



STILT SANDPIPER (♀) REPORTS FOR BANDING TO
ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM'S 1962 SUTTON RIVER BIRD EXPEDITION

Ontario Bird Banding Association

February Newsletter

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As previously announced the Annual General Meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held Saturday February 23rd, at the Royal Ontario Museum. There is a parking lot alongside the Museum; if this is full additional facilities may be found on the South side of Bloor Street to the West of the Museum. Cost is understood to be 50¢ in both cases.

Members should congregate in the foyer of the Museum inside the main entrance from where they will be escorted to the meeting room. The afternoon session will be held in Room 64.

The special feature of this year's interesting programme will be a talk by our guest speaker, Mr. James Baird, on cooperative banding with particular reference to Operation Recovery. Mr. Baird is presently Assistant to the Executive Vice-President of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and is also responsible for their Drumlin farm headquarters and research area. He played a leading role in the founding of 'Operation Recovery' and is the author of numerous papers on banding and migration.

The programme schedule is as follows:-

0930 Registration (fee \$1) commences
1000 Introduction of members
1015 Minutes of previous annual general meeting
1025 President's report
1040 Treasurer's report
1045 Banding reports - O.B.B.A. Stations
1125 Election of officers
1135 Banding reports - members' private stations
1150 Any other business
1200 Adjourn for lunch
1400 Introduction of new executive
1405 Members papers - Significance of Lighthouse kills - D.H. Baldwin
- Hawk Owl migrations - J. Woodford
- Chickadees at Long Point - D. Hussell
- LPBO Duck banding project - M. Field

1445 Coffee break
1500 Guest speaker

Arrangements have been made for space to be available for all who wish to do so, to lunch at about 12:15 p.m. at the Steak N Burger on Bloor Street. Between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. the Bird Room, with Don Baldwin in attendance, will be open to any members who wish to use it.

In the evening John & Gwen Lunn will be entertaining at their home in Richmond Hill. All members and guests are welcome from 8:30 p.m. on. The Lunn's address is 125 Weldrick Road, Yongehurst, P.O. Turn West off Yonge Street about 3/4 mile South of Richmond Hill on Weldrick Road. The house is the first on the South side after passing the public school, and is set some way back from the road.

PROPOSED O.B.B.A. EXECUTIVE FOR 1963

For the information of members who may wish to propose alternative candidates the nominating committee consisting of M. Field (Chairman), V.C. Graham and Mrs. R. McCleary is proposing the following for the 1963 O.B.B.A. Executive.

President	W.J.R. Wasserfall
Vice-Presidents	N.T. Kelley D.H. Baldwin
Secretary	J.O.L. Roberts
Treasurer	B.B. Westcott
Executive members	D.J.T. Hussell R. Stamp R. Rutter

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REPORT OF JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the O.B.B.A. was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Westcott on January 8th.

The programme was devoted primarily to a talk and slides by Russ Rutter. Russ commenced with a discussion of the literature on various aspects of the Red Crossbill and continued with a most interesting and detailed account of his observations on this species in Algonquin Park during an invasion which took place in 1960/61. A considerable lack of knowledge and sometimes confusion is evident regarding nesting habits, food, migrations and plumage sequences. Russ produced a collection of his skins indicating that the degree of redness of full plumaged males has no relation to age as is commonly supposed. He then outlined briefly some statistics on his banding of Black-capped Chickadees and concluded with a selection of slides of some of the birds found in Algonquin Park. Most noteworthy among these was a Lark sparrow.

AN INTERESTING RECOVERY

A recovery of unusual interest was reported recently by Warren A. Lamb of Port Huron, Michigan. A Brewer's Blackbird which he banded as a nestling near Saginaw Bay, Michigan in June 1961 was found in the vicinity of Bradford just South of Cook Bay, Lake Simcoe, Ontario in June 1962.

FOOTNOTE: The illustration at the head of this Newsletter was redrawn from a photograph by Dave Hussell.