

***WildEcol Seminar Series presents***  
**12 Years and 1200 Tagged Turkey Vultures:  
What we have learned**

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Using six foot wing spans to soar on thermals in search of carrion, Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*) have benefitted the prairie landscape by acting as feathered “garburators”. However, despite their important role very little was known about turkey vultures in Saskatchewan. While historically nesting in caves, vultures have only recently taken up residence in the abandoned farmhouses of rural Saskatchewan and in turn provided a unique opportunity for study. Using results from a long-term tagging and tracking program, this presentation will highlight the fascinating life history, behaviour and migration habits of Saskatchewan’s vultures as well as a few of the less glamorous aspects of vulture research.

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