



CCFA
Nature Expert

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Happy new year to all

We are now settled in our new location on 5120 rue de Bellechasse and are happy to serve new as well as long-time customers. We are extremely happy with this new location and the feeling seems very similar with the many customers who have visited us already. We will continue to carry a full selection of bird feeders, nest boxes, books, binoculars, spotting scopes and all kinds of accessories related to bird-watching. Many have asked about parking at the new location. There is plenty of parking on Bellechasse and neighbouring streets without any restrictions during store hours due to street cleaning. Of course, the store is also easily accessible by public transit. You will find all the details on how to get here on our website.

Employee news.

Simon Duval is no longer with us. He is still working for the McGill Bird Observatory and will be pursuing other research projects in the future. We wish him all the best in all these endeavours. I and the rest of the staff will be here to serve you and answer all your birding questions.

You will find in this bulletin 6 things that you can do to contribute to bird conservation. I encourage you to consider making a few of them your new year's resolution.

Alain Goulet, Owner



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How to Help Birds in 2012

We are now located at 5120 de Belchasse near the Botanical Garden. Come and see our new boutique! Click on the map below to see the new location.



Bird Quiz

I often attack cats and will rob eggs and nestlings from other birds' nests. Which bird am I?



Answer to last quiz:

I can swim very well. I can walk more than 30 km at the age of 1 day.

I can fly non-stop the equivalent of Montréal-Toronto RETURN TRIP at an average speed of 55 km / h.

What North American bird am I?

Snow Goose

Here are a few ideas of things that one can EASILY do to help protect birds wherever you are:

1) Sponsor those who help birds. Most people are not biologists but can easily join or sponsor financially those who work towards conservation or study the birds around us. Here I would suggest 2 organizations:

I) Bird Protection Québec. They have for the past 95 years studied, help protect and sponsored those who study birds all over the province of Québec. They are one of the few organizations that own several parcels of land that are used as bird sanctuaries. They are one of the oldest conservation organizations in North America. For more information: www.pqspb.org/bpq

II) Regroupement Québec Oiseaux. They are a non-profit organization that brings together and represents individuals and organizations interested in the study, observation and protection of birds in Quebec. It encompasses all birding clubs in Québec, individual members and affiliated organizations. Its objectives are: to promote the development of birding, promote the study of birds and ensure their protection and that of their habitats. For more information visit : www.quebecoiseaux.org

2) Get out and look at birds. By doing so, you will learn about them and appreciate them more. Some of the best learning is the one we do on our own. It also makes for a very relaxing hobby.

3) Plant native trees, shrubs and plants around your home. This will provide them with adequate food and shelter that is not always available from exotic species.

4) Use bird decals in the large windows of your home which are prone to bird strikes. Transparent decals are available and can be effective as well as aesthetically pleasing. Bird collisions with windows are one of the leading causes of bird mortality around your home. Cats are another contributing cause.

5) Put up a bird bath. Water is essential to birds and putting up a bird bath will attract a wide variety of birds in your backyard.

6) Join a local birding club. By doing so, you will meet people who are seasoned birding veterans while others will be new at birding but all will have an interest in birds in general.

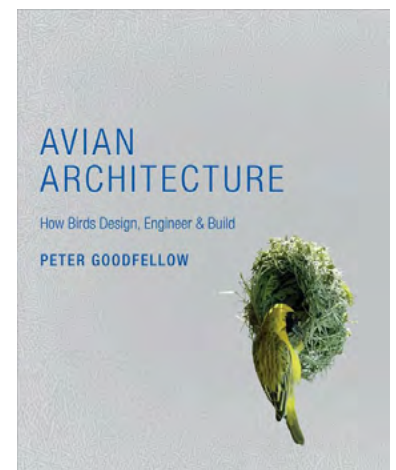
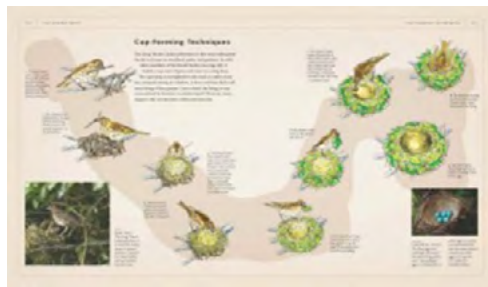
Our new products and suggestions

Door Mats



100% Polyester face, permanently dye printed & fade resistant, non-skid rubber backing, durable polypropylene web trim. Size : 18 x 27 inches or 45 x 69 cm

Avian Architecture



Birds are the most consistently inventive builders, and their nests set the bar for functional design in nature. **Avian Architecture** describes how birds design, engineer, and build their nests all over the world. It describes the architectural blueprints and detailed descriptions of the construction processes and engineering techniques birds use. Each chapter covers a different type of nest, from tunnel nests and mound nests to floating nests, hanging nests, woven nests, and even multiple-nest avian cities. It includes 300 full-color images and covers more than 100 bird species worldwide.

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