

Erratum: Discovery – a Red-bellied Woodpecker Family’s Nest

We received some feedback regarding information contained in our Red-bellied Woodpecker article in the last Arbo Info. We appreciate our naturalist and bird-observing readers keeping us honest so we would like to make a correction! The photos Alyssa DeRubeis took are likely among the first photos of a NEST of Red-bellied Woodpeckers taken in Quebec. There is evidence that the birds have been breeding here, at the Arboretum and in Quebec that dates back about 10 years, but photo-evidence of nests is uncommon. Richard Gregson had reported sighting juvenile Red-bellied Woodpeckers in the Arboretum several years ago, and Michel Bourque also let us know that there are [photos of nest activity](#) at Ile St-Bernard taken on May 21, 2018. In fact, the oldest photo of a juvenile or immature Red-bellied Woodpecker on the eBird website dates to [June 21, 2016](#). Thank you for the information.



A snapshot from the tour. Photo : Hannah Legault



Larval Eastern newts. Photo : Hannah Legault

Review : What’s in this Pond?

As always, Sarah Dixon never fails to impress with her wit, energy and knowledge. On Saturday July 27th, a group of parents and children met at the Conservation Centre to see what we could find in one of the Arboretum’s ponds. The drying weather eliminated several of the ephemeral ponds, which meant we visited the “newt pond” (spoiler alert) on the Orange Trail. The volume of discoveries to be made in our short time at the pond was astounding: we found diving beetles, true bugs, tadpoles as well as dragonfly and mayfly larvae. The star of the pond was the pair of larval newts that Sarah found: shown in the picture above right, this species (Eastern newt) is a favourite in the amphibian world. Don’t worry if you missed this great tour – our fall schedule of events is coming out soon! Remember to check the event details if you need to make reservations.



A view of the Perseid Meteor Shower. Photo : © marianna armata passionatephotos.net

Coming Up: “Photographing a Meteor Shower” Workshop

Friday August 9, 8 pm – 11 pm

Marc Ricard from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Montreal Chapter is here to help you hone your skills and learn to photograph the fleeting but brilliant beauty of shooting stars. The best part? The Perseid Meteor Shower is taking place only days later so you can test out your new knowledge in the same place. Doors open at 7:30 pm, the talk starts at 8 pm and ends at 9 pm, followed by two hours of guided star observation. This event is free for Arboretum members and the public so bring a friend if you like! The Bellevue Observatory will be open following the talk if the sky is clear, and Jupiter and Saturn should be observable.

Meet at the Conservation Centre.

[Details](#)

[Facebook Event](#)



A shooting star over the Arboretum. Photo : © marianna armata passionatephotos.net

Reminder: The Perseid Meteor Shower

Monday August 12, 8 pm – 11 pm

The Arboretum Communications team likes to make sure our members and readers are informed, and we would like to particularly express a key detail about this event:

you don't want to miss it! On Monday August 12, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's Montreal Chapter is hosting a talk explaining the natural beauty of the Perseid meteor shower, followed by observation at the shower's peak. The Conservation Centre doors open at 7:30 pm for the talk, which takes place from 8 pm until 9 pm. There will be a chance to watch the shooting stars after the talk until 11 pm. The memories that your family will make watching the shooting stars together is worth the late night. We hope to see you there, and remind you that admission to this event is free for both Arboretum members and the public.

Meet at the Conservation Centre.

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Cover of the Birding in the Morgan Arboretum Guide by Richard Gregson.

FREE: Guides to enrich your visits at the Arboretum

Another piece of good news to brighten this Arbo Info: Richard Gregson, biologist and long-time member of the Arboretum has made his guides available to all, FOR FREE! Below are descriptions of the guides, as well as links to them:

- [A Walk in the Forest](#): a self-guided walk on the Orange Trail and Canada 150 Trail with an introduction to many other trails in the forest, that includes information about trees, flowers and wildlife. This guide includes access to an optional smartphone app to help you find your way.
- [Birding in the Morgan Arboretum](#): a guide to the extensive trails in the Morgan Arboretum and to the almost 200 species of birds that have been recorded here (written for both casual visitors as well as novice and experienced birders)
- [Birding on the West Island](#): a guide to spotting and identifying bird species in the hot spots of the West Island and surrounding areas, including a chapter about the Morgan Arboretum



An image of the forest displayed on our social media. Photo : Tom Kingsbury

A reminder about the social media buttons

We'd like to take this opportunity to call your attention to the three buttons found at the end of this email. We regularly post up-to-date content to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and we warmly invite you to follow us on our social media platforms. Events are updated first on our website (also linked below), then they appear on our Facebook page. If you are following an event on Facebook, you will be first to find out if space is filling up and be reminded to make your reservation. Our Twitter account is updated almost daily with entries from the phenology calendar and other nature facts and science news. Our Instagram highlights live views from inside the Arboretum – the stories show pictures and videos captured moment to moment on your favourite trails, and often give a look at the more distant corners of the Arboretum, accessible only to staff and researchers. There is something for everyone on our social media accounts, so feel free to click on those buttons and enjoy 24h access to the Arboretum on your smart phone or tablet.



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