

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATIONNOVEMBER NEWSLETTERNOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be held on Tuesday November 11, 1969, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, at 8 p.m. The speaker of the evening, Antonio Salvadori; his topic, "A Return to Banba".

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. H. Richards, on Tuesday October 14, 1969, with 14 members present. Minutes of the September meeting were read by the secretary. Mr. W. Wasserfall reported on the fall activity at Pelee. Approximately 300 Sharp-shinned Hawks had been banded from the start of September. The hawks trapped were colour-marked with felt pen on the underside of the wing to determine if they remained for any length of time. Mr. Wasserfall mentioned that he noticed an increase in the number of Merlins (7 or 8) and the number of Coopers Hawks. He thought this was perhaps because this year he had been at Pelee the first week in October rather than early September as he usually was. Hawk Cliff was set up the first of September. 117 Sparrow Hawks have been trapped on Bal-chatri using mice. Both bait trapping and bow nets are used as well. Birds banded up to Friday October 10 include, 3 Broadwing, 5 Red-tailed, 4 Marsh, 2 Coopers and 36 Sharp-shinned Hawks. This past weekend there were two nights at the Lighthouse at Long Point. Saturday night 468 birds were banded including 2 Pine Warblers and 343 Myrtle Warblers. On Sunday night 237 birds were banded, mostly Sparrows. Due to the high water level the number of Shorebirds trapped at the various stations in southern Ontario (Dunnville, Long Point, Rondeau and Presqu'il) has dropped considerably. A new technique was developed at Long Point this summer for trapping Dunlin and over 500 were banded.

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F.O.N. Christmas Cards

F.O.N. Christmas cards for 1969 feature a Tree Sparrow on a raspberry branch, painted by Robert Bateman. The price is \$2.63 per dozen including tax. Hasti-notes are also available at the same price. The Christmas cards have this greeting, 'Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year'. These may be purchased at the next meeting or ordered from the secretary Miss A. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario.

NUMBERS PLEASE

If you do not live within the Toronto area, please send your telephone number to the secretary as soon as possible.

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