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Avian Conservation and Ecology

21 July 2010 – Editors-in-Chief Marc-Andre Villard and Tom Nudds are pleased to announce the publication of Volume 5, Issue 1 of *Avian Conservation and Ecology – Écologie et Conservation des Oiseaux* (ACE-ÉCO). This issue sees the publication of the first three papers in the Special Feature “Conservation of Grassland Birds: Causes and Consequences of Population Declines.” In addition, Villard and Nudds discuss the relationship between conservation and taxonomy in their editorial “Traditional Taxonomy vs. the ‘Dark Side’: What’s the Fuss?”

Visit the [ACE-ÉCO website](#) to read the new issue. As well, the editors of ACE-ÉCO continue to invite new manuscript submissions to the special feature “Population Dynamics of Aerial Insectivores,” guest edited by Philip Taylor and Jon McCracken. [Select this link](#) to download the call for papers.

ACE-ÉCO is an open-access, fully electronic scientific journal, sponsored by the [Society of Canadian Ornithologists](#) and [Bird Studies Canada](#). It publishes papers that are scientifically rigorous and relevant to the bird conservation community, to exacting editorial and production standards, in a cost-effective electronic approach that makes them widely available in real-time. Although ACE-ÉCO is intended in part to enhance the international profile of Canadian ornithology and applied avian science, contributions are welcomed from all over the world.

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NATIONAL

BSC Annual Members Meeting



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23 July 2010 – Bird Studies Canada members are invited to join us at our national

headquarters in Port Rowan for our 2010 Annual Members Meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Pete Davidson, BSC's British Columbia Program Manager. The meeting will be followed by a wine and cheese social. For more information or to register, contact Rosie Kirton at rkirton@birdscanada.org.

At the time of the meeting, there will be five vacancies on Bird Studies Canada's Board of Directors. The following individuals – all of them incumbent BSC Board members – are standing for re-election: Karen Brown, ON; Alexander Burnett, NB; Kate MacQuarrie, PE; Art Martell, BC; and Mark Whitmore, MB.

New Issue of *BirdWatch Canada* Released



23 July 2010 – The Summer 2010 edition of *BirdWatch Canada* (No. 52) is out. Visit the [Bird Studies Canada website](#) to view the table of contents for this issue of *BirdWatch Canada*, and to download a PDF of the feature article, “Dealing with an Old Problem: Pesticides that Harm and Kill Birds,” by Pierre Mineau, Senior Research Scientist in Pesticide Ecotoxicology with Environment Canada.

Published four times a year by Bird Studies Canada, *BirdWatch Canada* reports the latest results from our programs, and includes topical feature articles about the world of birds. All BSC members receive quarterly issues of our magazine. If you are not already a member, you can join us for as little as CDN \$35 annually! Benefits include free participation in any of our volunteer programs, a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your membership, and the satisfaction of knowing that your membership fee supports bird research, monitoring, and conservation.

Join us today! To become a Bird Studies Canada member, [visit our website](#) or call us toll-free at 1-888-448-2473.

Last Chance for Loon Survey

20 July 2010 – The [Canadian Lakes Loon Survey \(CLLS\)](#) is in progress, and we thank all new and returning participants who have registered for the 2010 season. Anyone spending time on a Canadian lake this summer is welcome to become a surveyor for this valuable and enjoyable program. If you are watching loons on a local lake this season, but do not yet have a survey package, it's not too late. Please [register online](#) by July 31.

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REGIONAL

Birding Enthusiasts Wanted

20 July 2010 – The [Gulf Islands National Park Reserve](#) is a relatively new park that was established in 2003. During the first and second weeks of August, evening conference call focus group meetings will be held to ask birding enthusiasts how the birding experience at

the park can be improved.

Those who have and have not visited the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve are invited to participate in the focus group calls. Participants will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Mountain Equipment Co-op (one per household). Once attendance is confirmed, detailed teleconference information will be forwarded. In addition to a phone line, participants will require an operational high-speed Internet connection during the course of the focus group.

For further information and to participate, contact the focus group facilitator Tracy Bowman at tracy.bowman@pc.gc.ca or 204-983-3016.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Continues Support of LPW



Photo: LPW.

20 July 2010 – Long Point Waterfowl (LPW) recently received another generous grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to continue upgrades at the **LPW Research & Education Centre**. The grant, totaling \$90,600, was used to completely renovate the washrooms (now wheelchair accessible) in both bunkhouses. The funding also supported wheelchair ramps on one bunkhouse, the kitchen, and the events room/library. Remaining funds are currently being used to replace one bunkhouse roof, and the old mattresses from the 55-bed facility. This generous support has improved the functionality of the Research & Education Centre, and has increased the potential of the facility as an outdoor education and research-based facility.

Long Point Waterfowl would like to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their continued and generous support. For more information on the Ontario Trillium Foundation, **visit their website**.

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