

## ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 1967

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

The first meeting of the season will be held at Point Pelee Saturday September 9, 1967 at 7 p.m. E.S.T. (8 p.m. E.D.T.) in the Nature Centre at the Park. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Bill Wyett, Chief Naturalist of the Park, will give a lecture on 'Recent Activities in the Park in the field of Natural History'

### MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Les Gray, Tuesday May 9, 1967 with 22 members present. Mr. D. Hussell gave a short summary of the activity at Long Point. Mr. W. Wasserfall reported on the hawk trapping at Whitefish Point Michigan, not forgetting to add for the benefit of those to follow a slightly exaggerated account of the weather. Seventy four hawks were caught during the second week. A Leconte's Sparrow was found clutched in the claws of one of the trapped hawks. Mr. F. Folemsbee mentioned that during the months August to October 1966, 625 Mallard Ducks had been banded on the Niagara River at or near Chippawa. Mr. J. Anderson, who operates a banding station at Dundas Marsh tried a diver trap for the first time, this year. It is showing however only a small measure of success. There are set up around the Marsh a number of boxes for nesting Wood Ducks. A Screech Owl, with 4 eggs was found nesting in one of these boxes. There have been 8 retraps from previous years.

An exceptionally fine talk was given by the speaker of the evening Mr. Robert Stamp, who showed slides and an excellent movie of his trip last summer, to Devon Island (located 2500 miles north of Montreal.)

### POINT PELEE BIRD OBSERVATORY

Banding at Point Pelee will be in operation from September 9 to October 22. Anyone interested in participating should contact: Mr. J.O.L. Roberts, 22 Rowanwood Ave., Toronto 5, Ont. Tel: 929-3704 Banding will centre on Sharp-shinned Hawks.

### LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

#### DUCK BANDERS NEEDED

for the month of September and the first two weeks of October. Mr. Bill Fox was employed by the Lands and Forests to carry out the Duck Banding Operation again this year at Long Point Area 4, and requires assistance. If anyone is interested in Duck Banding please contact: Mr. D.H. Baldwin, 57 Dupont Street, Toronto 5, Tel: 921-4972 immediately. It would be ideal if experienced Duck Banders could make themselves available but any assistance would be welcomed.

## SELECTED RECENT L.P.B.O. RECOVERIES

### BIRDS BANDED AT LONG POINT

<u>BAND NO.</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>A/S</u>	<u>DATE BANDED</u>	<u>DATE RECOVERED</u>	<u>PLACE RECOVERED</u>
616-47184	Redhead	F	04-03-66	11-26-66	Davis, N.C.
524-86282	Blue-winged Teal	IF	08-19-66	09-17-66	West Alton, Mo.
524-86677	Blue-winged Teal	AM	08-25-66	10-01-66	Perry Pt. N.B.
645-74868	Blue-winged Teal	IM	09-05-66	09-05-66	Dominican Rep.
593-67048	Mourning Dove	L	07-11-65	12-28-66	St. George S.C.
657-75700	Mallard	AF	10-28-62	12-08-66	New Orleans La.

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575-99981	Blue-winged Teal	AM	Puxico, Mo.	03-23-66	08-28-66
655-39285	Blue-winged Teal	IM	Ipswich, Man.	08-18-66	09-08-66
544-78117	Gr.-winged Teal	IM	Charlton Is. N.W.T. (James Bay)	08-22-66	09-04-66
507-66648	Mallard	AM	New Holland N.C.	01-18-66	09-06-66
706-75868	Herring Gull	L	Alpena, Mich.	06-15-65	01-14-67
676-99902	Herring Gull	L	Sister Bay Wisc.	06-26-66	09-25-66

### FLYCATCHERS

The Flycatcher Project, which is in its second year at Long Point is showing a marked improvement in the number of birds trapped. Some 300 Adult Least have been banded as well as some Traill's and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers.

### DRAGONFLYS ANYONE?

The F.O.N. Dragonfly project will be in action again at Long Point this year. Some 1300 Dragonflies (anax junius) were banded last year. Let's hope the number can be doubled this year. Good Luck Men!

SHORE-BIRDS

The Shore-bird banding at Long Point is progressing well. Among the 500 birds trapped, banded and released up to date, there have been Pectoral, Baird's, Stilt and White-rumped Sandpipers. A Wilson's Phalarope was also seen at the Point.

FALL COVERAGE

There is still space available for persons wishing to take part in the fall banding at Long Point. Bookings and inquiries should go to: Mrs. P.S. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Rd. Willowdale, Tel: 225-3931.

Long Point

A blind has been erected at the end of Long Point through the combined efforts of J. Bradshaw and W.A. Martin, a welcome addition and a job well done.

Mr. Michael Bradstreet, one of the winners of the student award given each year by the F.O.N. assisted the Warden at Long Point Bird Observatory during the past summer. His duties were varied and ranged from taking a census of the birds present around the area each morning to trapping Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers in the evening to study their migration.

A.O.U. MEETING

The 85th meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario from August 21 to 25, 1967. Many members of the O.B.B.A. were in attendance and papers were given by; Mr. D.D. Dow, Mr. D.J.T. Hussell, Dr. D.A. MacLulich, Dr. W.P. Nickell and Mr. J.O.L. Roberts. A banquet was held at the Royal York Hotel, August 22nd with the guest speaker Roger Tory Peterson, and a farewell party held Thursday night at the R.O.M.

It was arranged that anyone attending the A.O.U. Meeting could spend the weekend of the 25th to 27th at Long Point Bird Observatory to observe the procedure. Mrs. Betty Downs, treasurer of the North Eastern Bird Banding Association, Mrs. Glades Cole, in charge of the Ocean City Operation Recovery Station in Maryland and Mr. Chandler S. Robbins, Chief of Non Game Bird Studies Fish and Wildlife Service, accompanied Mr. D.J.T. Hussell, Director, to Long Point.

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