

# Recent Literature

## BANDING HISTORY, BIOGRAPHIES AND INDICES

**Index to Ontario Birds volumes 1 through 15 1983-1997.** D. Cattrall. undated [1998]. Ontario Field Ornithol., Burlington, Ont. 41 pp. Ontario Field Ornithologists, Box 455, Stn. R, Toronto, Ont. M4G 4E1 (Thorough index, listed by author, geographic area ["northern" vs. "southern" Ontario], bird groups [families or groups of closely related families] and "other" (numerous morphometric, behavioral, ecological, biographical and "birding" topics).) MKM

## IDENTIFICATION, MOLTS, PLUMAGES WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS

**Occurrence of albinistic hummingbirds in Oklahoma.** E. Womack. 1995. Bull. Oklahoma Ornithol. Soc. 28:9-13. 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (Details of 12 cases of albinism [including schizochroism] in hummingbirds observed, photographed, and/or banded in Oklahoma, with discussion of terminology and problems in identifying species of albinistic hummingbirds. "Only a handful" of nearly 3000 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds banded by the author have shown any traces of albinism, none sufficient to warrant including in her detailed list.) MKM

**Angel wings.** [E. Womack.] 1998. Hummingbird Hotline 51: 1 + six page attachment. 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (List of 82 known cases of albinism in hummingbirds from 1878 to Sept 1998, including species if determined, date, location and extent or type of albinism). MKM

**Bird in the hand [:] Grey Fantail, *Rhipidura fuliginosa*.** W. E. Boles. 1994. Corella 18:162. The Australian Museum, College St., Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia (Summary of age-determination criteria. Previous indications that tail length useful in determining sex of about 30% of birds refuted.) MKM

**Habitat, weather and the growth rates of Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* chicks.** D. W. Yalden and T. W. Dougall. 1994. Wader Study Group Bull. 73:33-35. School of Biol. Sci., Univ. of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, U.K. (Growth rates of chicks at a reservoir did not differ significantly from those along streams, but varied among years, apparently in relation to weather conditions.) MKM

## NORTH AMERICAN BANDING RESULTS

**Banded birds.** [Buhler, M. and A. Buhler]. 1998. B.C. Birding 8(4):15. 1132 Loenholt Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8Z 2Z6 (Neck-collared Snow Geese observed in Richmond and Delta, B.C. had been banded on Wrangle Island, Russia; a banded Song Sparrow observed in Reifel Refuge, Delta had probably been banded locally.) MKM

**"Mr. Lucky" strikes again.** [E. Womack.] 1998. *Hummingbird Hotline* 51:2. 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (Banding by Bennett Carver of White-eared and Broad-billed hummingbirds helped document the first records of these species in Mississippi.) MKM

**Hanna & Art Richard's [sic] report.** [H. Richards and A. Richards.] 1998. *Hummingbird Hotline* 51:2. c/o E. Womack, 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (1449 hummingbirds of four species were banded near Ingram, Texas in 1998, when one Ruby-throated and 165 Black-chinned hummingbirds banded in 1996 and 1997 were recaptured.) MKM

**Ellie Womack's report.** E. Womack. 1998. *Hummingbird Hotline* 51:2. 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (Of 751 hummingbirds banded at four sites in Oklahoma in 1998, all but two were normally plumaged Ruby-throated. Sex ratio of captures at one site has been "heavily skewed towards males" since 1991.) MKM

**A return.** [E. Womack.] 1998. *Hummingbird Hotline* 51:2. 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (Adult male Buff-bellied Hummingbird banded in Louisiana in February 1993 recaptured

in July 1998, providing first state July record of this species and longevity record of 6.5 years.) MKM

**A recovery.** [E. Womack.] 1998. *Hummingbird Hotline* 51:2. 1022 S. Sycamore Dr., Grove, OK 74344 (An adult female Rufous Hummingbird banded in January 1997 in Florida was recaptured in Georgia in September 1998.) MKM

**Black-chinned and Allen's hummingbirds banded in Bartow County.** J. Swiderski. 1994. *Oriole* 59:18-19. 29 Town & Country Dr., Cartersville, GA 30120 (Capture and banding of a male Black-chinned Hummingbird by Bob and Martha Sargent at Cartersville, Georgia, helped document the state's sixth record of that species. The same banders captured the state's second Allen's Hummingbird, a female, at the same feeder, a bird they had captured previously as the first record for Tennessee!) MKM

**Rufous Hummingbird in Richmond County, Georgia.** E. K. Urban and L. L. Urban. 1994. *Oriole* 59:9. 3114 Trafalgar Dr., Augusta, GA 30909 (Trapping and banding by Robert and Martha Stewart of a female Rufous Hummingbird at Augusta, Georgia, helped document the eastern-most record of the species in that state.) MKM

**Purple Martin nest box program 1996 update.** T. Plath. 1997. *Discovery* 26:109-111. B.C. Environment, 10334-152 A St., Surrey, B.C. V3R 7P8 (After 1994 resumption of nesting by Purple Martins on the lower mainland of British Columbia ended a 22-year absence, 15 of 16 young in six nest boxes at one of two 1996 nest sites were color-banded to help document the progress of this nesting program, and as part of a new B.C.-wide Purple Martin color banding project.) MKM

**Buff-bellied Hummingbird (*Anazilia yucatanensis*) first banding in Alabama.** R. R. Sargent and M. B. Sargent. 1996. *Alabama Birdlife* 42: 2-7. 7570 Mack Hicks Rd., Trussville, AL 35173 (Detailed description, with measurements and photographs, of Buff-bellied Hummingbird banded in Mobile, Alabama, constituting the second state record. Conflicting age-related features and lack of winter sex-determination criteria indicate that age/sex keys for this species

have yet to be developed. This was only one of ten new Buff-bellied Hummingbird bandings by the authors in the U.S. states bordering the Gulf of Mexico during the 1995-1996 winter.) MKM

**Missing picture.** B. Parker. 1998. *Alberta Nat.* 28:1. Box 1472, Edmonton, Alta. T5J 2N5 (Photograph of hand-held banded Wood Thrush that should have accompanied note by E. Kuyt. 1997. *Alberta Nat.* 27:68, abstracted in *NABB* 23:47, 1998.) MKM

**Green Violet-ear Hummingbird (*Colibri thalassinus*) first record for Alabama.** R. R. Sargent, M. B. Sargent, D. J. Berger and D. E. Berger. 1996. *Alabama Birdlife* 42:7-10. 7570 Mack Hicks Rd., Trussville, AL 35173 (Detailed description, measurements and photos of female banded in 1995, including comparisons with a male banded in North Carolina the same year.) MKM

**Interprovincial recoveries of Mountain Bluebirds and Tree Swallows, and a California recovery of a Tree Swallow.** D. J. Stiles. 1998. *Blue Jay* 56:156-159. 20 Lake Wapta Rise S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2J 2M9 (Details and map of recoveries of two Alberta-banded bluebirds in Saskatchewan, one Manitoba-banded bluebird in Alberta, one Saskatchewan-banded bluebird in Alberta and one Saskatchewan-banded bluebird in Manitoba. An Alberta-banded bluebird found dead on a truck in B.C. likely arrived there by truck, not by natural means. Details are also given of recoveries of one Alberta-banded swallow in California, one Manitoba-banded swallow in Saskatchewan, and one Saskatchewan-banded swallow in Manitoba.) MKM

**Northern Goshawks move back south.** C. S. Houston. 1998. *Blue Jay* 56:191-192. 863 University Dr., Saskatoon, Sask. S7N OJ8 (Summary and history of known nests and bandings in Saskatchewan.) MKM

**Extracts from 1995 banding notes [from] Beaverhills Lake.** E. T. Jones. 1996. *Edmonton Nat.* 24:24. 119215 Blackburn Dr. E. SW, Edmonton, Alta. T6W 1B9 (A low number [four] of Yellow-rumped Warblers banded in August is attributed to a late migration. Of 189 yellow-rumps

banded there in May, one was a striking albino with red legs. An immature male Black-and-white Warbler banded in August was in good health in spite of a markedly deformed bill.) MKM

**Swainson's Hawk deaths in Argentina.** G. Holroyd. 1996. *Edmonton Nat.* 24:28. Can. Wildl. Serv., 4123-122 St., Edmonton, Alta. T6J 1Z1 (Of at least 3909 hawks found dead in Argentina in January 1996, two had been radio-tagged in Alberta, and six others in western U.S. states.) MKM

#### NON-NORTH AMERICAN BANDING RESULTS

**Recovery round-up.** Hon. Editor [M. D. Murray]. 1994. *Corella* 18:163-164. 17 Ashmore Ave., Pymble, NSW 2073, Australia (Recoveries of 18 species banded in Australia and recovered in Australia or Asia. Species that also occur in North America are Cattle Egret, Red Knot, Red-necked Stint, and Curlew Sandpiper.) MKM

**Interim report of "WIWO -Icelandic Black-tailed Godwit project 1993."** G. J. Gerritsen. 1994. *Wader Study Group Bull.* 73:27-28. Julianastraat 40, 8019 AX Zwolfe, The Netherlands (Data are presented on 37 *Limosa l. islandica* color-banded and dyed in Iceland in 1993, including summaries by sex of wing, bill and tarsus measurements, and of mass. Four birds have been recovered to date—two in Great Britain, one in France, and one in Portugal, farther south than Icelandic birds were known to winter previously.) MKM

**Migration patterns of some regularly occurring waders in Bahrain 1990-1992.** E. Hirschfeld. 1994. *Wader Study Group Bull.* 73:36-48. Box 2411, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. (Measurements of banded birds helped distinguish Greater Sand Plover from Lesser Sand Plover, sometimes otherwise difficult to identify, thereby helping to quantify their migration periods. Hand examination during banding also helped distinguish subspecies of some species wintering in Bahrain. Birds recovered in Bahrain have included a Sanderling banded in Spain, a Little Stint banded in Russia, and a Dunlin banded in Sweden.) MKM

**Phenology and distribution of waders ringed in Spain from the scheme Madrid Museo de Ciencias.** F. Cantos and A. Fernandez. 1994. *Wader Study Group Bull.* 73:55-60. Dept. de Fisiologia y Biol. Animal, Facultad de Biol., Ada, Reina Mercedes 6, E-41071 Sevilla, Spain. (Graphs and maps show seasonal and geographic distribution of bandings of 10,697 shorebirds of 35 species [primarily four species] banded in Spain between 1957 and 1984.) MKM

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