment.

At Nature Expert, we will accept any equipment that would help a birder in an outdoor observation situation: binoculars; spotting scopes; backpacks; field guides (from anywhere in the world); cameras; tripods; ornithology textbooks; etc. Upon reception of the donation we will estimate the value of the equipment and Earthvalues will issue a charitable tax receipt, if desired.

Earthvalues Institute is the organization under which the project is run. www.earthvalues.org

Earthvalues



Do you enjoy traveling to look for

Denyse Favreau will also be there, with her magnificent bird sculptures.



For your enjoyment, the **Tuk-Tuk food-truck of Thai restaurant Une nuit à Bangkok** will be in the parking lot at lunch time, so you can try out their delicious dishes.



It will be a great pleasure to meet you and to experience with you our 7th edition of the Bird Fest.

birds?

Join Serge Beaudette. His trips are breathtaking. I, Alain Goulet, went on one of his trips and simply loved it.

You will find all his travel destinations on his website: PITPITPIT.COM

Have a nice trip! You will be in good hands.



Free workshop on digiscoping with Norm Cavalarro from Swarovski Optik



Norm Cavalarro, technical advisor for Swarovski Optik, will give a workshop on digiscoping (photography using a spotting scope and a digital camera). The outing will be at a location to be determined in the Montreal area. This is the perfect opportunity to receive personalized advice on digiscoping.

N.B. This workshop is for people who have basic digiscoping skills and who want to improve their technique.

**Sunday, June 17, 2018 (7:00 to
10:00)**

**If you are interested in this free workshop,
please sign up by sending an email to
info@nature-expert.ca.**

Places are limited.

Helping or harming birds

Would you like to know an interesting way to encourage birds to come to your home? By providing them with nesting material, you will be offering them easy access to all the materials they need to build their nest. Birds will find twigs, fibers, plants, hairs or small branches in their surroundings to build their nests. Your contribution can also be of use to them, since you can offer them other options. From the beginning of spring until the end of the summer, birds are nesting and they will certainly appreciate your contribution to their well-being. This is a great activity to do with children.

WHAT TO OFFER:

Feathers, dry grass

Pine needles, dead leaves, lichen

Shreds of paper

Small branches, mud

Cat or dog hair **

** Make sure your pets have not been treated with a shampoo or flea product, and that the grass you offer has not been treated with pesticides or other products that could harm birds

WHAT NOT TO OFFER:

Threads, yarn, human hair

(These materials can wrap around the nestlings' feet and cut off their blood circulation)

Dryer lint

(Lint will absorb rainwater and can be infused with potentially harmful detergents or softeners)

Nature Expert offers a [bag of nesting materials including 7 sterilized materials](#).



Materials can be placed in the hollow of a tree, on top of a shrub, on the ground, or even in a suet cage.

The birds will choose very carefully the materials needed and will look for several elements to build their nest. Thank you for collaborating and ... we wish you some great observations.

Grand Défi QuébecOiseaux



Once again this year, along with **Serge Beaudette, Jean-Philippe Gagnon and Frédéric Hareau, I (Alain Goulet)** will participate in the Grand Défi QuébecOiseaux on May 27th. We will travel for 24 hours and try to surpass the 130 species we observed in one day 2 years ago.

We have decided to dedicate half of the money collected to the Tadoussac Bird Observatory. A list of their projects is available on their website: explosnature.ca/ooot/

If you wish, **you too can donate** to the Ornitrotteurs by clicking on the following link: [Donate to the Ornitrotteurs](#)

Thank you very much for contributing to bird conservation.

Alain



How many species will we see this year ???

New products and suggestions

Vortex Viper HD - 2018 Model



We now have the new models of Viper HD binoculars in store.

The main feature of these binoculars is their premium quality without the premium price tag! Benefiting from HD (high-density) lenses with extra-low dispersion, these binoculars have exceptional clarity right to the edges of the image.

The XR anti-glare coatings are excellent in low light conditions. The new Viper HD binoculars have a wider field of view and are lighter than the old model. This new format will certainly please you.

In terms of size and weight, the Viper HD stands out in the market as one of the lightest and most compact binoculars. In the field, you can access them easily thanks to the GlassPak harness which is now included at no additional cost.



Equipped with this harness, you will comfortably enjoy your outings.

The binoculars are available in [8x42](#), [10x42](#), [10x50](#) and [12x50](#).

Please note that the **old model is available at a reduced price** to make room for the new model.

Swarovski CL Companion - Wild Nature 2018 Model



We were all very impressed by the new CL Companion and fell in love with them. This new model is a little lighter, has a wider field of view, and ergonomics and optical quality are significantly better.

Three types of cases are available to choose from
They are available in 8x30 and 10x30.

BINO BANDIT



No more glare - better clarity

A nice addition for the binoculars. A very interesting new product that I discovered at an optics show in Las Vegas.

Have you ever had eye pain when using your binoculars on a very sunny day? Here is a solution! The Phone Skope Bino Bandit relieves stress on your eyes, so you can comfortably observe birds and other wildlife all day long.

The Phone Skope Bino Bandit adapts to all binoculars and blocks the wind and glare caused by the sun. The Bino Bandit is flexible and improves clarity and detail as you look through your binoculars. It will also help you focus 100% on your subject.

VIPER HD SPOTTING SCOPES



The new series of Viper spotting scopes with HD lenses gives you excellent optical quality, where clarity, resolution and color fidelity are the key words. The center focus ring gives the scope a sleek new look.

The most popular model is now available in the 85mm instead of 80mm. A marked improvement with regards to the brightness.

Available in angled or straight format, 20-60x85mm or 15-45x65mm.

Sophie Thibault products



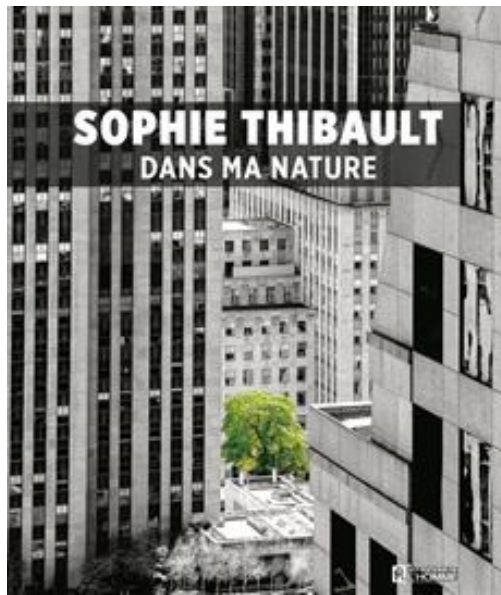
Some of you might know Sophie Thibault, newscaster for TVA for many years now. What you may not know is that she is very passionate about photography and birds!

We are now selling some of her products, featuring her breathtaking photographs. Part of the profits will go to nature conservation organizations.

A cardinal and a loon mug are available.



The book of photographs accompanied by texts, entitled “**Dans ma nature**” (in French), published in 2016. This book contains a whole section on birds.



Some photographs have also been transformed into greeting cards, available in our store.

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