



What a Start!

As the first field season of the Atlas draws to a close, we would like to extend a big thank-you to everyone who has helped make year one a success. From dedicated volunteer atlassers and Regional Coordinators, to valued sponsors and partner organizations – we couldn't have done it without you!

Now that August is wrapping up and birds are beginning to move towards more southerly climes, it's time to enter those observations! We've extended our initial deadline for data submission to September 30 this year to give everyone time to get familiar with the data entry system. If you have any questions about how to enter data, please contact your Regional Coordinator or the Atlas Office – we're happy to help!

While most birds will have left their breeding territories by now, and should not be assigned breeding evidence codes, you may still observe evidence of Confirmed Breeding for late-nesting species – like Cedar Waxwings and American Goldfinches – or birds who are attempting to raise another clutch. Be sure to make note of confirmed breeding, and report those late breeders to the Atlas as incidental lists.



Atlassing at the Canada 150 BioBlitz in Regina
Laurie Koepke



Atlassers honing their skills ahead of the first breeding season at a training workshop.
Jared Clarke



Progress to date

Checklists	2045
Registered Participants	232
Atlas squares with data	491
Records	28,591
Breeding species	243
Hours of atlassing	1867
Point counts	1055

Current as of August 21, 2017

**Please submit your data
by September 30**



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Updates and New Features

- We have extended the 2017 deadline for data entry (originally August 31) to **September 30**.
- Use the new [Discussion Forum](#) on the main Atlas website to ask questions, request help with bird identification, share stories, organize outings, or simply connect with fellow atlasers!
- You can now add other observers to your Atlas checklists. Click on 'observers' once you have [logged in](#) to manage your list. To enable checklist sharing (coming soon), search for the new observer's full name, or their login name for NatureCounts (the same as their Atlas login), and add them to your list of observers. Once a person is on your list of observers, you can add their name to your checklists during data entry or review by clicking 'Manage Observers' when specifying the number of observers present.
- When entering data, you can now specify a single location count by entering UTM or lat/long coordinates.

We Want to Hear from You!

Do you have an atlassing story, thoughts, or tips that you'd like to share in the next newsletter? Send your short texts to the Atlas Office by October 15 to be considered for inclusion.

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Calling All Photographers

The Atlas Office is always looking for photos of breeding birds and people atlassing to include on the website, in newsletters, on social media, and in presentations. Please send any photos you would like to share via email, or a file transfer service such as DropBox, Google Drive, or WeTransfer.



Tree Swallow with recently fledged young - FY
Gloria Fester



Long-billed Curlew - H
Nick Saunders



Ferruginous Hawk nest with young - NY
Gordon Belyea

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