

The Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) has recently added two new training resources to its website (www.ccac.ca) for those involved in the use of wild birds.

The first resource is a training module titled *Migratory Birds in Research*, prepared in collaboration with the Canadian Wildlife Service. The module is available as a PowerPoint presentation which can be downloaded to be used as a didactic training tool, along with the companion notes. The module is offered as one of the resources for the CCAC National Institutional Animal User Training Program. It provides the requirements for theoretical training detailed in the *CCAC Recommended Syllabus for an Institutional Animal User Training Program* (1999), including an introduction to the legal, ethical and safety considerations for those individuals who will be using migratory birds in their studies. The accompanying document also provides reference to specialized resources to help investigators to prepare for their work in the field. As with the other training modules provided by the CCAC, this theoretical training does not replace the hands-on training necessary before animal users can work with wild birds.

The second resource is the *CCAC species-specific recommendations on: birds*, a supplement to the *CCAC guidelines on: the care and use of wildlife* (2003). Species-specific recommendations are intended to provide information on 'best practices' and will be updated as new information becomes available.

The CCAC is grateful to the many individuals who were involved in drafting and reviewing these two valuable resources.

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