

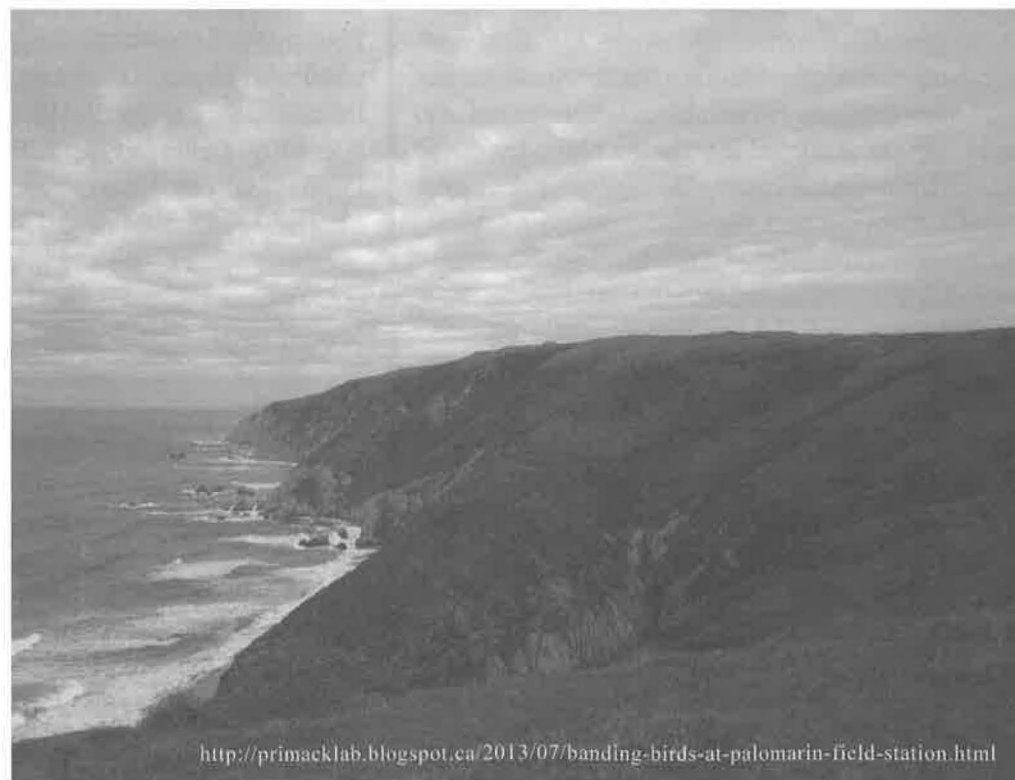


# Western Regional News

## WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING POINT REYES STATION, CALIFORNIA 6-9 October 2016

The 2016 meeting's theme is  
*"Making ornithological history: past and present"*

The Western Bird Banding Association is pleased to invite you to our annual meeting, hosted jointly by The Institute for Bird Populations and Point Blue Conservation Science at Point Reyes Station, California. Point Reyes Station is on scenic Tomales Bay, and adjacent to the Point Reyes National Seashore. Nearby rivers, wetlands, rocky headlands, and coastal scrub offer plenty of possibilities for birding trips and recreation as well as the opportunity to visit banding stations originated by the visionary founders of Point Reyes Bird Observatory (now Point Blue) in 1965.



<http://primaacklab.blogspot.ca/2013/07/banding-birds-at-palomarin-field-station.html>

The meeting will include demonstrations and workshops on a diverse array of bird research, banding, data management, and analysis of banding data. In addition, there will be an Advanced Molt and Ageing Workshop led by renowned bird expert Peter Pyle. Evening sessions will include catered meals, campfires and live music as well as a special panel of esteemed researchers and a presentation by the founders and biologists from the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory. The panel's discussion theme is *making ornithological history*, over the last 50 years and to this day.



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### Conference Overview:

Thursday 6 October 2016:

- Registration
- Meet and Greet dinner & social at Sir and Star Restaurant in Olema, CA.

Friday 7 October, 2016:

- All-day Advanced Ageing and Molt workshop with Peter Pyle (limited to 20 people.)
- Guided bird watching tours exploring several exciting and famous birding locations around Point Reyes.
- Morning banding demonstration at Point Blue's Lagunitas Creek Banding Station.
- Workshops: Afternoon workshops on field methods, banding, data and analysis.
- BBQ dinner, drinks, and an exciting update on raptor counting and banding from the folks at Golden Gate Raptor Observatory.

Saturday 8 October, 2016:

- Breakfast at the meeting venue, Dance Palace, Point Reyes Station, CA
- Scientific Sessions will be held at the Dance Palace meeting venue starting with a Plenary Speaker and followed by a poster session and drink social.
- Dinner and a keynote panel of esteemed ornithologists who made and continue to *"Make ornithological history"*.

Sunday 9 October, 2016:

- Banding demonstrations at Point Blue's historic Palomarin Field Station, the oldest banding station west of the Mississippi River.
- Field trip to observe capture and banding of raptors at the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory's Hawk Hill overlooking vistas of the Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate Bridge, and San Francisco. Considered by many to be the best place to witness the fall raptor migration on the Pacific Coast.
- Guided bird watching tour exploring several exciting and famous birding locations around Point Reyes, including the famous vagrant trap on the spectacular outer "tree islands" at the tip of Point Reyes.

Details on lodging and area attractions will be forthcoming. For more information on abstract submission or WBBA's 2016 meeting, please visit our website, or contact Marlene Wagner (mawagner "at" sfu.ca) at WBBA, or Steve Albert (salbert "at" birdpop.org) at IBP. We very much look forward to seeing you in October!

**Online registration is now open at: WBBA Registration 2016**

**Submit abstracts for papers, posters, or workshops at: WBBA Abstract Submission 2016. Deadline for submission is 1 Sep 2016.**