



Nature Expert Newsletter

Summer 2020



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Baltimore Oriole, Photo by Michel Bordeleau

Hello,

We are living in a very special time filled with changes and new challenges. Many people are turning to birding as a new hobby or returning to this passion they have had when they were younger. No matter what your situation, birding has enormous potential and can provide calm, peace and a sense of wonder in our lives. Birds are excellent for our mental health.



Come visit us!

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Opening Hours :

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

Do you enjoy traveling to look for birds?

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

Serge leads trips to destinations

At Nature Expert, we encourage you to continue to enjoy this passion and share it with your family, friends and neighbours.

We are open to serve you at our store and online. We have implemented sanitary measures to protect everyone. You can also place an order online and request a pickup at the store.

In this newsletter, you will find information on important changes at Nature Expert, a bird quiz, as well as our new products and suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you again.

Have a safe summer filled with birds.

Alain and Dara Goulet, owners and bird enthusiasts.



Yellow Warbler. Photo: Michel Bordeleau

such as: Point Pelee, Costa Rica, Argentina, Ecuador, Brazil, Spain, Peru, Columbia and the Galapagos islands.

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

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

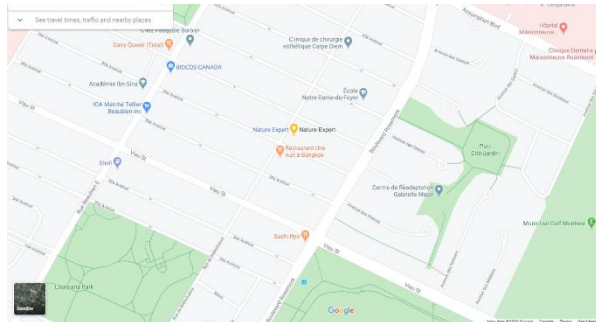


Binocular Exchange Canada



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

Making Bellechasse a One-Way



Construction will begin on rue Bellechasse on July 20th to make it a **one-way westbound** between Chatelain and Pie-IX. This includes the portion in front of Nature Expert.

The renovations will also make room for a bike path. If you want to access the store from Viau, you will have to take Beaubien or Rosemont so that you can head east.

Parking will be available on several side streets (39th and 40th avenue) and large orders or large 50 lbs seed bags can be picked up conveniently behind the store by using the back alley.

Please consult Google Maps before traveling or contact us for more information.



Cliff Swallow. Photo: Michel Bordeleau

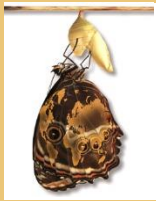
any equipment that would help a birder in an outdoor observation situation: binoculars; spotting scopes; backpacks; field guides (from anywhere in the world); cameras; tripods; ornithology textbooks; etc.

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.

<http://www.earthvalues.org/en>

Earthvalues



Wearing a mask



Common Yellowthroat. Photo: Michel Bordeleau

In compliance with government regulation, wearing a mask is now mandatory when you visit any businesses and this includes Nature Expert. We are open to serve you in a safe environment. Please make sure to bring your mask when you visit us. We limit the number of customers in our store to 2 at a time (or two couples) in order to respect social distancing. Be like the Common Yellowthroat and wear a mask! Thanks for your cooperation.

Bird Quiz

This little bird was observed in Dartmouth county, Nova Scotia. Do you have any idea what it could be? Answer will be given in our next newsletter this fall.



This photo above offers a good clue



Grand Défi and Birding Festivals

The Grand Défi QuébecOiseaux, Bird Fest and several birding festivals where Nature Expert is present were canceled this year.

Birds still need our help. If you can, please consider making a donation to an organization that supports bird research and conservation.

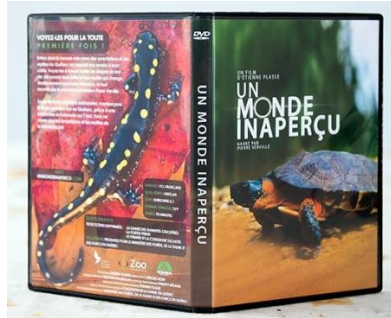
We suggest Regroupement QuébecOiseaux and the Tadoussac Bird Observatory among others. Click on their logos if you want to consider making a donation.



Great Blue Heron. Photo: Michel Bordeleau

New products and suggestions

DVD - Un Monde Inaperçu



Nature Expert fell in love with this DVD.

It is an excellent tool to learn about Quebec's reptiles and amphibians. The cinematography is breath taking and the music is beautiful and inspiring. This DVD is in French with English subtitles.

Quebec's reptiles and amphibians are in a deep sleep for several months of the year. Of all the animal species, they are among the most discreet and little known. Their story begins at the end of winter, as the snow melts. See them through all stages of their lives as we explore them over four seasons. Discover their struggles and their reality which changes drastically under our influence.



Bobolink. Photo: Michel Bordeleau

Swarovski Digital Guide



Swarovski Digital Guide: next level birding

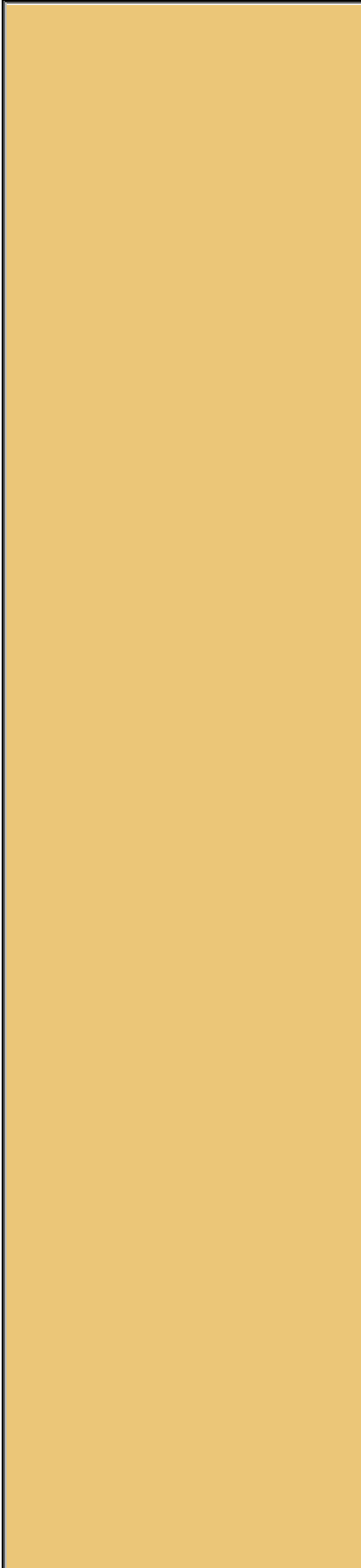
Bird-watching can be a daunting task. In Quebec alone, over 450 species have been recorded. Small songbirds often move fast, making identification difficult. Then there are sparrows that all have brown-gray, fairly indistinct plumages. Warblers have bright spring garb but subdued colors in the fall. And don't get me started on juvenile versus adult hawks and eagles! How can one remember all these different colors and patterns throughout the seasons and years? We can also feel overwhelmed at bird identification when visiting another country.

There is no doubt that birding has more than its fair share of identification challenges. But what if I told you that there's ground-breaking technology now available?

Imagine a monocular that takes photos of birds and correctly clinches an ID for you. No more pouring through field guide pages, no more asking experts for their opinions, and no more second-guessing yourself. It's bird identification, simplified. Allow me to introduce to you the

Swarovski Digital Guide!

An overview of how it works: The first step is, of course, to find a bird through the monocular. Next, the monocular



will take a picture. The 8x magnification of the Digital Guide allows for higher quality photos than merely using your phone's camera. The image goes through a Swarovski phone app, which is then shared with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Merlin Bird ID app. It is on the Merlin ID app that the bird is successfully identified. And voila—you now know your mystery bird! The Digital Guide can connect up to 5 smart phones or tablets at the same time. Therefore, one Digital Guide can transmit images or videos to 5 different people which can independently take photos or videos of what the Digital Guide is observing all at the same time.

NL PURE



Another new product from Swarovski, the NL Pure binoculars were designed by Swarovski engineers according to the specific requirements of birders and nature lovers from all over the planet. These binoculars have some of the best glass and prisms available in the world. They are now smaller, more ergonomic and have a better grip thanks to the narrowing of its frame at the hand level. They now have an extremely wide field of view.

NL Pure 8x42: 477 feet / 1000 yards

NL Pure 10x42: 399 feet / 1000 yards

NL Pure 12x42: 339 feet / 1000 yards

The EL Swarovision series in comparison:

EL 8.5x42: 399 feet / 1000 yards

EL 10x42: 336 feet / 1000 yards



Each of the 8x42, 10x42 and 12x42 model has the option of having a headrest to stabilize the binoculars and reduce hand movement. This headrest (sold separately) will be very practical for the 10x42 and 12x42 models.

Availability: September 2020

Nut wheel feeder



The rustic bird feeder with bright red accents is carefully crafted from reclaimed barn wood by a talented Quebec artisan.

This feeder is made specifically for nut wheels. A winged nut helps keep the nut wheel securely in the feeder.

An 8 cm (3.5") perch helps birds feed from this feeder.



Eastern Bluebird. Photo: Michel Bordeleau

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