

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION



MAY - JUNE 1978
NEWSLETTER

MAY Outdoor meeting - Leo Smith will be leading a hike along his bluebird trail on Sunday, May 28th. Meet at 10:00 AM at the restaurant which is on the Hockley Valley Road, 4 miles west of Airport Road. (Take the 401 to Dixon Road, which becomes Airport Road, go north past Highway # 9 then west on Hockley Valley Road). We should be going through some interesting areas on this outing. (For further information, call Leo at 654-2856).

JUNE Luther Marsh Canoe Trip, Saturday June 10th. Luther Marsh is the best inland marsh in Ontario, with fourteen species of ducks proven to breed, several pairs of Osprey, Wilson's Phalaropes, Red-necked Grebes etc. etc. By permission of the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Association is holding a canoe trip there on June 10th. Meet; 9:00 AM sharp at the dam. Directions; from Toronto, #10 to Orangeville, west on #9 about 12 miles from Orangeville (and about 2-3 miles west of the junction of #104, Grand Valley) turn N (right) on a dirt road with an inconspicuous sign to Luther Marsh. There is a large radio relay tower on the same side of the road, after (i.e. W of) this turn-off. Go north about six miles, turn left at the signpost and follow the road a further 2-3 miles. From London, Hamilton etc.; go E on #9 from Arthur. Space in canoes is limited; if you have or can borrow a canoe be sure to bring it. In either case, please phone David Brewer (519 824-4342) at least three days before so that he can ensure that there will be space. In the event of heavy rain or high winds this trip will be cancelled. If in doubt call. Bring Lunch.

Returns of Interest

Redwing Blackbird (57-100140AHY,F) Banded in Leaside, Toronto May 13, 1972. Recaptured at same place July 7, 1973 and again June 13, 1975 and again April 24, 1978 by C. H. Richards. The bird is at least seven years old.

Common Grackle (1013-93865) Banded August 16, 1974 at Lake Manitouwabing reported dead by A. D. Brewer August 15, 1977 at Aberfoyle Ontario.

Common Grackle (1013-48322) Banded March 28, 1976 in my backyard recovered dead January 5, 1977 200 yards from my home.

Cowbird (70-134386) Banded July 27, 1978 at Lake Manitouwabing and recovered dead at Mamou Louisiana January 1977.

The last three birds were banded by Ted Dinniwell.

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