

## UPDATES

Congratulations to [Percy Korsah](#) (PhD) and [Jennifer Fliesser](#) (MSc) for successfully completing their graduate programs this spring!

BERA is pleased to announce that [Tharindu Kalukapuge](#) has transitioned from the MSc program to a PhD.

BERA just returned from the [RE<sup>3</sup> Conference](#) in Quebec City. BERA hosted a [two-part](#) symposium on restoration assessment and monitoring at the event, providing an international showcase for our work. We're extremely proud of Colette Shellian and Tanya Yeomans and their prestigious [presentation awards](#).

Recent BERA graduate Natalie Sanchez made the cover over [the Wildlife Professional!](#)

## BERA SPRING RETREAT



BERA researchers kicked off the field season with a three-day retreat in Kananaskis Country. We discussed our research and field plans with each other and with members of the BERA advisory committee.

## RESEARCHER PROFILE

Tharindu Krishan is an international graduate student who hails from Sri Lanka where he has experience studying endemic mountain cloud forest warblers. His current research is designed to help understand the responses of boreal songbird communities to energy sector activities. Tharindu is a passionate birder, loves exploring wilderness areas and visiting museums. He also finds joy in dancing and in the art of cooking.





## EARLY SEASON RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

The BERA teams are once again distributed across the BERA study area, carrying out restoration assessment and monitoring work. A few snapshots of some of our crews can be seen below! Many thanks to Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Cenovus Energy, ConocoPhillips Canada, Imperial Oil Ltd., and Natural Resources Canada for facilitating and supporting field work.

