

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The November meeting of the O. B. B. A. will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 1964 at 8.p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale.

The October meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodford. Nine members attended. Bill Wasserfall was chairman of the meeting in the absence of the president. Forest Dilling and Bill Wasserfall described the Sharp-shinned Hawk banding which they had done at the Point Pelee Bird Observatory. The fall banding at Long Point was also briefly discussed. The portable Heligoland trap from Pelee was being moved to Long Point, as it was not being used at Point Pelee. Jim Woodford showed some slides of the Cedar Grove Banding station in Wisconsin; which showed the nets and traps which are used there. He also showed some slides of Presque Isle Park in Pennsylvania, which is on the south shore of Lake Erie opposite Long Point.

The FON Christmas cards for 1964 are now available. The card was painted by T. M. Shortt of the Royal Ontario Museum. It depicts two Common Redpolls on a Hemlock branch and is in full color. The cost is \$1.50 per dozen (plus 5¢ tax). The O. B. B. A. receives 25¢ for each dozen we sell so please purchase yours at the next meeting, or from Mrs. P. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Rd., Willowdale.

The president, Bruce Westcott is well on the way to recovery, and is back at work part-time now.

The Point Pelee Bird Observatory has been closed for the season after 32 days of continuous coverage. Interesting observational, as well as banding data was obtained for the entire period. Slightly over 400 Sharp-shinned Hawks were banded and about 100 of these were adults. One Sharp-shin banded at Long Point this fall was retrapped at Point Pelee and one banded at Pelee two years ago was retrapped. Eleven Cooper's Hawks were trapped and several of these were adults. Over 30 Saw-whet Owls have been caught this fall. All birds were weighed and measured. Some improvements were made in the banding operation as a tared balance was obtained and a set of equally weighted cans was used for holding the birds during weighing. The Park officials have set up a weather station for recording the velocity and direction of the wind. This information can be correlated with the observational data.

N. B. Mr. Joe Simonyi will bring some of his hawk trapping equipment to the November meeting and discuss hawk trapping.