



STEWARDSHIP ROUNDTABLE 2018

August 24, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcoming remarks (Room 120)
- 9:30 a.m. **Concurrent Symposia 1**
- Cats and Birds Living in Harmony (Room 121)
 - Climate Adaptation for Birds and Wildlife (Room 120)
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. **Concurrent Symposia 2**
- Co-benefits of Agricultural Land as Bird Habitat (Room 121)
 - Urban Habitat for Wildlife and Birds (Room 120)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. **Concurrent Symposia 3**
- Birds and Building Collisions (Room 121)
 - Wildlife Management Areas/ Important Bird Areas and Shorelines (Room 120)

AGENDA CONT.

- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Actions and wrap up (Room 120)
- 4:15 p.m. Closing remarks (Room 120)
- 4:30 p.m. **Networking and Poster Session (Foyer)**
- 6:30 p.m. Break
- 7:00 p.m. *Evening Program*
- Birds of a Feather: The Reciprocal Benefits of Protecting Biodiversity (West Ballroom A)**
with special guests Purnima Barman and Midori Nicolson

Birds and Building Collisions (Room 121):

Learn about how and why birds collide with windows. What factors influence the risk of collisions, and what practical solutions exist? Join the discussion with architects, practitioners, municipal planners and more.

Speakers: Michael Measure (Fatal Light Awareness Program Canada), Krista De Groot (Canadian Wildlife Service), Alan Duncan (City of Vancouver), Liska Richer (University of British Columbia).

Cats and Birds Living in Harmony (Room 121):

Navigating the issues around cats' impacts on birds demands a non-traditional approach; the human dimension is a key part of finding solutions. Participants will learn best stewardship practices, not only for the welfare of cats and birds, but also for managing the many challenges facing individuals and communities.

Speakers: Amy Morris (BC SPCA), Tanya Luszc (Environment and Climate Change Canada), Ted Cheskey (Nature Canada), Sarah Cooper (Nature Canada), Bob Sallinger (Audubon Society of Portland).

Climate Adaptation for Birds and Wildlife (Room 120):

This session outlines how climate impacts continental-scale bird migration and the ways communities and municipalities are responding.

Speakers: Christine Callihoo (Planning Institute of BC), Marshall Iliff (Cornell University), Matt Osler (City of Surrey).

Resource guests: Steve Litke (Fraser Basin Council), Deborah Harford (Simon Fraser University ACT), Marlow Pellatt (Parks Canada), Erin Clement (City of Delta).

Co-Benefits of Agricultural Land as Bird Habitat (Room 121):

Productive agricultural land tends to overlap with important habitats for birds and other wildlife. This session explores some ways farm and ranch lands can continue to support healthy populations of aerial insectivores, grassland birds, waterfowl, and raptors.

Speakers: Ted Cheskey (Nature Canada), Marc Macdonald (West Coast Seeds), Christy Morrissey (University of Saskatchewan), Dave Zehnder (Farmland Advantage).

Urban Habitat for Wildlife and Birds (Room 120):

Humans place pressure on urban landscapes, including private backyards and public parks. Join us for a discussion of the challenges and opportunities to improve habitat for wildlife and birds while restoring these areas.

Speakers: Karin England (Grow Green Guide), Jason Hsieh (City of Vancouver), Nick Page (Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation), Myles Lamont (WildResearch).

Wildlife Management Areas/Important Bird Areas and Shorelines (Room 120):

In this session we explore how social and economic structures can be incorporated into conservation planning within WMAs, IBAs, and along shorelines. We will address this topic through two lenses: green infrastructure and traditional food and cultural practices.

Speakers: Eric Balke (South Coast Conservation Land Management Program), DG Blair (Stewardship Centre for BC/Green Shores), Pete Davidson (Bird Studies Canada).



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Birds and Building Collisions



Alan Duncan:

Alan has worked in design and planning across Canada. He has coordinated projects nationally-recognized for excellence and innovation such as the regulation of private property trees, the Ridgeway Greenway, and the Wellness Walkways project. He was appointed first Environmental Planner in the Vancouver Park Board in 2004.

Krista De Groot:

Krista has worked as a coordinator for Partners in Flight, coordinated bird Joint Venture programs under the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, and currently works as a landbird biologist for the Canadian Wildlife Service. She does research in partnership with universities on the subject of bird collisions with glass and also works with municipalities to encourage bird-friendly development practices.



Liska Richer:

Liska is the Manager of the SEEDS Sustainability Program at the University of British Columbia. She has built partnerships resulting in over a thousand projects impacting UBC's sustainability policies and practices. Amongst those was a series of projects aimed at understanding bird collisions with buildings and interventions to prevent collisions which led to development of UBC's Bird Friendly Design Guidelines for Buildings.

Michael Mesure:

Michael is the Executive Director and co-founder of Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) Canada. He works with governments across North America on policies that protect bird species from collisions with the built environment. His time is spent partnership-building and enabling collaboration among all sectors of society to protect birds.



Cats and Birds Living in Harmony



Amy Morris:

Amy holds a Master of Public Policy from Simon Fraser University and is the British Columbia SPCA's Manager of Public Policy and Outreach where she works with animal industry stakeholders to find common ground to improve animal welfare. She initiated a successful 5-year \$100,000 spay/neuter program for free-roaming cats and has facilitated workshops and helped form coalitions aimed at decreasing the outdoor cat population.

Tanya Luszc:

Tanya has a Master of Science in Animal Ecology from the University of Calgary. She is a Partners in Flight biologist with Canadian Wildlife Service, working to conserve migratory birds. She collaborates with partners on the issue of free-roaming cats and bird mortality, and is particularly interested in engagement with veterinarians in keeping cats and wildlife safe.



Bob Sallinger:

Bob is the Conservation Director at the Audubon Society of Portland where he has worked since 1992. He is responsible for Portland Audubon's statewide policy, advocacy and litigation efforts including its Cats Safe at Home Campaign. He has a BA from Reed College and a law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School.



Ted Cheskey:

Ted received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in environmental studies, regional planning and resource management from the University of Waterloo. He was a contributing author and steering committee member of Canada's landmark State of the Birds: 2012 Report and the State of North America's Birds: 2016. A life-long naturalist, Ted is currently the Naturalist Director for Nature Canada's Conservation Department, as well as being a Master Bird Bander.

Sarah Cooper:

Sarah is Nature Canada's Project Manager for Keep Cats Safe & Save Bird Lives. She has extensive experience in project management, non-profit, strategic planning and digital engagement, and has worked with the National Reading Campaign, the Association of Canadian Publishers, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Margaret Atwood.



Climate Change Adaptation for Birds and Wildlife



Christine Callihoo:

Christine is a senior community resilience planner and a member of the Planning Institute of BC. She has been an environmental and social justice advocate her entire adult life and volunteers with a number of non-profits that enable her passion of strategically assisting communities in their economic, ecological, social, and governance resilience.

Marshall Iliff:

Marshall is from Annapolis, Maryland, and studied at Bowdoin College. Since 2007 he has worked at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as Project Leader for eBird. eBird is a platform that provides free web and mobile tools to collect and interpret bird sightings from birdwatchers around the planet and mobilizes those 500+ million observations for science and conservation.



Matt Osler:

Matt is a Senior Project Engineer in the Drainage Section at the City of Surrey. He joined the Engineering Department in 2006 and is currently a Project Engineer for the City's Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy.

Co-benefits of Agricultural Land as Bird Habitat



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Mark Macdonald:

For the last ten years Mark Macdonald has written and taken photographs for West Coast Seeds in Delta, British Columbia. He is a passionate advocate of organic growing and sustainable agriculture models.



Christy Morrissey:

Dr. Christy Morrissey is an Associate Professor in Biology and the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan. Her research focuses on the effects of environmental pollution and other stressors to insects, birds and aquatic ecosystems. Her current research is focusing on how agricultural pesticides and other industrial contaminants may alter bird migration.

Dave Zehnder:

David operates a cattle ranch in Invermere, BC as well as serving on several agricultural organizations' boards. He spearheads the Farmland Advantage project in BC and Alberta, which is focused on developing a long-term program that contracts farmers and ranchers to take extraordinary action to enhance ecosystems to produce benefits like clean drinking water and healthy bird populations.



Urban Habitat for Wildlife and Birds



Karin England:

In her position as a Park Planner for Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, Karin brings to life the organization's mandate to protect sensitive ecosystems and to connect people to nature.

Nick Page:

Nick is a professional biologist who works on urban ecology on the south coast of BC. He has a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture (UBC, 1993) and completed a master's of environmental studies at the Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability at UBC in 2003. His recent work has focused on urban biodiversity, environmental design, and landscape ecology. He works for the Vancouver Park Board.



Jason Hsieh:

Jason was born and raised in Vancouver and has worked at the City for the past five years on projects advancing local food and sustainability. A planner by trade and a community developer at heart, he is currently leading the development of the City's Outdoor Lighting Strategy aimed at encouraging responsible lighting practices.

Myles Lamont:

Myles is an active member of numerous wildlife, environmental and zoological associations. He has been heavily involved in the development of mitigation options and artificial nesting structures for raptors in human-avian conflicts in urban environments. His research interests and practical experience are mostly focused on threatened and endangered fauna and the management tools and techniques used to recover species-at-risk.



Wildlife Management Areas/Important Bird Areas and Shorelines



Eric Balke:

Eric is the Coordinator of the South Coast Conservation Land Management Program (SCCLMP) and manages a portfolio of conservation lands throughout the B.C. South Coast including 11 provincially-designated Wildlife Management Areas. Eric graduated from the BCIT|SFU Ecological Restoration Master of Science program in 2017, and is a Director of the Society for Ecological Restoration – Western Canada Chapter (SER-WC).

Pete Davidson:

Pete has almost 30 years' work experience in conservation ecology and management from around the world, with Bachelor and Master degrees from the University of East Anglia, UK. He is currently senior conservation advisor for Bird Studies Canada, having run BSC's British Columbia program from 2005-2013.



DG Blair:

DG has been the Stewardship Centre for BC's Executive Director since 2010, coordinating and delivering stewardship projects and resources to audiences throughout British Columbia. She has been instrumental in the development, application, and proliferation of the Green Shores program, an incentive-based credit and rating system for minimizing the impact of new shoreline developments as well as restoring the shoreline ecosystem function of previously-developed sites.

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