

## Toronto Ornithological Club 2025 Grant Program

The Toronto Ornithological Club (TOC) grant program disperses funds (up to \$2000 per grant) to non-profit activities aimed at conserving wild birds in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), or work that aims to connect GTA-based communities to birds and the outdoors. We especially welcome applications from small groups and organizations that are connecting Toronto's residents to birds and nature, particularly for audiences that have been historically excluded from the birding community.

### Who should apply?

Eligible recipients include: non-profits, registered charities, community groups, post-secondary students embarking on avian-based research, and education-based boards and committees. Ineligible recipients include businesses, or any for-profit entity.

### Eligible projects:

- Require a contribution from the Toronto Ornithological Club up to \$2000
- Are a maximum of 24 months long;
- Have clear measurable outcomes that may be reported back to us (e.g. data collected, events executed, people reached, area restored etc.);
- Have a clear budget breakdown;
- Are located (fully or partially) within the GTA; and
- Are focused on (or inclusive of) wild bird research, conservation or education.

Projects may have other sources of funding aside from the TOC, or the TOC contribution may comprise the whole project budget.

### Important Dates:

Grant deadline: June 30, 2025

Grant decision made: September 30th, 2025

### Submission:

Please submit your completed application form and budget template to [treasurer@torontobirding.ca](mailto:treasurer@torontobirding.ca) by midnight on June 30, 2025.

Your application should include the 2025 Grant Application form, the Excel budget template, and any supporting documents that will help us to understand your project a bit better. If you have any questions or concerns about the application process, please contact [treasurer@torontobirding.ca](mailto:treasurer@torontobirding.ca)

Decisions on funding will be made by the end of September, 2025. Please plan to time your project costs and expenditures accordingly.

### Acknowledgement of Funding:

Please be prepared to acknowledge the Toronto Ornithological Club as a supporter on any written/digital materials you produce for your project, in presentations, or verbally at events. Our logo will be provided to successful applicants for the purposes of funding acknowledgment.