

1968

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12, 1968, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Baldwin, 47 Duggan Ave., Toronto 7, at 8 p.m. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Baldwin, will give an illustrated lecture "Banding Geese by Helicopter."

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richards, Tuesday October 15, 1968 with 18 members present. Mr. Eric Tull reported recent activities at Long Point. There had been a movement of Saw-whet Owls through Area 1, the weekend of October 12. A total of 17 were counted. A Cormorant was seen as well as two King Rails and a Tufted Titmouse banded. Mr. J. Miles mentioned that there were a large number of Black-capped Chickadees passing through Area Two. Mr. J. Roberts reports 600 Sharp-shinned Hawks banded at Point Pelee this fall. He also mentioned, that although Cooper's Hawks are supposedly declining, they caught 10 more this year than the previous year.

The speaker of the evening, Miss Monica Connolly colourfully related her summer experiences banding Shorebirds near Dunville and at Presqu'il Provincial Park. She explained the methods she used and the many problems she encountered along the way, most of which she overcame. Miss Connolly was thanked by the President for her most interesting talk.

HAZARD TO BIRDS

Another Bird hazard has arisen, the plastic cover used on six pack beer cans. These covers discarded, float on our lakes and wash up on the beaches to become entangled around the necks of Gulls. Some dozen birds have been observed along Long Point Beach. One Gull was meshed in such a fashion it was unable to feed. Mistaking it for a neck band, one of these was removed by an Eskimo from the neck of a Goose in the James Bay area.

We would appreciate hearing further reports of this menace.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORYBIRDS BANDED AT LONG POINT

<u>BAND NO.</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>A/S</u>	<u>DATE BANDED</u>	<u>DATE RECOVERED</u>	<u>PLACE RECOVERED</u>
105-157238	Spotted Sandpiper	HY/U	08-01-67	08-10-67	Gull Is., New York
823-66458	Yell-Shaft. Flicker	HY/M	10-09-67	12-30-67	Wallace, N.C.
623-22196	Blue Jay	U/U	05-10-65	10-22-67	Joliette, Quebec
692-14727	Red-w Blackbird	L/U	06-19-67	10-13-67	Turkey Pt., Ontario
552-90049	Red-w Blackbird	I/U	04-25-66	12-09-67	W. Pelzer S.C.
108-65009	Brown Creeper	HY/U	10-07-67	10-19-67	Erie, Pa.

LONG POINT CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Christmas Census at Long Point this year will be held on Sunday December 22, 1968 and is being organized by Mr. J.B. Miles. Anyone may take part in this census. Contact Mr. Miles at:

Day: Toronto 429-1177

Evening: Hamilton person to person collect JA-2-6160

ARE THERE ANY UNMARKED ANIMALS LEFT?

On a recent trip to Algonquin Park a couple of picnicing members of the U.B.B.A. were set upon by a group of the park's scrounging inhabitants. Two chipmunks, a Red Squirrel and two Gray Jays shared the left-overs. The mammals with the exception of 1 chipmunk had ear tags and one of the jays was colour-banded. The latter was apparently nine and one half years old and with one other jay shares the known longevity record for this species.

F.O.N. CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 1968 F.O.N. Christmas card features a Blue Jay on a branch of red oak, painted by Robert Bateman. The price is \$2.63 per dozen including tax. A limited supply of last years card - Snow Buntings by Robert Bateman is still available at \$1.05 per dozen including tax. Hasti-notes with either painting on them are available at the same prices as the cards. These may be purchased at the next meeting or ordered from the secretary Miss A. Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale.

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Secretary, O.B.B.A.