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ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

JULY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The first meeting of the season will be held at Point Pelee, Saturday September 12, 1970 at 7 p.m. E.S.T. (8 p.m. E.D.T.).

Why not make a weekend of it. There are several motels in Leamington and a large campsite within the park. A continuous programme of banding and observation of Sharp-shinned Hawks is being carried out at the Point Pelee Bird Observatory from early September until late October under the direction of Mr. J.O.L. Roberts, 22 Rowanwood Ave., Toronto 5, 929-3704. The station is located at the end of the point. Watch September Newsletter for details.

APRIL MEETING

The April Meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Woodford, Tuesday April 14, 1970 with 11 members present. H. Bradstreet reported present activities at Long Point. There seemed to be very few birds and the 5th Heligoland Trap was almost completed when he left April 5. The beach was very poor being almost completely covered with ice and there was an extra lot of water covering the end of the point.

Our speaker of the evening Dr. J.B. Falls, showed excellent slides taken in Australia during a 7 month sabbatical. The slides were accompanied with sound effects, some as unusual as they were beautiful. To top it off, Dr. Falls completed his showing with a short movie. An evening not to be missed.

OBBA EXECUTIVE

Executive meeting to be held July 20, 1970 at 8 pm. 47 Duggan Avenue. Please inform secretary whether or not you are able to attend and any topics you wish to put forth for discussion at the meeting. No later than July 17.

NOTE: Any member intending to approach the OBBA for financial support for their project this year should do so immediately. Include with your request a summary of your project.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

SHOREBIRDS - During the autumn migration of 1970 we hope to band and colour-mark several hundred Semipalmated Sandpipers and Sanderling at Long Point. Information on the movement of

these sandpipers is essential to research presently underway on the energy requirements of their migration. We would greatly appreciate it if anyone sighting these birds would report their observations to Dr. A. Salvadori, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. The following information would be appreciated;

Species;

Location: (including nearest city or town)

Dates:

Colour: note - birds will be coloured on the breast or abdomen with a single colour, either pink, orange, blue, green, yellow or purple.

Leg that has been banded: This will tell if the bird is an adult or an immature.

Any information on what other birds are with the marked individuals would be very useful.

OWLS - During the past few years, Mr. Mason has made an effort to determine those factors governing owl migration. He is able to obtain some of these from reports and by his own observations in the Toronto region. In order to get a broader and more accurate analysis of this movement, he requires help from observers in other geographic locations.

The numbers of the different species of owls varies from one year to the next. One of the things he is trying to piece together is how weather, depth of snow, availability of food and other conditions effect these fluctuations.

If you are able to aid Mr. Mason in any way please send information to: Mr. J.E. Mason, Apt. 205 - 265 Markland Dr. Etobicoke, Ontario.

EAGLES - During the past two years Mrs. Florence Weekes has been studying Bald Eagles in Ontario, trying to find out as much as possible about these birds.

She has been checking regularly on all known nests in the surrounding counties and a few farther afield. Last year she spent a great deal of time just ascertaining histories of old, unused nests, as well as pinpointing any still in use.

Anyone knowing locations of bald eagle nests, or anything of the recent history of nests as far as reproduction is concerned could contact: Mrs. Florence Weekes, Apt. 320, University Towers, 1201 Richmond Street, London 11, Ontario.

*** I know that many members of our organization have done a lot of research in the past. DON'T let it go to waste. If you can give someone else a hand, take five minutes and dig out your old records. They arn't doing anyone any good sitting in an old box in your basement.

October - During October CBC is showing a series on National Parks, one of which is Point Pelee. If you have never been to the Observatory there (even if you have) keep your eye on the TV listings, it's bound to be an interesting programme.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please inform the secretary of any changes in your address, name etc. As she is not a mind reader, this makes her job much easier. Thank you.

NEST RECORD CARDS

This scheme, now in its 15th season is one of the most worthwhile projects in operation. It does not involve a great deal of time and work and every nest observation helps. All completed cards and requests for further nest record cards should be sent to:

Ontario Nest Record Scheme,
Department of Ornithology
Royal Ontario Museum,
100 Queen's Park,
Toronto 181, Ontario.

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ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING!!!!

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