

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 1969

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 1969, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Fairfield, 490 Merton St., Toronto 7, at 8 p.m. Dr. R. Brown and Mr. E. Tull, our speakers for the evening, will do a joint illustrated lecture on 'Canadian Seabirds'.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. Wasserfall, on Tuesday November 11, 1969, with 17 members present. Mr. G. Page reported on activities at Long Point. Only Heligoland number 4 and 1 are left in useable condition and there is a chance of losing number 1. Snow Buntings and Pine Siskins were present on October 31. During the fall, 40 Sharp-shinned Hawks were trapped. A method of ageing Juncoes by iris colour was tried with good success. For adults the eye was a deep bright red, for juvenile birds the eye was brown grey in colour. This method was tried to some extent with White-throated Sparrows, but the colour was not as easy to distinguish (adult-rich brown, juvenile greyish).

At Hawk Cliff approximately 30 Sharp-shinned Hawks were trapped and close to 200 Sparrow Hawks (Kestrel). One Peregrine Falcon was also trapped.

This year at Point Pelee has been the poorest for the Sharp-shinned Hawk migration. Only 400 to 500 Hawks were banded. However, there was a marked increase in Cooper's Hawks, over 20 were banded. The Park Naturalist at Pelee, Mr. B. Wyatt is still operating the banding station. This fall he has caught 214 Saw-whet Owls. The largest number trapped in one night 49.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. A. Salvadori gave an excellent illustrated lecture on the birds and habitat of Ireland.

LONG POINT CHRISTMAS CENSUS

The Christmas count at Long Point this year will be held on Sunday December 21, 1969 and is being organized by Mr. R. Curry. Anyone wishing to take part in the census contact Mr. Curry at: 2386 New Street, Burlington, Ontario. Tel. 632-4764.

NUMBERS PLEASE

If you do not live within the Toronto area, please send your telephone number to the secretary as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held on Saturday, February 28, 1970, at Upper Canada College Preparatory School. The Nominating Committee for 1970, consists of Mr. E. Tull Chairman, Mr. H. Richards and Mr. G. Holroyd. All nominations for the 1970 executive should be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. E. Tull, Department of Physics, York University, Toronto 12, Ontario. Written consent of the nominee must accompany all nominations.

REQUEST FOR PAPERS - The Chairman of the Afternoon Session will be Mr. E. Tull, Department of Physics, York University, Toronto 12, Ontario. Any members who wish to present short papers at this meeting should contact the Chairman.

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Enclosed is the June issue of ONTARIO BIRD BANDING. The Editor regrets the delay. However, the September issue is going to be delayed even longer since, so far, there's nothing to put in it. Contributions are urgently needed.

CORRECTION

A new technique was developed at Long Point this summer for trapping SANDERLING (not Dunlin) and approximately 250 were banded.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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