

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday January 14, 1969, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Martin, 5 Larwood Blvd., Scarborough, at 8 p.m. 'Birding in Israel' will be the topic of our Speaker of the evening, Mr. Eric Tull.

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. McKeating, Tuesday December 10, 1968, with 20 members present. In the absence of Mr. J.O.L. Roberts, Mr. J. Miles acted as Chairman.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. G. Page discussed methods of trapping Raptors. He divided his discussion into three areas. The first, trapping during the winter months while hawks are hunting. He recommended use of a Bal-chatri, in this case thrown from a moving car using as bait something that moves, a hamster or a dark mouse. Mr. Page explained, how heavy wire on the bottom of the trap saves the bait from being injured. He found through experience, that the snares should not be too dense so that they interfere with one another and that they should stand straight up. He also found that by decreasing the snare size he was able to increase the number of birds trapped, catching them by the toes instead of the whole foot. Although the trap is fairly light and could be dragged off by a Raptor, when the bird becomes entangled in the mess it is affected psychologically and is unable to fly. The second method of trapping, used during migration was that of a blind and live bait attached to a pole. The third method of trapping described would be used in summer during the nesting period. An intruder, such as an Owl, would be set close to the nest with a mist net strung above its head. Mr. G. McKeating thanked Mr. Page for an interesting and informative talk.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held on Saturday, February 22, 1969, at Upper Canada College Preparatory School. The Nominating Committee for 1969, consists of Mrs. P. Woodford Chairman, Miss M. Connolly and Mr. R. Whittam. All nominations for the 1969 executive should be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mrs. P.S. Woodford, 116 Three Valley Dr., Don Mills, Ontario. Written consent of the nominee must accompany all nominations.

Mr. Hugh Boyd (Canadian Wildlife Service) will be the guest speaker. The Chairman of the Afternoon Session will be

Mr. J.B. Miles, 656 King Street East, Hamilton, Ont. Any members who wish to present short papers at this meeting should contact the Chairman.

ATTENTION DUCK BANDERS

Mr. C.E. Addy of the Atlantic Flyway Council, has written to convey his thanks to all members who participated in the 1968 Duck Banding Season. Plans will be announced for the 1969 season in the near future.

WARDEN REQUIRED FOR LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Applications are invited for the position of Warden at the Long Point Bird Observatory for the 1969 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 in the range \$275.00 to \$325.00 per month, depending on qualifications. Duties will include observational work and banding during the migrational seasons, and studies of breeding birds during the summer, with the help of the OBB. members and others when available; 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 he is adequately qualified.

Before applying further details should be obtained from W.J. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave, Willowdale, Ont. (Telephone 416/221-9676). Applications, stating qualifications, experience and time available should be made in writing to D.J.T. Hussell, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ont.- before February 26, 1969.

A. Wasserfall,
Secretary, C.B.B.