



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will be held on February 26 and 27 at the Bird Studies Canada Headquarters in Port Rowan.

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The main theme of this year's meeting is Technology and Bird Banding with talks on a variety of bird marking techniques from banding to geo-locators.

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Saturday has an information packed agenda, and you're encouraged to take part in bird banding activities on Sunday.

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The OBBA Newsletter Editorial Team,
Stu Mackenzie, Christian Friis and John Brett.

COMING EVENTS:

- **2011 Great Backyard Bird Count:** February 18 –21, anywhere you want!
Visit: www.birdsource.org/gbbc
- **Baillie Birdathon:** May 2011. Support the OBBA by sponsoring Bill Read, the OBBA's Birdathoner! For more information visit: www.birdscanada.org/support/birdathon, or contact Bill Read— info@billreadsbooks.com
- **North American Banding Council Annual Meeting:** February, 2011. Ashland, Oregon.
See: www.nabanding.net for details.

**HAVE A COMING EVENT OF NOTE TO THE ONTARIO BIRD BANDING COMMUNITY ?
LET THE EDITORIAL TEAM KNOW !!!**



OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011

- 09:00 – 10:00** **Registration and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:00 – 10:20** **Business meeting**
Introductions – David Okines
President’s Report - David Okines
Treasurer’s Report – Barbara Campbell
Election of an Auditor – Barbara Campbell
Nominations & Election of 2011 Executive – Barbara Campbell
- 10:20 – 10:40** **Coffee Break, Skill Building Quiz and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:40 – 11:45** **Station Reports**
Innis Point Bird Observatory
Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory
Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station
Canadian Migration Monitoring Network Report
Banding Office Report – Lesley Howes
- 11: 45 – 13:45** **Lunch (Neighbours Restaurant)**
- 13:45 – 14:15** **Telemetry technologies for birds**
Mike Vandentillaart, Lotek Wireless
- 14:15 – 14:45** **Radar, weather and songbird migration**
Bethany Thurber, University of Western Ontario
- 14:45 – 15:00** **Links between habitat quality, stress physiology and reproductive success in Tree Swallows**
Christine Madliger, University of Windsor
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Coffee Break, Skill Building and Bucket Raffle**
- 15:30 – 16:00** **The pros and cons of using geo-locators with songbirds.**
Maggie MacPherson, York University
- 16:00 – 16:15** **Studying the wintering behaviour of Snow Buntings in southern Ontario**
Christie Macdonald, University of Windsor
- 16:30 – 16:45** **Janette Dean Award**



OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA CONT'D

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011 CONT'D

- 16:45 – 17:00** **Bucket raffle draw**
- 17:30** **Close of day one of general meeting**
- 18:00 - 10:00** **Social at Long Point Bird Observatory Old Cut Field Station, Dinner: 18:30, BYOB**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2011

- 07:00 – 12:00** **Extended Banding at a local banding site**—likely Old Cut Field Station
(to be determined on the Saturday)
- 09:00 – 12:00** **Skill building, Show and Tell, Specimen Examination** (same location as banding)

LOCATION AND DETAILS:

The AGM will be held at the Bird Studies Canada (BSC) headquarters at **115 Front Rd. in Port Rowan**. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. The meeting will continue to follow a two-day event schedule with the Saturday agenda filled with business meetings, station reports and a short scientific program related to bird banding in Ontario. The focus of Sunday will be a practical bird banding session where members can hone their skills, and share information and knowledge with each other. There are always a few surprises!

HOW TO GET TO BSC AND OLD CUT:

BSC and LPBO are situated on the north shore of lake Erie, in Canada. From Highway 401 or Highway 3, come south on Highway 59 to the north shore of Lake Erie. Front Rd intersects Highway 59 at the base of Long Point. The BSC headquarters is approximately 1 km east of Hwy 59 along front Rd.

The LPBO Old Cut field station is on Old Cut Blvd. on Long Point, just two streets before Highway 59 ends at Long Point Provincial Park. It is the 6th building on the right as you head north on Old Cut Blvd. from Highway 59. There is a small sign on the front lawn. You can park across the road in the Ministry of Natural Resources parking lot.

SHOW AND TELL: Bring anything you think may be of interest to the OBBA membership—special traps, interesting pictures, articles or tools.

BUCKET RAFFLE: As in previous years a bucket raffle will be held. Any member wishing to donate a prize should bring it to the meeting, or if they prefer contact any board member.



ACCOMMODATIONS:

BED AND BREAKFASTS - ALL LISTED AT www.bbcanada.com:

Abigail's Bed and Breakfast edgewood@kwic.com 519-586-8777

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Kinda Cute 519-586-9744 or 1-866-900-1104 (toll free)

Marsh Landing Bed and Breakfast mfoster7@aol.com 519-586-7777

MOTELS:

There are also a number of motels in nearby Simcoe. For details visit:

www.simcoe.worldweb.com/Wheretostay/HotelsMotels/

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY—OLD CUT FIELD STATION:

There is limited space available. If you would like to stay at Old Cut contact Stu Mackenzie as soon as possible at stu.a.mackenzie@gmail.com. Beds will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

FOOD AND SOCIAL TIME:

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:

Coffee and donuts will be served throughout the day. There will be a midday buffet organized on Saturday at a local restaurant "Neighbours". Cost will probably be around \$15 per person and includes tea or coffee.

EVENING SOCIAL / DINNER:

On the Saturday evening there will be a social at LPBO'S Old Cut Field Station following the meeting. A meal will be served between 18:30 and 19:00. The cost will be in the range of \$10 - 20 per person, with the actual cost being announced at the meeting, and will be payable at registration. Members and guests planning to attend are encouraged to BYOB.



BIRDERS AND BANDERS WANTED:

Canadian Migration Monitoring Network (CMMN) stations across the country, many of which are in Ontario, are looking for birders and banders who are interested in gaining the experience of a lifetime volunteering or working for the birds. Visit the CMMN web-site –www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cmmn/ for more information about stations near you and opportunities offered. Population trends, seasonal abundance graphs, and other summary statistics from the CMMN are available from Nature Counts at www.naturecounts.ca.

Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO) Internship Position Available:

LPBO is offering a new Internship position for more experienced individuals. For more information about volunteer or internship opportunities at LPBO visit Bird Studies Canada's job opportunities page - www.birdscanada.org/about/jobs or contact LPBO at lpbo@birdscanada.org.

In 2010, LPBO's migration monitoring program banded 30,489 birds of 161 species bringing the grand total to 833,072 of 268 species banded since the observatory was founded in 1960. The countdown to the one millionth bird banded at LPBO begins. Details and highlights from the migration season and programs are available on our Sightings Board or the LPBO E-news accessible at—www.birdscanada.org/longpoint.

KEEN TEEN BIRDERS AND BANDERS WANTED:

LPBO is also looking for keen teen birders to apply for the 2011 Doug Tarry Natural History Fund - Young Ornithologist Workshop to be held from Friday, July 29 to Sunday, August 7. Participants will receive hands-on training in field ornithology including bird banding, censusing, field identification, birding trips, preparing museum specimens, guest lectures, and more! Six of Canada's most promising ornithologists between the ages of 13-17 will be selected to attend, and will receive the Doug Tarry Bird Study Award to cover all on-site expenses. For those traveling long distances, special grants may also be available to help offset air travel costs. Applications are due April 15, 2011. For more information and an application form, contact us at lpbo@birdscanada.org, or visit www.birdscanada.org/longpoint.

JOURNAL EDITOR WANTED:

The OBBA board of directors is looking for a new Journal editor. If you're interested contact:
Terri Groh: naturesadvantage@amtelecom.net

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED:

Are you an enthusiastic bird bander in Ontario? The OBBA board of directors is interested in attracting new individuals who may be interested in contributing in a number of ways ranging from journal editor to bander training. If you're interested in contributing more to the OBBA contact David Okines: davidokines@aol.com.



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The Ontario Bird Banding Association is a non-profit, membership-driven and inclusive organization representing the interests of all amateur and 'professional' bird banders across Ontario.
If you band birds in Ontario, for any reason, you should be a member!

