

It was an ironic coincidence that the day Mabel died, 21 May 2003, I was at IB, my last day of a week's stay. With a favorable SW wind, an abundance of birds and a variety of species, it was a morning she would have enjoyed thoroughly. I know I did, made possible in part by the legacy of her tutorship those many years ago.

Persons wishing to remember Mabel may do so by contributing to EBBA's Memorial Fund, the proceeds of which support student research grants.

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NABC CERTIFICATION OCTOBER 2003

EBBA's fifth NABC Landbird Bander Certification Session, hosted by Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, Rochester, NY, on 3-5 Oct 2003, certified Charles Eiseman of Amherst, MA; Tom LeBlanc of Salamanca, NY; and Dan Webb of Tiffin, OH. Trainers who conducted the session were Betsy Brooks, Mary Doscher, Sara Morris, Hannah Suthers and Bob Yunick.

Candidates arrived ahead of time to familiarize themselves with the site and the station protocols.

Overnight rain delayed Saturday morning's start at the nets, and rain returned as the nets were furled at noon to conduct the indoor portion of the evaluation in the afternoon. Fortunately, we had that very opportune window between showers to accomplish the netting evaluation with sufficient birds. After Saturday evening's pizza, the trainers worked late into the night on scoring.

Sunday got off to a good start after we performed the most difficult net extraction of the session—a Norway rat tangled in a hoop net in the observatory and, yes, scissors were used in this extraordinary case to release the critter alive. Weather was better, exit interviews were conducted with candidates, and birds were abundant allowing for considerable discussion at the banding table on species identification as well as aging and sexing methods, once again augmenting the evaluation with valuable training.

Thanks go to the Observatory, Betsy Brooks and her staff of interns and volunteers for hosting the session, and for assisting in many ways. This freed up the trainers to focus on fulfilling the North American Banding Council requirements for the session.

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Correction : Atlantic Flyway Review: Region IV Piedmont --- Coastal Plain, Fall 2002

Due to a reformatting error by the Production Mgr. while preparing *NABB* Vol. 28(2), the last six entries in the following table were incorrect (**bold**). The Production Mgr. apologizes to the Regional Coordinator and participants.

Table 1. AFR Region IV, Fall 2002 Summary

| | Laurel | Patuxent | Jug Bay | Chino Farms | Chincoteague |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| First Day | 16 Aug | 1 Aug | 14 Aug | 1 Aug | 1 Aug |
| Last Day | 1 Dec | 30 Nov | 19 Nov | 21 Nov | 8 Dec |
| Days Open | 66 | 103 | 42 | 57 | 65 |
| Nets Used | 3 - 5 | 21 - 26 | 26 | 14 - 68 | 4 - 10 |
| Net Hours | 3733 | 8700 | 3596 | 11,489 | 1281 |
| No. Best Day | 18 | 115 | 129 | 409 | 43 |
| Best Day Date | 21 Sep | 19 Oct | 17 Oct | 15 Oct | 8 Dec |
| Most Species | 10 | 24 | 24 | 36 | 11 |
| Most Species Date | 18 Aug | 25 Sep | 30 Sep | 17 Sep | 19 Sep |
| Banded 2001 | 519 | 3737 | 2661 | 8057 | 430 |
| Banded 2002 | 286 | 3104 | 2316 | 5619 | 579 |
| Species 2001 | 53 | 84 | 72 | 111 | 60 |
| Species 2002 | 38 | 85 | 91 | 104 | 53 |
| B/100nh 2001 | 8 | 40.9 | 72 | 61.2 | 57 |
| B/100nh 2002 | 7 | 35.7 | 64 | 48.8 | 45 |
| %HY 2001 | 67% | 58% | 70% | 79% | 92% |
| %HY 2002 | 71% | 66% | 75% | 82% | 93% |

***Bottom six rows have been corrected.**