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ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATIONMAY NEWSLETTERMAY MEETING

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday May 14, 1968, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Gray, 5081 Ashland Dr., Burlington at 8 p.m. To reach Ashland Dr. turn south from the Queen Elizabeth way at Bronte Road. At Lakeshore Dr. turn right (west) to the Appleby Line. Turn right (north) on the Appleby Line at the first cross-road which is Spruce St. Turn right on Spruce St. to the first street on the right which is Linwood. The second street along Linwood is Ashland Drive. Mr. John Woods will give an illustrated talk on 'Winter Saw-whet Owl Banding'.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. McCleary with 25 members present. Mr. J.C.L. Roberts said that the Point Pelee Bird Observatory will be operating at Whitefish Point this year from the weekend of April 20 until the weekend of May 18. Mr. W. Wasserfall reported recent activities at the Long Point Bird Observatory. The traps are now in operation. The three standing heligoland traps have been repaired but no work has been started on the rebuilding of HT1. To date about thirty five nesting boxes have been put up. A Volkswagon, remodelled as a beach buggy and cleverly camouflaged was taken down to the point for the use of the Warden. Mr. J. Woodford announced that the Department of Lands and Forests would require bird watchers to take population checks to note the effect of spraying on bird populations. The area under study is located just north of Port Arthur. Anyone interested in bird watching this summer (from about May 24) should contact Mr. J. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Rd., Willowdale Tel: 225-3931 for further information. Mr. J.B. Miles attended a recent meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association. He reports that Mr. Chandler S. Robbins stated that ONTARIO BIRD BANDING was the best bird banding magazine in North America. John also noted that the wording on bird bands will be changed.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Ralph McCleary gave an interesting talk, illustrated with excellent colour slides, of a recent trip to Funk Island located off the north east coast of Newfoundland.

INLAND BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

The Inland Bird Banding Association is having its annual convention for 1968 at the Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan August 9 to 11. The President, Mr. Roy Lukes informs us that the completed convention programme will

be available shortly and he hopes that some of our members will be able to attend.

#### 1968 DUCK BANDING OPERATIONS

The Atlantic Flyway Council is again making funds available for pre-hunting season duck banding in Ontario. The O.B.B.A. obtain a sum equal to the total of all O.B.B.A. duck banders needs and distribute the funds through the research committee. Will any member, not already having done so, please forward any request he wishes to make for these co-operative funds to: Mr. D.H. Baldwin, 57 Dupont St., Toronto 5 Tel: 921-4972 immediately.

Some recently concluded decisions of the Atlantic Flyway Council affect several O.B.B.A. members banding ducks. As the A.F.C. has its money problems it must exercise economies. There has been much data accumulated on Mallards and Blue-winged Teal and little on Wood Ducks and Black Ducks. O.B.B.A. members are asked if they might increase numbers of Blacks and woodies banded, perhaps try new areas. The essence of successful game management (which is the business of the A.F.C.) is to recognize priorities and the urgencies involved in the management matters and to concentrate efforts accordingly; this year its Woodies and Blacks. Don would be grateful if members would let him have their thoughts and suggestions on this as well as their cost estimates of any planned projects as soon as possible.

There is no duck banding planned for Area 4 at Long Point this fall but the banding of all species in Area 1 is deemed desirable.

#### ONTARIO NEST RECORD SCHEME

At the close of the 1967 season the Ontario Nest Records Scheme has been in operation twelve years. The importance of having a large number of cards for each species is so that statistical data can be accumulated and interpreted from these cards. All occupied nests found should be submitted even if only visited once. However it increases the value of each card if subsequent visits are made and recorded.

Nests under active construction and nests whose contents could not be examined, although believed to be occupied, may be submitted.

All cards must be dated and must include the name and address of the observer or observers, rather than the name of the club or organization. Club members change over the years and there could be difficulty in contacting the original observer.

The county or district must be recorded, and then to more specifically locate the nest, townships and concession roads may be used.

The importance of careful observation and accurate ident-

ification of nests can not be too firmly stressed.

All completed cards and requests for further nest record cards should be sent to:

Ontario Nest Records Scheme,  
Department of Ornithology,  
Royal Ontario Museum,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Banders are reminded of the co-operative Red-winged Blackbird Nestling Banding Programme which is now entering its 10th and final year.

#### BIRD BANDING AND OUTDOOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

Representatives of various educational bodies in Southern Ontario concerned with the teaching of Natural Science out-of-doors, met on Saturday April 20, at Norval Ontario, to discuss bird banding as it relates to education. Ten points essential for the establishment of bird banding teaching, brought forth by Don Baldwin in ONTARIO BIRD BANDING, Volume 3, no. 4 were used as a basis for discussion. The conference was very successful and a brief, pointing out what educational banding is, will be presented to the Canadian wildlife service. Anyone interested in this aspect of banding should contact: Mr. D.H. Baldwin.

we were sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Ralph McCleary Saturday April 13, 1968. Mr. McCleary has been an active and well loved member of the Association for many years. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. McCleary.

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