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## PROCLAMATION

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

**May 11, 2024**

as

### World Migratory Bird Day

- WHEREAS;** The theme for World Migratory Bird Day in 2024 is The Importance of Insects for Migratory Birds - "Protect Insects, Protect Birds"; and
- WHEREAS;** Birds play crucial roles in pollination, seed dispersal and pest control, and a lack of insects disrupts these ecosystem functions; and
- WHEREAS;** Birds actively seek out insects in fields, forests, wetlands, lakes and various habitat stopovers. The timing of bird migration often coincides with peak insect abundance at stopover locations, supplying nourishment for birds to replenish their energy reserves before continuing to their nesting locations; and
- WHEREAS;** The loss and disturbance of insect populations at breeding sites and along avian migration routes threaten bird survival and well-being, and
- WHEREAS;** Barrie by virtue of its location on the sheltered shores of Kempenfelt Bay, Barrie's creeks and the Nottawasaga Valley creek system, is an important destination for migratory birds that stop here to rest and feed on insects; and
- WHEREAS;** The Barrie Bird Friendly City Team as part Nature Canada and Nature Barrie, invite you to join us at our booth at the Barrie Farmers' Market May 11, 2024 @ 11:00 am for the announcement of Barrie's Official City Bird: and

**WHEREAS;** This is an opportunity to welcome, celebrate our returning birds, and discover ways to address proactive conservation methods to help overcome the scarcity of protein-rich insects that can hinder bird migration. From May to mid-June residents and neighbors of this city, young and old are encouraged to participate in "Dim the Lights for Birds at Night" and light pollution affects insects as well. For more information see [www.bfnclub.org](http://www.bfnclub.org), [www.birdday.ca](http://www.birdday.ca) and [www.worldmigratorybirdday.org](http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org)

**THEREFORE,** I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 11, 2024** as "**World Migratory Bird Day.**"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Nuttall', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Alex Nuttall,  
Mayor**