



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

The 72nd annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association is history, but what nice history! The meeting was a great success held at the Grand Hotel at Cape May, New Jersey, 21-23 April. Approximately 66 members and guests enjoyed the excellent paper sessions and workshops. A huge THANK YOU! to Barbara Ross and her committee. The weather was beautiful, the facilities were fine, and Alan Schoenleber of the Grand Hotel and his personnel were helpful and accommodating.

A discussion about the need for a banders' training program to produce more and better trained bird banders was held after the annual business meeting. Betsy Brooks explained the program to all attendees. The subject was also discussed at great length at EBBA's Council Meeting the day before.

The banding display that John Tautin brought with him was impressive, informative, and beautiful. Mary Gustafson was at her best leading the field trips and some lively discussions.

On behalf of EBBA, I would like to thank the 1995 outgoing council members for their help and support they so willingly gave to this organization. They are Mary Doscher, Mark Johnson, Elaine Mease, and Sharon Schwemmer. Mary Doscher will be one of our representatives for the formation of NABC and Elaine Mease will continue to chair membership.

EBBA welcomes **Alan Gehret, Susannah K. Graedel, Brad Silfies, and Roy S. Slack** as council members. Their terms will expire in 1998.

Betsy Brooks, John Forness, and I attended a banders' forum meeting held in California last March. Many topics were discussed and pursued at this meeting at which 19 people attended representing several major banding organizations, the Institute for Bird Populations, and the United States and Canadian banding laboratories. To implement a training program for future banders, the decision was to establish a North American Banding Council (NABC). The Council membership would be composed of the following for a total of from 14 to 19 members:

- Members would be appointed by the Ornithological Societies of North America and the Bird Banding Associations.
- Two representatives from each of the four major ornithological organizations (Association of Field Ornithologists, American Ornithologists' Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, and Wilson Ornithological Society).
- Two representatives from each of the three North American Bird Banding Associations (Eastern, Inland, and Western).
- Up to five additional members at large will be appointed by NABC.
- It was suggested that the Bird Banding Laboratory would have representatives ex officio.

I am pleased to announce that the Eastern Bird Banding Association has appointed **Betsy Brooks** and **Mary Doscher** as our representatives to the North American Banding Council. In the event that one or both representatives cannot attend a meeting, an alternate representative(s) will attend.

Excerpts from the annual meeting follows for those members that could not make the meeting.

Another important subject that I am very pleased to announce is that the Inland Bird Banding Association and the Eastern Bird Banding Association will have a joint annual meeting at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center, 12-14 April 1996! This is exciting news and I believe it will be a first-time event. An open invitation has been extended to the members of the Western Bird Banding and Ontario Bird Banding Associations. Mark your calendars now and reserve these important dates to attend a meeting at the beautiful facility only thirty minutes from our nation's capital. Do not miss it!

Barbara Ross and her committee have been working on this meeting for the past year. See the notice in this *NABB*; more details in the next issue.

Mary Forness

Note from a Retired Bird Bander

Long-time bird bander Mabel Warburton has "hung up her hat" after nearly forty years of banding. Mabel informs me that she has six pair of banding pliers she would like to give to any bander who will write to her and pay the price of postage. The pliers are for size zero through size four. If you are interested please write:

Mable Warburton
5223 Graham Drive
Morrisville, Pa. 19067

THANK YOU!

The Eastern Bird Banding Association would like to thank Avinet, Inc., of Dryden, New York, for the generous donation of \$500.00. It will be placed in the Memorial Fund.

MEMORIAL GRANT 1995 AWARDS

From the five applications reviewed for the 1995 grants, the two applicants selected were:

Patricia Lynne Stanko, of Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, for her project with the owl banding project at Braddock Bay. The project focuses on the use of various habitats used by migrating owls. This project will look at what habitat types are primarily used as hunting and roosting areas by migrating owls.

Hector Douglas, of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for his study on vocalizations, behavior, and ecology of the Willett, which took place at Wallops Island, Virginia. Hector has extensive experience doing avian research in Alaska, Arizona, Antarctica, and the Galapagos Islands.

Robert G. Sagar, Chairman,
Memorial Grants Committee

Excerpts from Minutes of
EBBA's 72nd Annual Meeting
held 21-23 April 1995
Grand Hotel, Cape May, New Jersey

Memorial Grant Committee: (see report above)

Mist Net Committee: Chairman Gale Smith announced that the mist net log jam has been broken. He has received 499 nylon nets from

Japan and 250 Taiwan-made nets from Spidertech, Finland. The Net Committee now has for sale 12 meter, tethered, nylon 1¼ inch mesh nets and 9 meter 1¼ inch nylon and polyester nets as well as some 6 meter nets and some nets with 2-3/8 inch mesh and 4½ inch mesh. List of available nets and prices are shown in the *Banders' Marketplace* of this issue of *NABB*.

Membership: Elaine Mease reported that EBBA has added 53 new members this past year.

Editor: In order to expedite communication regarding manuscripts and other items, Bob Pantle provided his Internet e-mail address: rjp1@cornell.edu. He can also receive communication via FAX: 1-607-659-7112. Be sure to put his name on any communication as the FAX machine is not at his home. Journal articles are also acceptable on 3½ or 5¼ inch computer disks in Mac or IBM format with almost any popular word processing software accompanied by hard copy.

Historian: Janet Shaffer will turn over to her successor all the historical material she has so that it can be put in the Smithsonian for storage. An appeal was made for a new historian and Brad Silfies offered to be chairperson.

Banders Network: The survey cards returned to Susannah Graedel outlined research projects and bird species banders are working with. A database is being organized so that information can be shared. BBL Chief John Tautin said that there is an Internet bulletin board called Bird Band that may also be used for such information.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Gerald Lahr reported that all 1994/95 officers will continue for the next fiscal year. The officers and councilors nominated and elected were:

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| President | Mary Forness |
| First Vice-President | Barbara Ross |
| Second Vice President | H. David Leake |
| Third Vice President | David Hauber |
| Secretary | Robert McKinney |
| Treasurer | Donald Mease |
| Councilor | Alan Gehret |

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| Councilor | Susannah Graedel |
| Councilor | Brad Silfies |
| Councilor | Roy Slack |

New Business: Members were urged to write to their U.S. Representatives and Senators regarding some of the serious conservation issues. Mary Forness responded that the Council discussed the formation of a legislative awareness committee. After further discussion, such a committee was formed with Kyle Smith as chair and Hannah Suthers and Sue Heselton serving on the committee.

Friday Night's Program:

Biology and Management of New Jersey's Endangered Beach-Nesting Birds, Dave Jenkins, New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Saturday:

In addition to equipment displays and the bucket raffle, bird skins were on display, courtesy of the Princeton Skinners of the Princeton University Museum of Natural History.

Paper Session - Robert Yunick, moderator, morning session; **Janet Shaffer**, afternoon session:

Update on CMBO, Joan Walsh, CMBO Research Coordinator

A New Enterprise: Avalon, NJ, Sea Bird Watch, Clay Sutton

Monitoring the Fall Migration of the Monarch Butterfly in Eastern N.A., 1991/94, Louise Zematis

Ecology of Wintering Migrant Sanderlings, Mellie Tsipoura

The Effects of Age and Habitat on the Reproductive Performance of Wood Thrushes, Mark Johnson

Differential Habitat Use by Fall Migrants, Hannah Suthers and Jean Bickal

Annual Report from the Bird Banding Laboratory, by John Tautin

*Development of a Total Raptor Program from Rehabilitation to Release, **Mary Forness***

*Wing Chord Report, **Mary Doscher** and **Susannah Graedel***

*Banders and the New Migration Monitoring Program, **Sam Dodge***

*Landbird Population Levels and Productivity in the Southeast from 1989 to 1944: An Overview from the First Six years' Results from the MAPS Program, **James F. Saracc***

Workshops:

How to Draw Birds, **Sandy Glover**
Bird Skins to Age and Sex

Banquet Program:

*How to Spot an Owl, **Pat Sutton**, CMBO
teacher-naturalist*

EBBA thanks the following for their efforts:

Alan & Carol Gehret - bucket raffle

Mary Gustafson - field trips

Robert Pantle and Sharon Schwemmer -
registration mailing

Glenda Weber -program speakers, packet
information

All those who assisted with registration.

**JOINT EBBA-IBBA MEETING
12-14 APRIL 1996
PATUXENT NATIONAL
WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER
LAUREL, MARYLAND**

Tours of Banding Laboratory will be scheduled.

Call for Papers, Posters--Contact:

Barbara Ross
308 Thornhill Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 435-7166

Bucket Raffle Donations:

Carol and Alan Gehert
611 Willow Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
(215) 970-5096

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO BE INSERTED IN NEXT ISSUE OF NABB.

**WESTERN BIRD BANDING AND ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**