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### From The Editors

This issue features details about the upcoming AGM. As always, you can help to fill the OBBA newsletter by sending us news and events from your banding operation, research, or any other interesting notes related to bird banding in Ontario. Thanks to all who contributed to this edition of the OBBA Newsletter!

### **Ontario Bird Banding Association AGM April 4, 2020.**

### **Birds Canada Headquarters—Port Rowan, ON**

- **North American Banding Council Annual Meeting.** March 6-7, 2020. Rio Grande Nature Centre, Albuquerque, NM. [www.nabanding.net](http://www.nabanding.net)
- **Ontario Eastern Bluebird Society AGM – March 21, 2020.** Burlington RBG. [www.oeps.ca](http://www.oeps.ca)
- **Eastern Bird Banding Association Meeting** March 27, 2020. Grouton, Connecticut. <http://www.easternbirdbanding.org/>

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## **OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DRAFT AGENDA**

**SATURDAY April 4, 2020**

<b>Sunrise – 0900</b>	<b>Birding and Banding at LPBO's Old Cut Research Station</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration (\$7 members, \$10 non-members), <u>Bucket Raffle</u>, Mingling.</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Business meeting</b> Introductions – Bruce Murphy President's Report - Bruce Murphy Treasurer's Report and Election of an Auditor – Barbara Campbell Nominations & Election of 2018 Executive – Stu Mackenzie
<b>10:10—10:15</b>	<b>Awards - Janette Dean and Wasserfall Award</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:00</b>	<b>Ontario Station Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory, Long Point Bird Observatory, Pelee Island Bird Observatory and Holiday Beach Migration Observatory</li> <li>• Canadian Migration Monitoring Network Update</li> <li>• Bird Banding Office Update</li> <li>• North American Banding Council Update</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:45</b>	<b>Wing shape and flight performance of songbirds.</b> Jessica Deakin, University of Western Ontario
<b>11:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch and Birding Break (Catered at BSC ~\$15)</b>
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Linkages between reproduction and migration in Ontario's declining nightjars.</b> Elora Grahame, University of Guelph
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Birds of a feather don't always flock together: Variation in moult origins and movement patterns of winter finches in Ontario.</b> Kevin Hannah, Environment and Climate Change Canada
<b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle</b>



- 14:30 – 15:30**      **Wood Thrush Double Feature:**  
**Can nest concealment in Wood thrush predict reproductive success?** Alex Israel, York University
- Carry-over effects of breeding season habitat on a long-distance migrant.** Brendan Boyd, York University
- 15:30 – 15:45**      **Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle**
- 15:45 – 16:30**      **David Brewer’s Informative, Inquisitive, and Infamous Bird Quiz**
- 16:30 – 17:00**      **Closing remarks. Bucket Raffle Draw.**
- End of Annual General Meeting**
- 17:00**                **Social at LPBO Old Cut Research Station.**  
**Dinner: 18:30, BYOB**

## LOCATION AND DETAILS:

The AGM will be held at the Birds Canada headquarters at **115 Front Rd. in Port Rowan**. There is a registration fee of \$7.00 for members, \$10 for non-members. The evening social is held at the Long Point Bird Observatory Old Cut Research Station. There may be community bird banding (weather and bird dependent) on Sunday at the Old Cut Research Station where members can hone their skills, and share information and knowledge with each other. There are always a few surprises!

### **HOW TO GET TO BSC AND OLD CUT:**

Birds Canada and LPBO are situated on the north shore of Lake Erie, in Ontario, Canada. From Highway 401 or Highway 3, come south on Highway 59 to the north shore of Lake Erie. Front Rd intersects Highway 59 at the base of Long Point. The BSC headquarters is approximately 1 km east of Hwy 59 along Front Rd. The LPBO Old Cut Research Station is on Old Cut Blvd. on Long Point, just two streets before Highway 59 ends at Long Point Provincial Park. It is the 6th building on the right as you head north on Old Cut Blvd. from Highway 59. There is a small sign on the front lawn. You can park in parking lot across the street.

**BUCKET RAFFLE: As in previous years a bucket raffle will be held. Any member wishing to donate a prize should bring it to the meeting, or if they prefer contact any board member.**



## ACCOMMODATIONS:

### **BED AND BREAKFASTS - ALL LISTED AT**

[http://www.bbcanada.com/bb\\_search\\_results.cfm?search\\_general=port+rowan&x=0&y=0:](http://www.bbcanada.com/bb_search_results.cfm?search_general=port+rowan&x=0&y=0)

**HOTEL/MOTELS:** The [Port Rowan Inn](#) is open for business and there are also a number of motels in nearby Simcoe.

### **LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY—OLD CUT RESEARCH STATION:**

There is also space available for \$35/night. If you would like to stay at Old Cut contact [lpbo@birdscanada.org](mailto:lpbo@birdscanada.org)

## FOOD AND SOCIAL:

### **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:**

Coffee and donuts will be served throughout the day. There will be a catered lunch at BSC or you can do your own thing. The cost will be around \$15 and payable at registration.

### **EVENING SOCIAL / DINNER:**

On the Saturday evening there will be a social at LPBO'S Old Cut Research Station following the meeting. A meal will be served between 18:30 and 19:00. The cost will be around \$20 per person. Members and guests planning to attend are encouraged to BYOB.

## THE BILL AND BETTY WASSERFALL AWARD

The OBBA's **Bill and Betty Wasserfall Award** provides critical funding to support bird-banding and related studies in Canada. Applications for the award will be considered as part of the Small Grants of the [James L. Baillie Memorial Fund](#).

In 2018, the Wasserfall Award supported banding operations as part of the 2019 spring bird festival at Observatoire d'Oiseaux de Rimouski. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ObservatoireOiseauxRimouski/>

To donate to the OBBA Awards and Grants Fund in support of the Bill and Betty Wasserfall Award and other bird banding and related studies across Canada contact [Barb Campbell](#).



## THE JANETTE DEAN AWARD

The 2018 **Janette Dean Award** was given to **Louise Laurin**, long time Bird Banding Administrator at the Canadian Bird Banding Office.

After 26 years with the Bird Banding Office, Louise Laurin is retiring. Louise joined the Bird Banding Office in 1993 as the Bird Banding Administrator where she managed the band inventory and checked banding data on paper schedules. In the time before email, Louise would process between 5000-9000 band encounters yearly which arrived at our office by telephone and Canada post. When Ann Demers retired in 2002, Louise was appointed to the position of Senior Bird Banding Administrator where she became the main contact for the Canadian Bird Banding Program. Louise spent a lot of her time talking to banders on the telephone and she got to know many banders personally. While on the job, Louise completed a diploma in computer systems to further support the banding program. She managed the transition from paper schedules to Band Manager when data were saved on diskette and mailed to the BBL. Later she also managed the transition to Bandit with a more automated system of data submission. Originally from Joliette Quebec, as a child Louise had a fear of birds. Louise joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1979 and among other training and duties; she was posted to Alert (then) Northwest Territories as a mechanic repairing military vehicles. When she joined the BBO, Louise overcame her fear of birds, learned quickly on the job and became a bird bander herself. Louise was certified by the North American Banding Council as a waterfowl bander in 2008 and she has experience banding passerines, Northern Saw-whet Owls and waterbirds such as herons and egrets. Banding has taken Louise to remote locations such as Akimiski Island in James Bay, Bylot Island, Mingan, Puvirnituk, Quebec, as well as more locally in the Ottawa to Toronto area. We will sincerely miss Louise at the BBO but we wish her a long and happy, well-deserved retirement. (Excerpt from the Winter 2019 Memo to Banders).

The **Janette Dean Award** is given to individuals that have made outstanding contributions to bird banding in Ontario. To nominate an individual, send a written nomination with a brief explanation of the candidate's qualifications to [Ontario Bird Banding](#).



Top: OBBA Treasurer, Barb Campbell presenting the Janette Dean Award to Louise Laurin (below).



## WHY BELONG TO THE OBBA?

1. **Meet** like-minded people who enjoy banding birds by providing a forum for communication among Ontario banders.
2. Chance to **share** and compare the results of your banding efforts with others.
3. Receive a **newsletter** three times a year reporting on current banding activities and topics of interest to banders.
4. Contribute to and receive the organization's long running **journal – Ontario Bird Banding** - that reports annually on the bird banding activities of its members and read articles on banding techniques.
5. Take part in an **annual general meeting** where you can present, listen to and meet guest speakers and share your banding interests with other banders from across Ontario in a pleasant social atmosphere.
6. Get opportunities to **learn** different banding techniques and share knowledge of different issues and the latest trends in the banding world.
7. Have the chance to recognize extraordinary efforts of individuals through the **Janette Dean Award**, or fund your research through the **Wasserfall Award**.
8. Benefit from the **North American Banding Council's** network of activities, training workshops and certification programs and connection to the Canadian **Bird Banding Office** under the Canadian Wildlife Service.
9. Encourage **mentorship**, share **enthusiasm**, **contribute** to knowledge of bird banding and take part in collaborative projects (such as Mourning Dove and Snow Bunting banding).
10. Most of all – to have **FUN** while contributing to **bird conservation science!**

**TO JOIN OR RENEW:** Please fill out the renewal form, or send the same information along with payment to Barbara Campbell—[barbcampbell52 AT gmail.com](mailto:barbcampbell52@gmail.com). A renewal form is at the back of this newsletter or can be found online at [http://ontbanding.org/OBBA Membership form.pdf](http://ontbanding.org/OBBA_Membership_form.pdf)

**RENEW ONLINE** – Send the pertinent information to [barbcampbell52 AT gmail.com](mailto:barbcampbell52@gmail.com), and make your payment online here -

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/OBBA/>.  
Please specify “membership” in the comments field.



## ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION (2019-20)

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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## 2020 Membership Application or Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: All correspondence with the OBBA will be electronic. If you wish to receive a hard-copy of the materials, newsletter and/or journal, you must specify below.**

- Please send me the Newsletter by regular mail
- Please send me the Journal by regular mail

Membership Category:

- Life Membership (\$500)
- Individual / Family - Household (\$25/\$40)
- Student (\$15)
- Outside of Canada and United States—\$10 mailing surcharge

Additional Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_, tax receipt issued if \$10 or more.

Make cheque payable to: Ontario Bird Banding Association

RENEW ONLINE:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/OBBA/events/membership/>

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