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Environmentalists To Address International Conference on double-crested cormorants

The Peaceful Parks Coalition (PPC) will be presenting at a scientific conference on double-crested cormorants being held today at Laval University in Quebec City. The one-day conference is being hosted by the Quebec government and many government researchers will be present, including staff from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

In her presentation at the scientific conference, AnnaMaria Valastro, Co-Director of the PPC, will argue that science does not support the mass killing of double-crested cormorants. "Cormorants are native to the Great Lakes and are being falsely blamed for fish depletion, destroying old growth forests, and displacing other waterbirds," says Valastro.

Valastro is currently conducting a multi-year study of the impacts of egg oiling on adult nesting cormorants in Ontario.

"Twenty-five years ago, double-crested cormorants were on the brink of extinction on the Great Lakes. Their return should be a cause for celebration. Instead, the Ontario Liberal government has shot over 6000 cormorants at Presqu'île Provincial Park last spring, and is planning to shoot several thousand more at East Sister Island Nature Reserve on Lake Erie and across the Georgian Bay region.

Full text of the presentation can be found at [Cormorant Presentation](#)

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