

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

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APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held on Tuesday April 11, 1967 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., willowdale, at 8 p.m. Mr. Alf Bunker will give an illustrated lecture on colony banding.

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Martin, Tuesday March 11, 1967 with ten members present. Mr. W. Wasserfall was the chairman. Mr. J. Miles announced that land bird banding had commenced in Hamilton and duck banding would begin as soon as the ice melted. Mr. D. Baldwin mentioned that the recovery rate on the Ontario Bird Banding publication seemed to be wider spread than that of our banding recoveries. Three letters have been received from New York, Minnesota and Island Beach requesting information.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. D. Baldwin who presented a five year study of Bird Banding in Ontario that he had produced under contract, for the Canadian Wildlife Service. He examined the nature, scope and purpose of banding in Ontario and recommended improvements for future banding. One of the main recommendations was that of the appointment of a Bird Banding Co-ordinator.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY: SPRING DUCK BANDING

The spring duck banding will be carried on as usual at Long Point again this year from Fri. March 24 to Sun. April 8. Anyone who would be available for banding during the second week or for the weekends is asked to contact: Mr. D.H. Baldwin, 57 Dupont St., Toronto 5. (921-4972) immediately.

WATCH OUT FOR PURPLE SWANS!!!

As part of the Bird Hazards to Aircraft Study, Dept. of Northern and Indian Affairs, some whistling swans on their wintering grounds have been marked by dyeing sections of the underwing purple and by placing purple plastic bands around their necks. Anyone seeing these birds should contact: Mr. Vincent Dunston, 137 Garden Dr., Oakville, (phone 844-3145 collect).

A. Wasserfall,
Secretary, O.B.B.A.