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Press Release

Calgary Wildlife partnering with Calgary Migratory Species Response Team on new initiative to monitor and preserve wildlife.



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Calgary Wildlife is excited to announce it is partnering with Calgary Migratory Species Response Team (CMSRT) on a new initiative to monitor and preserve wildlife. CMSRT will be monitoring the downtown core for birds and bats during fall 2019 migration that may have collided with buildings/objects. Calgary Wildlife will be receiving, treating and releasing any injured wildlife collected by CMSRT volunteers during these sweeps. Information collected will be used to better understand threats to migratory avian species

There are 9 different species of bats (3 species of migratory bats) which may call Calgary their home at any one time and hundreds of bird species including sensitive species such as warblers and some birds of prey. These species are increasingly threatened by habitat loss and window strikes. It is not yet known the extent to which birds and bats are presently being affected by our city's lights and structures. United States Fish and Wildlife Service estimate that 97 million birds die in the US annually due to window strikes which are more likely during spring and fall migration.

As always, should you have a concern about injured wildlife in the Calgary area, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society directly at 403-214-1312. For information on the Calgary Migratory Species Response Team, please contact CMSRT directly at CalgaryResponse@gmail.com.

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