

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

APRIL NEWSLETTER

APRIL MEETING

The April Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9, 1968, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCleary, 33 Lake Promenade, Toronto 14, at 8 p.m. The McClearys will give an illustrated talk on their recent trip to Funk Island.

MARCH MEETING

Unfortunately the March Meeting had to be cancelled due to heavy snow, but we hope that we will be able to have Mr. G. Page speak at a meeting later this year.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

John Jarvis, 34a Arcadian Circle, Toronto 14, wishes to accumulate data pertaining to the breeding range expansion into Southern Ontario of the "fitz-bew" subspecies of Traill's flycatcher. This bird apparently began moving into Ontario from the south-west around 1941 and seems to be still spreading in a north-easterly direction. If you are familiar with the song and have recorded dates when it was first heard in specific areas, John will appreciate being informed.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Mr Bob Whittam has been appointed Warden of the L.P.B.O. for 1968 and the Observatory will operate again from April 27 to October 31.

There will be no duck banding this spring at Long Point because of lack of members able to participate.

On the weekend of March 23, four Golden Plover were seen at the Long Point Observatory. Several attempts were made to capture them, but none succeeded.

Whistling Swans are coming through in numbers. Over 300 were seen at the Observatory March 24.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

There are still some membership dues unpaid. If you are one of the delinquents, please make a point of forwarding your dues to the secretary, Miss A. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, today!

THE BIRDS OF SIMCOE COUNTY

Originally published by the Royal Canadian Institute in 1943-44, has been completely revised, enlarged and brought up to date. The author, Mr. O.E. Devitt, sponsored by the Brereton Field Naturalist Club (as a Centennial project), has done an excellent job. The book contains 192 pages, plus 32 black and white photographs. Mr. James L. Baillie, well-known authority on Ontario Birds, in his review of the new book, said in part:

"It is fair to say that this is the most carefully prepared account of the birdlife of any Ontario area.

Sections dealing with the topography of the country, its forests, climate, ornithological history, faunal affinities, as well as a chapter on migration and another on helps to the beginner, round out a very interesting and accurate picture."

"I congratulate the author and the Brereton Club of Barrie for the fine production which might well be a model for future efforts of this kind."

Copies are available through the Brereton Field Naturalists' Club, c/o Mrs. J.L. Westman, R.R. #4, Barrie, Ont., or from the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, 1262 Don Mills Rd., Don Mills, Ontario. The book sells for \$2.75, plus 25¢ for mailing and handling.

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