



Approx  
24 cm

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# Eastern Whip-poor-will

Likely to be designated as threatened or vulnerable in Quebec  
Threatened in Canada

## CHARACTERISTICS



- Grey and brown-spotted plumage.
- Males: white band at the top of the chest and pale corners on the tail.
- Females: white collar and buff-coloured spots.
- Large, flattened head, big eyes and small beak, rounded wings and tail.
- Nocturnal.
- Characteristic cry: whip-poor-will or pwip.
- Aerial insectivore.



	Late-April
	Mid-May to June
	June to mid-July
	End of August-early September

## HABITAT



- Wooded areas with a partially open structure and clearings.
- Open areas, with bare rocks or sand, sparse tree stands.
- Regenerating and young forests.
- This species lays its eggs directly on the ground.
- It winters in the southern United States and Central America.

## DISTRIBUTION IN QUEBEC



Source : CDPNQ

## THREATS



- Aging of young forests and abandoned fields, leading to a reduction in the herbaceous and shrub strata suitable for nesting and feeding.
- Destruction of nests and disruption of reproduction caused by the use of heavy machinery and forestry operations.
- Decline in insect populations, caused by pesticide use.
- Intensification of agricultural activities (wintering and reproductions areas).
- Urban expansion: reduced availability of nesting and feeding habitats, increased predation.

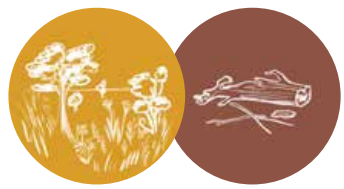
MANAGE YOUR WOODLOT AND MAINTAIN BIODIVERSITY



Avoid forestry operations during the reproduction and nesting period.



Maintain a mosaic of open habitats alternating with forest environments.



Follow the recommendations listed on the *Open areas* and *Woody debris* fact sheets.

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