

Early Career Researcher Awards 2024

Announcement



The Early Career Researcher Award (ECRA) honours fledgling ornithologists - in academia, industry, non-government or government agencies – that show strong potential for future leadership in Canadian ornithology.

Dr. Matthew Furst was selected as the winner of the 2024 ERCA. Dr. Furst has an impressive research program that explores how environmental change influences avian movement throughout the annual cycle, as well as how these movements impact lifetime fitness and population dynamics. Dr. Furst has already demonstrated that his research is highly integrative, combining techniques and data from population-, behavioural-, spatial-, and molecular-ecology to understand the mechanistic basis of animal behaviour and the fitness implications of movement strategies. Dr. Furst is recognized for his highly collaborative research both within and outside academia, exceptional publication record, and commitment to student and peer mentorship. Currently, Dr. Furst holds a dual role at Birds Canada. As Manager of Observatory Operations, Dr. Furst is responsible for overseeing the research and migration monitoring at Long Point Bird Observatory and its many programs and, as a Research Fellow, he is currently examining the mechanisms driving regional variation in productivity of Common Loon across North American.

The award will be presented to Dr. Furst at the society's annual meeting, which will be co-hosted with the Association of Field Ornithologists and the Wilson Ornithological Society in Peoria, Illinois from July 29–August 1 (<https://afoscows2024.org/>). Stay tuned for more details about Dr. Furst research in a forthcoming issue of *Picoides*.