



# Eastern Regional News

*Eastern Bird Banding Association*

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## NABC CERTIFICATION SESSION

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is scheduling its next NABC certification session at the **Bander** level for up to five candidates seeking or already possessing a U.S. or Canadian banding permit or subpermit, and at the **Trainer** level for up to two candidates who have already achieved Bander certification for **7-9 Oct 2005** at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) near Rochester, NY. Applications may be obtained from and submitted, no later than **27 Aug** to Elizabeth W. Brooks, 1435 Waterwells Rd., Alfred Station, NY 14803; phone: 607-587-9571; e-mail: brookser@infoblvd.net or ebrooks@bbbo.org.

NABC manuals and further details are available from the NABC website at [www.nabanding.net/nabanding/](http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding/). Accepted candidates will be notified by no later than **3 Sep**. Those seeking Bander certification are encouraged to contact an NABC Trainer (see website) to proctor the written examination portion of the certification prior to coming to BBBO (passage of the written portion is required before the 7-9 Oct practical session may be taken). However, for those not able to do so, the examination may be taken at BBBO by prior arrangement. Trainer candidates need not retake this written examination if previously their grade was 90 or better. See also the EBBA website at [www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird/index.htm](http://www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird/index.htm).

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## Atlantic Flyway Review: Region II (North Central) Fall 2004

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Ellenville and Alfred Station reported slow seasons, due in part to inclement weather and interrupted staffing. Bob McKinney was unable to operate his station this season but did get some recuperative time in helping at Braddock Bay. Also known as Kaiser-Manitou Beach, that station is our only concentration point sample and had a very nice year with over 5,000 banded. Just south of the two main Finger Lakes, Kestrel Haven and

Northview had good years with the former cresting 5,000 birds banded for the second year running. That also kept the two people operating that effort running as well!

Some unusual birds for our region were captured and banded this year. Bob Pantle had a nice Orchard Oriole and was able to exercise the new EBBA monograph in its identification. Thanks to a strong northwest front, the Gregoires banded their ninth Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow and added a Northern Shrike to their station list. Those of us who have banded considerable numbers of raptors probably forget how intimidating a Cooper's Hawk, especially a hefty female, can be