



# Eastern Regional News

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**

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## 2003 EBBA Conference

This year our 80<sup>th</sup> conference will be co-hosted by Carnegie Museum's Powdermill Nature Reserve, a world-renowned year-round banding operation where over 500,000 birds have been banded. The Florence Lockhart Nimick Nature Center will open its doors to a Saturday program that will include hands-on demonstrations as well as informative talks about banding. Banders will be able to meet and talk with Powdermill's field ornithologists **Bob Leberman** and **Bob Mulvihill** who lead a small group of interns in avian research here.

We are very pleased to announce that our Saturday night banquet speaker will be **Dr. Lukas Jenni** of Switzerland. Dr. Jenni will be speaking about the principles of passerine molt and ageing and about the production, along with his co-author Raffael Winkler, of the seminal work on this topic, Academic Press' *Moult and Ageing of European Passerines*. Dr. Jenni is Scientific Director for the Swiss Ornithological Institute and is a key figure in several large-scale banding studies aimed at understanding the migratory dynamics of European birds. Dr. Jenni will also demonstrate some of the many morphometric techniques used by European ringers.

Friday evening, world-class bird carver, **Larry Barth**, will give a presentation on his life-long work and interest in birds and bird carving. Mr. Barth is the world's best decorative bird carver. He has won World Class Best in Show at the premier carving competition (the Ward Foundation's annual show in Ocean City, MD) eight times, including the last four consecutive competitions. Larry is also an accomplished artist and has derived a few ideas from visits to Powdermill as he

continues to design lifelike one-of-a-kind pieces. We also will have a second European speaker on Saturday afternoon, **Dr. David Norman**, who will give us a brief overview of his experiences and ideas concerning the integration and importance of bird banding to bird conservation. Prof. Norman is a former council member of the premier government-funded conservation organization in England, English Nature.

EBBA and Powdermill thank these three speakers very much for agreeing to attend our annual meeting. It certainly adds an international flavor and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for banders and ornithologists to meet and learn from these experts.

The conference center for our exciting 2003 meeting will be the Hidden Valley Four Season Resort. Four Season efficiency units will be available for the weekend or the entire week at the same conference price of \$69.00 per unit per night. Lodging guests may enjoy many available activities including skiing, golf, hiking, tennis, swimming, and a fitness center. There will be a free continental breakfast served for guests daily from 7 AM to 11 AM.

**Please remember to bring items to donate for the bucket raffle and silent auction.**

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