

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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NATIONAL BIRD DAY

January 5

National Bird Day is an annual holiday with half a million adherents who celebrate through birdwatching, studying birds, and other bird-related activities.

Avian Welfare Coalition January 5 of every year

www.avianwelfare.org/nationalbirdday



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FALL LIGHTS OUT MIGRATION PROGRAM

August 15 to November 15

During this fall migration period, everyone is encouraged to reduce unnecessary lighting during evening hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. to provide a safer migration.

birdcast.info/science-to-action/lights-out



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GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

February 14 to 17

The **Backyard Bird Count** is an annual four-day event that engages bird enthusiasts of all ages around the world in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. Anyone can participate, from beginners to experts. You can count for as little as 15 minutes on a single day, or for as long as you like each day of the event.

Joint program of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon with Canadian partner Birds Canada

www.birdcount.org

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CLEANING PURPLE MARTIN CONDOS

Mid-September to early October

Each year, volunteers from the **Association des amateurs** d'Hirondelles du Québec clean out the Purple Martin lighthouse and prepare for the following year.

This activity is weather-dependent, and the exact date is chosen closer to September.

GLOBAL BIRD RESCUE

Last week of September Participants search for birds that have collided with buildings

in their own community to raise awareness about this issue. They also try to raise awareness about window collisions, and make their own windows bird-safe

www.globalbirdrescue.org

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SPRING LIGHTS OUT MIGRATION PROGRAM March 15 to June 1

During this spring migration period, everyone is encouraged to reduce unnecessary lighting during evening hours of 11 p.m. to 6



OCTOBER 2025							
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MIGRATORY BIRD DAY (FALL)

October 11

The autumn edition of two annual World Migratory Bird Days, this is a worldwide campaign organized around the planet's major migratory bird corridors, the African-Eurasian flyway, the East Asian-Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyway. By promoting the same event name, annual conservation theme, and messaging, we combine our voices into a global chorus to boost the urgent need for migratory bird conservation.

Individuals are encouraged to record bird observations during

this day using the eBird application. www.migratorybirdday.org

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CITY NATURE CHALLENGE INFORMATION NIGHT

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April 16 • Noon

Information session in preparation for the **City Nature** Challenge. Learn how everyone can use iNaturalist to document biodiversity and participate in the City Nature Challenge (Défi nature urbaine)

Started originally as a competition between two cities (Los Angeles and San Francisco), this worldwide four-day

biodiversity competition or "bioblitz" now occurs in over 450 cities around the world, including the Greater Montreal and Dorval, as well as 40 cities across Canada. Participating in the bioblitz is easy and open to all: participants are simply

encouraged to take pictures of wild plants or animals anywhere in Dorval and/or the Greater Montreal (CMM) over the four days

and to upload observations using the free, non-commercial application iNaturalist. No special expertise is required; it is not necessary to know the species when uploading observations.

All observations help enrich Dorval's biodiversity profile.

Register here

April 25 to 28

dnumontreal.org

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PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026

Project FeederWatch FeederWatch is a joint research and education project of Birds Canada and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and involves monitoring birds over the winter, either at backyard birdfeeder or other selected birding patch, twice a week during the winter, for as little as 5 minutes a day. Data submitted help track bird populations' behaviour and health during the winter months.

www.birdscanada.org/you-can-help/projectfeederwatch



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www.citynaturechallenge.org

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Individuals are encouraged to record bird observations during this day using the eBird application.

www.migratorybirdday.org Global Big Day (Spring)

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 14 to January 5

Started in 1900, the **Christmas Bird Count (CBC)** is North America's longest-running Citizen Science project. People in more than 2,000 locations throughout the Western Hemisphere participate in the CBC each year.

The information collected by thousands of CBC volunteer participants forms one of the world's largest sets of wildlife survey data. The results are used by conservation biologists, environmental planners, and naturalists to assess the population trends and distribution of birds.

The CBC is organized by Birds Canada, with the National **Audubon Society.**

www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/christmas-bird-