

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

1965

June Newsletter

MAY MEETING -

The May Meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Simonyi on Tuesday, May 11, 1965. Ten members attended. Recent activities at the Long Point Bird Observatories were reported by Mr. & Mrs. R. McCleary and G. Holroyd. The September meeting will be held at Point Pelee again this year.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Les Gray. He described his banding activities in the Montreal area. He banded at a large colony which included such species as Ring-billed Herring, Great Black-backed Gull, Common Tern, Red-winged Blackbird and Black Duck. It was on Moffat's Island which is now part of the site for the World's Fair. He also banded many owls in the Montreal area. His talk was illustrated by slides.

WORKSHOP MEETING -

The Workshop Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5, 1965 at the Island Natural Science School at 10.30 a.m. This is a family outing for everyone to improve their banding techniques. Bring a picnic lunch. Coffee will be available at the school.

The school is located on Centre Island, Toronto, and may be reached by Ferry Boat from the foot of Bay Street. The boats leave at 8:30, 9:15, 9:45 and 10:30 on that morning. From the docks at Centre Island, walk to the lake side (south side) of the island. Then turn right (west) and walk to the school. Mr. C. Hopkins of the school staff will be there early to catch birds and members who arrive early may be able to help him.

The formal program will begin at 10:30. Jim Woodford will conduct the morning session. Banding methods and weighing, measuring, aging, and sexing of birds will be discussed and demonstrated. The afternoon session will be conducted by Bill Wasserfall. Trapping methods will be demonstrated.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY - AREA IV

Summary of Spring Banding

Totals of new banded birds: Redhead 247
Ring-necked Duck 5
Canvasback 1

Foreign retraps: Redhead 29 (8 worn bands replaced)
Canvasback 2
Ring-necked Duck 1

A total of 315 ducks were handled (including repeats) on 21 trapping days between March 27 and April 24. The largest catch was 32 on April 11.

POX - LESION STUDY -

A Yellow-shafted Flicker caught on Toronto Island on April 30, 1965 has been found to have a pox virus infection. A Red-winged Blackbird trapped in Toronto on May 9, 1965 was found to be another case of infestation of burrowing mites.

P. S. Woodford, secretary.