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INTERNATIONAL

Avibase is a Hit, 50 Million Times Over!

5 January 2009 – Avibase, an extremely popular resource hosted by Bird Studies Canada and maintained by BSC's senior scientist Denis Lepage, has just received its 50 millionth individual hit. The Avibase website offers bird checklists for any region of the world, using a variety of options such as common names in over a dozen languages. It also provides taxonomic information, images, and sounds for all species and subspecies of the world's birds. [Select this link](#) to visit Avibase.

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NATIONAL

Call for Applications – Baillie Fund Small Grant Program

9 January 2009 – Applications for the Small Grant Program of the James L. Baillie Memorial Fund are due next week, by January 15, 2009. Up to 10 grants, ranging in amount from \$250 to \$1000 each, are available through this program for individuals or non-profit groups for volunteer-based projects. Project expenses covered by previous grants include, for example, purchases of mist nets or educational materials, production of data forms or information brochures, and volunteer recruitment expenses. Grant decisions will be announced by April. Visit the [Bird Studies Canada website](#) for application forms and additional information.

Using proceeds of the annual Baillie Birdathon, the Baillie Fund supports projects that increase the understanding, appreciation, and conservation of Canadian birds in their natural environment. For more information, contact the Baillie Fund Secretary at ahagy@birdscanada.org or 1-888-448-2473 ext. 166.

The 109th Christmas Bird Count



Photo: Tanya Luszcz

8 January 2009 – The 109th [Christmas Bird Count](#) took place from December 14 through January 5, and will be remembered by many birders across the country as one of the stormiest, snowiest, windiest, and coldest counts on record.

Many counts were rescheduled because of severe weather, and some were cancelled outright when conditions were considered unsafe for travel. But the birds were there, and the intrepid birders who counted them had many interesting sightings to make the effort worthwhile. Data is still being entered, but you can explore the counts that have been put in the database already by going to the [Audubon website](#) and clicking on “Current Year’s Results.” The Christmas Bird Count is coordinated in Canada by Bird Studies Canada in a joint program with the National Audubon Society.

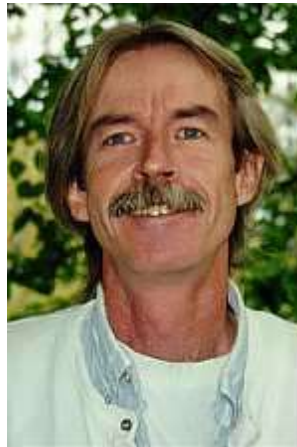
2009 YOW: Teen Birders Invited to Apply!

8 January 2009 – The 2009 Doug Tarry Natural History Fund’s Young Ornithologists’ Workshop will be held at Long Point Bird Observatory near Port Rowan, Ontario, from Friday, July 31 to Sunday, August 9. Participants will receive hands-on field ornithology training, including bird banding, censusing, field identification, birding trips, preparing museum specimens, guest lectures, and more! Six of Canada’s most promising ornithologists between the ages of 13-17 will be selected to attend, and will receive the Doug Tarry Bird Study Award to cover all on-site expenses. For those traveling long distances, special grants may also be available to help offset air travel costs. Applications are due April 30, 2009. For more information and an application form, contact our Landbird Programs Coordinator at lpbo@birdscanada.org, or visit the [Bird Studies Canada website](#).

New Issue of *Avian Conservation and Ecology* Now Available

7 January 2009 – The latest issue of *Avian Conservation and Ecology – Écologie et Conservation des Oiseaux* (ACE-ÉCO), Volume 3, Issue 2, December 2008, has been published. This open-access, fully electronic scientific journal is sponsored by the Society of Canadian Ornithologists and Bird Studies Canada. To browse the table of contents or read a variety of new articles, visit the [ACE-ÉCO website](#).

Jon McCracken Appointed to COSEWIC



2 January 2009 – The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) is Canada’s national panel of scientific experts who oversee the preparation and review of species status reports. It is responsible for evaluating and recommending species at risk designations for flora and fauna at the national level. Bird Studies Canada’s Director of National Programs, Jon McCracken, has been elected to Co-chair COSEWIC’s Birds Specialist Subcommittee. He is replacing Dick Cannings, who is stepping down after serving very capably in this capacity for the past eight years. Jon has over three decades of experience as a professional biologist and is looking forward to being an important asset to the COSEWIC team. He will be working closely with Dr. Marty Leonard (Dalhousie University), who has been the other Co-chair for the past six years. For more information about the work of COSEWIC, [select this link](#).

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REGIONAL

Karen Barry Joins BC Office



Photo: Eric Demers

5 January 2009 – In November 2008, Karen Barry started with BSC as the British Columbia Program Officer, replacing Andrea Tanaka who has a new position with Canadian Wildlife Service. Karen will be leading the volunteer coordination for BC's Beached Bird and Coastal Waterbird surveys, and providing support to other national and regional programs. Karen is a biologist with previous work experience in research, government, and the private sector. She holds an M.Sc. from University of Victoria and has a strong interest in species conservation, habitat protection, and restoration. Karen looks forward to working with BSC and the many volunteers and partners involved in these programs, and she thanks Andrea for her assistance during the transition. Karen can be contacted at bcprograms@birdscanada.org.

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