ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 1967

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be held on Saturday November 11, 1967 at the Niska Waterfowl Research Station (Guelph), at 11:00 a.m. There will be a tour of the Station and the Duck Traps will be in operation. Here is an opportunity to band, age and sex ducks. Bring a picnic lunch.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richards, Tuesday October 10, 1967, with 14 members present. Mr. W. Wasserfall acted as chairman. Mr. G. Page gave a short summary of the activity at Long Point. Seven hundred and fifty Shorebirds have been banded since July 1. To date a total of seventy Sharp-shinned Hawks have been trapped. W. Wasserfall reported that there had been a poor movement of Sharp-shinned Hawks through Point Pelee during September. Between five and six hundred have been banded to date. On one of the largest days, seventy two birds were banded, with a ratio of two males to one female. So far there have been 9 foreign Sharp-shinned Hawk recoveries. The weekend of October 7, 1967, Mr. J.O.L. Roberts spent on Pelee Island investigating whether it would be profitable to set up a Banding Station there. Mr. R. Cubitt mentioned that in King Township there have been a large number of Cooper's Hawks observed this year. (approximately 10)

The speaker of the evening, Mr. D.H. Baldwin, gave an excellent illustrated lecture on Goose Banding on the Ungava Peninsula where he spent six weeks this past summer banding geese for the Atlantic Flyway Council. During this time 3000 Geese were banded. A nestling Rough-legged Hawk, raised at the camp, is now at Niska.

F.O.N. CHRISTMAS CARDS

The card for this year displays 3 Snow Buntings in a wheat field, a painting by Robert Bateman. The price is \$1.50 per dozen including tax. A limited supply of last years card with a painting of a Pileated Woodpecker by Glen Loates is still available at \$\phi\$1.05 per dozen including tax. Hasti-notes with either painting on them are also available at the same prices as the cards. They may be purchased at the next meeting or ordered from the secretary, Miss A. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale. If you buy your cards through the 0.B.B.A., the association receives 25¢ per dozen.

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BONAPARTE'S GULLS

Joanna Burger, Department of Biology, State University College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York, 14222: requires Banding Records and sight information on colour marked and unmarked Bonaparte's Gulls.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Christmas Census at Long Point will be held on Saturday December 30, 1967 and is being organized by Mr. J.B. Miles. Anyone may take part in this census. Contact Mr. Miles at: Day: Toronto 429-1177

Evening: Hamilton person to person collect JA-2-6160

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