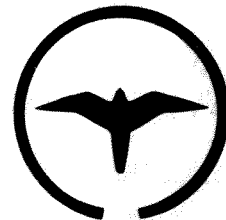


ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION



MAY, 1976 NEWSLETTER

Prince Edward Point Banding Weekend - May 29th and 30th

Members of the O.B.B.A. have been invited to spend a weekend banding at the Prince Edward Point Observatory. Those wishing to attend should notify David Broughton no later than May 3, 1976. A car pool may be arranged. Participants must bring their own food and sleeping bags, and the cost for staying at the observatory is \$1.50 a night. If it is fully booked, and/or some people prefer to camp, there are camping facilities nearby. Write or telephone (416) 489-7444 as soon as possible.

June Meeting -

A Luther Marsh canoe trip will likely be held. More details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Prince Edward Point Observatory -

Please note that those wishing to visit the Observatory at times other than the above are asked to contact Ron Weir to make arrangements. He may be contacted at 294 Elmwood Street, Kingston K7M 248, or (613) 546-2879.

March Meeting -

The March meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fairfield. This was a very enjoyable member's night. Highlights included Warren Russell's slides of New Zealand birds, Harold Richard's talk on potter's traps, the many other slides that were shown, and finally, the cheesecake that topped off an interesting and informative evening.

Russell J. Rutter -

O.B.B.A. members will be saddened to hear that Russell Rutter, a long-time O.B.B.A. member and naturalist from Huntsville died suddenly on March 1, 1976.

Request For Information -

COLOUR-MARKED SEMIPALMATED AND LEAST SANDPIPERS

In 1976 and 1977 the Surinam Forest Service plans to colour-band large numbers of Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers along the Surinam coast, north eastern South America. The objective of this study is to obtain more information about the origin of the birds visiting Surinam and about their migration routes to and from this country. All birds will be banded above the tarsus ('knee') with one standard aluminum Fish and Wildlife Service band and two orange coloured bands of about the same size as the aluminum band.

Should you see any of these birds, please write to Arie L. Spaans, Surinam Forest Service, P.O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America, mentioning species, location and date of observation, the position of the aluminum and colour-bands (left or right,

and if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above and which below), and number of colour-banded birds involved.

Returns of Interest -

Great Black-backed Gull - Banded by Gordon Lambert on Strawberry Island in the St. Lawrence River near St. Andre, Quebec on July 6, 1952. It was killed by a motor vehicle near Toronto on September 26, 1975, making it over twenty-three years old.

Herring Gull - Banded by Gordon Lambert on one of the Razades Islands in the St. Lawrence River near Trois Pistoles, Quebec on July 4, 1959. It was found dead in New York City in December, 1974, making it fifteen and one-half years old.

Black Duck - Banded by John Miles at Dundas Marsh, Hamilton on November 25, 1965. It was recovered at Rimini Township, South Carolina in April, 1975.

Manx Shearwater - Banded at Hallival Isle of Rhum, Inverness, Scotland, on August 8, 1973. The skeleton was found on North Padre Island beach, Texas in February, 1975. (From American Birds, October, 1975, Vol. 25, No. 5, P. 1,003.

BANDING AT GUELPH -

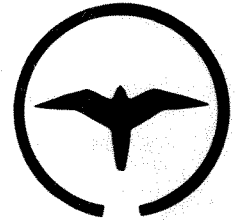
1975 was an exceptionally active year for banding in the Guelph area. The two permittees, Toni Salvadori and David Brewer who operate under Permit #10288, enjoyed good success in operations and were fortunate in having a lot of additional help. A total of just under 6,000 birds were banded comprising eighty-eight species. The largest total was 1,100 Cowbirds, followed by 900 American Goldfinch, and 700 Evening Grosbeaks. All three of these species were present in exceptional numbers at feeding stations this year. The Cowbird in particular has taken to wintering in the Guelph area in huge numbers in the last three years. Other high totals were 450 Tree Sparrows, 300 Ruby-crowned Kinglets, 400 Juncos and 200 Tree Swallows. The most numerous Warbler was Myrtle, at just under 150, but Nashvilles also totalled over a hundred. There also appeared to be unusually large numbers of Tennessee and Bay-breasted Warblers, perhaps associated with the Spruce Budworm plague.

Most banding took place at four locations: around the houses of the two permittees, at Hall's Point and at Mountsberg, Puslinch Township, Wellington County. Operations were concentrated around Hall's Point during the main migration periods and moved to Mountsberg in October to take advantage of large Sparrow concentrations. In summer, some effort was made to band Bluebirds, Tree Sparrows and House Wrens from nest boxes. In winter, banding in Puslinch slackened very considerably, but it was during the winter months that most of the Cowbirds, Grosbeaks, and Goldfinches were banded at Salvadori's station in Guelph.

Undoubtedly, the most unusual species banded this year was an immature Harris's Sparrow, trapped at Mountsberg on October 18th. This constitutes the first record of this species for Wellington County. The same bird was retrapped on October 25th by great good fortune the day that a banding workshop was being held at Brewer's nearby station, and was shown to the assembled participants, thereby occasioning a vigorous debate as to whether it could legitimately be added to many a life-list.

Two banding training sessions were held at Puslinch, one in April and the other in October. Both were very successful, with fifty birds being banded on the first, and nearly a hundred on the second. This gave a good opportunity to demonstrate banding techniques to a variety of interested people, and to start serious training in some cases. During the year, one bander, Mike Cadwarr, was trained to the standard of a sub-permittee.

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Plans for 1976 include a continuing assault upon the migrant bird population, while it is also hoped to start up a duck-banding programme. Any one interested in helping and perhaps in training for their own banding permit is urged to contact David Brewer.

EDITORIAL -

The next Newsletter will be a double issue for June and July, and will report on our last Annual Meeting. It will include the Minutes and a synopsis of the talks given in the afternoon.

Many thanks for the compliments on the Newsletter. The production team of Peter and Linda Lockhart deserves the credit for producing such a smart looking Newsletter.

I am always in need of material. Write up your banding results, anecofes, etc., and send them to:
David Broughton,
4 Heddington Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

(NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT MATERIAL DOUBLE SPACED AND PRINTED OR TYPED)

- Linda

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D. Broughton
Editor

1975 BANDING BY TED DINNIWELL AND JOHN MILES

IN 1975, 2,390 BIRDS COMPRISING 84 SPECIES WERE BANDED THROUGHOUT ONTARIO.

1 Oldsquaw	5 Eastern Phoebe
3 Sharp-shinned Hawks	8 Yellow-bellied Flycatchers
1 American Kestrel	17 Traill's-bellied Flycatchers
1 Ruffed Grouse	17 Least Flycatchers
1 Black-billed Cuckoo	10 Eastern Wood Pewee
6 Common Flickers	8 Tree Swallows
11 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers	11 Barn Swallows
2 Hairy Woodpeckers	2 Grey Jays
6 Downy Woodpeckers	7 Blue Jays

57	Bl.-Cap. Chickadees	44	Bay-breasted Warblers
12	Boreal Chickadees	10	Blackpoll Warblers
7	White Br. Nuthatches	3	Palm Warblers
13	Red Br. Nuthatches	21	Ovenbirds
15	Brown Creepers	7	Northern Waterthrushes
1	House Wren	1	Connecticut Warbler
7	Winter Wrens	7	Morning Warblers
6	Catbirds	7	Common Yellowthroat
9	American Robins	4	Wilson's Warbler
4	Wood Thrushes	1	Canada Warbler
41	Hermit Thrushes	5	American Redstarts
320	Swainson's Thrushes	25	House Sparrows
19	Grey-cheeked Thrushes	29	Red-winged Blackbirds
5	Veery	3	Northern Orioles
68	Gold-cr. Kinglets	9	Rusty Blackbirds
71	Ruby-cr. Kinglets	60	Common Grackle
15	Cedar Waxwings	74	Cowbirds
3	Common Starlings	8	Scarlet Tanager
10	Solitary Vireo	20	Rose-br. Grosbeaks
51	Red-eyed Vireo	39	Evening Grosbeaks
12	Philadelphia Vireo	42	Purple Finches
2	Warbling Vireo	1	Common Redpoll
9	Bl. and White Warblers	4	American Goldfinches
142	Tennessee Warblers	38	Savannah Sparrows
5	Orange Cr. Warblers	84	Dark-eyed Junco
56	Nashville Warblers	33	Tree Sparrows
27	Yellow Warblers	13	Chipping Sparrows
42	Magnolia Warblers	31	White-cr. Sparrows
57	Cape May Warblers	341	Wh. Th. Sparrows
4	Bl. Th. Blue Warblers	23	Lincoln's Sparrows
143	Yellow-rumped Warblers	2	Swamp Sparrows
9	Bl. Th. Green Warblers	32	Song Sparrows
6	Blackburnian Warblers		
6	Chest.-sided Warblers		