

Mandate of Conservation Committee, Society of Canadian Ornithologists/Société des ornithologistes du Canada

The mandate of the Conservation Committee of the SCO/SOC is to alert Canadian ornithologists of current and upcoming concerns and developments that could influence (both positively and negatively) the conservation status of Canadian birds in the wild. The Conservation Committee alerts members through articles and brief summaries in the SCO/SOC newsletter, *Picoides*, and through email alerts to the membership list. The Conservation Committee also acts as a conduit for individual requests for information about issues concerning threats to birds in the wild, by directing requests to other organizations or individuals whose mandate is specifically centred on conservation. When needed, the Conservation Committee can serve to refer requests to individual SCO/SOC members who might have expertise in particular areas of conservation.