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OBBA 1984 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 10 March 1984

Royal Ontario Museum Planetarium Lecture Room
Queen's Park Cresc., Toronto

Agenda

- 9:15 Doors Open (Registration Fee \$2.50)
- 9:45 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:50 President's Report - Peter Lockhart
- 10:00 Treasurer's Report - Bob Hubert
- 10:10 Editor's Report - Bruce Duncan
- 10:20 Election of 1984 Executive Committee Members

- 10:30 Coffeebreak

Station Reports

- 10:45 Guelph Banding Station
- 10:55 Hawk Cliff Raptor Banding Station
- 11:05 Long Point Bird Observatory
- 11:15 Ottawa Bird Observatory
- 11:25 Prince Edward Point Observatory
- 11:35 Toronto Bird Observatory

- 11:45 - 1:30 Lunch (List of nearby restaurants will be posted)

Invited Speakers

- 1:30 Film: A Bird in the Hand - narrated by Jim and Kathy Bricker

- 2:30 Drawings For Door Prizes

- 3:10 Population Growth of the House Finch in the Niagara Region -
Richard Knapton
- 3:25 The Burrowing Owl in Canada - Brian Ratcliff
- 3:45 Bird Banding at the Royal Botanical Gardens - Len Simser
- 4:05 Meeting Adjourned

An early evening get-together will be held at the Locke House (FON Headquarters). Refreshments will be available. Additional details will be provided at the meeting.

In 1982 many of the adult tagged birds returned to their colonies still carrying their tags. The tagged birds appeared fit and nested normally. Most tags were still clearly legible and showed little wear. In 1982 bright blue wing tags (with black lettering) were put on adult Common Terns and black tags (with yellow lettering) on chicks just prior to fledging.

In 1983 many terns tagged in 1981 and 1982 were back at their colonies. In that year red wing tags (with yellow lettering) were put on adult Common Terns and green tags (with yellow lettering) on chicks.

When you observe a tagged tern would you please report the date, location, color of the tag, and if possible, the number/letter combination to: BANDING OFFICE, CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE, HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA, K1A 0E7. All reports will be acknowledged.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

First published in 1946 the ONTARIO FIELD BIOLOGIST is dedicated to reporting on the ecology, flora and fauna of Ontario. Recent articles featured by the ONTARIO FIELD BIOLOGIST include:

- * Butterflies of Point Pelee
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- * Tremblay's salamander in Algonquin Park
- * Spring Bird Migration and other Vertebrates of Middle Island, Lake Erie
- * Studies of Leslie Street Headland, Lake Ontario
- * History of breeding Canada Geese in Southerwestern Ontario
- * Small mammals from the Sutton Ridges, Northern Ontario
- * Population trends in waterfowl wintering in Toronto, 1929-1976

Those interested in submitting articles or subscribing to the ONTARIO FIELD BIOLOGIST (One year at \$7.00) should write to:

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PRICE LIST OF BANDER'S EQUIPMENT FROM BRITISH TRUST
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The prices on this list are given in British pounds. Prices may be changed at any time. Payment may be made in dollars but the equivalent of 50p should be added to cover BTO's bank charge.

A. Mist nets

There are currently two types of mist nets available:

I. Japanese small-mesh polyester made up 5% less than normal length to allow for shelf string stretch. All are 4 shelves, 9' high and tethered.

4-shelf nets: 18' - £6.50, 30' - £8.25, 42' - £11.0.

II. North Ronaldsay nets with top quality pre-stretched shelf-string and loops.

6m - £13.00, 9m - £16.00, 12m - £19.00, 18m - £25.00.

Pesola balances, bird bags, rules, pliers and other banding equipment is also available. For a more detailed price list write: BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY, Beech Grove, Tring, Herfordshire, HP235NR, England.

OBBA LIBRARY

OBBA receives a large number of bird journals, including small state and provincial journals as well as AMERICAN BIRDS, THE AUK and THE JOURNAL OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGY. These journals are housed in the Long Point Bird Observatory headquarters near Port Rowan and are available for the use of all members of OBBA. The Long Point Bird Observatory library also contains many textbooks and naturalist newsletters and these are also available for use at the headquarters.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TORONTO BIRD OBSERVATORY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 28 March 1984 at 7:30 pm in the Ramsey Wright Zoological Laboratories, 25 Harbord St., Toronto. Various talks and activities are planned as well as a short business session. Phone George Fairfield (485-9083) for more information.

SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS FORMED

Canada has long been the only country in the world with a large number of amateur and professional ornithologists but no national body to represent them. This has been remedied with the formation of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists (SCO), a low-key group whose purpose is to further ornithology in Canada. A \$5.00 membership brings a bi- or tri-annual newsletter, with information on local meetings of interest and information on what ornithologists across the country are doing. Incorporation as a charitable organization is underway, and future plans include establishing an annual award for distinguished contributions to Canadian ornithology and perhaps grants for students to travel to meetings. SCO expects to be involved in planning the 1986 International Ornithological Congress in Ottawa, and the newsletter will contain up-to-date information on this. No general meetings or journal are to be undertaken in the foreseeable future, to avoid overlap with the American Ornithologists' Union or other groups, but it is hoped that the activities of the Society will foster a sense of community and better communication among Canadian ornithologists.

To join the society, send a cheque for \$5.00 to Dr. Ralph Morris, Department of Biological Sciences, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1. Founding Memberships (\$50.00) are also still available. (About 1/3 of the 150 members are in this category). Officers for 1984 are: Ross Lein (President), Spencer Sealy (Vice President/President Elect), Ralph Morris (Membership Secretary), Erica Dunn (Recording Secretary), John Richardson (Treasurer), Ross James (Newsletter Editor), and Councillors: Bill Gunn, David Nettleship, Jean Bedard, Nicolaas Verbeek, Jon Barlow, Glen Fox, John Ryder, Tony Erskine and Stuart Houston.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Canadian Wildlife Service, Ontario Region, is continuing its program of color-marking Common Terns at two colonies in the lower Great Lakes to determine their post-breeding dispersal, migration routes and winter range.

In 1981 adults were marked with orange wing-tags and chicks with pink tags. Tags were put on both wings of all birds. All tags had combinations of letters and numbers (the two tags on any bird each had the same combination). In addition, all birds received a metal legband on one leg and a plastic legband (yellow with a black horizontal stripe) on the other leg.