

CCFA - Nature Expert

Centre de conservation de la faune ailée



Hello,

Here is our summer newsletter. We are proud to partner with Earthvalues to provide birding equipment to communities who cannot afford it. You will find information about it in this newsletter and you will also have the chance to participate by donating your old birding equipment. You will receive a tax receipt for every donation you bring us. We are acting as a drop-off point in the Montréal area. Personally, I believe it is important to share our resources with those who are less fortunate. I hope you will join us in donating. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

In this newsletter you will find information on the best arrangement to attract birds near you. We also have a nice promotion for the entire months of August and September on most Swarovski products. You can save up to \$ 470 dollars!

We wish you a great end of summer.

Alain Goulet

Summertime

With the right feeders and the appropriate food, birds will be chirping away in your backyard in no time! Here is an example of a setup which could attract a great variety of birds. It was designed for a client with very specific needs. These needs came out of several years of feeding birds, squirrels, pigeons and others. We did our best to solve any problems the client might have with squirrels and larger birds, as well as with seeds falling on the ground.



With this combination of feeders and accessories, it is possible to attract **woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, house finches, goldfinches, eastern bluebirds, redpolls** and more... It is also possible to keep blue jays, grackles, mourning doves, and European starlings away. The setup is of course safe from red and grey squirrels, and chipmunk-proof as well. For more details, **click** on the items written in **green**.

1) Seed log Feeder. Metal feeder with roof which will protect the seed log against rain and snow. Holds one nut cylinder (2)

2) Nut cylinder. A great high energy cylinder made up of mixed nuts, peanuts, corn and mixed fruits. It will last a long time. This is excellent when you don't want to run out of food during a prolonged absence. The nut cylinder is made in Canada.

3) Vista feeder with **mealworms**. Mealworms attract birds who are not usually present at feeders (i.e. Eastern Bluebird, Indigo Bunting, and Northern Oriole). The feeder dome height is adjustable to prevent large birds from accessing the mealworms. We learned recently that mealworms can also attract unusual birds such as Eastern Screech-owls as you can see by accessing this Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/ccfanatureexpert>

4) Dome for central pole (Droll Yankees). Protects the contents of the tray below (5) from rain and snow. It can also be adjusted vertically in order to keep large birds out.

5) Large squirrel-proof seed tray (Droll Yankees). It has shelled peanuts to attract woodpeckers, chickadees and nuthatches. The large tray acts as a barrier against squirrels who want access to the seeds from the pole. This tray must be at a height of about 6 feet so that squirrels cannot jump in it from the ground.

6) Stokes metal feeder. This feeder has two metal compartments. In one, we put safflower seeds to attract the Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and House Finch. In the other we have shelled sunflower seed to attract a multitude of birds. Shelled sunflower seed was chosen to prevent messes below the bird feeder.

7) Droll Yankees Ring-Pull thistle feeder. This feeder has a central stem that can be pulled out in order to remove all perches and the base in order to facilitate cleaning. It will be a favourite of goldfinches, chickadees and redpolls.

8) Quatro pole system. 1 inch pole with extension and 4 branches. It was chosen because of its sturdiness and because you can easily add additional branches if you would like to add other feeders or waterers. Everything is held securely into the ground with a Twister anchoring screw.

Summer specials



Eagle Optics Ranger

On sale from 299,99\$. Up to 70\$ off. Models 8X32, 8X42, 10X42, 10X50



Razor HD Version II. Up to 250\$ off Models 8X42, 10X50 et 8.5X50s. Limited quantities



Swarovski: EL CLASS Special 2099,99\$ Model 8.5 X 42
Limited quantities

Spotting Scopes



Vortex Nomad 20-60 X 60 angled
Super Special 299,99\$ Regular 459,99\$



viper 15-45 X 65 angled Super Special 499,99\$ Regular 599,99\$



Swarovski ATM 20-60X80

Special 3079,99\$ Regular: 3229,99\$ Limited quantities

**During August & September:
Special on Swarovski Binoculars & Spotting
Scopes**



SWAROVSKI
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**65th anniversary
Sale**

**Up to
\$470 off**



EL 8X32 2,170\$ (regular \$2409.99)
EL 10X32 2,280\$ (regular \$2529.99)
EL 8,5X42 2,490\$ (regular \$2759.99)
EL 10X42 2,550\$ (regular \$2829.99)
EL 10X50 2,730\$ (regular \$3029.99)
EL 12X50 2,790\$ (regular \$3099.99)
CL Companion 8X30 960\$ (regular \$1069.99)
CL Companion 10X30 1050\$ (regular \$1169.99)
CL Pocket 8X25 790\$ (regular \$879.99)
CL Pocket 10X25 860\$ (regular \$949.99)
ATX Eyepiece module-angled 2,280\$ (regular \$2529.99)
STX Eyepiece module-straight 2,280\$ (regular \$2529.99)
OBJECTIVE Module 65 mm 970\$ (regular \$1069.99)
OBJECTIVE Module 85 mm 1650\$ (regular \$1829.99)
OBJECTIVE Module 95 mm 1970\$ (regular \$2189.99)
EL RANGE 8X42 3090\$ (regular \$3429.99)
EL RANGE 10X42 3130\$ (regular \$3479.99)

New products & suggestions



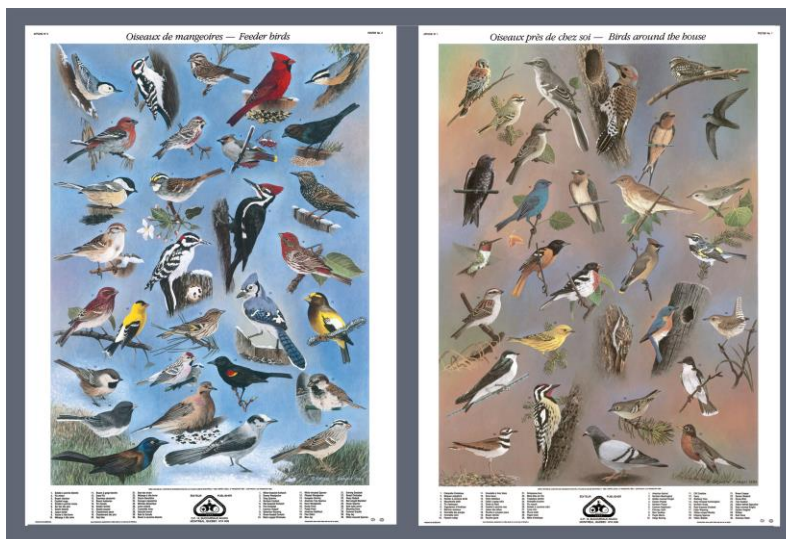
Ranger ED

The popular Ranger series is now replaced by the new Ranger ED series. Like their name indicates, the binoculars are now made with extra-low dispersion (ED) glass, which allows for clearer, sharper, and more contrasted images. They are very light for their category and are now equipped with a lockable dioptre. We successfully tested the enhanced light transmission, comparatively to the older version, with a luxmeter (which measures the intensity of the reflected light), and the new binoculars are indeed better illuminated. Like most Eagle Optics products, they have an unconditional lifetime warranty. The Ranger ED binoculars are available in models 8x32, 8x42, 10x42, and 10x50. They will undoubtedly be very popular!

EDUCATIONAL BIRD POSTERS

We have recently been receiving some inquiries regarding our educational posters which can be seen in different provincial parks and interpretive kiosks. These posters are available in sets of twos, in a 20 x 28" format. Paper copies cost 9.95\$, while laminated copies cost 19.99\$.

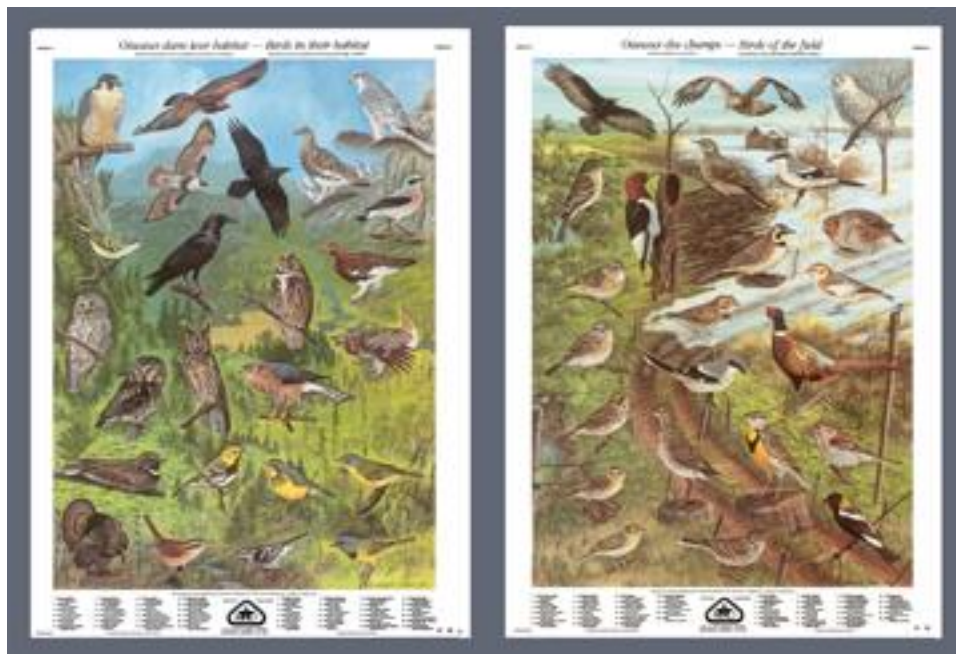
Set I: Birds Around the House and Feeder Birds



Set #2 Birds of the Deciduous Forest and coniferous Forest



Set #3 Birds in their habitat and Birds of the field



Binocular Exchange Canada



Photo: Gustavo Bautista

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. If you are looking to find a good use for such birding equipment, you may be interested in this project.

We will accept at **CCFA – Nature Expert** 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 a donation of equipment of any kind, we will estimate the value of the equipment and issue a charitable tax receipt, if desired.

Earthvalues Organisme de charité





Vote for **Regroupement QuébecOiseaux!**

QuébecOiseaux is one of five Canadian conservation organizations this year who will share the \$ 100,000 allocated by **Jamieson Laboratories** as part of their promotion "**A call of nature!**". Each organization will receive a donation proportional to the number of public votes it has received. The amount received will be used primarily to support the Quebec Breeding Bird Atlas and QuébecOiseaux's efforts to protect endangered birds.

Vote daily from **August 18th to September 14th** on Jamieson's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/jamiesonvitamins. Note that you need to have a Facebook account to vote and the votes should be recorded from a computer (the votes are not accessible from a smart phone or a tablet).

You can subscribe to this list to receive a daily reminder to vote. Thank you for publicizing the contest to your family, friends and colleagues!



Danville

Migratory Bird Festival
October 11, 12, 13, 2014

This year, we will once more be holding a kiosk at this festival.