

## LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

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The Long Point Bird Observatory (operated by the Ontario Bird Banding Association) will be conducting a continuous program of observations and banding of migrant and resident birds from April 1 to October 31, 1966, at Long Point on the Ontario shore of Lake Erie. The Observatory is situated at the eastern end of the Point, about 18 miles from the nearest road. Accommodation is available at the Observatory for a limited number of experienced observers or banders who are willing to assist in the work of the Observatory for periods of one week or longer. Accommodation includes bunks and cooking facilities, but visitors must bring their own sleeping bags, air mattresses and food. A fee is charged for accommodation and transportation on Long Point. Further details may be obtained from Mrs. P. S. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Road, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.



### IBOR WORK PROJECT - POX By Mabel Warburton

One of the Work Projects undertaken by the Island Beach Operation Recovery Bird Banding Station this past season (1965) was the collection of samples of pox or mite-lesion tissue and ectoparasites found on any birds handled. The specimens were sent to Dr. Lars Karstad, Department of Avian Pathology, Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Canada.

Dr. Karstad's assistant, Peter Kirmse, has written me regarding the results of this study, and has told me that of the 14 samples sent in, 7 have proved to be pox. The species having the pox infection were: Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*), Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*), Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*), Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*), and Cape May Warbler (*Dendroica tigrina*). Of these six, two (the American Robin and the Mockingbird) had been reported earlier with pox virus infection, but the other four are new hosts for the virus.

Mr. Kirmse closed his letter by inviting us to take part in this study again next year, and I have assured him that we will be glad to help in the hope that we can contribute something which will help shed light on this infection.