



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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IBBA's 2007 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Inland Bird Banding Association will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and its Field Station north of the city. Meeting dates are 19 - 21 Oct 2007. Peter Dunn, Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, will be our host. Banding will be conducted at the university's Field Station (<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/fieldstation/>) on Saturday morning and a No. Saw-whet Owl banding session is planned for either Friday or Saturday night. Danny Bystrak from the Banding Lab will be conducting a workshop on BANDIT, the new banding software program.

The main UMW Field Station property, located in Saukville, Wisconsin, has about 2,500 ac of undisturbed, high-quality natural communities. These include the Cedarburg Bog (one of the largest and most biologically interesting wetlands in southern Wisconsin), the Sapa Bog (an acidic black spruce bog), and an old growth beech-maple forest. In addition to the Cedarburg Bog Unit, the Field Station manages five outlying properties (including Neda Mine and Benedict Prairie) and the Downer Woods on the UWM campus.

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Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 4:15 pm.

Minutes of the 2005 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, vol. 30, no. 4.

Treasurer's report was provided by Cimprich. Several-year comparisons of all three accounts show that fluctuations within the accounts vary only slightly from year to year. All surplus funds are invested in stair step CDs, which allow for necessary liquidity. All accounts remain with Old Fort Savings Bank in Fremont, OH, except checking account #2, which is with Extraco Bank in Copperas Cove, TX.

In the Operations account, the 2006 receipts are \$6,556.48 derived from dues, interest, and some conference fees. Disbursements are \$7,016.91 consisting of *NABB* fees, postage, and conference costs. Bartlett motioned, Kleen seconded, and the report was accepted.

Membership: Life members 85, Sustaining members 15, Regular members 141 with five No-*NABB* members, three Student members, and 20 institutional members total 269. A detailing showed 20 states and two provinces within the Inland region and three countries, three provinces, and 16 states from outside the region. Membership continues to decline. It was sadly

noted that three life members and one regular member have passed away during the past year: Katherine Kelly of Baldwin, KS; Dr. F. E. Ludwig of Barbeau, MI; Mabelle Isham of Salineue, MI; and Jane Olyphant of Lake Elmo, MN.

Editor: No report was received from the editor. It was noted that IBBA participation has increased and a request was made for continuing support via articles and notes.

North American Banding Council: Bartlett-NABC met in Mar 2006 in Madeira Canyon, AZ, with Bartlett attending. Five manuals are now on the website and are in French and Spanish as well as English. A sixth manual on shorebirds is available from the Canadian website. The North American Ornithological Congress will meet in Vera Cruz, Mexico, next month and Central and South American banders will be encouraged.

Old Business:

Grant Awards: Bartlett – No new grants have been requested. The grant information still needs to be placed on the website.

Future Meeting Sites: No locations have been confirmed for future meetings. However, a recruiting effort will attempt to schedule Wisconsin in 2007, Alabama in 2008, the Dakotas in 2009, and possibly Texas in 2010. It was noted that meetings do not have to occur in the fall, but can be at any time of year.

New Business:

Nominations Committee: Bartlett reported that all officers, with the exception of Secretary, will continue for another year. Linda Tossing was nominated to the office of Secretary. David Vogt and Brent Ortego were nominated for three-year director terms, and Nelson Hoskins agreed to finish out a two-year term not filled last year. Bartlett moved approval, Julie West seconded and the slate was elected. Bartlett volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Grenon
Secretary

Persons in Attendance: (AL) Bob & Martha Sargent; (IL) Cathie Hutcheson, Vernon Kleen, Tom May; (LA) Jim Ingold, Jim Johnson; (MO) Linda Tossing; (NE) Betty Grenon; (OH) Tom Bartlett, Julie West; (OK) Don Varner; (TN) Mark Armstrong, Sandy Bivens, Ethel Kawamura, Kathy Shaw, David Vogt; (TX) David Cimprich.

**Abstracts for Papers Presented at
the 2006 Meeting of the Inland Bird
Banding Association, 23 Sep 2006,
Tellico Plains, TN**

The effect of hatch date on survival to adulthood in the Black-capped Vireo. David Cimprich. *The Nature Conservancy of Texas*. P.O. Box 5190, Fort Hood, TX 76544

In central Texas, the Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) nests from early April to early August. Birds of this species re-nest following failure and may succeed in rearing up to two broods during a breeding season. As part of a monitoring effort, we banded 2,223 nestlings of this species at Fort Hood Military Reservation since 1987. We subsequently observed 133 as adults and used these data to compare the survival to adulthood of nestlings from early and later nests. We observed a decreasing trend in survival to adulthood across the season ($P = 0.06$). We observed 6.6% of nestlings banded in nests initiated in April as adults, compared to 4.3% from later nests ($P = 0.02$). These data support the hypothesis that young raised early in the breeding season have greater fitness value to their parents than those reared later. This conclusion would not be valid if the percentage of female young or dispersal distances of young increased over the breeding season. Both processes could render young from early nests easier to detect as adults relative to those from later nests. We found no evidence that either process occurred during this study.

Northern Saw-whet Owls in the Southeast: monitoring a cryptic species during the non-breeding season. James Giocomo, *Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, 274 Ellington, Plant Sciences Building, Knoxville, TN 37996-4563*