
Call for proposals for the Inland Bird Banding Association Grant Programs

The INLAND BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION (IBBA) maintains two funds for providing grants to individuals conducting research that involves banding or marking birds. IBBA is accepting proposals until 31 December 2016 for the year of 2017. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.ibbainfo.org>. All applications for grants shall be directed to the IBBA Second Vice President—Linda C. Tossing at ltossing@aol.com

The AVIAN RESEARCH FUND is for the purposes of providing limited grants to IBBA members conducting research that involves the banding or marking of native wild birds. Grants: A total of \$500 in grant money may be authorized annually for Project Proposals that are approved by the IBBA Grant Committee. Notification of grant decisions by the IBBA Grant Committee will be recommended for IBBA board approval within 31 days of the submission deadline of 31 December 2016.

The PAUL STEWART IBBA AVIAN RESEARCH FUND is for the purposes of providing limited grants to individuals conducting research that involves the banding or marking of Neotropical migratory birds. Grants: A total of \$1,000 in grant money may be authorized annually for Project Proposals that are approved by the IBBA Grant Committee. Notification of grant decisions by the IBBA Grant Committee will be recommended for IBBA board approval within 31 days of the submission deadline of 31 December 2016.

If you have questions, please direct your questions to:

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Kelleys Island, Ohio 2015 report

2015 marks the 20th year of our activities on Kelleys Island. The banding project began spring 1996 in conjunction with the Kelleys Island Audubon Club's "Nest with the Birds" program. We also do a monthly survey route that began November 1997. All research activities have been sponsored and supported by the Kelleys Island Audubon Club, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Mrs. Helen Morse and her family, Pat and Lori Hayes, Lee and Sandy Tkach, Bill and June Campbell, Delores Cole, Fred Walcott, Kyle and Jeri Yoest, and the Kelleys Island School. Special thanks to volunteers Paula Bartlett, Tom Behlen, and Shane & Laura Roberts.

Passerine banding activities this year were conducted primarily on Long Point at the Jones Preserve owned by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Morse Farm land owned by Mrs. Helen Morse. It is with deep sadness that we report that Mrs. Morse passed away in June at the age of 97. She had been a supporter of our efforts from the start. In addition, feeder banding was conducted at The Inn on Kelleys Island owned by Pat and Lori Hayes and owl banding at the Scheele Preserve also owned by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Due to bad timing, no martin banding was conducted this year. For the year, 65 species and 618 individual birds were banded in 48 banding days. Overall, it was somewhat of a disappointing year banding wise. We had the greatest number of banding days and net hours since we started but it did not result in greater numbers of birds banded, probably because of an active Cooper's Hawk nest within the banding area on Long Point. As of 31 Dec 2015, 111 species and 9241 individuals have been banded on Kelleys Island. When we include recaptures, escapes/released birds, and casualties, we have handled 10206 birds over the 20 years. We have an average rate 7.3% recaptured birds, escaped/released birds of 1.9%, and a casualty rate of 0.27% over 20 years.

Banding activities began in March with two nights of owl banding at Scheele, then three days of banding in April on Long Point and 6 days in May. The fall passerine banding began in mid-September on Long Point and at The Inn with 6 days in September, 10 days in October, 9 days in November, and 1 day in December. One night in