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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Western Bird Banding Association (WBBA) is currently accepting abstracts for papers and posters to be presented at the 2008 annual meeting in Boise, Idaho, 5-7 Sep. Presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing information and should address the use of banding as a tool in avian research and monitoring. All presentations should identify study objectives, describe study methods and data analysis, discuss the significance of the research, and propose future research directions.

Oral presentations should be limited to 20 minutes, including 3-5 minutes for questions, answers, and discussion. Dialogue between presenters and audience is a hallmark of WBBA meetings. Power Point will be available for presentations. Other media needs should be communicated to the meeting coordinator at the email address below.

Posters should fit within a width of six feet. Text, graphics, and illustrations should be readable from a distance of at least four feet. Poster presenters are expected to be available for extensive discussion with meeting participants.

Please submit abstracts electronically by 15 Jul to Michael_J_Boyles@nps.gov in the following format:

List of authors (Last Name, First Name, and affiliation of lead author and First Name, Last Name, and affiliation of co-authors); complete mailing and e-mail address of the presenting author; presentation title (in-

cluding paper or poster in parentheses following the title); and a brief (300-word maximum) summary of the objectives, methods, results, and significance of the study.

For additional information about WBBA's 2008 meeting, please visit the WBBA website at <http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/>

Golden Gate Raptor Observatory - 2007 Report

The Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) had another record banding year in 2007, banding 2,243 raptors of 13 species. Both the total and the number of species are new records for us. We set a record for GGRO Cooper's Hawk captures with 1,048, but the big news for us was the capture of a juvenile female Eurasian Kestrel (EUK) on 23 Oct by volunteer Mike Armer and intern Beth Sturgeon. This is the first California record for the species and only the third EUK ever banded in North America.

Other unusual species for us were a Northern Goshawk and a Rough-legged Hawk, both banded on the same day and only the fifth we have banded of each of these species in our 25 years of operation. Two Swainson's Hawks—the 7th and 8th we have banded—rounded out the run of unusual bandings for the GGRO in 2007.