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ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

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The October meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Road, Willowdale, on Tuesday, October 13, at 8.00 p.m.

The September meeting was held at Point Pelee on Saturday, Sept. 19. About thirty members and friends attended this field meeting. The highlight of the meeting was a paper by J. O. L. Roberts on the migration study of the Sharp-shinned Hawk now in progress at Point Pelee and elsewhere along the lower Great Lakes. A number of Sharp-shinned Hawks were banded during the week-end.

There has been continuous coverage at Long Point since Sept. 12. A good number of migrants have been banded - including a Peregrine Falcon, taken in a large mesh Duck net.

Marshall Field reports that about 2000 ducks have been banded this summer and fall at Long Point - mainly Blue-winged Teal.

We are sorry to report that our president, Bruce Westcott, has been in the hospital for the past three weeks. His battery of doctors are not quite sure what caused his serious illness. He expects to be home soon and we're sure he would like to hear from you.

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At the Point Pelee Bird Observatory the intensive program of banding Sharp-shinned Hawks which was started last year will be continued. The period of coverage will be extended from early September to late October. The banding will be supplemented with detailed observations. Anyone who is available for a period of a week or longer for banding or observational work, contact John Roberts, 62 Inglewood Dr., Toronto (481-0180).

INFORMATION REQUESTED

A study of gull and tern populations on the Great Lakes is being carried out by Mr. James P. Ludwig, Bird Division, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The primary purpose of this study is to determine accurately the numbers of these birds breeding in an area this year. Other information is also requested. Anyone who has any information of this type should write to the above for forms to fill out.