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The *La Rumeur* newsletter : project news and informative articles to learn more about nature.

Enjoy!

The Green Corridor team

Chimney Swift



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What our team will do this summer?

For a sixth season, the Vaudreuil-Soulanges Green Corridor's team will discover some natural habitats of the region!

This year our efforts will be directed toward several species at risk, for example:

- ♦ The **Western Chorus Frog**, a threatened species in Canada¹. This small amphibian uses vernal pools early in Spring to lay its eggs. In April, our team took part in a survey of all the vernal pools of Ile Perrot. The situation of the vernal pools (location, number) was evaluated to give an idea of the species habitat's health. The last survey of all vernal pools took place 10 years ago.
- ♦ The **Chimney Swift**, a threatened species in Canada¹. This bird species has short legs and needs rough vertical surface to land. Originally, the Chimney Swift nested in big dead trees still standing but it adapted to urbanisation and now mainly uses chimney for nesting. At the start of July, our team will search chimneys used by this species in Vaudreuil-Dorion and Ile Perrot.



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¹ Species listed on Schedule 1 of Canada's *Species at Risk Act*.

Species at risk : Cerulean Warbler



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This warbler is very rare in Quebec. Its population is evaluated to a few tens of couples in the province. This low number is one of the reasons why the species is considered an endangered species² in Canada³.

The Cerulean Warbler is named after the male's back color. Its white throat distinguishes it from the Black-Throated Blue Warbler. The female Cerulean Warbler has a bluish-green coloured back and a light coloured thick eyebrow.

However, the Cerulean Warbler is very difficult to see because it stays almost exclusively in the canopy of mature deciduous forest. The mating song is often the only indication that a couple is nesting in a forest. To hear the Cerulean Warbler's song, you can consult this website : www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/cerulean_warbler/sounds.

The Cerulean Warbler needs large forests often of several hundreds of hectares. A closed forest canopy is also very important for this bird.

² Endangered species : A wildlife species facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

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The Emerald Ash Borer at our door



You probably heard of an insect species, the **Emerald Ash Borer**. There has been a lot of talk about this species recently because this exotic beetle is very invasive. As its name suggests, the Emerald Ash Borer attacks all ash species.

Because of this species, **an area is regulated** in terms of wood transportation (firewood, non-treated wood products, etc.). Since April 1st 2014, this regulated area includes the Montérégie Region, such as Vaudreuil-Soulanges. Wood products from the regulated area cannot leave this area. However, products can move inside the regulated area.

For more information about the regions included in the regulated area and on the regulated wood products, you can consult the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's website: www.inspection.gc.ca. If you write "Emerald Ash Borer" in the site's search engine you can find the relevant information.

You will learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer in the next edition of the newsletter *La Rumeur*.



Shrubs planting for birds



On June 26 and 27, our team planted a couple dozens shrubs along one of L'Escapade trails.

Planting shrubs helps several bird species nesting in this type of vegetation. Among these species are the American Robin, the American Goldfinch and some warbler species such as the Canada Warbler, a threatened species in Canada¹.

The shrub species chosen for this planting were the Purple-Flowering Raspberry, the Common Elderberry and the Red-Osier Dogwood. These three species are indigenous and can be found on Mount Rigaud.

We would like to thank the municipality of Rigaud for the help given during this project!

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From left to right: Common Elderberry, Purple-Flowering Raspberry and Red-Osier Dogwood © NAQ

Answers to previous crossword puzzle:

1. Snapping
2. Sphagnum
3. Mushroom
4. Hibernation
5. Phragmites
6. Antler

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