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Birds of the Technoparc Wetlands

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**Monday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Kensington Presbyterian Church
6225 Godfrey Ave., NDG**

A Presentation by Joël Coutu

Joël Coutu, local birding specialist and consultant, will introduce the feathered stars of the area known by local environmentalists as the Technoparc Wetlands. This area, located in Ville St-Laurent, has the highest number of bird species in Montreal and is especially rich in wetland species. It has such a wide variety of habitats that it is really not surprising that birds have adopted it for nesting and feeding. In the summer season alone, more than 100 bird species were observed, 80 of these are nesting species. Sadly, this previously hidden jewel on the island of Montreal is at risk of disappearing in the years to come.

Between April and September 2016, Joël spent more than 180 hours observing birds in the Technoparc Wetlands. He will talk about the Ardeidae and Rallidae bird families, as well as the many raptor, duck, and passerine species.

Joël Coutu has had a life-long passion for birds and other wildlife. He is well known to many birding clubs and other groups, in and around Montreal, as a popular field trip leader and lecturer. He previously co-hosted a radio program on bird watching and has appeared in a Cirque de Soleil podcast. Most recently, he has had guest appearances on Pierre Verville's hit TV show "Fous des oiseaux."

He has participated in numerous bird surveys in the Montreal area, as well as northern Quebec, Labrador, Bas-Saint-Laurent, La Beauce, and Outaouais. He plans and organizes trips to southern Ontario and develops projects for schools and other organizations.