

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY / FEBRUARY 1973

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year our meeting will be held on Saturday, February 17 th. The morning session will begin at 9.30 AM, at the Upper Canada College Preparatory School, Lonsdale Rd., Toronto 7. (see Map)

Membership dues will be payable at this time, along with a \$1. registration fee. Members who will not be able to attend the meeting, please send your dues to the Secretary, Miss Jayne E. Evans, P.O. Box 551, Midland, Ont.

The afternoon session will be held at the Royal Ontario Museum, Room 4. The Bird Room will be open for us at this time, so here's your chance to look up those study skins, nest and egg collections, range maps etc. and to ask all those questions you have been saving for the occasion.

The Programme schedule is as follows:

09.30 Registration (\$1.)
10.00 Introductions
10.15 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
10.20 President's report
10.35 Treasurer's report
10.40 Election of Officers
11.00 Station and Committee reports

12.00 LUNCH

1300 Bird Room Open (Royal Ontario Museum)

1400 Main Speaker:

Helen Hays, Director of the Great Gull Island Project,
American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

will present

Great Gull Island - a Natural Laboratory

Located in Long Island Sound, Great Gull Island has large colonies of Common and Roseate Terns. For the last few years, Ms. Hays has organized a team of volunteer and professional naturalists in a continuing study of these breeding colonies, including work on behavior, breeding biology and effects of environmental contaminants. Most of the terns breeding on the island are now individually colour banded. Returns and recoveries have revealed interesting features of their life histories and migrations. Ms. Hays' talk will be illustrated with slides.

1500 Coffee

1530 Members' activity reports:

Ulrick Waterman - Hawks and Owls at Milton Airport

David Russell - Clutch size in relation to daylength and latitude in Arctic passerines

1645 Closing

2000 Mr. and Mrs. D. Baldwin will entertain members and friends at their home on 47 Duggan Ave., Toronto 7.

POINT PELEE BIRD OBSERVATORY

BANDING SUMMARY _ FALL 1972

1	Turkey Vulture (Midland, Ont.)	47	Grey-cheeked Thrush
518	Sharp-shinned Hawks	1	Veery
13	Cooper's Hawks	46	Golden-crowned Kinglet
2	Broadwinged Hawks	50	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
7	Black-bellied Plover	2	Cedar Waxwing
2	American Woodcock	7	Solitary Vireo
1	Knot	4	Red-eyed Vireo
2	Dunlin	2	Philadelphia Vireo
11	Sanderling	1	Black and white Warber
1	Herring Gull	2	Tennessee W.
1	Mourning Dove	3	Orange-crowned W.
1	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	20	Nashville W.
4	Screech Owls	2	Parula W.
10	Long-eared Owl	22	Magnolia W.
1	Short-eared Owl	1	Cape May W.
150	Saw-whet Owl	5	Bl.-thr. Blue W.
14	Whip-poor-will	20	Myrtle W.
11	Yellow-shafted Flicker	3	Bl.-thr. Green W.
11	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	Blackburnian W.
3	Downy Woodpecker	6	Chestnut-sided W.
11	Eastern Phoebe	5	Bay-breasted W.
5	Least Flycatcher	33	Blackpoll W.
1	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	15	Palm W.
3	unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher	10	Ovenbird
11	Eastern Wood Pewee	2	Northern Waterthrush
1	Gray Jay	1	Mourning W.
181	Blue Jay	7	Yellowthroat
521	Black-capped Chickadee	7	Wilson's W.
69	Boreal Chickadee	6	American Redstart
2	White-breasted Nuthatch	3	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
0	Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	Indigo Bunting
15	Brown Creeper	2	Purple Finch
4	House Wren	26	Am. Goldfinch
4	Winter Wren	3	Savannah Sparrow
4	Catbird	1	Grasshopper Sp.
4	Brown Thrasher	31	Slate-coloured Junco
9	Robin	1	Tree Sp.
5	Wood Thrush	4	Chipping Sp.
42	Hermit Thrush	6	Field Sp.
31	Swainson's Thrush	19	White-crowned Sp.
		46	White-thr. Sp.
		4	Lincoln's Sp.
		10	Swamp Sp.
		25	Song Sp.

TOTAL SPECIES: 83+ 1 family

TOTAL BIRDS : 2212.

COVERAGE: Sept. 9, 4hrs (setting up station) Sept. 14 - Sept. 23 - Jayne Evans,
 Sept. 23 - Sept. 30 - Dennis Rupert ; Oct. 7 - Oct 14 - Warren Lamb ; Oct. 17- Oct. 21-
 Bill Wasserfall ; Oct. 22- Oct. 28- Dennis Rupert ; Oct. 28 - Nov. 4 - Bill Hyett.

Probably the best sighting this fall at Point Pelee was a Lewis' Woodpecker,
 seen flying with a Blue Jay flight off the end of the Point.

GOSHAWK INVASION

The invasion of many more than usual Goshawks during migration through Hawk Ridge, Duluth, Minn, as reported by Koni Sundquist in the last Newsletter seems to have been part of a ten-year cycle and was felt all the way to the Atlantic flyway. Unfortunately most of these birds will fall victim to aspergillus (lung fungus) and will not return to the boreal forests to nest.

CAT WITH THE JITTERS!

From the Newsletter of the Duluth Audubon Society comes this amusing tale: "A lady called to say her cat was sunning itself in the picture window when a Rough-legged Hawk came zooming in and bounced off the window, then sat in the snow, shaking it's head for a while and then flew off. A few nights later, a big owl swooped down on the same cat, outdoors. But that's one nervous cat.....!"

WHOOPIING CRANES

In 1941, there were only 15 of them in existence. Although it fares better today, the species Grus americana still teeters precariously on the brink of extinction. Now, Canada and the U.S. officials report that the crane population has taken a turn for the worse. During their annual migration of 2,600 miles from their breeding grounds in Wood Buffalo National Park to the Aransas National Wildlife refuge, the gracious birds suffer unusually high casualties. Final tally: a decline of ten - from 61 last year to 51.

Since the birds develop an adult's white plumage well before they are capable of reproducing, observers will not know until next summer's nesting season if the ten lost cranes were mature.

FROM 'TIME' Jan. 22 '73

UNITED PEREGRINE SOCIETY

There are fewer than 200 pairs of Peregrine Falcons left today, except for Alaska. Zoologist Clayton M. White, of Brigham Young University has helped to set up the United Peregrine Society, which plans to build a sanctuary near Klamath Falls, Ore. The aim is to find the falcon's remote nesting places and remove the birds and their eggs to man-made shelters. White, who keeps four pairs of falcons on the roof of the zoology building says: "Given enough time, we can ultimately get enough birds to reintroduce them back into the wilds." 'TIME' Jan. 22 '73

I sincerely hope he is right!

Please renew my membership with the ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION for the year of 1973.

Enclosed is my cheque or money order in the amount of \$_____

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP \$6. FAMILY \$7. STUDENT (under 18 yrs.) \$2.

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