



Hello smartname,

PIBO's 2025 field season kicked off on April 4. On our first census, dozens of Golden-crowned kinglets and Brown creepers were seen along the trail at Fish Point, and a Winter wren was heard singing. The sound at the pond was also springlike. Tree swallows were flying around, and hundreds of blackbirds and grackles called. But the colour of the vegetation was still wintry, and only some wild leeks and Dutchman's breeches had started covering the ground. [Read more.](#)



Some of our spring staff and volunteers at the banding station on Earth Day. Alessandra Wilcox, volunteer, Sumiko Onishi, Field Supervisor, Cailie Monrad, Assistant Bander with a Northern Flicker, and Kiah Jasper, volunteer.



Join PIBO's **Birds of a Feather** membership program. Visit our [Birds of a Feather web page](#) and choose your level of support.

Join as a new member before June 1, and you will receive a signed, copy of ***How Wild Birds Learn to Sing***, a hand-printed, limited-edition chapbook by Dr Dan Mennill, Professor of Biology at the University of Windsor—as well as the satisfaction of knowing that your support is making a difference to the future of birds.

PLUS! ALL members automatically receive *The Pinion*, PIBO's e-journal of news, views, and reviews, edited by prominent Canadian writer and bird aficionado, Wayne Grady.

By joining **Birds of a Feather**, you too can become a harbinger of change!

Join Birds of a Feather




Upcoming events!



Join PIBO to Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by participating in one of our upcoming events. Two in-person talks with Dr Dan Mennill, one in Windsor and the other on Pelee Island, an online talk with former PIBO assistant bander, Gill Holmes and an open house at the Ojibway Nature Centre in Windsor.

Billions of migratory songbirds travel to Canada each spring, filling the skies with their melodies. In this talk, Professor Dan Mennill shares a decade-long study on Savannah Sparrows in the Bay of Fundy. He reveals that these birds learn their songs from adults during their first months of life and refine them after migration through interactions with neighbours. This unique insight compares bird song learning to human language acquisition.

PIBO Bird Talk
Pelee Island Bird Observatory Guest Birder
Dr. Daniel Mennill
on *Why Wild Birds Sing*




Sunday May 11, 2025
Pelee Island Winery Pavillion
9-10 Coffee & Carbs, 10-11 Bird Talk
Suggested Donation \$20





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Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day!
Wednesday May 7 2025
Ojibway Nature Centre
6:30 pm Tea and Treats, 7 pm Bird Talk
Suggested Donation \$20



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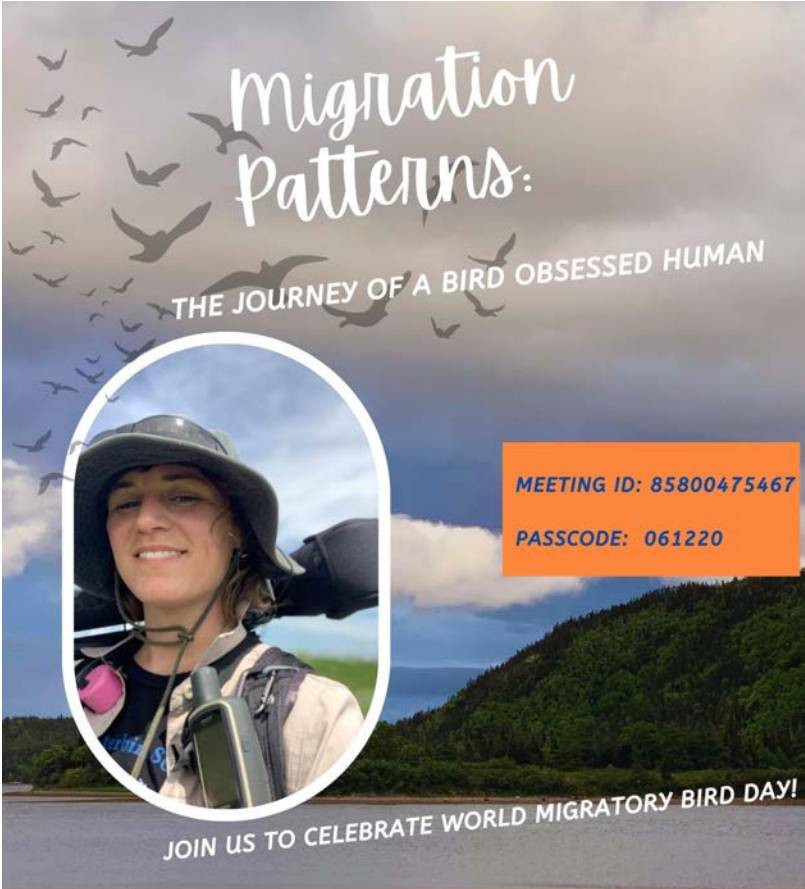
Dan Mennill is a Professor of Ornithology at University of Windsor, specializing in bird song studies and bioacoustic research. He has developed innovative technologies for field studies and has published extensively with a large team. Recognized by leading scientific societies, Dan lives in Lasalle, Ontario, with his wife, artist Stéphanie Doucet, and their two children.

Register for the Bird Talks

Please join Pelee Island Bird Observatory on May 8th to celebrate Global Migratory Bird Day with a webinar hosted by Gill Holmes, where they will recount the experiences they've had as a field technician with a deep dive into the birds and research projects they've assisted with thus far in their career.

Gill Holmes is a Wildlife Technician with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada and has spent 15 years working within avian ecology and research across government, private and academic institutions. They have worked and visited a diverse array of

ecosystems from the prairies of Mississippi to the Arctic tundra of Nunavut and as far as the Kimberly in Western Australia. After all these years working in the field, they have many stories to tell, and through the research they've assisted with and the places they have visited, they will weave together a story of what it means to be a human being who migrates to be with the birds.




Migration
Patterns:

THE JOURNEY OF A BIRD OBSESSED HUMAN

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 THE PELEE ISLAND
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Making Pelee Island a unique and vital part of the
international effort to preserve wild and migratory birds.

THURSDAY MAY 87PM EST

Via Zoom

[Click for Zoom Link](#)

MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

May 10

10AM-5PM

Ojibway Nature Centre
5200 Matchett Rd.



Let's celebrate bird conservation! Join us for guided hikes, special guests, Bird-friendly City freebies, and more!

Featured Organizations:

- Pelee Island Bird Observatory
- Purple Martin Association
- Essex County Nature



**Ojibway
Events**
May 10

ALL DAY: Featured organizations

10am, 2pm, 2pm: Guided bird walks



May 7: Why Wild Birds Sing
- Dr. Dan Mennill

May 8: Migration Patterns: The
Journey of a Bird-Obsessed Human
- Gill Holmes

May 11: Why Wild Birds Sing
- Dr. Dan Mennill

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to register



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Hermit thrush by Sumiko Onishi

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