

Nicolas Bernier was the main bander for this program.

As always, other research activities and educational programs were integrated with the banding

program. We provided ongoing training to more than 50 volunteers this fall, and collected a few hundred more photos to augment the ever-growing Piranga online photo library at:

(<http://www.natureinstruct.org/piranga/>)



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President's Notes

2015 Annual Meeting! Many thanks to Dr. Scott Rush and his associates for sponsoring a great meeting along Mississippi's Gulf coast. Several participants were treated to their "lifer" Yellow Rails and all appreciated the opportunity to see at least one Le Conte's and many Henslow's sparrows along with a Sedge Wren in the hand. The minutes for the meeting are accompanying this message.

Website! Many thanks, too, to Erika Dittmar (even though she is currently working in Hawaii) for maintaining our website; please check it out every so often and provide her with some photos or other information she could add to the site.

2016 Meeting! It is not too early to think about 2016; the annual meeting is scheduled for the second weekend in November (11-13 Nov 2016) at the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary in east-central Indiana. Put the date in your calendars and plan to be there. I have been informed that one of the target species for banding that weekend is the Saw-whet Owl.

Inland Flyway Review! In my last report I made reference to a potential "Inland Flyway Review", similar to that of EBBA, for regular appearance in NABB. After discussing the possibility with several banders and being told by

the operators of several banding stations that they would participate. Let us get it going. I am using the same format as that already established by EBBA (with approval from Elizabeth Brooks). The one page report form (mostly fill-in-the-blank) for the 2015 fall season is ready to send out. A note to Inland station operators, please request the form; it can be provided by snail mail or email. Many thanks for your interest and support.

Enjoy the birds! Finally, be sure to take some time every day throughout the year to enjoy the birds (even if just for a little bit).

Vernon Kleen

Inland Bird Banding Association 2015 Annual Meeting

Inland Bird Banding Association met at Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Moss Point, MS, from 13 - 15 Nov 2015. The meeting was hosted by Scott Rush of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS. Friday activities included a meeting of IBBA's Board of Directors, general registration and reception, and night surveys for Yellow Rail and other species at the Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife