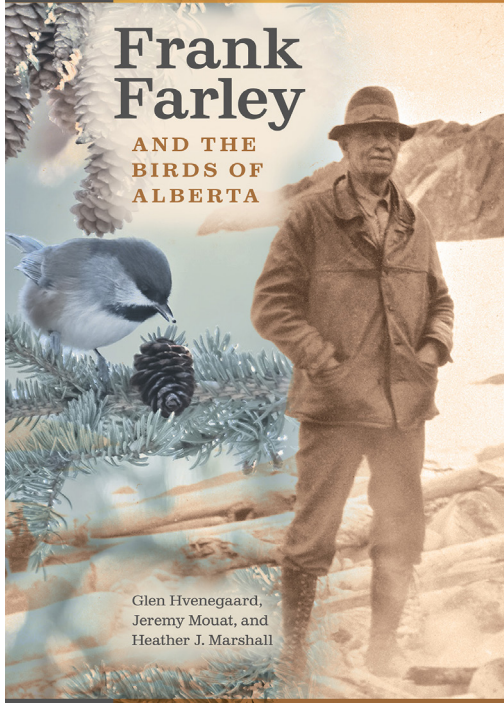




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Frank Farley (1870-1949) was a passionate naturalist and enthusiastic booster for rural development in western Canada. He supported and managed newly designated migratory bird sanctuaries, networked with expert ornithologists across the continent, mentored young people (including famous Canadian writer and grand-nephew Farley Mowat), and published widely to scientific and popular audiences. His most significant publication was *Birds of the Battle River Region*. His data and research served as the basis for the first account of the birds of Alberta, published in 1958. Farley's career shows how a single individual can make significant contributions to the fields of ornithology and environmental conservation, both locally and internationally. *Frank Farley and the Birds of Alberta* adds a new layer to a complex western Canadian past and will be an invaluable resource for those interested in Canadian environmental history, climate change, and ecological activism.

EXCERPT

Since the nights never got wholly dark, he [Uncle Frank] regarded sleeping as a waste of time.

"Look about you," he lectured me one shivering morning when our water pails had an inch of ice on them. "The birds out on the tundra haven't slept a wink. Too much to do! Too busy! And here it is 4:00 a.m. And you want more sleep! Up and at 'em, sonny!" —Farley Mowat

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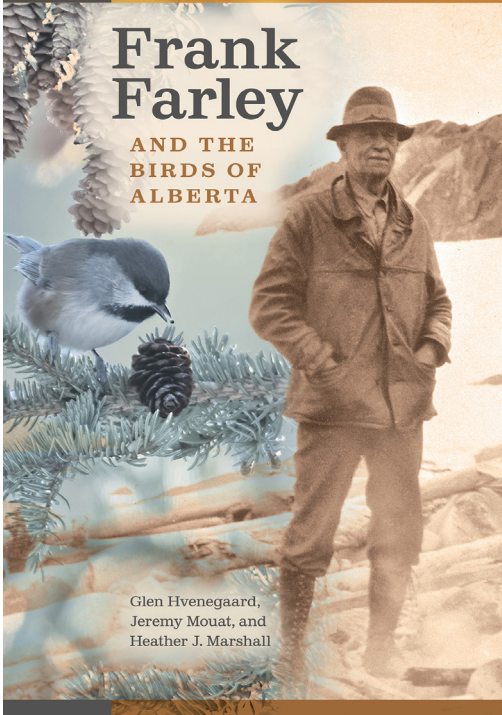
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