

Our Disappearing Migrant Songbirds & Coffee

Many of our songbirds travel long distances every year to overwinter in Central and South America, returning here each spring to nest. The sad news is that many songbirds are declining in numbers, due to habitat loss, exposure to pesticides, window strikes, cats and other predators, and potentially climate change here and in their winter habitats.

JUDES and the Ecology Action Centre are hosting discussions across the province, including screening the film *Birdsong and Coffee: A Wake-up Call*, about coffee farming practices that can help conserve our songbirds, Connected by the birds we share and your morning coffee means that choosing Fair Trade, organic, and shade-grown coffee or *bird-friendly* coffee can make a big difference in protecting our migrant songbirds.

More information on birds

Birds of Nova Scotia: <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/mnh/nature/nsbird>

Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas: <http://www.mba-aom.ca/english/index.html>

Bird Studies Canada: <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/>

Canadian Wildlife Services / Partners in Flight: <http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/mbc-com/default.asp?lang=En&n=7AEDFD2C-1>

Nova Scotia Bird Society: <http://nsbs.chebucto.org/>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/>

More information on Fair Trade:

TransFair Canada: www.transfair.ca

Fair Trade Federation: <http://www.fairtradefederation.org/>

World Fair Trade Organization: <http://www.wfto.org>

Certifications:

Smithsonian Centre for Migratory Birds:

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/default.cfm>

Rainforest Alliance: <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/agriculture.cfm?id=coffee>

Fair Trade Labeling: <http://www.fairtrade.net>

Learn more, volunteer, become a member, donate, or get involved with:

Ecology Action Centre: <http://www.ecologyaction.ca>

JUDES: <http://www.judesfairtrade.ca>

