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Hello,

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to our colleague and friend Jean Paquin who, at the age of 56, left us too soon. Founder and chief editor of the QuébecOiseaux magazine for twelve years, Jean was an avid birder. As a highly sought after speaker, Jean has traveled throughout Quebec and the Maritimes to pass on his knowledge and share his passion for birds.

Through les Éditions Michel Quintin, Jean published *Les oiseaux du Québec et des Maritimes* in 1998, in collaboration with Ghislain Caron. This book was the first comprehensive guide containing all the bird species found in Quebec and the Maritimes. He has authored and collaborated on several other bird books.

On a personal note, it was an honour and privilege to be part of Jean Paquin's team during the Grand Défi QuébecOiseaux this past spring. His effort to be with us on that day in spite of his illness was remarkable and inspirational for the whole team.

I only keep very good memories of the time we spent together observing and talking about birds either in the field or during numerous birding festivals. On behalf of myself and all those for whom you have been an inspiration, we would like to say thank you Jean.

As a way to express our gratitude for Jean's life and his contribution to the world of birding, I would like to invite you to record your memories of Jean or a note of sympathy. We will collect them and include them in our expression of condolence for Jean's family.

Alain Goulet
Owner and bird enthusiast.

Come visit us!

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**Calendar
of
events**

Danville Migratory Bird Festival

**October 11, 12, 13,
2014**

**This year, we will
again have a kiosk
at this festival.
Come and see us.**

Questions from our customers

1. *I live in the city and don't have a large backyard. Can I still attract a wide variety of birds?* Carole B.

Yes, one of the first suggestions is to use of your clothesline. Attach your feeders securely with a carabiner to facilitate removing and filling. Although clotheslines are harder for squirrels to access, if they do become a problem, you can add a squirrel baffle dome above your feeder.



Pictured from left to right: House Finch eating canola; goldfinches feeding on nyger; Northern Cardinal eating Safflower in a selective cardinal feeder and more goldfinches feeding on nyger. Photo: Francine Proulx

Another suggestion is to use a [window feeder](#). Most models use suction cups to adhere to the window. Window feeders allow us to observe birds up close from inside the house. Certain models include an adjustable dome to prevent larger birds from accessing to the feeder.



2. How can I prevent animals from knocking our feeders to the ground? Several customers

The feeder must be securely attached to a hook or arm. Using a [lockable carabiner](#) is the best way to prevent animals from accessing your feeder because they cannot unscrew it, yet the feeders remain accessible for filling or cleaning as required.



3. I have a lot of seeds that end up below my feeder. How can I avoid such a mess? Louise

First, we must look at the kind of seeds being offered. If you are using a mix of seeds, birds will often choose the seeds they like and throw the rest of them down. Unfortunately, several inexpensive seed mixes contain a large amount of milo (also known as sorghum) which is used as filler. It is a large dark red round seed not to be confused with millet which is lighter in colour. As the birds select their favourite seeds, the rest become waste and usually end up in a mess below your feeder.



Milo

If you only offer sunflower seeds, you might want to offer hulled sunflower seeds which eliminate fallen shells under the feeder. Hulled sunflower is a favourite seed for a very wide variety of birds.

Seed catchers can also be put under bird feeders in order to catch fallen seeds. Some models have a plate with holes in it and the fallen seeds will not be available to birds if you are worried that large bird will gather in your seed catcher in order to feed on the fallen seeds.

New Products and suggestions

Hulled peanut feeder



- Ideal for climbing birds such as chickadees, woodpeckers,

- nuthatches and goldfinches
- Difficult for non-climbers (starlings, grackles, jays) to use because there are no perches
- Large area below feeding port for woodpeckers to rest their tail
- Seeds remain dry
- Holds 1KG (2.2 lbs) of seeds
- Top opens up for easy filling and cleaning
- Can hold shelled peanuts and sunflower seeds
- Made in Québec

Phone Scope Photo Adaptors



We are pleased to announce the arrival of the new photo adaptors for smartphones from Phone Skope. They will be available before the end of October. They are designed specifically for all types of binoculars or spotting scopes and can be used with smartphones, tablets and video cameras.

They are easy to use and are designed specifically for each piece of equipment you use. They are made in two parts, one that attaches to your smartphone, tablet or video camera while the other attaches to your binoculars or spotting scope. The whole adaptor is very light and easy to carry in the field. If you ever need to change your phone or spotting scope, you only have to change one part and not the entire adapter.

The advantages of using a Phone Skope adapter are:

- Small and lightweight

- Photos and videos can be quickly shared
- The screen can be used as a view finder allowing several people to look at a bird at the same time.
- No more waiting your turn to see a rare or uncooperative bird.
- You can use Facetime or other applications in order to show a hard to identify bird to someone who is not present, and all this LIVE!



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