
IBBA Fall 2016 Meeting

The Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, owned and operated by the Indiana Audubon Society, will be the location for the fall 2016 meeting of the Inland Bird Banding Association from 11-13 November 2016. The Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, near Connersville, Indiana, provides over 700 acres of various habitats for birds and wildlife. We maintain over 10 miles of walking trails for visitors. The Sanctuary has four ponds, a pine and wooded forest, and an established prairie. Attendees who enjoy camping are welcome to use our primitive campground during the weekend. Hotel accommodations will also be available. We are excited to host this gathering in celebration of the Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial. One of Indiana's goals for the year is to promote key actions to help birds. The work of IBBA members aligns with this goal and we are enthusiastic to welcome attendees to Indiana. Planned activities include paper sessions, banding opportunities, and guest speaker presentations. Individuals wishing to participate in the program should contact the Local Committee coordinator Amy Wilms at wilmsab@indianaaudubon.org

Activities for Friday, 11 Nov 2016, include the presentation **The Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary: Connecting Research** by Carl and Amy Wilms and a Northern Saw-whet Owl banding demonstration at the Sanctuary.

Activities for Saturday, 12 Nov, and Sunday, 13 Nov, include banding demonstrations and workshops on woodpecker molt and ageing and sexing American Goldfinches. The current program of papers include:

The Streby Lab of Avian Ecology – Bird Migration Research. Henry M. Streby, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Toledo

Bird Banding Permit 101 – Bruce Peterjohn, Chief, Bird Banding Lab, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center

To What Extent Are Worm-eating Warblers Using Early Successional Habitat During the Breeding Season? - Patrick Ruhl, Purdue University

Celebrating 100 Years of Bird Conservation: Migratory Bird Treaty – Katie Koch, Regional Migratory Bird Biologist, USFWS

Banding as a critical tool in documenting the biology and restoration of peregrine falcons in the midwestern United States – John Castrale, Retired Nongame Bird Biologist, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Co-authors Patrick Redig and Amber Burnette

Boreal Owl Research in Alaska - Aaron Anderson, Miami University of Ohio

A silent auction will take place on Saturday evening after dinner. Members are asked to bring new or gently used banding supplies or other general use items for the auction.

Where to Stay

A block of rooms have been held at the **Woodridge Inn**, 3700 Western Avenue Connersville, IN 47331; Phone: **(765) 825-4800**. Please mention the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary when calling to receive a special rate. Book Early! In addition, opportunity for primitive camping is available at the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary: there are 3 shelters with picnic tables, fire rings (wood is supplied at no cost), and pit toilets; water is available near both residences.

Details for registration and meal costs, as well as list of activities and events, will be posed at IBBA's web page <http://www.ibbainfo.org> as well as at <http://www.indianaaudubon.org>

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We look forward to seeing you in November!

