



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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President's Notes

2016 Annual Meeting! Please note the following announcement and call for papers for IBBA's annual meeting scheduled for the weekend of 11-13 November in east-central Indiana. The Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary is a fairly central and reachable location and the paper session, program and banding opportunities look intriguing – so, plan on joining me there. Bring along some desirable silent auction items that can be used to enhance IBBA accounts – such items would be of value.

Inland Flyway Review! The first “Inland Flyway Review”, with four stations reporting, appeared in the last issue of *NABB*. Another Michigan station has already submitted appropriate details for the spring report and there is optimism that others will join the assemblage. To be included, Inland station operators should request the report form (a very simple one page form) by either snail mail or email. Many thanks for your interest and support. **The due date for the spring report is 31 August.**

Scarcity of spring birds? Did any other inland banding stations experience a scarcity of flycatchers, vireos, most warblers and early sparrows this spring, or, was this simply a central Illinois scenario? In contrast, at least here in central Illinois, there was not a scarcity of kinglets, thrushes, mimids, common warblers, blackbirds and some sparrows. How did your banding stations fare?

Hummingbirds! There have been mixed reports on the status of hummingbirds this spring. Most reports indicated that the birds were late in arriving, followed by a sequence of good numbers for a few days, totally gone for several days, returned in small numbers, became scarce again, regrouped in small numbers and finally arrived in good (but still well below average) numbers in late June. For me the June and early July totals at major banding sites were less than 50% of what they have been in years past. On a personal positive note, an adult female banded during the summer of 2009 (now at least eight years of age) was recaptured for the fifth year out of the seven since she was originally banded.

Funding: Some of IBBA's accounts have been dwindling, especially the life membership account, due to the past few “economically difficult” years. I am sure the IBBA treasurer would appreciatively accept all donations above the annual dues, as direct contributions, or as part of an estate. Thanks for considering such donations.

Reminder: Plan on attending IBBA's annual meeting; you will be pleased that you did.

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).

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IBBA President