

## ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

### APRIL NEWSLETTER

#### APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards, 37 Killdeer Cres., Toronto 17, on Tuesday, April 13, 1965 at 8 p.m.

#### MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Westcott on Tuesday, March 9, 1965. Ten members attended. The president had received a letter from Mr. Schultz saying that he had been promoted from the Banding Office to Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Wildlife Service, but he is still continuing his other work until a new man is appointed. Alf Bunker reported that a Ring-billed Gull which he had banded as a nestling at Presqu'ile Park on June 27, 1964 was found in Cadiz, Spain on January 20, 1965.

The speaker of the evening was Russ Rutter and he discussed the interesting study which he has undertaken on the Gray Jay in Algonquin Park where 115 of these birds have banded. The nests which he found last year were watched carefully from the time they were under construction, which started in February, until after the young left the nest in May. The study is being continued this year.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual membership dues of \$2.00 should be paid at the next meeting or sent immediately to the secretary - Mrs. J. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Rd., Willowdale.

#### INFORMATION REQUESTED

Dr. W.W.H. Gunn is photographing the screens of the Radar sets at Malton Airport (Toronto) and Crumlin Airport (London). This will continue 24 hours a day until June 10th. Banders working within a 60 or 70 mile radius of either of these points can cooperate by making careful observations on any really large movements of birds they see. The following information is required: - name and address of observer, location, date, time, "kind of birds", number, direction of flight, and estimated altitude. The information should be sent to Dr. W.W. H. Gunn, 455 Meadow Wood Rd., Clarkson, Ont.

Dr. Karstad and Dr. Kirmse are conducting a study of pox lesions in wild birds (usually rather obvious skin infections which occur around the feet and sometimes also near the eyes and bill). Much of the field work will be done by Dr. Kirmse at the O. B. B. A. observatories and with J. Miles at the Dundas Marsh. Dr. Karstad has requested the cooperation of banders throughout the province. Assistance required will cover primarily description of lesions and sampling of diseased tissue. Where numbers are encountered Dr. Kirmse may wish to visit the banding station. Will anyone willing to help please contact Dr. Karstad, Division of Zoonoses and Diseases of Wildlife, Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing its Cooperative Redwing Blackbird nestling banding program. It is suggested that banders endeavour to cooperate in this wherever practicable. At the same time nest record cards might be compiled for the Royal Ontario Museum. If you are unaware of the requirements of these schemes information can be obtained from J.O.L. Roberts, 62 Inglewood Dr., Toronto 7. (phone 481-0180) or from Don Baldwin at the Royal Ontario Museum.

RECOVERIES OF BIRDS BANDED AT POINT PELEE BIRD OBSERVATORY

<u>BAND NUMBER</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RECOVERY</u>
		<u>SEX</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>RECOVERED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
566-95502	R. S. Hawk	IM	09-16-63	09-xx-63	Bentonia, Miss
593-68880	S. S. Hawk	IF	09-25-63	01-xx-64	Beulaville, N.C.
543-23072	"	IM	10-06-62	12-22-62	Fulton area, Miss.
543-68775	"	IF	09-14-63	10-15-63	Burnwell, W.Va.
543-22582	C. Grackle	AF	04-01-59	10-06-62	Staples, Ont.
542-16058	Redwing	AF	05-22-59	12-07-63	Seaman, Ohio.

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593-68006	S. S. Hawk	IF	09-17-63	10-15-64	Hialeah, Florida
52-196297	Pur. Martin	N	07-25-64	08-10-64	North East, Pa.
28-175361	White-cr. Sparrow		05-14-62	10-25-64	Bastrop, Texas.

WORKSHOP MEETING

The O.B.B.A. will be holding a Workshop Meeting on Saturday, June 5, 1965 at the Island Natural Science School, Toronto. In the morning such topics as weighing, measuring, aging and sexing of birds will be discussed and demonstrated. The afternoon session will stress trapping methods. Members are urged to keep this date open for an interesting and informative meeting.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Mr. Tim Davis will be the Warden of the L.P.B.O. from the first of May until the end of October. Mr. Ralph Mc Cleary will be the Warden for the month of April. Geoff Holroyd and Bob Montgomery will each be Assistant Wardens for one month during the summer. Any person who is interested in spending a week or more at Long Point should contact Mrs. D. Baldwin, 57 Dupont St., Toronto (921-4972).

The spring banding was started at the L.P.B.O. last week-end and at the base of the point about 50 ducks were trapped: - mostly Redheads, a few Ring-necked Ducks, and at least one Canvasback. Several foreign banded birds were caught. One Snowy Owl was banded also. At the end of the point a Whistling Swan was banded.

P. S. Woodford, secretary.