

Ontario Bird Banding Association- January 1975 Newsletter

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It is that time of year Jan.1., when your memberships are due. Please pay it promptly. We have kept the membership dues at the same level, but unfortunately costs have escalated rapidly, so in order to publish our journal up-to-date we need to get more new members. Also a donation to the O.B.B.A. would be most appreciated.

If this box has been checked your membership subscription has been paid for 1975. If not, please complete the renewal form at the bottom of this page and mail to the membership secretary.

O.B.B.A. needs your membership and also needs new members if we are to continue to publish Ontario Bird Banding and provide a means of communication between banders. This year O.B.B.A. plans to continue to promote banding through co-operation with Bird Observatories and stations, training prospective new banders, meetings and publication of a new Annual Report on banding and recoveries in Ontario. We need your support and we need new members if we are to keep this lively program going forward. We hope that you will mail your membership renewal promptly and consider making a donation to help supplement our very limited budget. O.B.B.A. membership is open to anyone interested in what we are doing. If you would like extra membership brochures please contact any of the executive.

Please renew my membership with the Ontario Bird Banding Association for the Year 1975.

Enclosed is my cheque or money order in the amount of \$ _____

Regular Membership-\$6.00 _____ Family-\$7.00 _____
Student (under 18 yrs.) \$2.00 _____ Donation \$ _____

Name..... Address

Mail to membership secretary..Mrs. Jo Ann M. Murray,
11 Oakley Blvd., Scarborough, Ont.

Please do it promptly! Thanking you in advance.

Positions Open at Long Point Bird Observatory:1975

The following positions are expected to be open in 1975. Applications stating qualifications, experience, and time available, and giving names of one or two people who can be referred to for recommendations, should be made in writing by January 31, 1975, to: David J.T. Hussell, Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1M0, Canada.

LPBO Warden- The warden will be responsible for operation of one of the Observatory's field stations on Long Point. Primary responsibilities will be for maintaining the physical facilities of the station, for communications, and for transportation of supplies and personnel to and from the mainland, but the warden will also be expected to work with volunteers on migration observation, banding and special projects. Essential qualifications include some knowledge and experience of general maintenance work on buildings, boats, and related equipment, ability to operate boats, and ability to work with volunteers and other Observatory personnel in isolated conditions. Other desirable qualifications include experience and interest in bird identification, banding and other fieldwork; and car ownership and possession of a driving licence. The appointment will be from April 1 to October 31, but applications are welcome from anyone available for a large part of this period. Remuneration will be up to \$375 per month, depending on experience.

Observatory Assistants- Two or more Observatory Assistants will be required in 1975, to assist in various phases of the Observatory's program including any or all of the following: maintenance and operation of physical facilities including buildings, boats, traps, etc., clerical work and typing, migration observation and banding, breeding bird censuses, special research projects on migrant or breeding birds, educational program, etc. During the summer months these positions have usually been filled by high school students. This year we expect to have at least two such positions open for the period of school summer vacation, and, in addition, we expect that two positions will be available for the remainder of the year. Persons of any age and experience are invited to apply, provided they are available for periods of at least a month. Successful applicants will be provided with room and board at the Observatory, and can expect to benefit from extensive training and experience in various aspects of the program, but the positions will probably carry no remuneration.

LPBO needs banders and volunteers for banding and migration studies, 1975

Target dates for coverage of the spring migration at Long Point have been set as follows: Area 1 (end of point) and Backus House (Port Rowan): April 12-June 8; Area 2 (Breakwater Cabin, 3 miles from Provincial Park): May 3-18. One objective of next year's program is to compare migration on the mainland and the point.

Volunteer participation in the program is being co-ordinated by a banding and migration committee, consisting of active banders from the 1974 season (Ricky Dunn, Heather Howkins, David Hussell, Duncan MacLulich and Harold Richards). We are looking for banders and trainees (or assistants) who are prepared to spend a week or more at one of the Observatory's stations to look after this aspect of the program. The bander-in-charge at each station will be responsible for censusing, banding, logs and other record keeping. Accommodation will be available at reduced rates for a designated bander and up to two assistants or trainees at each location, if they spend a week or more at the Observatory.

3/ So far we have commitments for 6 bander weeks, but there are still 12 bander-weeks to be covered, and there is plenty of room for trainees.

Spring seems to be still a long way off, but we would like to hear as soon as possible from anyone who can participate in this basic and important aspect of the Observatory's program, so that we can plan coverage for as much as possible of the target period. Please contact David Hussell or any of the persons on the committee. Looking further ahead, we have also set target dates for the fall, as follows: Area 1 and Backus House: August 9 to Oct. 12; Area 2: August 9 to Sept. 7. Advance commitments for these periods would also be welcome.

Bird Study Workshop

A four day session of ornithological training for up to 6 students aged 14 through 16 will be held at the Long Point Bird Observatory during the spring vacation, March 24-April 1, 1975. (Exact dates to be announced later). This workshop will include an intensive introduction to techniques of censusing, trapping and banding birds, skinning and preparation of specimens, and an introduction to bird identification and behaviour. All training will be under the direction of experienced ornithologists. The course is intended for young people who already have some knowledge of birds and have a serious interest in learning more about field ornithology and bird study. Successful completion of the course will help qualify students for positions at the Observatory as summer assistants.

The cost of the course will be \$25.00, including room and board at the Observatory Headquarters building. Some financial assistance may be available.

Because we hope the participants will have a genuine interest in working with birds, we require each applicant to write a letter stating name, age and address; and explaining the extent of his or her background and interest in birds. The letter should also give the name and address of an adult (preferably a teacher or naturalist acquaintance) who could provide a recommendation. Applications should be sent by January 31 to: Bird Study Workshop, Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ont. NOE 1M0.

O.B.B.A. Training Session held at David Brewer's place on Oct. 26th.

Your executive had just for once managed to pick a day when it was not pouring torrents of rain, and members were able to put up a good footage of nets in an area that was previously baited. About 50 birds were banded, the commonest species being slate-coloured junco; a few kinglets, chickadees, assorted sparrows and a downy woodpecker made up the rest of the total. Everybody got a chance to handle and band a number of birds. A red-tailed hawk spent some time around the area, but although Bob Cubitt immediately flourished a Bal-Chatri inhabited by a somewhat reluctant hamster, the hawk resisted all blandishments and made off at full speed.

Another training session will be held at the end of April.

- David Brewer, R.R.1, Puslinch, Ont. NOB 2J0

Please mail material for the newsletter to Ted Dinniwell, 7 Esquire Place, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 2R2. The 1971 Long Point Report (Vol. 8 No. 4) and the 1972 Long Point Report (Vol. 9 No. 4) have been mailed. If you did not

4/ receive your 1971 report please write to Ted Dinniwell to get your copy. Some may have been destroyed in the postal fire in Toronto. The Long Point Reports are now in lieu of a No.4 in your O.B.B. Journals. Vol. 9 No.2 is a double issue for No.2 and No.3. This completes both Vol.8 (1971 report) and Vol.9 (1972 report) with publication of these two Long Point Reports.

Dr. Duncan MacLulich reports that he has some material for an issue of the journal and would appreciate more.

Report on Dec. monthly meeting- On Dec.10th the Baldwins graciously hosted the monthly meeting. About 14 members were present to hear Red Mason's illustrated talk on owls. He outlined the problems that airports are having with owls, hawks and other birds. He spoke both as a naturalist and as a pilot in this regard. Unfortunately the airports act unwittingly as bird sanctuaries- plenty of food, perching places, and not too many humans walking around. This is being remedied by removal of trees and attempting to remove the rodents.

Slides were shown of many different species of owl. This was a very interesting talk.

Dates to mark on your calendar

Monthly Meetings

January- The meeting for January will be held at the home of Harold Richards, 37 Killdeer Cres., Toronto, Ont at 8.00P.M. on Tuesday Jan.14th, 1975. The speaker will be

February- This is our Annual Meeting. It will be held in the Lecture Room of the McLaughlin Planetarium (adjacent to the Royal Ontario Museum) on Saturday February 8, 1975. The business session is in the morning starting at 10.00 A.M. Non-members are welcome to attend the afternoon session starting at 2.00P.M., which features a slide lecture by Dr. William H. Drury of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. The title of his talk is "Studies in the Breeding Biology of Herring Gulls".

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Better still get a friend to join and bring him or her too.

More details in the Feb. Newsletter barring a postal strike.

The chairman for the nominating committee is Dr. David Brewer, R.R.1, Puslinch, Ont. 1-519-824-4342. If you know of any capable and energetic people willing to serve on the executive please let him know. Do it now as the elections are at the annual general meeting.