

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As announced in the last Newsletter the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Ontario Museum, Saturday, February 23rd, commencing 9:30 a.m. Details of the programme will be published early in February. Mr. James Baird who played a leading role in the establishment of Operation Recovery will be the guest speaker.

REPORT OF DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph McCleary on December 11th.

The meeting included a discussion of Natural History Publications. "The Canadian Field Naturalist" was recommended as being one which deserved to be more widely known. "EBBA News" was mentioned as an informative banding publication.

The main part of the program was a talk on Operation Recovery presented by John Lunn and Jim Woodford. The history, structure and purpose of the project were outlined. There followed a general discussion as to the value of the operation and whether the scientific results justified the time and effort spent on it. Several suggestions were made as to methods of getting more value from the work including a periodical report and the publication of recoveries.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CABIN AT LONG POINT

The following is a list of the approximate quantities of materials and equipment required for completion of the interior of the new cabin at Long Point. Prefabrication of some of the cupboard units is already underway, and it is hoped that the banding office and kitchen will be ready for use in the spring. Further offers of materials, equipment or labour would be welcomed.

Offers of help of any kind should be directed to Mr. D.J.T. Hussell, 17 Farnsworth Drive, Weston, Ontario, 'phone CHERRY 9-0748.

CEILING INSULATION	260 feet	23" wide	
WALL INSULATION	224 feet	15" wide	twenty-eight 8' pieces
WALL & FLOOR PLYWOOD	40 sheets	4' x 8' x 1/4"	
TENTEST (FOR FLOOR)	15 sheets	4' x 8' x 1/2"	
FLOOR TILES	to cover 480 square feet		
CEILING TILES	to cover 520 square feet		
BATTENS (FOR CEILING TILE)	1" x 2"	575 feet.	

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MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CABIN AT LONG POINT (Cont'd)

3/4" PLYWOOD (For Tables, Cupboards, etc)	6 sheets 4' x 8'
WINDOW TRIM	80 feet
BASEBOARD	125 feet
1/4 round for walls etc (1")	375 feet
MOLDING FOR SOFFITS (1")	250 feet
CUPBOARD HINGES (offset)	10 pairs
CUPBOARD HANDLES	10
CUPBOARD CATCHES	10
4" - 6" dia. CEDAR POSTS 3' to 5' long - for building catwalks -	about 100
1 STOVE (Coal Oil) & Chimney	
1 COOK STOVE - Propane	
1 PUMP & Pipe Fittings	
4" dia. DRAIN PIPE	50 feet
3 COLEMAN LANTERNS (LARGE SIZE)	
6 BUNK BEDS (3 units)	
3 Fold-up Camp beds	
1 dozen coat hooks	
1 gallon porch paint	
3 gallons interior paint	
Tables and chairs - any offers considered	

INTERESTING FOREIGN RETRAPS AND RECOVERIES

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>	<u>Place Banded</u>	<u>Date Taken</u>	<u>Approx. Place Taken</u>
514-33162	Sharpshin Hawk(IF)	9-18-61	Point Pelee	Letter Nov.24-61	Hayneville, Low- es Co, Alabama
514-33146	Sharpshin Hawk(IF)	9-18-60	Point Pelee	Letter Sept.5-61	St. Marys, Aug- laize Co, Ohio.
542-07164	American Robin	10-8-61	LPBO Area 1	7-11-62	Tower, Cheboggan Co., Michigan (3)
581-23224	Brn-hdd Cowbird(M)	5-27-61	LPBO AREA 1	2-4-62	Anderson, Anderson Co., S. Carolina (4)
521-94873	Brn-hdd Cowbird(F)	5-7-61	Point Pelee	6-1-62	Marblehead, Ottawa Co., Ohio (3)
623-17739	Grackle	6-29-60	Leaside (5) (Toronto)	Letter May '62	Webster, Wayne Co., Indiana (2)
623-17747	Grackle	6-30-60	Leaside (5) (Toronto)	4-1-62	Vickery, Sandusky Co., Ohio (1)
542-00975	Redwing Blackbird(M)	4-20-57	Point Pelee	3-5-62	Westbourne, Campbell Co., Tennessee (3)
542-06643	Redwing Blackbird(F)	5-4-60	LPBO area 1	Letter April 20-62	Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine (3)

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521-93381	Evening Grosbeak(F)	3-21-59	Leaside (5) (Toronto)	5-15-62	Roxbury, Dale Co., Wisconsin (4)
521-87886	Evening Grosbeak(M)	3-7-59	Toronto (6)	2-24-61	Poppe, Itasca Co., Minnesota (4)
571-07522	Evening Grosbeak(F)	3-27-59	Toronto (6)	1-25-62	Bates, Grand Traverse Co., Michigan (2)
571-07622	Evening Grosbeak(F)	3-6-60	Toronto(6)	2-17-62	Carthage, Moore Co., N. Carolina (3)
571-07635	Evening Grosbeak(F)	3-10-60	Toronto(6)	6-29-61	Amqui, Gaspé Peninsula, Que.
542-06752	R-S Towhee (F)	5-11-60	LPBO Area 1	4-28-62	Fentonville, Chantangua, N.Y. (3)
271-39529	Song Sparrow	3-25-61	LPBO Area 1	7-22-62	Montreal, Quebec (4)

- (1) Shot
- (2) Found injured
- (3) Picked up dead
- (4) Trapped and released
- (5) Bander Harold Richards
- (6) Bander Bruce Westcott

N.B. Returns on Gulls which follow established patterns have not been included. Some banders have not troubled to decode recent returns which are quite numerous, and are discounting returns received during the banding office's recently ended period of numerical coding.

LONG POINT INTER-AREA MOVEMENTS. SPRING 1962

While the colour marking attempted at Long Point last spring yielded no useful information regarding inter-area movements, there were some interesting retraps between areas. These are outlined below.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

In addition to retrapping of two Pelee birds (previously reported) there were several retraps between areas at Long Point.

Area 2 → Area 1	7 birds
Area 4 → Area 1	1 bird
Area 1 → Area 2	2 birds
Area 1 → Area 4	1 bird

Time intervals between these trappings varied from 1 to 16 days.

There were 70 other records of retrappings of Chickadees in Area 1 one day or more after banding. The maximum length of stay recorded was 25 days - April 21st to May 16th. Whereas there was a concentration of chickadees at the end of the point, chickadees taken in other areas appeared to be transient.

FLICKER 1 Male banded Area 2 April 28th → Area 1 May 2nd
 1 Male banded Area 1 April 22nd → Area 2 April 27th

BLUE JAY 3 birds banded in May Area 1 → Area 2 (1,2 and 5 days)

N.B. Area 1 = end of point, Area 2= Breakwater, Area 4= M. Field's Cottage

O.B.B.A. CHRISTMAS CENSUS

The O.B.B.A's. second Christmas census of the Long Point area took place on Saturday, December 22nd, 1962. Twelve observers in three parties took part. 3,386 birds of 50 species were tallied. This is 8 fewer species and 30% less birds than in 1961. Cowbirds which numbered over 1,700 in 1961 were down to the order of 300 this year. For full details of the count refer to the April 1963 issue of Audubon Field notes.

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