

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

JUNE NEWSLETTER

REPORT OF MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin on Tuesday, May 12, 1964. There were eight members present.

The treasurer gave a report. Don Baldwin reported that the coverage at the Long Point Bird Observatory was very poor this spring. More banders are needed. It was suggested that the Banding Office in Ottawa be asked to issue some sub-permits which could be used exclusively at Long Point and the holders of these permits could band there on their own.

Joe Simonyi has been successful in catching hawks at his home near Georgetown. He has banded 7 Red-tailed Hawks, 4 Marsh Hawks, 3 Peregrines, 1 Merlin, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, and 1 Broad-winged Hawk.

Dr. Lars Karstad is presenting a paper dealing with arbovirus infections in migratory birds at the meeting of the Canadian Society of Microbiologists in New Brunswick in June. He read the paper for the O. B. B. A. members at the meeting. It acknowledges the assistance which he received at the Long Point Bird Observatory.

Bill Wasserfall gave an interesting report of his trip to the Cedar Grove Banding Station with John Roberts and Jim Woodford...

F. O. N. Workshop Weekend

The F. O. N. held its second Workshop Weekend at the Long Point Bird Observatory from May 22 to 24 to teach interested F. O. N. members about banding. It was successful and the O. B. B. A. gained four new co-operating members..

FALL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held in September at Point Pelee. It will be a weekend meeting and the date will be announced later.

Another meeting in the fall will be held at the Albion Hills Conservation School..

BIRD OBSERVATORIES

Very few banders spent a week at the Long Point Bird Observatory in the spring and so fewer birds have been banded than usual. All members who will be able to participate in the fall program please contact Maureen Baldwin, 62 Walmsley Blvd., Toronto ( 485-5272). Arrange the time which you can spend at Long Point as soon as possible.

At the Point Pelee Bird Observatory the intensive program of banding Sharp-shinned Hawks which was started last year will be continued. The period of coverage will be extended from early September to late October. The banding will be supplemented with detailed observations. Anyone who is available for a period of a week or longer for banding or observational work, contact John Roberts, 62 Inglewood Dr., Toronto (481-0180).

INFORMATION REQUESTED

A study of gull and tern populations on the Great Lakes is being carried out by Mr. James P. Ludwig, Bird Division, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The primary purpose of this study is to determine accurately the numbers of these birds breeding in an area this year. Other information is also requested. Anyone who has any information of this type should write to the above for forms to fill out.