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Toronto Hosts International Symposium on Bird Conservation



Toronto – Tomorrow, international delegates will descend on Toronto to learn about bird conservation at the Symposium on Bird Conservation in Urban Areas. The event takes place Thursday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Centre (123 Queen St. W., Churchill Room), and Friday, November 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall. The event will focus on how to can create safe urban areas for migratory birds.

The dangers posed to birds by today's modern urban landscapes are extremely new in evolutionary time scales, and birds have been unable to alter natural behaviours in response to relatively recent products of human activity. Join concerned advocates, planners, architects, developers, academics and students in discussing this issue at this timely symposium.

As part of the symposium, the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) will display over 2,000 dead migratory birds from over 100 species, all victims of collisions with buildings. This photo opportunity will take place during the symposium's reception at 7 p.m. in the Sheraton Centre's City Hall Room.

"The City of Toronto continues to stand behind its commitment to migratory bird conservation by hosting this pinnacle international event. This symposium also offers us the opportunity to display the very birds we are trying to protect" says Michael Measure, Executive Director of FLAP.

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Working to Safeguard Migratory Birds in the Urban Environment through Education, Research, Rescue, and Rehabilitation.