

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Road, Willowdale, on Tuesday January 9, 1968 at 8 p.m. This will be a members night. Members are asked to bring slides of their recent banding activities. (limiting time to 15 min)

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. McKeating, Tuesday December 12, 1967, with 19 members present. Mr. W. Wasserfall acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. J.O.L. Roberts. A mistake was noted in the previous newsletter: 623-95299, Common Tern, date banded, 07-08-61. Mr. J. Miles announced details of the Christmas Census to be held at Long Point this year on December 30. It was mentioned that there had been a good flight of Saw-whet Owls in Agincourt Wood (north of channel 9 TV Tower) this winter. Long Point will require a Warden again this year and several applications have been received by W. Wasserfall. A work party was planned for the weekend of December 16. The building has to be wired for electricity and the maintenance shed must be completed. It is hoped that a work weekend can be arranged every month this winter. It was mentioned that people who request time at the Annual Meeting to present papers should contact Mr. W. Wasserfall. Ken Walton informed us that he has taken over the printing of the Bird Finding Bulletin.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. James L. Baillie gave a fascinating demonstration on how to prepare a bird skin for study purposes.

SEEN ANY GOOD BIRDS?

Mr. Ken Walton has recently taken over the printing of the Bird Finding Bulletin, a weekly paper which lists interesting birds seen around the Toronto area. Bird sightings are phoned into Ken and he compiles them into this weekly Bulletin. Anyone sighting interesting birds should contact; Ken Walton, 24 Moore Park Ave., Willowdale, Tel: 225-9560. Subscription price for the Bird Bulletin is \$2.00 per year.

DUCK BANDING

Mr. Robert Hubert has been trapping ducks at Corner's Pond, South Yarmouth, Elgin County for the past six years. His total this year, 37 ducks, consisted of 16 Wood Ducks, 15 Blue-winged Teal, 4 Mallard and 2 Black Duck. He reported observing fewer ducks on the pond this year than previously, perhaps because of

suitable nesting sites elsewhere because of the damp season. Banding for the first time at the Aylmer Sewage Lagoons, Mr. Hubert banded a total of 94 ducks- 80 Blue-winged Teal, 5 Green-winged Teal, 7 Mallard and 2 Black Ducks. The Ducks in this area proved an exception by refusing to come to bait of whole corn, but entering the traps when baited with rye, wheat and weed seed.

WARDEN REQUIRED FOR LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Applications are invited for the position of Warden at the Long Point Bird Observatory for the 1968 season. The period to be covered is from April 1 to October 31, but it is realized that a suitably qualified person may not be available for the entire period, so applications and inquiries are invited from persons available for a substantial portion of this time. Remuneration will be in the range \$275.00 to \$325.00 per month, depending on qualifications. Duties will include observational work and banding during the migrational seasons, and studies of breeding birds during the summer, with the help of the OBBA members and others when available; and routine maintenance of the facilities of the Observatory at all seasons. A university student in biology, with banding experience would be suitable for this job, but applications will be considered from anyone who feels that he is adequately qualified.

Before applying further details should be obtained from W.J. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario. (Telephone 416/221-9676). Applications, stating qualifications, experience and time available should be made in writing to D.J.T. Hussell, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario-before February 17, 1968.

SHOREBIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

A new book, Shorebirds of North America, has been written by Peter Matthiessen, an interesting and informative text with species accounts by Ralph S. Palmer. The book, which contains 270 pages is approximately 10" x 14" in size and contains 32 full-colour plates by Robert Clem. Available from the FON Nature Bookshop at \$24.95; \$22.45 to members of the FON.

We welcome the Mellishs back from Quebec and look forward to seeing them in the new year.

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held on Saturday February 10, 1968 at the Royal Ontario Museum. The Nominating Committee for 1968, consists of G. McKeating chairman, J. Miles and G. Page. All nominations for the 1968 executive should be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. G. McKeating,

24 Hurley Cres. Scarborough, Ontario. Written consent of the Nominee must accompany all nominations.

An amendment to the constitution will be proposed by the Executive Committee (details below), so the meeting will have the status of a Special General Meeting, in accordance with Clauses 23, 24, and 28 of the Constitution.

Mr. Chandler S. Robbins, Chief on Non Game Bird Studies, Fish and Wildlife Service will be the guest speaker. The Chairman of the afternoon session will be Mr. W. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario. Any members who wish to present short papers at this meeting must submit a brief summary of the paper and the length of time that will be required to the Chairman by January 9, 1968.

REORGANIZATION OF LPBO AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Over the last few years the Long Point Bird Observatory has expanded substantially in scope. In view of this and of plans now being considered for consolidating its present position and more firmly securing its continued development, it is felt that it should function autonomously. At present the OBBa executive appoints a chairman of the Long Point Committee each year. He in turn appoints his committee. In accordance with the recommendations of the Long Point Committee your executive makes the following proposal intended to make the LPBO an autonomous venture affiliated with the OBBa.

It is resolved that:

- "(1) The LPBO shall henceforth comprise a separate body known as the Long Point Bird Observatory Corporation, the future constitution of which is to be determined by its initial directors and that,
- (2) the initial directors of LPBO shall be the present LPBO committee which consists of the following: D.J.T. Hussell (chairman), W.A. Martin (treasurer), P.S. Woodford (business secretary), J.F. Anderson (recording secretary), W.J.R. Wasserfall (field secretary), D.H. Baldwin, M. Field, J.B. Miles, G. Page, R.W. Stamp, J.O.L. Roberts, J.K. Woodford, and that,
- (3) the assets of the observatory shall be formally transferred to the Long Point Bird Observatory Corporation upon payment to OBBa of one dollar, and that,
- (4) clause 15 of the OBBa constitution shall be amended to read as follows: " Within one month of the annual General Meeting the Executive Committee shall annually appoint a chairman for each of its standing committees. If not already members of the Executive Committee, chairman of standing committees shall each have the right to attend meetings of the Executive Committee."

The Executive Committee proposes that this resolution should be reviewed, discussed and voted upon at the Annual and Special General Meeting on February 10, 1968.

W. Wasserfall,
Secretary, O.B.B....