

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WORKSHOP MEETING

The June meeting of the O.B.B.A. was a Workshop Meeting held on Saturday, June 5, 1965 at the Island Natural Science School at 10:30 a.m. At the morning session Jim Woodford gave a talk on the weighing and measuring of live birds. Some birds were trapped by Mr. C. Hopkins who does banding at the school. These birds were used to demonstrate the proper techniques of banding, weighing and measuring. A printed outline of the methods employed was given to all present and a copy of this is included with the Newsletter. After a picnic lunch in front of the school Dr. Peter Kirmse presented an account of the study which he is conducting on pox lesions in birds. He showed slides of some of the lesions and burrowing mite infections which had been found to this date. The meeting then moved out to the trapping area used by the school. Bill Wasserfall discussed the history of methods of trapping birds and demonstrated many types of traps which are used by banders at present. This was a most enjoyable and informative day for all members and their families who were able to attend and they wish to extend their thanks to Mr. R. Dennis and his staff at the Island Natural Science School for making this meeting such a success.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held at Point Pelee on Saturday, September 18, 1965 at 7 p.m. E.S.T. (8 p.m. E.D.T.) Forest Billing and Don Lee will again be the hosts for this meeting which will be held at Mrs. Wolfe's cottage on the old Aviation Inn site, as last year. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Tony Pierce, Superintendent of National Parks in Ontario. He will discuss the new Nature Centre and future plans for Point Pelee Park.

A continuous program of Sharp-shinned Hawk observation and banding is being conducted at Point Pelee again this fall by John Roberts at the end of the point. Members coming for the week-end to attend this meeting should make their own arrangements for accommodation. There are several motels in Leamington.

LONG POINT SPRING BANDING

Approximately 8200 birds of 123 species were banded from March 13 - June 6. Area 1 was manned continuously after April 1. The Breakwater was covered from April 10 to May 2, and the base of the point from April 10 - 24 as well as some week-ends.

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Brown Creeper	1048
Slate-coloured Junco	949
Song Sparrow	809
White-throated Sparrow	781
Golden-cr. Kinglet	670
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	423
Yellow-shafted Flicker	310
Redhead	247

At the other end of the scale totals for some of the less frequently banded species were as follows:

Sora 1; American Bittern 2 (caught in Heligoland traps!); Whistling Swan 1; Canvasback 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 10; Sparrow Hawk 13; Marsh Hawk 1; Snowy Owl 1; Saw-whet Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 4; Northern Shrike 1; Loggerhead Shrike 2; Pine Warbler 1; 2 Kentucky Warbler 1; Cerulean Warbler 1; Mockingbird 2; Orchard Oriole 2.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Min McCleary, Mrs. Dolly Field and Bob Montgomerie, schedules have already been completed and sent to Ottawa for about 7500 of these birds.

LONG POINT FALL COVERAGE

There is still plenty of space available for persons wishing to take part in the fall banding at Long Point. Bookings and enquires should go to Mrs. M. Baldwin, 57 Dupont St., Toronto 5, Ontario.. Tel. 921-4972

RECOVERIES OF BIRDS BANDED AT LONG POINT 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>
657-75637	Mallard	AM	09-30-62	Fall 64	Grand Is. Bath, Ill.
657-76027	"		09-20-63	12-18-64	Camden, Tenn.
657-76117	"	IM	09-25-64	01-01-65	Knoxville, Tenn.
657-76492	Bl. Duck	IF	10-25-64	12-20-64	Dunn, N. C.
534-05357	B.V. Teal	IM	08-25-64	05-05-65	Page, Nebraska
585-83612	"	AM	08-28-64	04-13-65	Springfield, Mo..
585-83843	"	AM	09-02-64	04-30-65	Sanfelipe, Mex'co
663-55465	SS.S. Hawk	IF	09-19-64	12-25-64	Houston, Tex.
663-55470	"	IM	09-23-64	09-28-64	Point Pelee
663-55496	"	IM	09-27-64	04-29-65	Long Point
663-55518	"	IM	10-17-64	12-20-64	Sligo Pa.
593-67055	Mour. Dove		08-19-62	04-xx-65	Port Rowan, Ont.
28-174191	Veery		05-11-62	05-07-65	Oakville, Ont.
103-49211	Myrtle War.		10-03-64	12-26-64	Lamont, Florida
663-55293	Grackle		05-20-64	05-02-65	Erie, Pa.

P.S. Woodford, Secretary.