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Frontenac Bird Studies set to begin eighth season of avian monitoring and research in Eastern Ontario

□ A look back to 2015: the year of the point count!

A few of the major developments from last season:

- FBS staff contracted by Bird Studies Canada completed nearly 400 point count surveys for endangered **Cerulean Warblers** in Frontenac Provincial Park (FPP). More singing males were detected in 2015 than in any previous year. Results from this effort indicate that the park will be central to future and conservation of this species in Canada.
- An expanded search of **Red-headed Woodpecker** habitat in FPP revealed a four-fold increase in known breeding sites within the park for this provincially and nationally threatened species!
- Completed a seventh year of Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) program in the region. Our data from the program suggest a troubling decline in forest bird populations since 2009, likely due to low apparent survivorship for many species.

□ What's ahead for 2016

Frontenac Bird Studies has grown into a program with two main objectives with regard to field studies: population and demographic monitoring and species at risk studies. This year, we will continue with our core monitoring scheme for breeding birds in the landscape using both point count survey and mark-recapture (MAPS) methods. We also plan to continue with ongoing assessments of three key species at risk; Cerulean Warbler, Prairie Warbler and Red-headed Woodpecker.

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Chestnut-sided Warbler nest - June 2015



Pileated Woodpecker banded at MABO for first time in 2015

Frontenac Avian Atlas Day

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The Frontenac Avian Atlas Day is a key fundraiser for Frontenac Bird Studies. This event is unique - a sponsored 24-hour assessment of breeding birds that raises important funds for our operations while contributing to science and conservation at the same time! Thank you to all of the event sponsors in 2015! We hope you'll consider supporting us again this year - the donations literally send us into the field studying birds!

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