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Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*). // Urubu à tête rouge. Photo: Barbara Bleho.

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# Editors' Message

*Rob Warnock and Barbara Bleho*

Welcome to the second issue of *Picoides* in 2025. We hope everyone had a great start to spring. You will quickly note that this issue is much smaller than most of the recent issues of *Picoides*. This is due to the reduction in the number of submissions we received this time around. We want more submissions to make *Picoides* as useful and interesting as possible for our audience, the SCO-SOC members.

In Daneille Ethier's latest President's Message, she encourages SCO-SOC members to attend the 2025 SCO-SOC conference being held August 13 to 16 at the University of Saskatchewan and volunteer for Society committees and initiatives. Danielle also highlights the recent success of the SCO-SOC mentorship program and notes that the program will return in September 2025.

We also encourage everyone to attend the 2025 SCO-SOC conference and check out the conference notice and call for more poster abstracts (note the deadline!) on page 9.

Nominations are now open for three positions on the SCO-SOC Council. Check out the nominations notice on page 8. We encourage everyone who is interested to put their name forward.

We congratulate the 2025 SCO-SOC Student Award recipients: Laurianne Richard (Fred Cooke), Aalia Khan (Discovery), Sunny Tseng (Taverner), and Sarah Chiasson (Taverner). The award citations begin on page 4.

There is an interesting article in this issue about Canadian graduate students and a new endemic wren in Grenada (page 6). And of course, the latest *Avian Conservation and Ecology* Table of Contents is included in the issue (page 10). Check out all these items in this issue.

The next *Picoides* deadline is October 15, 2025. We look forward to your next submission, especially from students and bird labs. Without submissions, there is no *Picoides*. We also welcome your feedback as it is your publication, and we wish everyone a safe summer and fall.

## *FRANÇAIS—Message des éditeurs – Rob Warnock et Barbara Bleho*

Bienvenue dans le deuxième numéro des Picoides en 2025. Nous espérons que tout le monde a bien commencé le printemps. Vous remarquerez rapidement que ce numéro est beaucoup plus petit que la plupart des numéros récents des *Picoides*. Ceci est dû à la réduction du nombre de soumissions que nous avons reçues cette fois-ci. Nous souhaitons recevoir davantage de contributions pour que les Picoides soient aussi utiles et intéressants que possible pour notre public, les membres du SCO-SOC.

Dans son dernier message, Danielle Ethier encourage les membres du SCO-SOC à participer à la conférence 2025 du SCO-SOC qui se tiendra du 13 au 16 août à l'Université de Saskatchewan et à se porter volontaire pour les comités et les initiatives de la Société. Danielle souligne également le succès récent du programme de mentorat du SCO-SOC et note que le programme sera de retour en septembre 2025.

Nous encourageons également tout le monde à participer à la conférence 2025 du SCO-SOC et à l'avis de conférence et l'appel à la soumission de résumés d'affiches (notez la date limite!) à la page 9.

Les nominations sont désormais ouvertes pour trois postes au sein du Conseil du SCO-SOC. Consultez l'avis de nomination à la page 8. Nous encourageons toutes les personnes intéressées à se porter candidates.

Nous félicitons les lauréats du prix étudiant SCO-SOC 2025 : Laurianne Richard (Fred Cooke), Aalia Khan (Discovery), Sunny Tseng (Taverner) et Sarah Chiasson (Taverner). Les citations des prix commencent à la page 4.

Ce numéro contient un article intéressant sur des étudiants canadiens diplômés et sur un nouveau troglodyte endémique de la Grenade (page 6). Et bien sûr, la dernière table des matières de *Avian Conservation and Ecology* est incluse dans le numéro (page 10). Jetez un coup d'œil à tous ces éléments dans ce numéro.

La prochaine date limite pour les *Picoides* est le 15 octobre 2025. Nous attendons avec impatience votre prochaine soumission, en particulier de la part des étudiants et des laboratoires ornithologiques. Sans soumissions, il n'y a pas de *Picoides*. Nous vous invitons également à nous faire part de vos commentaires, car il s'agit de votre publication. Nous souhaitons à tous un été et un automne sereins.

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## President's Message

*Danielle Ethier*

Summer is here, and many of you are already deep into your field seasons. The work you do is vital for birds and their habitats, and we encourage you to share your stories, field adventures, and inspirations with us for the next issue of *Picoides*! Your experiences help inspire and connect our community.

Excitement is building for our annual conference, taking place August 13–16 at the University of Saskatchewan. Our conference planning team has been working tirelessly to create an engaging and affordable event, thanks in large part to the generous support of our sponsors. This year, we received over 150 abstracts for oral and poster presentations, and we're organizing a variety of professional development sessions and social events to help you connect and grow.

Early bird registration is now open until June 15-after which prices will increase. Don't miss out! Register today by scanning the QR code or visiting: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/1d8439b2-5cea-4886-a00a-3fa734fa8610>. If you're an SCO-SOC member, check your email for a special discount code. For more details about the conference, visit: <https://conferences.usask.ca/sco-2025/index.php>.



Our 2024/25 mentor-mentee program wrapped up in May and was another resounding success. Special thanks to Steffi LaZerte for her outstanding work organizing this year's program. Five mentor-mentee pairs participated in this eight-month, semi-structured initiative, fostering growth and connection within our community. The program will return in September 2025, and we welcome both new and returning mentors and mentees to join. It's a truly rewarding experience for all involved.

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to SCO-SOC? Consider joining a committee or putting your name forward for council. We are always seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help drive our initiatives and support our mission. Serving on a committee is a fantastic way to meet new people, expand your skills, and make a real difference.

Thank you for your passion, dedication, and ongoing support. Wishing you a safe and productive field season. I look forward to seeing many of you in Saskatoon!

## FRANÇAIS— Message de la présidente – Danielle Ethier

L'été est arrivé, et beaucoup d'entre vous sont déjà plongés dans leur saison de terrain. Le travail que vous accombez est vital pour les oiseaux et leurs habitats, et nous vous encourageons à partager vos histoires, vos aventures sur le terrain et vos inspirations avec nous pour le prochain numéro de *Picoides!* Vos expériences contribuent à inspirer et à rassembler notre communauté.

Notre conférence annuelle, qui se tiendra du 13 au 16 août à l'Université de la Saskatchewan, suscite de plus en plus d'enthousiasme. Notre équipe de planification de la conférence a travaillé sans relâche pour créer un événement attrayant et abordable, en grande partie grâce au soutien généreux de nos sponsors. Cette année, nous avons reçu plus de 150 résumés pour des présentations orales et des affiches, et nous organisons une variété de sessions de développement professionnel et d'événements sociaux pour faciliter vos connexions et développement.

L'inscription anticipée est ouverte jusqu'au 15 juin, après quoi les prix augmenteront. Ne manquez pas cette occasion! Inscrivez-vous dès aujourd'hui en scannant le code QR ou en visitant: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/1d8439b2-5cea-4886-a00a-3fa734fa8610>. Si vous êtes membre de la SCO-SOC, vérifiez votre courrier électronique pour obtenir un code de réduction spécial. Pour plus de détails sur la conférence, visitez : <https://conferences.usask.ca/sco-2025/index.php>.

Notre programme de mentorat 2024/25 s'est achevé en mai et a connu un succès retentissant. Nous remercions tout particulièrement Steffi LaZerte pour son travail exceptionnel dans l'organisation du programme de cette année. Cinq paires de mentor-mentoré ont participé à cette initiative semi-structurée de huit mois, favorisant la croissance et la connexion au sein de notre communauté. Le programme reprendra en septembre 2025 et nous invitons les mentors et les mentorés, nouveaux ou anciens, à se joindre à nous. Il s'agit d'une expérience vraiment enrichissante pour tous ceux qui y participent.

Cherchez-vous une façon significative de rendre service à la SCO-SOC ? Envisagez de vous joindre à un comité ou de proposer votre candidature au conseil. Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de bénévoles enthousiastes pour nous aider à mener nos initiatives et à soutenir notre mission. Faire partie d'un comité est un moyen fantastique de rencontrer de nouvelles personnes, d'élargir vos compétences et de faire une réelle différence.

Nous vous remercions de votre passion, de votre dévouement et de votre soutien constant. Je vous souhaite une saison de terrain sécuritaire et productive. Je me réjouis de vous voir en grand nombre à Saskatoon!

### STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED FOR PICOIDES

SCO-SOC encourages students to submit material for *Picoides*. In particular, we would like each issue to feature abstracts of at least one or two recently published theses. They must be from students at a Canadian university, but need not necessarily focus on Canadian birds. Abstracts should be 250-400 words long, preferably accompanied by one or two relevant photos.

We also welcome articles describing aspects of student research in greater detail; these should focus on a subject relevant to Canadian ornithology, require references, and may be up to 1,000 words long, again preferably accompanied by one or two photos. See the SCO-SOC Information page for submission details.

## 2025 SCO-SOC Student Award Recipients

Fred Cooke Award (co-administered with Birds Canada) - Laurianne Richard - Developmental and toxicological responses of northern gannet's embryos to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)



Laurianne Richard is a PhD candidate at the Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique and collaborating with Environment and Climate Change Canada. Her research project aims to assess the developmental and toxicological responses of northern gannet's embryos to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), under the supervision of Dr. Valérie S. Langlois, Dr. Raphaël A. Lavoie and M.Sc. Shane R. de Solla. Using molecular biology, the results of her project could suggest better guidelines for the regulation of these pollutants in the environment, providing a safer habitat for seabirds.

Laurianne Richard est une candidate au doctorat de l'Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique et collabore avec Environnement et Changements Climatiques Canada. Son projet de recherche a pour but d'évaluer les réponses développementales et toxiques des embryons de fous de Bassan aux substances per- et polyfluoroalkylées (PFAS), sous la supervision de Dr. Valérie S. Langlois, Dr. Raphaël A. Lavoie et M.Sc. Shane R. de Solla. Utilisant la biologie moléculaire, les résultats de son projet pourront suggérer de meilleures lignes directrices pour la régulation de ces polluants dans l'environnement, entraînant un habitat plus sécuritaire pour les oiseaux marins.

Avian Conservation Award (co-administered with Birds Canada) - Maya Wade - Impacts of climate-driven shrub expansion on birds in the Western Canadian Arctic



Maya Wade (she/her) is an MSc student at the University of British Columbia investigating the impacts of shrub expansion on tundra-dependent birds in the Western Canadian Arctic. Her research uses long-term survey data, passive acoustic monitoring, and remote sensing to examine how shrub expansion affects the population dynamics, habitat use, and community composition of birds on Herschel Island - Qikiqtaruk Territorial Park. She holds a PgCert in Biodiversity, Wildlife, and Ecosystem Health from the University of Edinburgh and a BSc (Hons.) in Biology from Mount Allison University.

Maya Wade (elle) est une étudiante à la maîtrise à la University of British Columbia investiguant les impacts de l'expansion des arbustes sur les oiseaux dépendants de la toundra dans l'ouest de l'Arctique canadien. Sa recherche utilise des données de suivi à long terme, de la surveillance acoustique passive et de la télédétection pour évaluer comment l'expansion des arbustes affecte les dynamiques de populations, l'utilisation de l'habitat et la composition des communautés des oiseaux sur la Herschel Island - Qikiqtaruk Territorial Park. Elle détient une certification postgraduée en biodiversité, faune et santé de l'écosystème de la University of Edinburgh ainsi qu'un baccalauréat (Honors) en biologie de la Mount Allison University.

**Discovery Award - Aalia Khan - Outcomes of bird conservation initiatives in urban areas**

Aalia Khan is a Master's student with Dr. Rachel Buxton's Biodiversity Conservation Solutions Lab at Carleton University and collaborating with Nature Canada's Bird Friendly Cities program. She is conducting a global evidence synthesis and meta-analysis on outcomes of conservation solutions for key threats facing urban birds, including collisions with windows, predation by cats, vehicle strikes, and artificial light at night. Aalia aims to use her results to guide future intervention-based research as well as policies and initiatives for urban birds across Canada.

Aalia Khan est une étudiante à la maîtrise dans le laboratoire Biodiversity Conservation Solutions de Dr. Rachel Buxton à la Carleton University et collaborant avec le programme Nature Canada's Bird Friendly Cities. Elle conduit une synthèse de données globale et une mété-analyse sur les résultats des solutions de conservation pour les principales menaces des oiseaux urbains, incluant les collisions avec les fenêtres et les voitures, la prédateur par les chats et la lumière artificielle la nuit. Aalia a pour but d'utiliser ses résultats pour guider de futures recherches interventionnelles ainsi que des politiques et initiatives pour les oiseaux urbains à travers le Canada.

**Taverner Award - Sunny Tseng - Mapping avian hotspots by integrating acoustic monitoring and occupancy**

Sunny Tseng is a PhD candidate at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Originally from Taiwan, a fieldwork experience in the Siberian tundra sparked her passion for bird acoustics. Since then, she has recorded vocalizations from over 300 bird species worldwide, including the rare Siberian Crane. Her PhD research in Canada explores how machine learning tools, such as BirdNET, can be integrated with acoustic data to address pressing ecological questions. Sunny is also an R package developer and scientific infographic designer, passionate about finding creative ways to communicate and promote scientific research.

Sunny Tseng est une candidate au doctorat à la University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Originaire de Taiwan, une expérience de terrain dans la toundra sibérienne a éveillé sa passion pour l'acoustique aviaire. Depuis, elle a enregistré des vocalisations pour plus de 300 espèces d'oiseaux dans le monde, incluant la rare grue de Sibérie. Sa recherche doctorale au Canada explore comment les outils d'apprentissage automatique, comme BirdNET, peuvent être intégrés avec les données d'acoustique pour adresser des questions écologiques urgentes. Sunny est également une conceptrice

de packages R et d'infographies scientifiques, passionnée de trouver des moyens créatifs pour communiquer et promouvoir la recherche scientifique.

**Taverner Award - Sarah Chiasson - Do females who engage in intraspecific brood parasitism raise their own brood?**

Sarah Chiasson is an Honours student in Environmental Science at Saint Mary's University, working under the supervision of Dr. Colleen Barber. Her study focuses on intraspecific brood parasitism (IBP) in European Starlings whereby conspecific females lay an egg in the host nest. The project involves identifying IBP nestlings and assigning parentage through microsatellite DNA analysis to determine whether genetic parents of these IBP nestlings have their own concurrent brood. The objective is to determine whether female European Starlings are indeterminate layers who use IBP as a strategy to increase reproductive success.

Sarah Chiasson est une étudiante Honors en sciences environnementales à la Saint Mary's University, travaillant sous la supervision de Dr. Colleen Barber. Son étude se concentre sur le parasitisme intraspécifique des couvées (IBP) chez les étourneaux sansonnet par lequel les femelles conspécifiques pondent un œuf dans le nid de l'hôte. Le projet implique d'identifier les oisillons IBP et d'assigner la parenté par l'analyse d'ADN microsatellite afin de déterminer si les parents génétiques de ces oisillons IBP ont leur propre couvée simultanée. L'objectif est de déterminer si les femelles étourneau sansonnet sont des pondeuses indéterminées qui utilisent l'IBP comme stratégie pour augmenter leur succès reproducteur.

## Feature Article

### A "New" Wren for Grenada: Celebrating the Island's New Endemic

Zahra Nanji, MNR graduate student at the University of Manitoba

The European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) is a passerine bird native to Europe, Asia, and North Africa, but it has been successfully introduced to many other regions, including Canada (Craig and Feare 2015, Del Hoyo et al. 2020). In North America, the species was first introduced in the late 19th century in New York City and has since spread across the continent, becoming one of the most abundant bird species (Wetmore 1964, Cabe 2020). Its adaptability to a wide range of habitats, particularly urban and agricultural environments, has allowed it to thrive beyond its native range (Kessel 1953). European Starlings are known for their iridescent plumage and complex vocalizations. The species exhibits distinct plumages, including breeding and non-breeding adult forms, characterized by the presence or absence of spots and the degree of glossiness in their feathers (Kessel 1951, Feare and Craig 1998). These birds are gregarious and often form large flocks, especially outside the breeding season. This behavior offers protection from predators and facilitates foraging efficiency (Kessel 1957, Stuart et al. 2023).

The Caribbean Island of Grenada is now home to its second endemic bird species: the Grenada Wren (*Troglodytes grenadensis*), formerly classified as a subspecies of the House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon grenadensis*). Years of research by multiple teams of scientists contributed to this official recognition, confirming what local experts and birdwatchers had long suspected. A proposal in 2022 was put forward to the American Ornithological Society (AOS) to push for this split, but it failed to pass. In 2024, a new proposal by Pamela C. Rasmussen, R. Terry Chesser, J. Van Remsen, Jr., and Brian Sullivan passed due to the accumulation of new data on a near-comprehensive phylogeny based on mitochondrial DNA and genomic evidence, which provided an opportunity to reevaluate the complex. Due to this reassessment, the Grenada Wren is one of six new species that are now recognized. The other species are: *T. musculus*, the Southern House Wren, which ranges from the southern Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to the southern tip of South America. *T. beani*, the Cozumel Wren, is an endemic species to Cozumel Island, a relatively small island off Quintana Roo, Mexico. *T. martinicensis*, the Kalinago Wren, *T. mesoleucus*, the St. Lucia Wren, and *T. musicus*, the St. Vincent Wren, are endemic species to Dominica, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent, respectively. These relatively small islands, along with Grenada, are located near one another in the Lesser Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean Sea.

With the formal split now confirmed, Grenada has gained its second endemic bird, joining the critically endangered Grenada Dove (*Leptotila wellsi*), Grenada's national bird. The dove's dependence on increasingly fragmented dry forest habitats highlights the urgent conservation challenges on the island. Recognizing another endemic species has brought Grenadians both excitement and a renewed focus on protecting Grenada's unique biodiversity. Among the work supporting the reclassification was the work done by former master's student Kim Wetten, a Canadian graduate of the University of Manitoba's (UM) Natural Resources Institute, whose thesis research focused on the morphological divergence in House Wren species on island populations, focusing on the Wrens in Grenada. Her research added valuable insight into the species' ecology and supported the growing evidence that the Grenada Wren is distinct. Once she completed her thesis, Kim turned the results into a children's book, *Wrennie Takes Flight: A Grenadian House Bird on a Big Adventure*, donated to schools and libraries across Grenada to disseminate knowledge about this amazing little bird (Photo 1).



Photo 1. Release of *Wrennie Takes Flight: A Grenadian House Bird on a Big Adventure*.



Photo 2. Participants in "Nest Detective" hands-on exploration game.

As a graduate student in Natural Resources Management at the University of Manitoba, currently researching the factors influencing nest success of native landbirds in Grenada, I was especially excited to take part in outreach about this newly appointed endemic species on the island where I had spent so much time learning, observing, and connecting with the local environment and community. Engaging with kids and adults through interactive events highlighted how international outreach can be a meaningful exchange of knowledge and perspective for everyone involved. I particularly enjoyed learning which examples would resonate with the children based on their daily lives, which differed from the examples I would have chosen based on my own experiences. During my time in Grenada, I learned something new each day from speaking with workers at my site and other residents who had no formal connection to avian conservation. I often learned the most from these informal conversations. They would describe the birds in my study in their own words, share the behaviours they regularly observed, and point out the trees the birds seemed to prefer. Although I came to Grenada to conduct research and participate in outreach, I often felt that I was simply putting scientific terms to what many people on the island already knew or intuitively understood through their daily experiences with these birds.

Our activities included leading the Grenada Bird Festival at Belmont Estate on May 9, 2025, as part of the Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival held at sites across the Caribbean.

At the festival, four interactive stations helped children explore local bird life, with a special focus on the Grenada Wren. Kim Wetten led the first station by reading her book *Wrennie Takes Flight* and facilitating a matching game to compare the Grenada Wren with other wren species. I shared real

bird nests with the children and ran a game called "Nest Detective," a hands-on activity designed to explore nest function and diversity (Photo 2). Shaye Hill and Madi Oud are graduate students at UNBC completing their master's degrees in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, both with research focused on how the environment influences bird nesting and reproduction. Together, they hosted a sound-matching game featuring vocalizations of common Grenadian birds and taught participants how to recognize them (Photo 3). Shaye also created original artwork, posters, and stickers, while a team from UNBC designed customized 3D-printed wrens representing different species. These models allowed children to handle, compare, and learn from them directly. The 3D wrens were a huge hit with both kids and adults, highlighting the value of



Photo 4. Customized 3D-printed wrens designed by UNBC team for hands-on education.

using multiple learning approaches in nature education (Photo 4). We partnered with local NGOs in offering this festival; local conservation volunteers from Gaea, Akira Charles, and the Grenada Fund for Conservation (GFC), including Amonie Holas, Trisha Christopher, John Griffith, Jadia Adams, Udy Clarke, and Edison Worme, led the habitat station. There, students learned about bird habitats and participated in a scavenger hunt to find birds in their preferred environments.



Photo 3. Participants in sound matching game.

Our team ran outreach events on other parts of the island as well (Photo 5), and met with tour guides to help them incorporate the Grenada Wren into their ecotourism programming. The events were a resounding success, with 11 schools and more than 200 children attending from grades 2 to 5. The kids really enjoyed the activities, asking thoughtful questions, sharing their bird stories, and enthusiastically participating.

This experience reinforced for me just how essential public engagement and education are to conservation. We can inspire the next generation of biologists and conservationists by highlighting the importance of everyday encounters with nature. These individuals will be the ones to take on the growing challenges of habitat loss, climate change, and the degradation of natural resources. Meaningful change begins with the individual. The Caribbean islands are on the front line of natural disasters, facing increasing impacts as the climate continues to change, and Grenada is no exception. I am truly grateful to have been part of outreach efforts, in partnership with local organizations, to share knowledge about the island's newly recognized endemic bird species. By blending science, storytelling, and community engagement, the team helped ensure that Grenada's newest endemic bird is recognized and loved for generations to come.



Photo 5. Participation in other outreach events.

## Ornithological News and Announcements

### NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

The SCO-SOC is soliciting invitations from members interested in serving on Council. We have three open positions, and members of council serve for two years and serve up to two consecutive terms. For all positions, no prior experience is required. Becoming a member of council is a wonderful way to support the SCO-SOC and help add your voice in shaping the direction of Canadian ornithology. The SCO-SOC is particularly interested in diversifying our council, so we strongly encourage applications from people that identify as being from underrepresented communities. If you are interested in becoming a member of council, please submit a short paragraph about yourself, including why you would like to be on the SCO-SOC council and what you hope to bring to the position, along with a photo. These will be distributed to the membership prior to the election. Please send your applications and any questions or concerns to Ann McKellar at [ann.mckellar@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ann.mckellar@ec.gc.ca) by July 1, 2025.

### NOMINATIONS POUR LE CONSEIL

La SOC-SCO sollicite des applications de la part de membres intéressés à siéger au Conseil. Nous avons trois postes ouverts et les membres du conseil siègent pendant deux ans et remplissent jusqu'à deux mandats consécutifs. Tous ces postes ne requièrent pas d'expérience préalable. Devenir membre du conseil est une merveilleuse façon de soutenir la SOC-SCO et d'aider à faire entendre votre voix pour façonner la direction de l'ornithologie canadienne. La SOC-SCO est particulièrement intéressée à diversifier le conseil, nous encourageons donc fortement les candidatures de personnes s'identifiant comme appartenant à des communautés sous-représentées. Si vous êtes intéressé à devenir membre du conseil, veuillez soumettre un court paragraphe sur vous-même, y compris pourquoi vous aimeriez faire partie du conseil de la SOC-SCO et ce que vous espérez apporter au poste, ainsi qu'une photo. Ces candidatures seront distribuées aux membres avant l'élection. Veuillez envoyer vos candidatures et toute question ou préoccupation à Ann McKellar à [ann.mckellar@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ann.mckellar@ec.gc.ca) avant le 1 juillet 2025.

## Society of Canadian Ornithologists 2025 Annual Meeting

### Réunion annuelle 2025 de la Société des ornithologues du Canada

August 13-16, 2025 - University of Saskatchewan  
13-16 août 2025 - Université de Saskatchewan

This year's theme: **Under Our Wings: Avian Conservation and Ecology in a Changing World**  
Le thème de cette année : **Sous nos ailes : La conservation et l'écologie aviaires dans un monde en mutation**



#### Recent updates:

- [Submit a late-breaking abstract \(poster presentation\)!](#)
- [Registration for the annual meeting is live!](#)
- [Become a student volunteer at the conference!](#)
- [Become a sponsor for our conference!](#)

#### Mises à jour récentes:

- [Soumettez un résumé tardif \(présentation d'affiche\) !](#)
- [L'inscription est maintenant en ligne!](#)
- [Devenez bénévole à la conférence!](#)
- [Devenez sponsor de notre conférence!](#)

#### Late-breaking abstracts – you know what they say about early birds and worms, but there is still time!!

We are happy to provide one more chance for ornithologists and fellow bird fans to present their work (\*posters only\*) at the 2025 meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists - Société des Ornithologues du Canada (SCO-SOC) to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 13–16 August 2025.

This year's meeting focuses on avian conservation and ecology in a changing world, with key symposia on technical advances and current conservation challenges; however, we welcome submission of talks across the full breadth of ornithological research. Opportunities for collaboration will facilitate new partnerships for research, conservation, and education related to migratory birds and will highlight ongoing research on birds and the habitats they rely on. Learn more on the [SCO-SOC 2025 meeting website](#).

If you have a poster you would like to present, please submit your abstract and consider joining us.

**Submission Deadline: 30 June 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Responses will be sent by July 4, with registration closing on July 15.**

**Abstracts must be submitted through the [online form](#).**

**Appel à résumés tardifs****On connaît l'adage : « Les lève-tôt attrapent le ver », mais il n'est pas trop tard !**

Nous sommes heureux d'offrir une ultime occasion aux ornithologues et passionné(e)s d'oiseaux de présenter leur travail (*affiches uniquement*) lors de la réunion 2025 de la Société des Ornithologistes du (SOC-SCO), qui se tiendra à Saskatoon (Saskatchewan) du 13 au 16 août 2025.

Cette année, la conférence portera sur la conservation et l'écologie des oiseaux dans un monde en mutation, avec des symposiums majeurs sur les avancées techniques et les défis actuels en matière de conservation. Nous accueillons toutefois des communications couvrant l'ensemble des thématiques ornithologiques. Ces journées seront l'occasion de créer de nouveaux partenariats de recherche, de conservation et de formation autour des oiseaux migrateurs, et de mettre en lumière les travaux en cours sur les oiseaux et leurs habitats. Pour en savoir plus, consultez le [site web de la SOC-SCO 2025](#).

**Date limite de soumission : 30 juin 2025 à 23 h 59 (heure de l'Est)**

**Les réponses seront communiquées d'ici le 4 juillet et les inscriptions fermeront le 15 juillet.**

**Les résumés doivent être soumis via le [formulaire en ligne](#).**

## Avian Conservation and Ecology Articles

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