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Michael D. Cadman - 2010 Honorary Member

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Mike Cadman is a songbird biologist with the Ontario Region of the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), Environment Canada.

Mike has been studying birds for most of his life, and earned his MSc from the University of Toronto for research on American Oystercatchers. Mike is best known as the coordinator and lead editor of both the first and second versions of the *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario*, published in 1987 and 2007, respectively. These were both major projects, involving five years of field work by many hundreds of volunteers, covering the entire province. The 2007 atlas is the largest and most comprehensive wildlife study in

Ontario's history. Having the two atlases 20 years apart allows scientists to compare the two datasets and track changes in bird distribution and abundance.

In addition to the two atlas projects, Mike has been involved in many bird monitoring programs in Ontario. These have included the Forest Bird Monitoring Program and the Eastern Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Team. He also initiated and coordinated the Ontario Rare Breeding Bird Program which resulted in the publication of Ontario Birds at Risk. He helped develop Bird Studies Canada's Marsh Monitoring Program. He coordinates Wildlife Watchers, which encourages volunteer participation in wildlife monitoring projects, and he organizes the Guelph Christmas Bird Count.

Mike also contributes to the conservation of birds and their habitats by serving with organizations such as the Society of Canadian Ornithologists, Birds Studies Canada, Environment Canada's national landbird committee and the Ontario Partners in Flight Working Group. In the past, he has chaired National Recovery Teams for Eastern Loggerhead Shrike, Acadian Flycatcher, Hooded Warbler, and Henslow's Sparrow.

The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club would like to recognize Mike's significant contributions to the understanding of birds, bird distributions and habitat requirements by making him an Honorary Member.

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