

FESTIVAL
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MIGRATEURS DE LA CÔTE-NORD

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Explos-Nature
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BIRD NAMES

September 21, at 8:00 PM

Duration: 22 minutes

Director: Aliya Jasmine

Location: Location: Pub of the Tadoussac Microbrewery

Price: Voluntary contribution

In English

The names of nearly 150 bird species in North America are now considered problematic, sparking a wide debate within the ornithological community. A Canadian film crew, including members from BIPOC and queer communities in ornithology, explores the cultural, historical, and ecological dimensions of this issue. The documentary follows the movement to rename species that were once named after controversial historical figures, in connection with issues of conservation and equity.

In a context of declining bird populations and growing social tensions, the film questions the impact of names on our understanding of the living world and on contemporary societal issues.



LE CHANT DES FORÊTS

September 26, at 5:30 PM

Duration: 93 minutes

Director: Vincent Munier

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Voluntary contribution

In French

After *La Panthère des neiges*, Vincent Munier invites us deep into the forests of the Vosges. It was here that he learned everything from his father, Michel, a naturalist who spent his life observing wildlife from hidden vantage points in the woods. Now it is time for them to pass this knowledge on to Simon, Vincent's son. Three perspectives, three generations, united by the same fascination for the wild.

Together, they will encounter deer, rare birds, foxes, and lynx... and, at times, the beating wings of a legendary creature: the Western capercaillie.



FEARLESS QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

September 23, at 8:00 PM

Duration: 80 minutes

Director: Matej Vranič

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Voluntary contribution

In French

This film is a dynamic account of natural science research on the Ural Owl (*Strix uralensis*). It interweaves the story of the species' life, its interactions with other animals and humans, and the scientific study of its ecology and behaviour. Viewers are introduced to the mysterious life of one of Europe's largest owls, a species known for its exceptional aggressiveness during the nesting season. The film also highlights a range of human activities related to its conservation and management, including the rehabilitation of injured birds at a wildlife rescue centre, captive breeding and reintroduction efforts in Austria, the impacts of deforestation, an unusual encounter with a Ural Owl in an urban environment, and a fascinating hunting story. As the documentary unfolds, it reveals the species' remarkably unusual behaviour, both by day and by night, while showcasing the latest scientific discoveries of Slovenian biologist Dr. Al Vrezec, one of the world's leading experts on the Ural Owl.



TRAVERSER LE VENT

September 26, at 12:00 PM

Duration: 55 minutes

Director: Thibaut Quinchon

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Free admission

In French

Traverser le vent takes viewers deep into the natural landscapes of the Haute-Côte-Nord region of Quebec, where passionate ornithologists observe the annual passage of millions of migratory birds. Equipped with specialized recording gear, sound naturalist Thibaut Quinchon offers a unique auditory immersion into the spectacular journey of migratory birds along the St. Lawrence River.



September 22, at 8:00 PM

Duration: 119 minutes

Directors: Owen and Quentin Reiser

Location: Pub of the Tadoussac Microbrewery

Price: Voluntary contribution

In English

This documentary follows the Reiser brothers, two passionate nature enthusiasts who embark on the adventure of a "Big Year", a challenge to observe as many bird species as possible within a single year. Traveling across the United States in an old minivan, they spend twelve months searching for the country's rarest birds and visiting its most renowned birding hotspots.

Beyond the simple pursuit of new species, the film explores the culture of "listers" (birders who keep lists in French), those amateur ornithologists who meticulously record the species they observe, as well as the motivations, rivalries, and obsessions that drive some members of the birding community. The brothers meet several prominent figures in the field and explore topics such as the use of modern tools like eBird and Merlin, the ethics of bird-call playback, and the increasingly competitive nature of birdwatching.



September 25, at 4:00 PM

Duration: 50 minutes

Directors: Jürgen Hansen and Valeria Vizioli

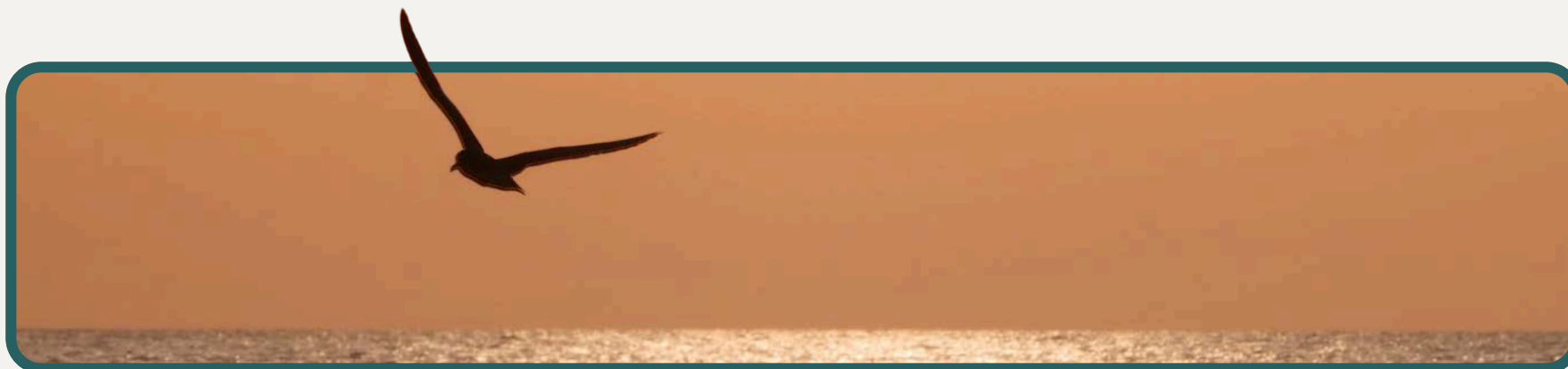
Location: Hotel Tadoussac, Marie-Clarisse room

Price: Voluntary contribution

In French

One of the largest colonies of Scopoli's shearwater birds in the Mediterranean lives on the small Italian volcanic island of Linosa, south of Sicily. According to legend, the birds, with their distinctive voice, provided the inspiration for Homer's epic poem: Odysseus had himself tied to the mast of his ship so he could safely listen to the song of the Sirens.

The birds are almost impossible to observe during the day. Only at night can the unusual, almost wailing calls of the Scopoli's shearwaters be heard on land. These mysterious birds travel 40 to 50,000 kilometers across the Atlantic each year. They arrive in Europe between February and October for the breeding season. Every year, Italian scientist Giacomo Dell'Omo works on the island of Linosa for several months to protect the colony. He is now assisted by his daughter Eleonora.



CONFERENCES

THE DELAGIC BIRD DIVERSITY OF THE BAY OF FUNDY:

an underappreciated
birding attraction

September 24, at 8:00 PM

Speaker: Alain Clavette

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Voluntary contribution

Lecture given in French.

Alain knows the Bay of Fundy extremely well and has been organizing pelagic birding trips for birdwatchers every summer for more than 10 years. He is deeply committed to sharing his knowledge and has often heard participants comment that the Bay of Fundy's educational birding opportunities are not widely known. To help change that, join him for a brief presentation on the subject.



WHAT DOES GENETICS REVEAL ABOUT BOREAL WOODPECKERS?

September 25, at 1:30 PM

Speaker: Laurie Boulerice

Location: Hotel Tadoussac, Marie-Clarisse room

Price: Voluntary contribution

Lecture given in French.

About 20,000 years ago, nearly all of Canada and parts of Europe were covered by a massive ice sheet. As the glaciers retreated, the boreal forest gradually expanded across the landscape, taking shape as we know it today. Numerous bird species followed this newly available habitat, including woodpeckers of the genus *Picoides*.

As a result, we now recognize several subspecies and regional populations of the Black-backed Woodpecker, American Three-toed Woodpecker, and Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker. My Ph.D. research aims to determine whether the subspecies currently defined by their morphology also represent genetically distinct groups, and whether some of these taxa are still exchanging genes today.



EXPLORING THE MIGRATION OF THE HORNE LARK



September 25, at 2:45 PM

Speaker: Léane Nault

Location: Hotel Tadoussac, Marie-Clarisse room

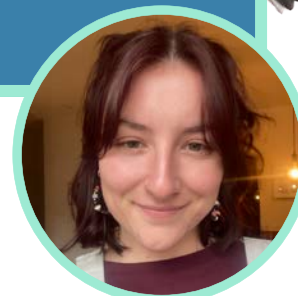
Price: Voluntary contribution

Lecture given in French.

Did you know that there are 42 subspecies of Horned Lark worldwide? One of them, *Eremophila alpestris alpestris*, breeds in the northernmost regions of eastern Canada, nesting from eastern Quebec to the Arctic, including Newfoundland and Labrador. Every year, these birds undertake an incredible journey south to spend the winter. But which routes do they follow? And where do they spend the colder months?

Thanks to tiny tracking tags and an extensive network of detection stations, we have been able to reconstruct part of the migratory journey of this little-known subspecies. This presentation will reveal the migration stopover sites and wintering areas we identified, along with some of the unexpected discoveries that emerged from the study.

Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at ornithological research and the remarkable story of this fascinating northern Horned Lark!



THE LOST SONGS OF NATURE

September 26, at 2:15 PM

Speaker: Michel Leboeuf

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Voluntary contribution

Lecture given in French.

Human-generated sounds are taking up more and more space on Earth. Even in the heart of the wildest landscapes, nature's melodies are being drowned out by the constant noise of our societies. Every day, the symphony of life grows quieter, losing texture and richness with every square meter claimed by Homo sapiens across the planet.

On a lake, the Common Loon falls silent when a floatplane lands nearby. The murmur of a mountain stream disappears beneath the roar of highway traffic. And deep within the boreal forest, the growl of a Wolverine ceases as long convoys of logging trucks head south toward the sawmills. Welcome to the world of Anthropophony.

What are the effects of all this noise on nature, on birds, mammals, and even plants? A conference on the paths of listening, an invitation to listen closely, to discover and rediscover the music of ecosystems, the sounds of forests, marshes, peat bogs, or the seashore.



MODERNIZING BIRD INVENTORY METHODS:

the case of Bicknell's Thrush
(*Catharus Bicknelli*)

September 26, at 1:00 PM

Speaker: Alexandre Ethier

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Voluntary contribution

Lecture given in French.

In the context of ongoing biodiversity loss, monitoring animal and plant populations—particularly species at risk—is essential. The Act Respecting Threatened or Vulnerable Species, enacted in 1989, spurred efforts to assess the status of vulnerable species. Since then, surveys have been conducted to evaluate the impacts of human development on their populations.

However, traditional field surveys are often costly, time-consuming, and sometimes hazardous, while providing only a limited picture of actual population sizes and trends. This presentation will explore recent advances in bioacoustics, with a particular focus on the use of Autonomous Recording Units (ARUs) and machine-learning classification algorithms. These concepts will be illustrated through the case of Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*), a species listed as threatened in Canada since 2012, with the majority of its breeding range located in Quebec.

Join us to discover how emerging technologies are transforming wildlife monitoring and improving our understanding of species at risk.



DOES CLIMATE CHANGE MEAN MORE RARE BIRDS?

September 26, at 3:30 PM

Speaker: Dominique Berteaux

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: Voluntary contribution

Lecture given in French.



Climate change is bringing new species to higher elevations and farther north. In northern regions such as Quebec, where many species are limited by cold temperatures or by a lack of warmth (which are not the same thing), this could lead to an increase in biodiversity.

At the same time, it is clear that climate change is harmful to global biodiversity, as well as to the northern species we care deeply about. This is what I call the "northern biodiversity paradox": an apparent increase in biodiversity in northern regions despite widespread species losses and an overall global decline.

So, does the northern biodiversity paradox suggest that we should expect to see more and more rare birds in Quebec? This question is of great interest to ornithologists... and the best way to explore it is to think about it together!





PASSERINES BANDING DEMONSTRATIONS

From September, 21 to September, 27 at 7:00 AM

Duration: All morning depending on weather conditions

Meeting point: Dunes of Tadoussac, [banding station](#)

Admission: Free and open access!

Every morning during the festival, come and watch the banding of songbirds. The data collected is invaluable for helping us better understand bird migration and analyze population trends! A birdwatching guide will be on site to explain the handling process and answer your questions. This is a unique opportunity to observe wild birds up close while learning about the research work of the Tadoussac Bird Observatory.



RAPTORS IN FLIGHT: HOW TO IDENTIFY THEM?

From September, 21 to September, 27 at 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Duration: All morning depending on weather conditions

Meeting point: Dunes of Tadoussac, [Yvan-Duchesne lookout](#)

Admission: Free and open access!

The dunes of Tadoussac are among the best sites in Quebec for observing birds of prey during the fall migration. If you are not very familiar with identifying raptors in flight, an experienced ornithologist is present at the Yvan-Duchesne lookout to help you recognize them. You might even be lucky enough to spot a Rough-legged Hawk or a Golden Eagle!

UNDER THE WINGS OF THE NIGHT

September 21, 24 and 26, at 8:00 PM

Duration: approximately 1h30

Meeting point: Les Bergeronnes, [Pointe à John lookout](#): please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Admission: \$30 + taxes



As night blankets the skies over the region, a remarkable natural phenomenon quietly unfolds overhead. During spring and fall, thousands of songbirds, including thrushes, warblers, and sparrows, travel under the cover of darkness, their soft flight calls barely audible to the human ear. Accompanied by a vocalization expert and a thermal camera generously provided by Zeiss, experience migration like never before.

AN ENCHANTED NIGHT WITH OWLS

From September, 21 to September, 27 at 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM

(also available outside the Festival until October 18)

Duration: approximately 1h30

Meeting point: [Dunes of Tadoussac](#), parking lot: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Admission: \$26 + taxes

As evening falls, we redeploy our nets to capture magnificent little owls, the Northern Saw-whet Owl and the Boreal Owl, in order to learn more about these species. Follow the research team, accompanied by an interpreter, in their work begun in 1996 on these birds, and discover their impressive movements. You will explore the mysteries of these nocturnal birds as well as the scientific progress made over more than 30 years of research.



BIRD BANDING DISCOVERY STATION

September 26 and 27, at 10:00 AM

Duration: 45 min

Meeting point: Tadoussac, [service des loisirs](#)

Price: Free and open access!

Discover the fascinating world of birds through a series of games and interactive stations! Children will learn more about different bird species, take on migration-related challenges, and participate in a litter fishing activity to help young birds grow in a clean and safe environment.

An activity booklet will also be provided so they can continue exploring and expand their knowledge throughout the festival.



MISSION : BUILD A NEST!

September 26, at 11:00 AM

Duration: 45 min

Meeting point: Tadoussac, [service des loisirs](#)

Price: Free and open access!

Step into the world of a bird and take on the challenge of building a nest! Using mud, small branches, and other natural materials, children will design and create a strong, comfortable nest of their own.

This activity offers a fun way to discover the incredible work birds do and to better understand the importance of protecting their habitats in nature.



BIRD FEEDER OR NEST BOX BUILDING

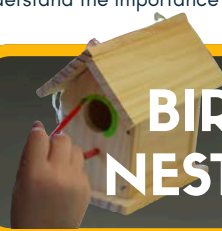
September 27th, at 11:00 AM

Duration: 45 min

Meeting point: Tadoussac, [service des loisirs](#)

Price: Free

Help birds find a safe place to call home! During this activity, children will build their own nest box or bird feeder using simple materials. While crafting, they will learn about birds' needs, the importance of natural shelters, and the actions we can take to help birds thrive and find food.



LET'S CREATE NATURE- INSPIRED BIRDS!

September 26, at 1:00 PM

Duration: 45 min

Meeting point: Tadoussac, [service des loisirs](#)

Price: Free and open access!

A creative activity that combines walking and crafting. After collecting leaves and branches, participants will bring to life magnificent birds inspired by nature.



A GOLDENEYE STORY

September 26, at 2:00 PM

Duration: 45 min

Meeting point: Tadoussac, [service des loisirs](#)

Price: Free and open access!

Come discover the story of Gaspard the Goldeneye! Follow Gaspard on his great journey as he faces challenges and adventures along the way to find his lake. Through an interactive story and fun activities, children will discover the life cycle of the Goldeneye and learn about the importance of protecting this species and its habitats in Quebec.



TADOUSSAC'S GIANT BIRDS

**September 26th at 3:00 PM
and September 27th at 1:00 PM**

Duration: 1 hour

Meeting point: Tadoussac, [beach](#)

What to bring: Don't forget your boots!

Price: Free and open access!

Let your imagination take flight and help create giant birds on the beach! Using driftwood, seaweed, and other treasures found along the Tadoussac shoreline, children will work together to build magnificent sculptures inspired by Quebec's birds. This creative activity encourages participants to observe nature, discover the birds of our region, and create a temporary work of art along the river.





BIRDING CRUISE – DISCOVERING PELAGIC BIRDS WITH NEPTUNE

**From September, 21 to September, 27 –
8:00 AM. Also, September, 26 – 2:00 PM**

Duration: approximately 3 hours.

Meeting point: Les Bergeronnes, [Croisières Neptune](#) ticket office:
Please arrive 30 minutes before the start of the activity.

Admission: \$125 + taxes

The Festival is partnering with [Croisières Neptune](#) to offer unique 3-hour cruises on the St. Lawrence River. Guests can enjoy the experience while staying protected from splashes aboard the company's covered [boat](#).

You'll have the opportunity to observe species such as the Common Murre and the Parasitic Jaeger from surprisingly close range. There's also a good chance of spotting rarities like the Sabine's Gull, Little Gull, Broad-billed Phalarope, and more.

In addition, marine mammals are frequently seen at this time of year.

BIRDING CRUISE – DISCOVERING PELAGIC BIRDS WITH DU FLEUVE



**September, 26 – 3:30 PM & September, 27 – 9:30
AM**

Duration: approximately 2h30

Meeting point: Les Escoumins, [Du Fleuve](#), please arrive 30 minutes before
the start of the activity.

Admission: \$111.30 + tax

The Festival is partnering with [Du Fleuve](#) to offer a single 12-passenger zodiac cruise, lasting 2.5 hours on the marine St. Lawrence. You will be able to observe species such as the Common Murre and the Parasitic Jaeger at surprisingly close range. You may also have the chance to spot rare birds such as Sabine's Gull, the Little Gull, or the Red-necked Phalarope. As a bonus, marine mammals are also present at this time of year!



Red-necked Phalarope – David Turgeon



Atlantic Puffin – David Turgeon



HAUTE-CÔTE-NORD

September 26, 8:00 AM

Duration: Approximately 7 hours

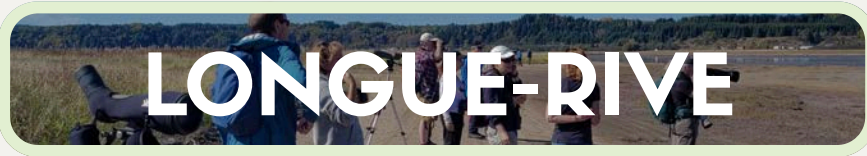
Difficulty level: Intermediate, transportation included

Meeting point: Tadoussac Church, parking lot: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: \$95 + taxes

The Haute-Côte-Nord region is without a doubt one of the best places in Quebec to witness bird migration. The diversity of species and the abundance of birds found here in September are hardly comparable to the rest of the province.

During this day, you will have the opportunity to discover strategic sites with two ornithologists. We will stop at the following places : Escoumins Bay, Pointe-à-Émile and Pointe-à-Boisvert (Longue-Rive) and Pointe-des-Fortins.



LONGUE-RIVE

September 21, 23, 24, 25 and 26, at 12:30 pm

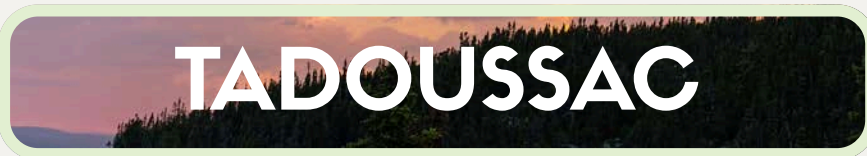
Duration: Approximately 4 hours

Difficulty level: Intermediate

Meeting point: Longue-Rive, Centre d'interprétation des marais salés: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: \$50 + taxes

The Longue-Rive salt marsh is a must for observing waterfowl and shorebirds, especially at high tide. Its diversity of habitats in the migration corridor also enables us to observe a large number of migrating passerines.



TADOUSSAC

September 26 and 27, at 8:00 a.m.

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Difficulty level: Easy

Meeting point: Tadoussac, Pointe de l'Islet walk, before the wharf: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: \$30 + taxes

We offer two guided hikes in the heart of Tadoussac that will allow you to meet the avian wildlife in an idyllic setting. While walking about 3 kilometers, you will be able to observe forest species (warblers, sparrows, etc.) as well as sea ducks, shorebirds and larids.

The area is renowned for shore-based observation of Belugas and Minke Whales, and is also known to host particularly rare bird species almost every year. Let yourself be surprised by the potential of this hike!



LES ESCOUMINS

September 21, 23 and 25, at 8:00 a.m.

Duration: Approximately 3 hours

Difficulty level: Easy

Meeting point: Point-à-la-Croix parking lot: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: 40\$ + taxes

The village of Les Escoumins is renowned throughout the province for its diversity of Laridae (gulls and terns), with an impressive total of 20 species observed, including several very rare species such as the Ross's Gull and the Common Gull. As you explore the bay, you'll also discover a number of waders, passerines and ducks, such as the Barrow's Goldeneye, which winters here.



PORTNEUF-SUR-MER

September 22, 24, 25, 26, at 12:30 PM

Duration: Approximately 4 hours

Difficulty level: Intermediate

Meeting point: Portneuf-sur-Mer, Centre d'accueil touristique du banc de sable: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: \$50 + taxes

The reputation of the Portneuf-sur-Mer sandbar is well established for the observation of shorebirds. In fact, it is one of the best sites in Quebec for the abundance and diversity of shorebirds during the fall migration. It is recognized by BirdLife International as an important area for bird conservation.



LES BERGERONNES

September 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27, at 8:00 a.m.

Duration: Approximately 3 hours

Difficulty level: Easy

Meeting point: Les Bergeronnes, Pointe Sauvage parking lot: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: \$40 + taxes

Les Bergeronnes houses the Explos-Nature building and the Tadoussac Bird Observatory, where some of our research and education projects are carried out. Follow the forest trails along the river to the St. Lawrence River and learn more about the importance of this area to the region!

BINGO-OISEAUX

SEVERAL PRIZES
TO BE WON!!!

From September 21 to 26

Bingo cards on sale from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Continuous activity

Where to pick-up your cards: Tadoussac Dunes, Yvan Duchesne lookout to pick up the bingo cards.

Meeting point for the draw: September 26 at 4:30 p.m., Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room.

Price: \$10 per card or \$20 for 3 cards

Festival-goers are invited to take part in a birding bingo! Get your card(s) and stamp your sightings to increase your chances of winning prizes!

For each completed line, you earn an entry in a draw for small prizes (cap, T-shirt, book, lens cleaner, and other bird-themed accessories). If you complete a full card, you will have a chance to enter the draw for a pair of binoculars.

Prize draw on September 26 at 4:30 p.m. Several prizes to be won, including a Zeiss Terra ED 42 pair of binoculars! Online reservation and payment are not mandatory. You can purchase and collect your cards directly on site during the festival.

THE GATHERING OF BIRDERS

September 25, at 5:30 PM

Location: Hotel Tadoussac, reception

Price: Free and open access!

This year, join us for a happy hour filled with feathers, stories, and shared discoveries! In a warm and welcoming atmosphere, connect with ornithologists, naturalists, and fellow nature enthusiasts as you share your sightings, favorite birding moments, and field experiences.

It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect, chat, and exchange stories... all before the renowned Ornitho-Quiz!

SOUNDSCAPE OF THE NORTH SHORE

September 26 and 27, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: Hotel Tadoussac

Duration: Continuously playing

Price: Free and open access!

Make yourself comfortable and let yourself be carried away by a unique sound experience. Our region reveals a wealth of sounds waiting to be discovered: whispers of nature, rhythms of the land, and surprising soundscapes. Take a pause, stop for a moment... and open your ears to the world around you. Will you be able to identify every species?

ORNITHO-TRIVIA NIGHT

SEVERAL PRIZES
TO BE WON!!!

September 25, at 7:30 PM

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Price: Free admission!

The Côte-Nord Migratory Bird Festival invites you at the Tadoussac church basement room to an inclusive quiz night to test your knowledge about birds, the Côte-Nord, the Festival, and the Tadoussac Bird Observatory. Beware, two levels are available: easy and hard. This free and fun evening is for everyone and drinks will be available!

STÉPHANE LAFLEUR CONCERT

September 26, at 8:00 PM

Location: Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau room

Price: \$25 + taxes

Stéphane Lafleur is a filmmaker, musician, and the author of a poetry collection, *Poudre à danser* (2025). For more than 20 years, he has been crafting intimate folk music with his band *Avec pas d'casque*. Taking a break between two albums, he now presents a solo performance revisiting 25 years of songs—past, present, and those still to come.

A rare opportunity to hear his music in its most stripped-down and intimate form.

WILD PLANTS – GOURMET WORKSHOP

September 26, at 1:00 PM

Duration: Approximately 3 hours

Location: Sacré-Cœur, Coeur sauvage: please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the activity

Price: \$79 + taxes + service

Dive into the world of wild plant foraging in Québec and the boreal forest!

In a small group of no more than 6 people, your guide Julie will teach you how to identify local flora during an easy-level hike through our mountain trails and along a salmon river.

You'll discover the secrets of wild plants, their benefits, and how to easily transform them into food or drink. To complete the experience, we'll offer you a delicious homemade wild tapas platter – a chance to taste unique and unexpected flavors!



FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

September 27, from 7:00 to 10:00 AM

Location: Hotel Tadoussac, Le Covendale restaurant

Tarif : 26.95\$ + taxes + service

The brunches offered at the Coverdale restaurant of the Hotel Tadoussac are an excellent start to a day of bird watching. This is also a great opportunity to contribute to the work of the Tadoussac Bird Observatory, as \$5 per meal will be donated to the organization!

No reservation is necessary, but it is important to specify at the entrance of the restaurant that you are coming for the Festival.



CYANOTYPES CREATION

September 26, at 8:00 AM

Location: Les Escoumins, Kiboikoi, Café bar culturel

Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours

Price: \$65 + taxes

Discover cyanotype, a historic photographic process invented in 1842 that uses sunlight to create deep-blue images. This introductory workshop invites you to explore this accessible artistic technique and create your own unique artworks using plants, feathers, objects, and any other items with unusual shapes or translucent qualities. A fascinating blend of science and visual art, where the only limit is your imagination!

With Julien Vasseur - Nature and wildlife photography
Only in French.



CREPES AND COFFEE

September 26 and 27, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Meeting point: Dunes of Tadoussac, banding station

Price: Free access

Étincelle Production and AVIA are back in full force to delight your taste buds during your visit to the Tadoussac Dunes. Among the many vendors on site, let yourself be tempted by the irresistible aroma of homemade crepes and AVIA's "Bird Friendly" certified coffee. An invitation to rediscover the joy of life's simple pleasures



LOW TIDE EXCURSION

September 27, starting at 8:00 AM

Duration: Approximately 3 hours

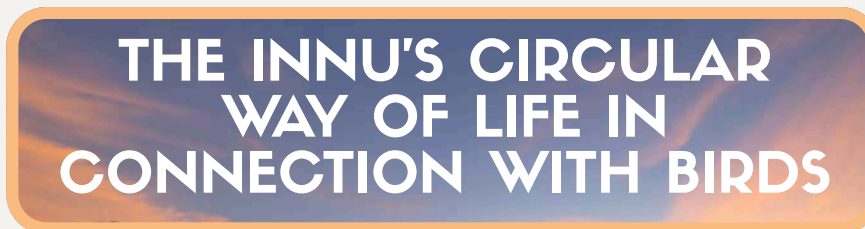
Location: Tadoussac Dunes

Equipment: Bring your boots (some available)

Price: Free and open access!

Did you know that at low tide, you can observe some surprising organisms? Yet they are the main source of food for a large number of organisms in the St. Lawrence. Travel with Explos-Nature to discover this exceptional diversity.

Observe and touch the algae, crustaceans, mussels, sea urchins and many other organisms that inhabit this area! Smell the salty air, listen to the breath of the whales and the cry of the gulls, and... enjoy the hidden flavors of the St. Lawrence!



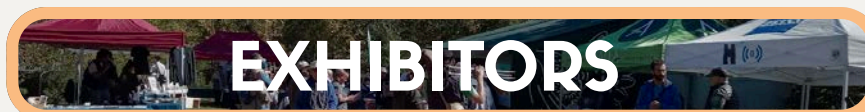
THE INNU'S CIRCULAR WAY OF LIFE IN CONNECTION WITH BIRDS

September 26 at 8:00 AM

Meeting point: Dunes of Tadoussac, banding station

Price: Free admission!

Guardians of the Innu Sacred Sites in Quebec. Coming soon



EXHIBITORS

September 26th and 27, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Tadoussac Dunes **Price:** Free and open access!

Come to the TBO banding station, various exhibitors will be grouped under tents, near the mobile laboratory. On site, you will find the information office of the festival as well as organizations dedicated to the protection of birds and businesses offering useful equipment for observing birdlife. Come and get yourself some delicious TBO coffee and enjoy it with AVIA! Be sure to try Étincelle Production's homemade crêpes and their one-of-a-kind praline spread. Your taste buds will be asking for more!



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BOOKING & REGISTRATION

The Festival operates on an "à la carte" system:

- only paid activities require online booking
- some free activities also require registration
- booking links are located directly under each activity on the website. In the "Registration" tab, you will also find the list of activities and can register there

The Festival office (Explos-Nature / Tadoussac Bird Observatory) can be reached for any questions Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Discover these magnificent photographs and the work of the photographers!

Since 2023, we have been paying tribute to the birds of Quebec and showcasing the municipalities of the region.

Thus, 30 superb photographs were distributed across 15 exceptional birdwatching sites in the Haute-Côte-Nord RCM. This project, which showcases our rich avian biodiversity, involved 26 professional and amateur photographers and 12 local partners!

The selected photographs are accompanied by texts describing the bird species and the importance of the site in question. You will also be able to discover some of the research carried out by the OOT on these species, and their status.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- Full refund: cancellation 7 days or more (14 days or more for cruises) before the activity
- Full refund: You will be contacted by phone or email if the activity is cancelled due to bad weather
- 50% refund: cancellation between 24 hours and 6 days before the activity
- No refunds: cancellations made less than 24 hours before the activity

WEATHER REPORT

- It is recommended to bring clothing suitable for all types of weather: rain, wind, and variable temperatures
- In case of continuous rain or strong winds, outdoor activities may be cancelled

PLAN YOUR MIGRATION

- **The equipment of the perfect observer**
- **Impermeable**
- **Walking shoes**
- **Layered clothing**
- **Water bottle**
- **Collation**
- **Hat or cap**
- **Binoculars**



PROGRAMMING

FROM THE 21ST TO THE 27TH
SEPTEMBER 2026

FESTIVAL
DES OISEAUX
MIGRATEURS DE LA CÔTE-NORD

MONDAY
21 SEPT.

Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM

Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Les Escoumins 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Longue-Rive 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Documentary 8:00 PM

Under the wings of the night 8:00 PM (\$R)

An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)

TUESDAY
22 SEPT.

Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM

Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Les Bergeronnes 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Portneuf-sur-Mer 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Documentary 8:00 PM

An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)

WEDNESDAY
23 SEPT.

Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM

Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Les Escoumins 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Longue-Rive 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Documentary 8:00 PM

An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)

An enchanted night with owls 10:00 PM (\$R)

THURSDAY
24 SEPT.

Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM

Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Les Bergeronnes 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Longue-Rive 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Portneuf-sur-Mer 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Conference 8:00 PM

Under the wings of the night 8:00 PM (\$R)

(EN) An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)

An enchanted night with owls 10:00 PM (\$R)

FRIDAY
25 SEPT.

Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM

Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Les Bergeronnes 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Les Escoumins 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Longue-Rive 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Guiding hike in Portneuf-sur-Mer 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)

Conference 1:30 PM

Conference 2:45 PM

Documentary 4:00 PM

The gathering of migratory birds 5:30 PM

Ornitho-Quiz Evening 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)

An enchanted night with owls 10:00 PM (\$R)

SATURDAY
26 SEPT.

AM	PM
Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM	Audio documentary 12:00 to 12:35 PM
The Innu's Circular Way of Life 8:00 to 8:30 AM	Guiding hike in Longue-Rive 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)
Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Guiding hike in Portneuf-sur-Mer 1 12:30 to 4:30 PM (\$R)
Exhibitors, Crepes and Coffee 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Let's create birds in nature 1:00 to 1:45 PM
Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)	Wild plants, gourmet workshop 1:00 to 4:00 PM (\$R)
Guiding hike in the Haute-Côte-Nord 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (\$R)	Conference 1:00 PM
Guiding hike in Tadoussac 8:00 to 10:00 AM (\$R)	Conference 2:15 PM
Guiding hike in Les Bergeronnes 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)	Cruise 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM (\$R)
Cyanotype creation 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM (\$R)	History of the goldeneye 2:00 to 2:45 PM
Soundscape of the Côte-Nord 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	The giant birds of Tadoussac 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Discovery Station 10:00 to 10:45 PM	Conference 3:30 PM
Mission: build a nest! 11:00 to 11:45 PM	Cruise - Du Fleuve 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM (\$R)
	Bird Bingo Draw at 4:30 PM
	Documentary 5:30 to 7:03 PM
	Stéphane Lafleur concert 8:00 PM (\$)
	Under the wings of the night 8:00 PM (\$R)
	An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)
	An enchanted night with owls 10:00 PM (\$R)

SUNDAY
27 SEPT.

Banding of passerines from 7:00 AM

Benefit Brunch 7:00 to 10:00 AM (\$)

Guiding hike in Tadoussac 8:00 to 10:00 AM (\$R)

Guiding hike Les Bergeronnes 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Cruise 8:00 to 11:00 AM (\$R)

Low Tide Excursion 8:00 to 11:00 AM

Birds of prey in flight: how to identify them? 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Exhibitors, Crepes and Coffee 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Soundscape of the Côte-Nord 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Cruise - Du Fleuve 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM (\$R)

Discovery Station 10:00 to 10:45 AM

Feeder and nest box manufacturing 11:00 to 11:45 AM

The giant birds of Tadoussac 1:00 to 2:00 PM

An enchanted night with owls 8:00 PM (\$R)

An enchanted night with owls 10:00 PM (\$R)

Bird Bingo
Continuous activity

Bingo cards on sale from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (\$)

Draw: September 26 at 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES

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|---|---|
|  Tadoussac Dunes |  Pointe à John, Les Bergeronnes |
|  Tadoussac Church, Bord de l'Eau Room |  Tadoussac Microbrewery Restaurant-Pub |
|  Hotel Tadoussac |  Du Fleuve, Les Escoumins |
|  Croisières Neptune Les Bergeronnes |  Service des loisirs, Tadoussac |
|  Kiboikoi, Cultural Café Bar, Les Escoumins |  Tadoussac Beach |

LEGEND

Free and open access!

-  Payable on site
-  Reservation required
-  Free registration

SITE MAP

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