

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATIONSEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERSEPTEMBER MEETING

The September Meeting of the OBBA, our first of the season, will be held at Point Pelee, Saturday, September 12, 1970 at 7 p.m. E.S.T. (8 p.m. E.D.T.)

The newly appointed Park Naturalist, Mary Dwyer will provide a short illustrated lecture. We also hope to encourage a few of our members into letting us know what they've been up to this past year.

Why not make a weekend of it. There are several motels in Leamington and a large campsite within the park. A continuous programme of banding and observation of Sharp-shinned Hawks is being carried out at the Point Pelee Bird Observatory from early September until late October under the direction of Mr. J.O.L. Roberts, 22 Rowanwood Ave., Toronto 5, 929-3704. Anyone having free time should contact Mr. Roberts if they are interested in banding Sharp-shins at the Pelee Station either in September or October. The station is located at the end of the Point.

The meeting will be held at the Park Nature Centre.

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BOOKINGS FOR LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Anyone planning to visit Long Point must book with Mrs. P.W. Woodford, 116 Three Valley Dr., Don Mills 444-7939. Because of limited space only those who have booked previously can be provided with accomodation.

Whats been happening at Long Point (LPBO Newsletter Vol 2, No.2)

Continuous coverage commenced in Area 1 on April 4, when the Warden M. Alexander took up residence. Spring weather, which was generally favourable did little to encourage large numbers of migrants to stop in the area. This is reflected by the small numbers of birds both banded and observed. Approx. 2000 birds were banded.

A new Heligoland trap was constructed east of the cabin in Area 1. In the spring very few birds were trapped in it due to lack of foliage on the surrounding trees. It is expected however, that fall success will be far greater.

Heligoland trap 111, which had been abandoned last fall because of flooding, became operational again in mid-May when the water level dropped. Some new bushes were planted in the mouth.

The Observatory's project have met with varying success thus far in 1970. Two nights at the light provided valuable data for the lighthouse project. The first, early in April, provided data on White-throated Sparrows. The second, was the 25th of May, when information on Red-eyed Vireos, American Redstarts and Yellowthroats was obtained.

The Tree Swallow project met with almost complete failure. Fifteen experimental nests were established in early June with clutch sizes of 3, 6, and 9. Of these 15 nests only 4 survived due to heavy predation by Fox Snakes and what was assumed to be Raccoons. The Fox Snakes are capable of climbing up the stakes which support the boxes, reaching into the nests and swallowing the young.

J.B. Miles spent three weeks in Area 11 - May 1st to May 23rd. He banded about 2600 birds. The more interesting species include; Hooded Warbler May 2nd, Worm-eating Warbler May 4th, and Gambel's Sparrow May 10th.

J.B. Miles resides in Manitowadge, Ontario, and the following birds were banded between May 30th and August 16th at Rudder Lake, Manitowadge;

1 Sharp-shinned Hawk	38 Tennessee Warbler
1 Spotted Sandpiper	9 Nashville Warbler
5 Solitary Sandpiper	16 Magnolia Warbler
5 Least Sandpiper	8 Myrtle Warbler
1 Saw-whet Owl	3 Chestnut-sided Warbler
2 Common Nighthawk	6 Ovenbird
1 Yellowshafted Flicker	6 Northern Waterthrush
10 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6 Mourning Warbler
4 Downy Woodpecker	1 Connecticut Warbler
1 Hairy Woodpecker	10 Yellowthroat
7 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	7 Wilson Warbler
35 Traill's Flycatcher	1 Canada Warbler
13 Least Flycatcher	3 American Redstart
4 Gray Jay	7 Red-winged Blackbird
4 Boreal Chickadee	38 Rusty Blackbird
1 Brown Creeper	1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
12 Robin	28 Purple Finch
1 Hermit Thrush	29 Slate-colored Junco
9 Swainson's Thrush	54 White-throated Sparrow
9 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	29 Lincoln's Sparrow
14 Cedar Waxwings	41 Swamp Sparrow
16 Starling	3 Song Sparrow
2 Solitary Vireo	11 Red-eyed Vireo
14 Philadelphia Vireo	