

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10, 1967, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richards, 37 Killdeer Cres., Toronto 17, at 8 p.m. Mr. D.H. Baldwin will give an illustrated talk; "Goose Banding on the Ungava Peninsula."

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held at Point Pelee on Saturday, September 9, 1967. Mr. and Mrs. R. McCleary were hosts to the 27 members and friends present. Mr. G. Page and Mr. D. Hussell gave reports on the Long Point Station. It was mentioned that the grant had been received from the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show. J. Bradshaw and M. Bradstreet assisted the Warden, Mr. G. Page during the summer months. Mr. J.R. Bailey, a student from the University of Western Ontario, conducted a study on the deer at Long Point. There were fewer than 100 Ducks banded at Long Point this year.

Ruth Erickson and Gerry Woolcott, who operate the Banding Station at Bradley's Marsh mentioned that it had been in operation for two weekends this fall and that Warblers and Thrushes are moving through. Miss Erickson reports that the contemplated drainage of Bradley's Marsh for farming purposes has been postponed for a while due to the efforts of the Guelph Agricultural College.

Mr. J.O.L. Roberts, in his preliminary Hawk Banding report mentioned a sharp decline in Sharp-shinned Hawks on the Atlantic Coast.

The speakers of the evening, Mr. Bill Wyett and Mr. Ron Dutcher, by use of three screens and projectors showed a comprehensive picture of the park-as do the birds they migrated from north to south showing points of interest on the way.

ADVANCE NOTICE

NOVEMBER MEETING - Saturday November 11, 1967, at the Niska Waterfowl Research Station. Bring your wives, sweethearts, children and friends. (But not the dog or the cat!)

Change of address

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LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY, HIGHLIGHTS

June 1 to August 26

During the summer months over 100 nests were located. These include 1 Herring Gull, 1 Ring-billed Gull, about 10 Black Tern, a colony of Common Tern (31 nests), 3 Piping Plover, 1 Mocking Bird and 1 King Rail (brood observed).

The fall migration commenced about July 1 and has been characterized by a trickling of Warblers, mainly Yellow, a series of influxes of Empidonax Flycatchers and a steady flow of Waders. In addition there have been the usual unpredictable Swallow and Blackbird Movements.

Influxes of Flycatchers occurred on July 11, 12, 16, 20, 25 to 27, August 9, 19 to 22 and 26. In all cases Least's formed the backbone of the movement but Traill's and Yellow-bellies were also present in good numbers. Shorebirds appeared on July 2 and have been present since our trapping programme has yielded over 500 since July 1. Of interest are Stilt Sandpipers which have been observed periodically from July 15 to August 11 in numbers of 1 to 4. Also 1 White-rumped Sandpiper, 1 Knot, 1 Wilson's Phalarope, 1 Willet, 2 Western Sandpipers, 1 Long Billed Dowitcher and a few Baird's Sandpipers. Two Semipalmated Sandpipers banded in 1966 have been recaptured as well as a Semipalmated Plover banded in 1963. All were previously captured at Long Point.

Other interesting birds: a Ring-billed Gull with an orange (plastic?) marker on the left wing, a Common Egret July 24, August 22, Bobwhite June 25, 26, Cattle Egret June 27, and a Tufted Titmouse June 30 to July 1.

RECOVERIES OF BIRDS BANDED AT LONG POINT

<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>
606-84563	Long-eared Owl	UU	04-20-65	01-02-67	Wentworth, N.C.
606-84734	Readhead	AM	03-28-65	12-05-66	Knotts Is., N.C.
616-47135	Lesser Scaup	UM	04-01-66	01-07-67	Cape Kennedy, Florida.

Recently reported recoveries of ducks include: Blue-winged Teal from Massachusetts, New York, Prince Edward Island (2) Florida and Venezuela; Mallards from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama and South Carolina (2).

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Secretary, O.B.B...