



BIRD STUDIES
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Our Ontario Programs

Bird Studies Canada (BSC) coordinates a variety of Citizen Science programs throughout the country. Dedicated volunteers monitor many different species across the seasons, collecting valuable data to inform conservation work. From nation-wide initiatives to regional projects, our volunteers, members, and supporters are making a difference for Canada's birds.

Here is an introduction to the volunteer programs we offer in Ontario. For a full listing, please visit our website at www.birdscanada.org.

Project FeederWatch

In this great family activity, participants across Canada count birds at their feeders at regular intervals from November to April, to help scientists monitor winter birds at feeders.

Christmas Bird Count

This program takes place between December 14 and January 5 inclusive. Organized groups of participants in over 1800 localities across Canada, the United States, and Latin America conduct one-day winter bird counts in designated areas.

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

The CBC4Kids is a fun, family-friendly event which celebrates birds while engaging youth and their families in real Citizen Science.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

This continent-wide event takes place on Family Day weekend in February. Anyone can take part! Participants spend as little as a few hours (or as much as the entire weekend) counting birds, creating a real-time snapshot of where birds are across North America.

Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey

Volunteers document owl calls during the breeding season. Participants are assigned a roadside route and are asked to survey annually on a beautiful April night.

Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program

Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program participants are assigned routes in marshes to track the presence and abundance of marsh birds and amphibians.

American Woodcock Singing-ground Survey

Participants listen for singing American Woodcocks along assigned survey routes that occur randomly across the province.

Canadian Lakes Loon Survey

The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey helps us assess the long-term health of Common Loons and the lakes they depend on. Surveyors spend time observing loons at their favourite lake throughout the summer.



Photo: Liza Barney



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Project NestWatch

Anyone with a bird nesting in their yard or neighbourhood can help monitor breeding success. It's as easy as checking nesting progress and reporting observations online.

Great Canadian Birdathon

Each spring, the time you spend birding can help the very birds you're looking at. Join the Great Canadian Birdathon and conserve birds and biodiversity across Canada! Simply register, gather your sponsors, and go birding.

eBird Canada

eBird Canada is an online bird sightings database at www.ebird.ca. Contribute your sightings year round or plan your next birding trip by exploring the entire database through maps, graphs, and tables.

Toronto Urban Bird Program

Toronto's abundance of urban birdlife creates valuable connections between city dwellers and the natural spectacles in their neighbourhoods. Our Toronto program offers Citizen Science opportunities, outdoor education, and outreach for bird beginners and experts alike.

Swifts and Swallows

You can help Canada's threatened swifts and swallows through monitoring efforts or by participating in stewardship activities within your community.

Important Bird Areas

Volunteer Caretakers are individuals or groups who engage in or lead conservation activities at IBAs. There is something for everyone, including bird monitoring, education, site assessment, stewardship and restoration. Learn more at: www.ibacanada.org

For more information on any of these programs, contact:

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