

The top five species banded made up 47% of the total, a typical proportion in recent years. One hundred ten warblers of 14 species made up about 20% of the total catch, lower than average. The sparrows combined made up 33% of the total, a higher-than-usual amount. Because most of the juncos banded were adult, the overall percent of HY birds was 60% this year, lower than usual. A spring and summer drought was accompanied by above-average temperatures in August. By late

September cool weather arrived, the drought was finally broken, and below-average temperatures continued though early November. Banding conditions were generally good, meaning that high winds and cats did not interfere this year. A hard frost in late May had injured flower buds in this region of New York state, resulting in a complete lack of certain fruits around the net lanes (apple, crabapple, arrowwood, and cherry), but there were moderate amounts of fruits on silky and red-osier dogwood and multiflora rose.

## NABC CERTIFICATION SESSION 3-5 Oct 2003

The Eastern Bird Banding Association (EBBA) is scheduling its 5<sup>th</sup> North American Banding Certification (NABC) session at the bander level for persons seeking or already possessing U.S. or Canadian banding permits or subpermits for **3-5 Oct 2003** at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO), near Rochester, NY. Applications may be obtained from and submitted, no later than **25 Aug**, to Elizabeth W. Brooks, 1435 Waterwells Rd., Alfred Station, NY 14803; 607-587-9571; <ebrooks@BBBO.org>

NABC manuals and further details are available from the NABC website at <www.nabanding.net/nabanding/>. Accepted candidates will be notified by no later than **5 Sep** and are encouraged to contact an NABC Trainer (see website) to proctor the written examination portion of the certification prior to coming to BBBO; however, for those not able to do so, the examination may be taken at BBBO by prior arrangement. See also the EBBA website at <www.pronetisp.net/~bpbird>

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