



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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President's Notes

Why do we band? It is a question I am frequently asked. I have a PowerPoint that I give several times a year on bird banding as a tool for studying Ohio's birds. One of the slides lists nine reasons for using banding of birds:

- Monitor populations
- Monitor reproductive success
- Monitor survivorship
- Breeding site fidelity
- Wintering site fidelity
- Migration site fidelity
- Behavioral studies
- Physiological studies
- Education

But within the last two years I have experienced another reason for banding. My data from the Lake Erie Islands has been used to help purchase valuable pieces of land on three islands. The banding data were used as documentation of species using the islands during migration and in the breeding season. There are historical data for the islands but very little current data. It was something I had thought about when I began banding on the island but there is very little land available on the island. I thought my data would be used mainly for management purposes on existing properties. But now it is being used for conservation purposes as well. One of the reasons for this is that I publish a yearly report of what I do on the islands and it is available to anyone who wants it. Get your data out there. You never know what may be done with it. If you have other reasons for

banding, send them to me. I will put them in my PowerPoint. Who knows what else I am missing.

Tom Bartlett
President, IBBA

Annual Meeting

IBBA's Annual Meeting will be held 26-28 October 2012 at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, Bellevue, NE. Meeting chairs are Rick Schmid, Master Bander at Fontenelle Forest, and Betty Grenon, long-time IBBA member and former Board member. Information on Fontenelle Forest can be found at <http://www.fontenelleforest.org/> visit; a bird checklist of the area is available at http://www.fontenelleforest.org/images/stories/Birding_Checklist.pdf

Notice – Back Issues Available

Cathie Hutcheson, IBBA's Second Vice-President, has undertaken management of back issues of IBBA publications — a function long held by Donald G. Varner until his death in July 2010. She wishes to maintain a complete library of IBBA publications but wants to reduce the bulk of the current inventory by recycling excess copies. To meet these goals, the following announcements are provided: Available for distribution are issues of *North American Bird Bander (NABB)* from 1980 (vol. 5, no. 1) through 2009 (vol. 34, no. 4) as well as a few issues of earlier volumes of *NABB*; issues of *Inland Bird Banding* from 1979 (vol. 51, no. 1) to 1981 (vol. 53, no. 3; issue no. 4 never published);