

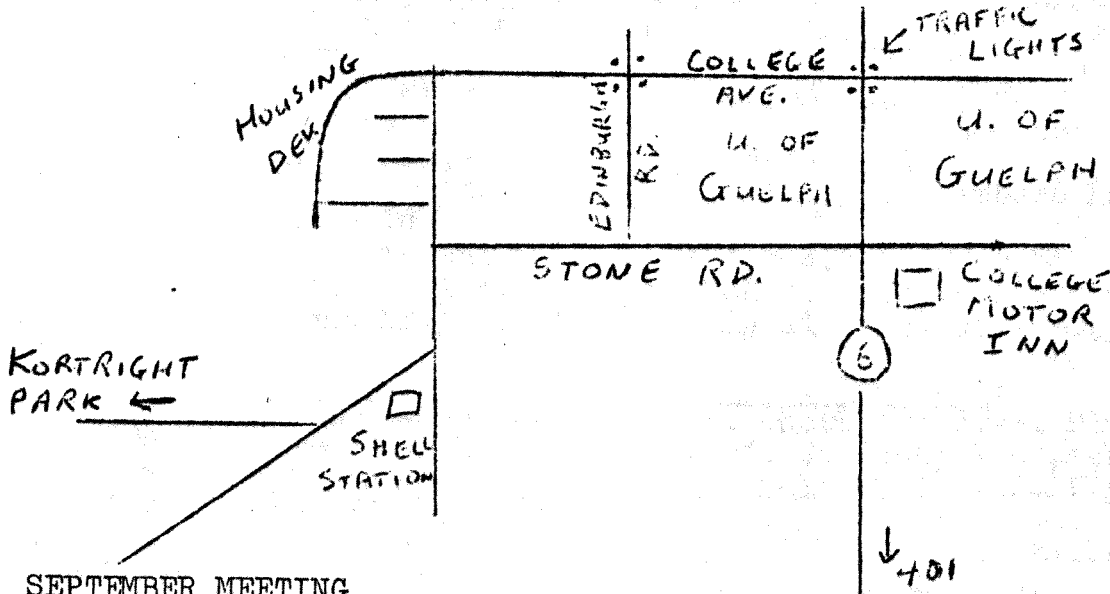
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ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 1971 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be held at Kortright Park (Niska) in Guelph on Saturday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m. Bill Garrick and René Jones will give us an illustrated talk on the activities at Niska, and will demonstrate how to age and sex waterfowl. New members of O.B.B.A. are especially invited to attend this meeting, as it will probably be the last "practical experience" meeting until spring. The meeting is scheduled for the morning only, but if there is sufficient interest, we may arrange a picnic lunch and continue into the afternoon.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held at the home of John Miles, near Wiarton, on the week-end of September 17-19. Seven members attended. Banding operations were carried on during the daylight hours; Saturday evening, thanks to facilities provided by Tom Murray of the Owen Sound club, an informal slide show was held.

OPENING OF NEW O.B.B.A. OBSERVATORY

At the September meeting, John Miles announced that he would like to open his premises to O.B.B.A. members as a bird observatory on much the same terms as Long Point, and this offer was greeted enthusiastically by those members present. Long Point is frequently booked up, and the necessity of driving out by Land Rover limits the number that may go at any one time; John's place will therefore offer an excellent alternative.

Location: John is renting the "Bruce's Caves" property of the Sauble Valley Conservation Authority, about five miles east of Wiarton on the south side of Colpoy Bay. (About half a mile east of Oxenden, where the main road turns left down the hill, take the side road to the right.) There are 42 acres, both bush and overgrown fields. The Bruce Trail runs by the property (and provides pleasant hiking if the birds are few).

Birds: From June 12 to Sept. 26, operating for the most part alone and on week-ends, John has banded 2617 birds of 82 species. The area seems especially good for fall warblers. For several species (those marked with asterisks in the list below) John's fall total equals or exceeds the yearly average from Long Point. The present banding set-up includes 15 net lanes, a house trap and a sparrow trap.

Accommodation and Booking: There are three spare bedrooms in the house; members must bring their own sleeping bags, etc. Although there are only outdoor toilets, there is electricity in the house, TV, hot and cold running water, refrigeration, both gas and wood stoves in a large kitchen, a space heater for additional warmth in the living room, and a large, bright banding room. As at Long Point, visitors are asked to bring their own food and contribute one dollar a night towards running expenses. As John works in Owen Sound during the week, visitors would normally go on the week-ends only, but anyone already holding a banding permit could arrange to man the station on weekdays. Members hoping to become banders could learn a great deal from a week-end here, as John is quite proficient in all aspects of handling birds and is an expert at identification. If you wish to book in for a week-end, simply phone John Miles in the evening at (519) 534-2808.

BANDING TOTALS AT MILES', JUNE 12 - SEPT. 26, 1971:

1 R. Grouse, 2 Am. Woodcock, 10 B.-b. Cuckoo, 1 Y.-S. Flicker, 2 Y.-B. Sapsucker, 5 Hairy Woodpecker*, 24 Downy Woodpecker, 4 E. Kingbird, 38 G. C. Flycatcher*, 22 E. Phoebe*, 5 Y.-B. Flycatcher, 19 Tr. Flycatcher, 143 Least Flycatcher, 17 E. W. Pewee, 2 R.-W. Swallow*, 4 Barn Swallow, 8 Blue Jay, 77 Bl.-C. Chickadee, 2 R.-B. Nuthatch, 10 B. Creeper, 2 House Wren, 4 Winter Wren, 1 Carolina Wren*, 45 Catbird, 1 B. Thrasher, 32 Am. Robin, 11 Wood Thrush, 4 Hermit Thrush, 44 Sw. Thrush, 15 G.-C. Thrush, 45 Veery, 18 G.-C. Kinglet, 45 R.-C. Kinglet, 34 Cedar Waxwing*, 1 Y.-Thr. Vireo*, 1 Solitary Vireo, 128 R.-E. Vireo*, 47 Phil. Vireo*, 4 Warb. Vireo, 35 B.&W. Warb*, 1 Golden-W. Warb.*, 342 Tenn. Warb.*, 10 Orange-Cr. Warb.*, 112 Nash. Warb.*, 4 Yellow Warb., 45 Mag. Warb., 52 Cape May Warb.*, 25 Bl.-T. Blue Warb., 27 Myrtle Warb., 73 Bl.-T. Green Warb.*, 31 Blackburnian Warb*, 21 Chestnut-S. Warb., 95 Bay-B. Warb.*, 159 Blackpoll Warb., 1 Palm Warb., 66 Ovenbird, 1 N. Waterthrush, 9 Mourning Warb., 45 Yellowthroat, 9 Wilson's Warb., 14 Canada Warb., 78 Am. Redstart*, 1 House Sp., 4 Bobolink, 10 R.-W. Blackbird, 31 Balt. Oriole, 6 B.-H. Cowbird, 14 Sc. Tanager, 78 R.-B. Grosbeak, 8 Indigo Bunting, 12 Purple Finch*, 67 Am. Goldfinch, 6 Sav. Sp., 1 Vesper Sp., 4 S.-C. Junco, 4 Ch. Sp., 2 Field Sp., 2 W.-Cr. Sp., 105 W.-Thr. Sp., 10 Linc. Sp., 16 Swamp Sp., 103 Song Sp.

SNOWY OWL BANDING AT MALTON AIRPORT--HELP NEEDED

Mr. Ulrick Watermann needs help in capturing and banding raptors, especially Snowy Owls, at Malton Airport. Would anyone interested in lending a hand please contact Ulrick Watermann, 24 Roseland Drive, Toronto 14, Ontario. This should be a singular opportunity for people residing within easy access of Toronto Airport to participate in an activity important to both conservation and air safety.