

# ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

## MAY NEWSLETTER

### MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held on Tuesday May 9, 1967 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 Bronte Rd. At Lakeshore Dr. turn right (west) to the Appleby Line. Turn right (north) on the Appleby Line at the first cross-road which is Spruce St. Turn right on Spruce St. to the first street on the right which is Linwood. The second street along Linwood is Ashland Dr. Mr. Robert Stamp will give an illustrated lecture on "Devon Island."

### APRIL MEETING

The April meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wasserfall, Tuesday April 11, 1967 with 13 members present. Mr. J.O.L. Roberts mentioned the forthcoming programme at Whitefish Point. Mr. W. Wasserfall reported on the activity at Long Point. It was mentioned that during the first week of duck banding at Long Point, no ducks had been trapped. Mr. B. Morse, a student at Guelph, briefly discussed his studies on influenza and mentioned future plans for testing gulls and terns at Mohawk Island.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Alf Bunker, showed an excellent movie of an example of one his banding expeditions from Presqu'ile Point down the St. Lawrence.

### LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

#### HIGHLIGHTS March 24 to April 20.

March 28- A large number of Blackbirds (8000) were passing through Area 1 in an easterly direction.

April 13- 135 Brown Creepers were counted, while on the previous day none had been recorded.

April 14- Savannah Sparrows (80), White-throated Sparrows (160) Winter Wrens (25), and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers (30) reached highs for the period under discussion.

April 17- Ground migrants reached peaks in several species. A fog during the night may have played a part in the sudden increase. Ruby-crowned Kinglet (70), Slate-coloured Junco (130), Fox Sparrow (30), Swamp Sparrow (18), Field Sparrow (20), and Rufus-sided Towhee (15).

Unusual birds were a Louisiana Waterthrush on April 17 and a Starling having an overgrown, twisted bill with upper and lower mandibles crossing so that their tips were separated vertically by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

## RECOVERIES

<u>BAND NO.</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>A/S</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>BANDED</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>RECOVERED</u>	<u>PLACE</u> <u>RECOVERED</u>
545-99546	Ring-billed Gull	SA	07-20-63	10-30-66	Detroit Lakes Minn.
545-99613	Starling	M	05-08-66	09-24-66	Dunnville Ont
552-99736	Redwinged Blackbird IM		08-02-66	08-13-66	Dundas Marsh, Ont.

Ducks banded in the fall of 1966 and earlier. All were recovered during the fall of 1966, mainly September and October.

Blue-winged Teal	Ontario-5 Quebec-3 New Brunswick-1 Michigan-2	Louisiana-2 Martinique, F.W.I.-1 Venezuela-1 Dominican Republic-1
Green-winged Teal	Ontario-1 Louisiana-1	Illinois-1
Mallard	Ontario-4 New York-1	Virginia-1
Black Duck	Ontario-3	New York-1
Wood Duck	Ontario-2	

## OLD CLOTHES

Don't throw them out! Wear them out; send the sleeves, preferably heavy material to: Warden, L.P.B.O. c/o Wm. Ansley, Box 9, Port Rowan, Ontario.

The sentiments of one of our junior visitors to Long Point.

### THE CENTENNIAL POEM OF LONG POINT

Long Point is thin and long,  
When I think of it, I sing this song;  
"Banding is fun,  
Long Point for everyone."  
The Point is where the gulls fly.  
The forest is where the deer lie.  
Inland is where the trees stand,  
The land around is all sand.  
The lighthouse stands tall.  
where there isn't any water at all.  
"Banding is fun,  
Long Point for everyone!"

WHITEFISH POINT

The hawk banding station at Whitefish Point, Michigan started into operation this year on April 16th. During the first week 65 Sharpshins were trapped as well as a few Saw-whet and Long Eared Owls.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. J.O.L. Roberts,  
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Toronto 5, Ontario.

ONTARIO NEST RECORDS SCHEME

At the close of the 1966 season the Ontario Nest Records Scheme has been in operation eleven years. The importance of having a large number of cards for each species is so that statistical data can be accumulated and interpreted from these cards. All occupied nests found should be submitted even if only visited once. However it increases the value of each card if subsequent visits are made and recorded.

Nests under active construction and nests whose contents could not be examined, although believed to be occupied, may be submitted.

All cards must be dated and must include the name and address of the observer or observers, rather than the name of the club or organization. Club members change over the years and there could be difficulty in contacting the original observer.

The county or district must be recorded, and then to more specifically locate the nest, townships and concession roads may be used.

The importance of careful observation and accurate identification of nests can not be too firmly stressed.

All completed cards and requestes for futher nest record cards should be sent to:

Ontario Nest Records Scheme,  
Department of Ornithology,  
Royal Ontario Museum,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

A. Wasserfall,  
Secretary, O.B.B.A.