

# 2021 Creston Valley Bird Fest

## Schedule of Events

**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!!!**

### Friday, May 7

			Cost
11:00-12:00	Birding 101 for Kids	The Discovery Centre with Carla Ahern	FREE
1:00-2:00	Navigating eBird	With Paul Foth via Zoom	FREE
4:00-5:00	Long Ears, Short Tale	Dr. Jim Duncan and Rusty the Long-eared Owl	\$ 10.00
7:00-8:00	Birds of Queensland, Australia	Gary Davidson via Zoom	\$ 5.00

### Saturday, May 8

6:00-12:00	Creston Big Day Bird Count	Birdwatching in the Creston Valley!!!	FREE
6:00-12:00	Bird Bingo and Photography	Birdwatching for Prizes	FREE
1:00-2:00	Bird Identification	Paul Foth via Zoom	\$ 5.00
2:30-3:30	Festival Feathers	Gaelen Schnare via Zoom	\$ 5.00
4:00-5:00	Why Birds Matter	Dr. David Bird LIVE via Zoom	\$ 10.00
7:00-8:00	Half the History of Birding	John Acorn LIVE via Zoom	\$ 10.00

### Sunday May 9

6:00-12:00	Bird Bingo and Photography	Birdwatching for Prizes	FREE
1:00-2:00	Bird Finding	Paul Foth via Zoom	\$ 5.00
3:00-5:00	Wine-Down at Baillie-Grohman	Pick up prizes	FREE

*Proceeds go towards promoting bird awareness and research!!*

#### KEY:

Outdoor Events  
 Learning to Birdwatch in Creston series  
 Live Webinars from Bird Experts  
 Times in Pacific Time Zone, UTC-7



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**Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Join Carla Ahern from the Discovery Centre in Creston**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am!!**

## **Birding 101 for Kids**

**Learn about some fun facts and information related to bird biology from our local Discovery Centre Education Manager.**



**Special Virtual Webinar via ZOOM**

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**Join Paul Foth LIVE and FREE**

**from 108 Mile House on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm!!**

## **Navigating eBird**



Learn about using eBird, a global bird-sighting database that allows users to find birds, find great birding hotspots, and track their own bird sightings. eBird is one of the best digital birding tools and is an accessible way to get involved in citizen science.

## Special Virtual Webinar via ZOOM

Visit Paul's new website: [www.gopishing.com](http://www.gopishing.com)

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**Join Dr. Jim Duncan LIVE from Manitoba on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm!!**

# **LONG EARS, SHORT TALE**

*Spying on our owly neighbours, a nesting pair of Long-eared Owls in our backyard*

**Presentation will be 45 minutes with Q & A afterwards**

In 2015, Long-eared Owls nested on our property near our house giving us an opportunity to test a nest camera to learn about this enigmatic nocturnal species. Join us as we peer into to the secret lives of this migratory owl based on

**an intensive analysis of 128,694 images collected over 15 days during the nestling period. We reveal new information on Long-eared Owl behaviour and diet. Experience their struggles to incubate eggs, and then raise and defend their young from extreme weather and predators. This study demonstrates the advantages and limitations of nest camera traps for research now underway on Great Gray Owls and Barred Owls in Manitoba. Joining me to help deliver this presentation will be Rusty, a live female Long-eared Owl. She is one of Discover Owls education ambassadors, a dear feathered friend and occasionally a ruthless heckler.**

### **Special Virtual Webinar via ZOOM**

*To donate to support ongoing research by Discover Owls email Jim at [owlfamily@mts.net](mailto:owlfamily@mts.net)*

*To learn about Discover Owls visit <https://www.facebook.com/discoverowls.ca>*

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Red-capped Robin

Photo Credit: Gary Davidson

**Join Gary Davidson LIVE from Nakusp on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm!!**

# **Birds of Northeast Queensland in Australia**

**Presentation will be 45 minutes with Q & A afterwards**

Take a trip through the tropics of northeastern Australia. We will visit Cape York, the Atherton Tablelands, and the Great Barrier Reef. Birds will be the focus, but we will enjoy other wildlife, as well as stunning vistas of the area. You cannot go to Australia in person during these unusual times, so come with me for 45 minutes to see one of my favourite parts of the world.

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**Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

# “Creston’s Big Day” Bird Count

*Count the birds in the Creston Valley for Prizes !!!*

Submit your checklist before noon on May 9<sup>th</sup> to [info@crestonvalleybirds.ca](mailto:info@crestonvalleybirds.ca) or drop it off at the Red Barn (1513B Canyon Street) to be entered into a draw. Prize for most species counted!

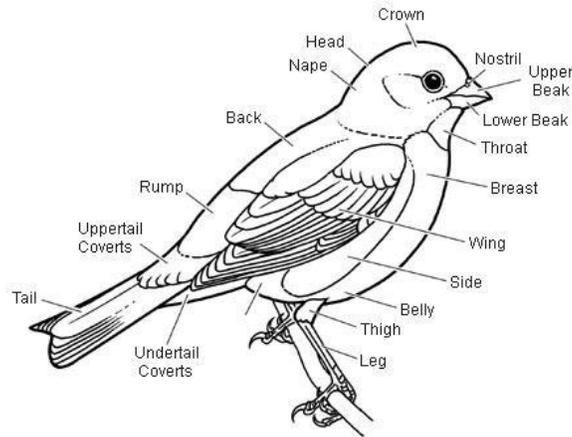
## Bird Bingo !!!

Submit your Bingo Cards before noon on May 9<sup>th</sup> to [info@crestonvalleybirds.ca](mailto:info@crestonvalleybirds.ca) or drop them off at the Red Barn (1513B Canyon Street) to be entered into a draw for fabulous prizes. Each completed Bingo row gives you an entry!

## Feathery Photo Contest

Submit your feathery festival weekend photos before noon on May 9<sup>th</sup> to [info@crestonvalleybirds.ca](mailto:info@crestonvalleybirds.ca). Prizes for the top 3 photos!





Join Paul Foth LIVE from 108 Mile House on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm!!

## Bird Identification

Presentation will be 45 minutes with Q & A afterwards

Interested in birding but not sure how to identify what you see and hear? Join birder Paul Foth to learn about basic principles for identifying birds from your backyard to Duck Lake. Participants will be given homework exercises to put their new birding skills into practice. This workshop is especially designed for novice birders.

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Visit Paul's new website: [www.gopishing.com](http://www.gopishing.com)

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Join Gaelen Schnare on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm!!

# Festival Feathers of the Creston Valley

*A Photography Show of Birds found during our Festival Weekends*

**Presentation will be 30 minutes with Q & A afterwards**

From White-faced Ibis wading in the shallows of Duck Lake, to Swainson's Hawks soaring over farm fields, the Creston valley offers a variety of beautiful birds during the Bird Fest weekend. In this 30-minute presentation, Gaelen Schnare will share with you some of his best photos taken during the last four years of the festival. Whether you are a newcomer to the festival, or a long-time attendee, your love to discover or rediscover the diversity of birds that can be seen in the Creston Valley during this time.

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**To learn about Gaelen's Photography and Birding visit <https://www.kootenaybirdkid.com>**

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**Join Dr. David Bird LIVE from North Saanich on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm!!**

## **Why Birds Matter**

**Presentation will be 45 minutes with Q & A afterwards**

In 2019 a study involving American and Canadian scientists revealed that North America has lost almost three billion birds in the last fifty years! What has precipitated this seemingly devastating loss? Should we really care? And if we do, what can we do about it? Join Dr. David Bird, Emeritus Professor of Wildlife Biology at McGill University, for a bird's eye-view of the value of our feathered friends, what is befalling them, who is out there to help them, and what you can do about it.

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***For more information:***

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Photo Credit: University of Alberta

## Join our Keynote: John Acorn

LIVE from the University of Alberta

on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm!!

# HALF THE HISTORY OF BIRDING

*A personal journey of a birder, beginning way back to 1976*

Presentation will be 45 minutes with Q & A afterwards

John Acorn is an internationally known scientist, author, broadcaster, and Canadian naturalist who lives in Edmonton. He is a lecturer at the University of Alberta, a research associate at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, and a research associate at the E.H. Strickland Entomology Museum. He is also a local Edmonton celebrity, combining folk music with educational lyrics about the natural world. He makes learning about nature fun by sharing his contagious and

enthusiastic interest in all living things – including birds! Acorn continually goes beyond his professional commitments and generously gives his time to promote the field of science. John Acorn became publicly known for his television series “Acorn, the Nature Nut”. 88 episodes were produced, each focusing on a different aspect of the natural world, and which featuring folk songs and whimsical descriptions. He educated and entertained audiences worldwide with this series. He was also the host of “Twits and Pishers”, a series about birdwatching that ran for two seasons on the Discovery Channel. As a best-selling author, he has had a huge impact on amateur entomology. His field guides have earned him numerous awards.

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Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>



Join Paul Foth LIVE from 108 Mile House on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm!!

# Bird Finding

*Where the Birds Are in the Creston Valley*

Presentation will be 45 minutes with Q & A afterwards

Wonder where those Black Terns and Bobolinks are hiding? Want to know the best time and place to see a Lazuli Bunting? This workshop covers bird migration, Creston Valley birding hotspots, and where to find some of Creston's most sought-after birds.

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## Pick Up Prizes and Wine-Down

12:00 Draw for prizes

1:00-5:00 Pick up prizes and auction items at Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery



THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES

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