

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

1962

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held at 8:00 p.m. at McAuley's cottages, POINT PELEE on SEPTEMBER 15th.

NEWS FROM LONG POINT

The new cottage at the end of the point has been erected. Construction is about 50% complete, the remaining work being chiefly internal.

The new Land Rover was delivered early in August. It is to be used exclusively for L.P.B.O. work in the Long Point area. It will be employed for transportation from the base of the point to the banding areas but will not be available for transportation to and from Toronto or other centres.

Funds available for these projects were not quite adequate and the Observatory is understood to be several hundred dollars in debt at the present time.

Very few birds have been banded so far this fall but over a hundred bats mostly little browns have been taken from the partly completed cottage in the Point area and banded.

Coverage projected this fall other than at weekends is meagre - a disappointing situation in view of the facilities now available. Anyone willing to contribute a week to the fall banding effort should contact D. Hussell - 17 Farnsworth Drive, Weston, Ontario - CH 9-0748 - as soon as possible.

Marshall Field is commencing a duck banding project at Long Point in conjunction with the Department of Lands and Forests who are providing traps and materials. O.B.B.A. members will do the banding. Anyone interested in co-operating in this venture should contact M. Field - 89 Elm Street, St. Thomas, Ontario or D. Hussell.

NEWS FROM TORONTO ISLAND

A colony of Ring-billed Gulls and Common Terns was discovered nesting on "Gull Island" - a small Island lying North of Toronto Island toward Hanlan's Point. So far as is known, this is the first record of Gulls or Terns breeding in this area. A rough estimate indicated the presence of about 900 Common Tern nests and 200 Ring-billed Gull nests. 622 juvenile Common Terns were banded and 243 juvenile Ring-billed gulls. A Common Tern banded at Presquile some years ago was recovered nearby on Hanlan's Point. (see "Interesting foreign retraps and recoveries").

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NEWS FROM TORONTO ISLAND CONT'D

Anyone wishing to assist with the fall banding programme at the Island Station should contact Terry Carr - Island Natural Science School, Hanlan's Point, Ontario - EM 6-5879.

INTERESTING FOREIGN RETRAPS AND RECOVERIES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>	<u>Place Banded</u>	<u>Date Taken</u>	<u>Approximate Place Taken</u>
27-136021	Y-B Sapsucker (M)	04-15-61	LPBO area 2	02-19-62	Gainesville, Florida (1)
58-123321	Br-hd. Cowbird (IM)	09-01-61	LPBO area 1	01-? -62	Pine Bluff, Arkansas (2)
36-87024	Herring Gull	07-04-61	E of Straits of Mackinac Michigan	08-29-61	Long Point Beach (3)
26-22-736	Herring Gull	06-15-58	Bruce Co., Ont.	08-14-62	Long Point Beach (3)
81-72295	Song Sparrow	04-07-62	LPBO area 1	04-18-62	Island School * (4)
43-16069	Common Tern	07-02-57	Bluffs Island Presquile Point	07-10-62	Hanlan's Point* (3)

* Toronto Island

(1) Shot (2) Killed by weather conditions (3) picked up dead (4) trapped and released.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Jim Woodford has taken over as Managing Director of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists.

John Lunn has been appointed regional co-ordinator of "Operation Recovery" for the Great Lakes Area.

Don Baldwin and Dave Hussell spent three weeks in June/July on an R.O.M. expedition to sample the avifauna through the previously unexplored (ornithologically) region of the Sutton River in Northern Ontario. 91 specimens were taken representing over 70 species (86 species observed) and a 16 mm movie was made.

NEW ONTARIO BREEDING RECORDS

Jim Woodford reports that Cattle Egrets raised 2 young at Presquile and also nested unsuccessfully at Luther Marsh. Little Gulls (3 nests) nested unsuccessfully at Oshawa Marsh.

Don Baldwin reports that Ontario breeding of the Hudsonian Godwit was established with the collection of downy young by Department of Lands and Forests biologist, Don Simpkin, while working

in an area of Northern Ontario somewhat further west than the Sutton River. Don and Dave had hoped to establish breeding of this species on their expedition but although they saw a number of adults, they were not able to find nests or young.

PUTTING THE RECORDS STRAIGHT

The August 1962 issue of British birds is of particular interest. It is devoted entirely to an elaborate analysis of suspect records of rare birds from the vicinity of Hastings, England during the first quarter of this century. The analysis results in the discrediting of over 500 specimen records now considered deliberately fraudulent.

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