

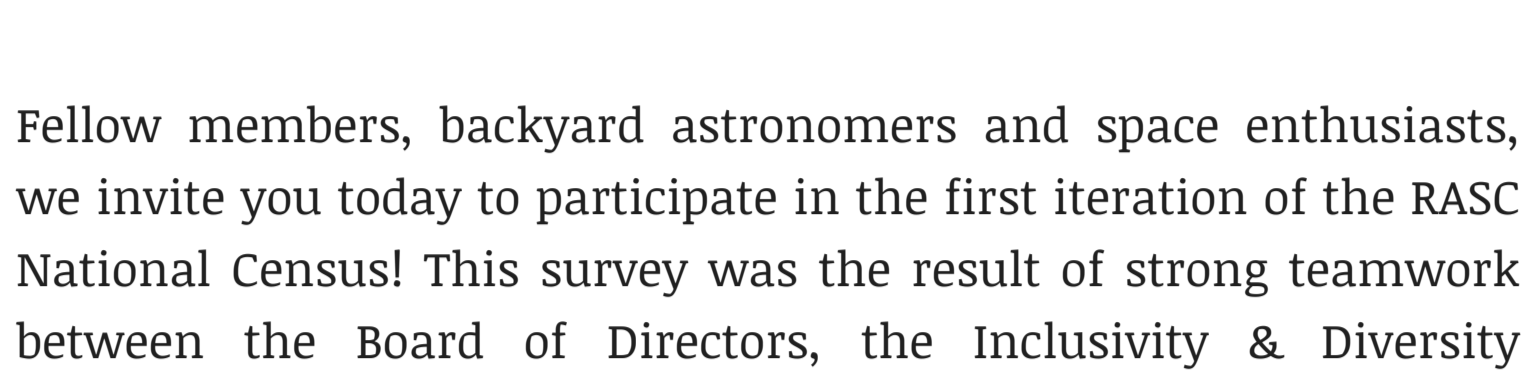


## Staffing Changes in the RASC National Office

Please join us in wishing a fond farewell to Renata Koziol on her departure from RASC. This past Friday was Renata's last day with the Society. As most of you are aware, Renata served in many key administrative and financial roles for over ten years, most recently as Director of Finance. Renata was the recipient of the President's Award at the recent 2021 Annual General Meeting. We know you join us in thanking Renata for her many years of service, and wish her every success in her future endeavors. At her request, we will not be holding a farewell celebration until sometime later in the fall. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, if you'd like to share a story or perhaps a photo of Renata's time in RASC, and personal impact on you, please send these to Renée Drummond, [renee@rasc.ca](mailto:renee@rasc.ca), as we are compiling a commemorative booklet, honoring those years of service.

Marsha Bailey of Charity Accounts is taking over as Controller of the Society, and for this transition period, also Bookkeeper. You can reach her directly, with invoices, etc. at [rasc@charityaccounts.ca](mailto:rasc@charityaccounts.ca) (or at [skynews-rasc@charityaccounts.ca](mailto:skynews-rasc@charityaccounts.ca) for matters relating to SkyNews). Matters relating to Membership and Centre support should continue to be directed to Membership Coordinator, Adela Zyfi, [mempub@rasc.ca](mailto:mempub@rasc.ca) while queries related to sales or publications should be addressed to Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Renée Drummond, [renee@rasc.ca](mailto:renee@rasc.ca). All other business correspondence can be directed to Executive Director, Phil Groff at [phil@rasc.ca](mailto:phil@rasc.ca).

## RASC National Census!



Fellow members, backyard astronomers and space enthusiasts, we invite you today to participate in the first iteration of the RASC National Census! This survey was the result of strong teamwork between the Board of Directors, the Inclusivity & Diversity Committee and the Next Gen Committee, as well as many other collaborators within the RASC National. We reviewed it as many times as necessary to ensure it was both respectful and insightful.

### Is it mandatory?

Absolutely not. However, the information collected will be important in guiding the RASC in its future endeavors. We want to know who we are, as a community. What to improve, what to build on, and how to prepare for the future. And as a token of our appreciation, every participant can enter a raffle to win two 25\$ and one 50\$ gift cards to the RASC eStore. Simply email us the code at the end of your survey to enter!

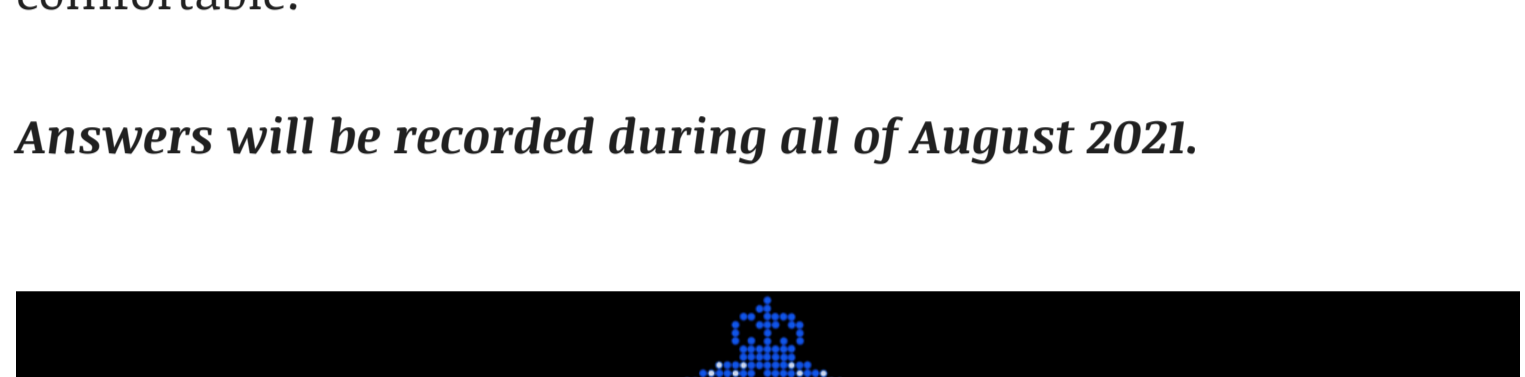
### Will anyone know what I answer?

No. We won't collect any personal information, and all your answers will be anonymized to ensure they can't be traced back to you. We want honest, accurate data that doesn't compromise your identity. While the results will be made available, it will only be in the form of tables and graphs. The raw data will remain confidential.

### Great! How do I participate?

You can easily fill out the survey online, at the time most convenient to you, through this link: <https://forms.gle/jx8bngbEgtrMwLY5> Or you can request a paper version to be sent to your address, whatever is most comfortable.

Answers will be recorded during all of August 2021.



Chers membres, astronomes amateurs et passionnés de l'espace, nous vous invitons aujourd'hui à participer à la première itération du recensement national de la SRAC! Ce sondage est le résultat d'un travail d'équipe solide entre le Conseil d'Administration, le Comité d'Inclusion et de Diversité et le Comité de Nouvelle Génération (NextGen), ainsi que de nombreux autres collaborateurs au sein du SRAC National. Nous l'avons examiné autant de fois que nécessaire pour nous assurer qu'il était à la fois respectueux et utile.

### Est-ce obligatoire?

Absolument pas. Cependant, les informations recueillies seront importantes pour guider la SRAC dans ses efforts futurs. Nous voulons savoir qui nous sommes, en tant que communauté. Ce qu'il faut améliorer, sur quoi s'appuyer et comment se préparer pour l'avenir. Et en guise de remerciement, chaque participant peut participer à un tirage pour gagner deux cartes-cadeaux de 25 \$ et une de 50 \$ à la boutique en ligne SRAC. Envoyez-nous simplement le code à la fin de votre sondage pour participer!

### Est-ce que quelqu'un saura ce que je réponds?

Non. Nous ne collecterons aucune information personnelle et toutes vos réponses seront anonymisées pour garantir qu'elles ne puissent pas être retracées jusqu'à vous. Nous voulons des données honnêtes et précises qui ne compromettent pas votre identité. Les résultats seront disponibles, mais uniquement sous forme de tableaux et de graphiques. Les données brutes resteront confidentielles.

### Génial! Comment puis-je participer?

Vous pouvez facilement accéder au sondage en-ligne à travers de ce lien: <https://forms.gle/5AMeGwki3k6Hu5KZ9> Vous pouvez aussi nous contacter pour demander qu'une version papier soit livrée à votre domicile.

Les réponses seront acceptées pendant tout le mois d'Août 2021!

## New Course: Exploring Exoplanets!

Anyone with a Windows, Mac or Linux computer can learn how to image and analyze exoplanet transits in our newest course! Join us Wednesday nights from August 4 to September 1 to learn what makes a good exoplanet for us to image, then image it and find the exoplanet in the data. We'll even show you how to take the skills you learn and apply it to data provided by researchers. Become a citizen exoplanet hunter today!

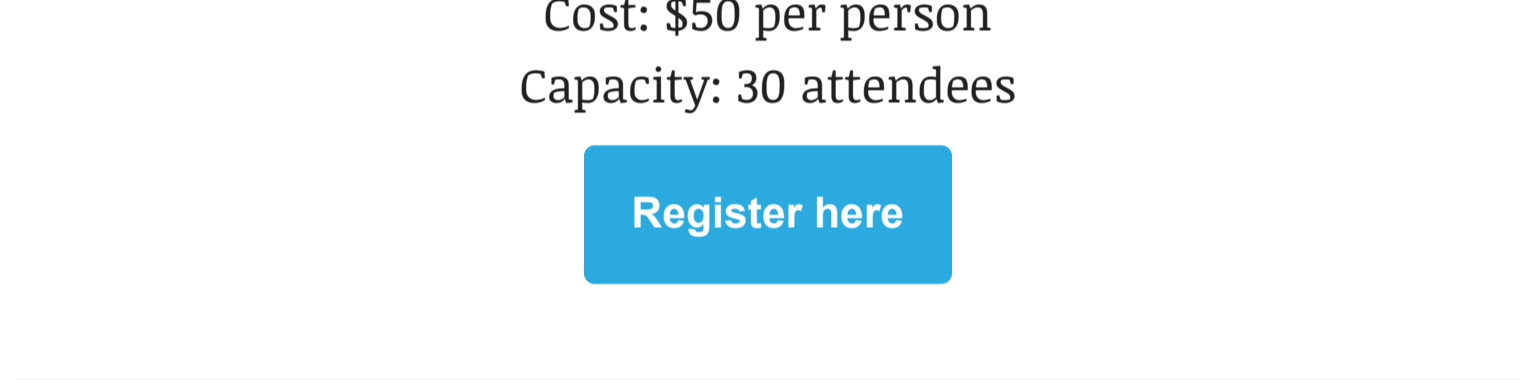
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When: 7:00 - 8:30pm EDT, Wednesdays from August 4 to September 1, 2021

Where: Zoom!  
Cost: \$50 per person  
Capacity: 30 attendees

[Register here](#)

## Invitation from Exoplanet Watch!



Dear Members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

We are writing to invite you to participate in **Exoplanet Watch**, a new exoplanet citizen science project funded by NASA's Universe of Learning and led by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Exoplanet Watch relies on university astronomy students and amateur astronomers using ground-based telescopes to make observations of transiting exoplanets. This will help keep mid-transit times fresh. With more accurate timing, large observatories and space-based telescopes can make efficient use of valuable telescope time.

The Exoplanet Watch website lists nightly observation targets, but any exoplanet transit observations will work.

Light curves generated by Exoplanet Watch are shared with the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO). Observers and data analysts are given credit for their work in any scientific papers resulting from their contributions.

For more information about Exoplanet Watch, visit our website at <https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exoplanet-watch/about-exoplanet-watch/overview/>.

Tiny URL: <https://go.nasa.gov/3i0tUvAI>

Join our Slack Workspace to meet our team and ask questions.

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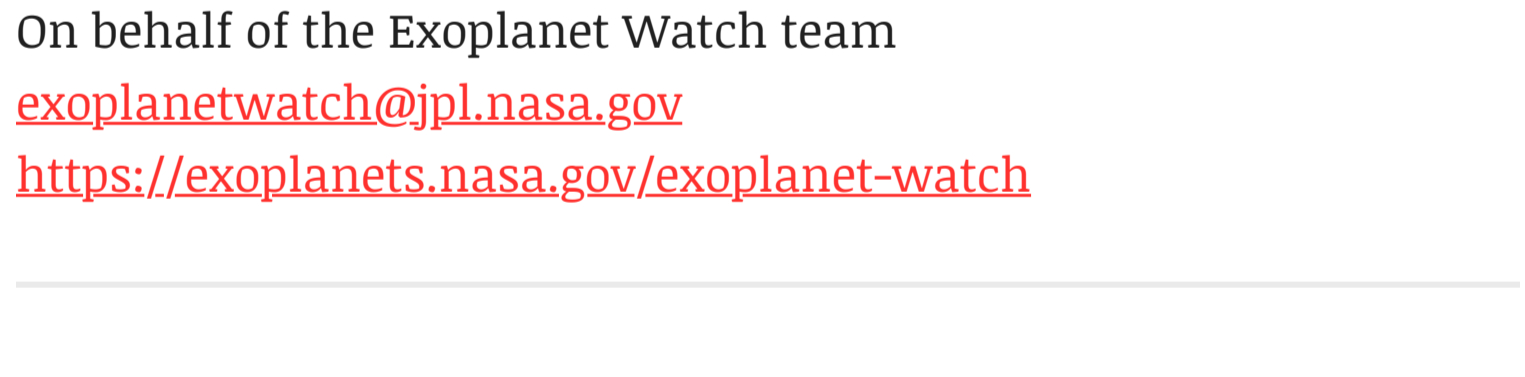
If you are interested in participating in Exoplanet Watch, please email [exoplanetwatch@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:exoplanetwatch@jpl.nasa.gov) to let us know. Feel free to share this email with other astronomers who may be interested in participating as well.

We look forward to studying exoplanets with you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Zellem and Rachel Zimmerman Brachman  
On behalf of the Exoplanet Watch team  
[exoplanetwatch@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:exoplanetwatch@jpl.nasa.gov)  
<https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exoplanet-watch>

## SkyNews: Imaging the night sky



People love beautiful photos. They love posting them on their walls, using them as phone backgrounds and keeping these collections for years.

The September/October issue of SkyNews is a special edition on just this topic — a teaching and learning guide for night-sky imagers that also shows off the best of Canadian astrophotography.

Slated articles include photographing the Milky Way, deep-sky imaging acquisition workflow, astrophotos on a budget, in-sky astrophotography and much, much more. This edition will also feature our Photos of the Year, a gorgeous collection of images that display the magnificence of our Universe, while kicking off our 20th anniversary of the photo contest.

Reach out to us if you'd like to order extra copies!

## Environment and Climate Change Canada news release

A new Environment and Climate Change Canada news release has been published.

- [New Environment and Climate Change Youth Council to engage on key environmental challenges](#)
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