
News, Notes, Comments

North American Bluebird Society Research Grants 1999

The North American Bluebird Society is accepting applications for research grants involving North American cavity-nesting birds with an emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Professional biologists/researchers and graduate students are encouraged to apply for these grants which may be up to \$1,000 each.

Application guidelines may be obtained from the NABS home page at:
<http://www.cobleskill.edu/nabs/>

or from Kevin L. Berner, NABS Research Chairman
College of Agriculture and Technology, SUNY
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E-mail inquiries should be sent to:
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Completed applications must be received by December 1, 1998. Funding decisions will be announced by January 15, 1999.

Recent Literature

OMISSION: W. R. P. Bourne's tribute to George M. Dunnet, abstracted in *NABB* 23:14, 1998, was published in *Seabird* 18:3-4, 1996.

BANDING HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHIES

Janette Dean: Ottawa's banding leader. M. K. McNicholl. 1997. *Ont. Bird Band. Assoc. Newsletter* 42(2):6-7 & 42(3):1,3,6. 4735 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1L3 (Brief biography of "backbone" of Ottawa Banding Group, with emphasis on her contributions to banding in Ottawa, Ontario, and Andros Island, Bahamas.) MKM

[Untitled]. Anonymous. 1997. *Ont. Bird Band. Assoc. Newsletter* 42(4):9. c/o C. Rogers, Suite 804, 1320 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga, Ont. L5A 2L7 (Obituary of Howard Krug of Chesley, Ontario, who banded over 100,000 birds during his 93-year life.) MKM

Letters. C. S Houston. 1998. *Ont. Bird Band. Assoc. Newsletter* 43(1):4. 863 University Dr., Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0J8 (More details on the life and banding of Howard Krug, noting that he long held the

lowest banding permit number in North America and that he banded over 90,000 gulls and over 110,000 birds 1933-1989.) MKM

BANDING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES

John Miles' banding tip #1. J. Miles. 1997. *Ont. Bird Band. Assoc. Newsletter* 42(1):4. Box 449, Jarvis, Ont. N0A 1J0 (Recommends braided nylon masons line over other types of rope as a long lasting, inexpensive cord for tying net poles to trees or stakes and to replace broken or rotten cotton net loops.) MKM

Problems with White-throats. P. N. Prior. 1997. *Ont. Bird Band. Assoc. Newsletter* 42(1):5-6. 174 Broadway Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4P 1V9 (About three of 1500+ White-throated Sparrows netted annually at Long Point, Ontario, have been found with breaks or dislocations of intertarsal joints, apparently caused by "kicking" in the net.) MKM

Duplicate band numbers. J. B. Miles. 1997. *Ont. Bird Band. Assoc. Newsletter* 42(2):9. Box 449, Jarvis, Ont. N0A 1J0 (Two bands on one string were