

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

1965

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1965 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Gray, 5081 Ashland Dr., Burlington at 8 p.m. To reach Ashland Dr. turn south from the Queen Elizabeth Way at the Bronte Rd.. At Lakeshore Dr. turn right (west) to the Appleby Line.. Turn right (north) on the Appleby Line to the first cross-road which is Spruce St. Turn right on Spruce St. to the first street on the left which is Linwood. The second street along Linwood is Ashland Dr. The speaker at this meeting will be Mr. Marshall Field of St. Thomas. He will describe the Duck banding Program in the marsh at Long Point.

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Martin. Ten members were present.. The grant has been received from the Canadian National Sportman's Show to pay for the employment of a Warden at the Long Point Bird Observatory this spring. The O. B. B. A. is putting on a display of banding at the Toronto Field Naturalists' Club on January 4, 1965. It is being organized by Bruce Westcott. John Miles of Hamilton was the speaker. he gave a very interesting talk on his banding in Dundas Marsh. Coverage was maintained from May 24, 1964 until September 13, 1964 on week-ends. Mainly $2\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh nets were used in a net lane consisting of four 40 ft. nets. A total of 2492 birds were banded this year which is down slightly from last year when 2735 were banded; in 1963 81 species were banded, this year 75 species were banded. The three most numerous species this year were Red-winged Blackbird - 764, Bank Swallow - 358, and Barn Swallow - 313.

DUCK BANDING AT LAKEHEAD

With the co-operation of the Dept. of Lands and Forests, Mr. David Story, an O.B.B.A. member in Fort William, has set up a duck banding station in the harbour there. A single lily-pad, multi-entrance trap was used. A total of 620 ducks were banded, consisting of 453 Black Ducks, 127 Mallards, 11 Pintails, 22 Blue-winged Teal, and 7 Green-winged Teal.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will be held at the Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto, on Saturday, February 13, 1965. The meeting begins at 9.30 a.m. with registration. Station reports will be presented in the morning. Any member who wishes to give a report of a private station must contact Bruce Westcott, 121 Glenvale Blvd, Toronto 17. Ten minutes will be allowed on the program for each of these reports.

The afternoon program will consist of guest speakers. An interesting program is being arranged so be sure to attend.

Mr. George Fairfield, 490 Merton St., Toronto 7, is chairman of the Nominating Committee and all nominations for executive positions should be sent to him. The consent of the nominee must be obtained.

WARDEN REQUIRED FOR LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Applications are invited for the position of warden at the Long Point Bird Observatory for the 1965 season. The period to be covered is from April 1 to October 31, but it is realized that a suitably qualified person may not be available for the entire period, so applications and inquiries are invited from persons available for a substantial portion of this time. Remuneration will be up to \$250.00 per month, depending on qualifications. Duties will include observational work and banding during the migration seasons, with the help of O.B.B.A. members when available; making a study of the breeding swallows during the summer; and routine maintenance of the facilities of the Observatory at all seasons. A university student in biology, with banding experience would be suitable for this job, but applications will be considered from anyone who feels that they are adequately qualified.

Before applying further details should be obtained from W. J. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario (Telephone Ba 1 - 9676). Applications, stating qualifications, experience and time available should be made in writing to D. J. T. Russell, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario - before March 15, 1965.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY RECOVERIES

| <u>Band No.</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>Recov.</u> | <u>Banded</u> | <u>Place Banded</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 677-34375 | Mallard | AF 27 Sep 64 | 26 Sep 61 | Perch Lake, N. Y. |
| 687-54953 | " | IF 28 Aug 64 | 30 Jul 62 | Luther Marsh, Ont. |
| 707-03885 | " | IM 31 Aug 64 | 19 Sep 62 | Perch Lake, N. Y. |
| 717-01699 | " | AM 27 Sep 64 | 20 Aug 63 | Horicon, Wisc. |

Penn. Game Commission Bands

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| 120205 | Mallard (released when 4 weeks old) | 31 Aug 63 | 9 Jul 63 | Erie Co., Penn. |
| 127590 | " " | 25 Oct 64 | 30 Jun 64 | " |
| 128648 | " " | " | " | Crawford Co., Penn. |
| 525-42845 | Blue-winged Teal | IM 28 Aug 64 | 12 Aug 60 | Oshawa, Ont. |
| 525-40320 | " | IM 28 Aug 64 | 14 Aug 61 | " |

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| 605-30343 | Blue-winged Teal | YM | 24 Aug 64 | 25 Jul 63 | Waubun, Minn. |
| 595-30251 | " | YM | 23 Aug 64 | 29 Aug 63 | Seneca Falls, N. Y. |
| 605-01719 | " | IF | 13 Sep 64 | 3 Sep 63 | Basom, N. Y. |
| 575-68525 | " | IM | 22 Aug 64 | 17 Sep 63 | Puxico, Mo. |
| 595-35223 | " | AM | 12 Sep 64 | 22 Apr 64 | Morocco, Ind. |
| 595-30746 | " | IM | 30 Aug 64 | 9 Aug 64 | Seneca Falls, N. Y. |
| 555-26108 | " | IF | 5 Sep 64 | 9 Aug 64 | Libau, Manitoba |
| 625-65421 | " | AM | 28 Aug 64 | 14 Aug 64 | Last Mt. Lake, Sask. |
| 625-67566 | " | AM | 6 Sep 64 | 22 Aug 64 | Tilley, Alberta |
| 595-42729 | Wood Duck | IM | 27 Aug 64 | 20 Sep 62 | Manning, S. Carolina |
| 575-76129 | " | IM | 16 Aug 64 | 13 Aug 63 | Browning, Illinois |
| 663-55154 | Sharp-shinned H. | IM | 5 Oct 63 | 17 Sep 63 | Recovered at Kingsport, Tennessee |
| 32-13891 | E. Wood Pewee | | 4 Sep 61 | 1 Sep 63 | Trapped and released at Bradley's Marsh, Ont. |

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Secretary, O.B.B.A.