

BIRD DAY in ABERCORN
Saturday, May 23, 2026
(Postponed to Sunday, May 24 in case of rain)
ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

[8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Guided Bird Walk \(Colette Ferri\)](#)



Departure from the park Shepard: French and English group. Listen closely, keep your eyes open... the park comes alive! Birdwatching engages all the senses: learning to **recognize bird songs and taking the time to truly observe**. A mobile app (Merlin) will be introduced to help you identify species even before you see them. Your guide, Colette Ferri, will spot birds in the field and introduce you to their identification. At this time of year, she may help you discover around twenty species in the park.

[9:45 to 10:45 a.m. – Quiz, Merlin & questions](#)

Participants will be able to attend a short training session on installing the Merlin app on their phones, to help them identify birds at home. An interactive quiz will also be offered using a presentation tool: **participants will be invited to identify the species shown in photos**. Participants can also use this time to ask questions.



[11:00 to 12:00 a.m. – PowerPoint Presentation *Bird Housing Crisis: Installing Nest Boxes* \(Suzanne Pellerin\)](#)



The gradual disappearance of snags and trees is making bird reproduction increasingly difficult. Fortunately, several species can use artificial nest boxes—provided they are well designed and suited to their needs. This presentation explains which birds may occupy them and how to choose, recycle, or build an appropriate model. Materials, dimensions, and maintenance will be discussed. A practical guide to welcoming birds—and contributing to their local, long-term protection.

Participants will receive a printed guide (with plans) outlining the **steps needed to build a nest box according to the “Avian Building Code standards”**.

[12:00 – LUNCH BREAK](#)

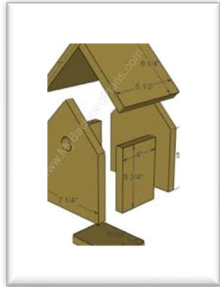
Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the village park. Picnic tables are available at all times in Shepard Park in Abercorn. **In case of rain, the meal can be taken inside City Hall or under the gazebo.**



1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Introduction to Birdhouse Woodworking

Leave your mark on the village of Abercorn by adding an artistic contribution and sharing what nature brings to our community and our lives.

Build a birdhouse for Shepard Park: assemble, paint, and decorate a birdhouse that will be installed in the forest, on a fence, or elsewhere in the park.



Bring your hammer and brushes; materials (wood and paint / limited colors) are provided free of charge by the FADOQ. You may also bring your own paint.



FACILITATORS



Suzanne Pellerin is an ornithology communicator who gives talks on birdhouses and bird-friendly trees. Committed to habitat conservation, she has created a one-hectare multi-habitat refuge that supports birdlife, where 87 species have been recorded. She has installed around thirty nest boxes there, which have produced hundreds of fledglings. A specialist in bird names, she publishes in local and specialized journals and serves on the nomenclature committees of QuébecOiseaux and Birds Canada. Her presentations combine scientific rigor, clear pedagogy, and a passion for the living world.

Colette Ferri is a guide and facilitator with the Club des ornithologues de Brome-Missisquoi and has been birdwatching for over 30 years. She is among the most active observers in the region on eBird, with more than 4,000 bird checklists submitted, and regularly ranks in the seasonal “top 10” of the most dedicated observers in Brome-Missisquoi. Her identification skills and in-depth knowledge of local sites will enrich this “Bird Day” in Abercorn.



Family activity — all ages welcome

Limited spaces available

All activities will take place in Shepard Park in Abercorn.
(Children under 14 must be accompanied.)

Participants: \$20 (adults) / free (children)

Welcome to all families!



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