



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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EBBA MEETING 2001

**Theme: Bird Banding and Environmental Education
Learning and Teaching about Wildlife to Teaching Wildlife
20, 21, & 22 April
Edgewood and Harford Glen, Maryland**

Schedule of events:

Friday Evening:

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Registration in the Wetland classroom at Harford Glen

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - A fireside chat with our favorite mentors in the dining hall at Harford Glen. Bucket raffle items displayed in Wetland classroom.

Saturday:

Early bird walks—details will be included with your confirmation.

Breakfast is on your own. You will receive a map locating more than a dozen restaurants and other eating establishments within six miles. Morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch are provided for the meeting.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Registration in the dining hall at Harford Glen.

9:00 a.m. - Paper presentations begin.

The annual meeting and afternoon paper presentations will follow a presentation and tour of the Harford Glen Environmental Education Center, a walk outside to prevent sleeping after lunch.

Saturday night's banquet will be held at Vitali's Restaurant (adjacent to the Invitation Inn) beginning at 7 p.m. (limited to 120 people). Our banquet speaker is Dr. William Sladen of the Airlie Center of Virginia, who will present "Bringing the Trumpeter Swan Back to the Bay: Teaching swans migration routes by ultralight aircraft—the science behind the Hollywood movie *Fly Away Home*."

Sunday:

Sunday activities include a canoe trip on the Bush River, bird walks, open house at the Bird Banding Laboratory (check with BBL), and a self-guided tour to see a Bald Eagle's nest within 150 ft of the road. More information with confirmations.

The Invitation Inn in Edgewood (Best Western Motel) at 1709 Edgewood Road, adjacent to I-95 Exit 78, has committed to a \$65/night rate, plus tax (\$68.25 total) per room for one to four people on Friday and Saturday. The Inn has a complimentary continental breakfast. That special rate is limited to 50 rooms and reservations must be made to **410-679-2997** at **least two weeks in advance**. A Days Inn, Sleep Inn, and Holiday Inn Express are also at that intersection.

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Students of any age may stay in the dormitories at Harford Glen at the Glen's rate of \$10/night. Students must provide their own linens.

Banquet entree choices are (1) Vitali's style Chicken—boneless breast of chicken topped with tomato slice, Rosemary Madeira wine sauce and Monterey Jack cheese, and (2) Baked Stuffed Pork Chop—double cut pork chop, stuffed with apple-almond bread dressing, served with pan gravy. Alcoholic beverages may be obtained from the adjacent bar. Vegetarians and others with special requirements should notify Ken.

Due to limited capacity, EBBA members should pre-register to Ken Heselton by mail (105 Haverhill Rd., Joppa, MD 21085) or e-mail (KHeselton@cs.com) no later than April 1, 2001. Indicate if you will attend the meeting and your choice of entree (1 or 2 as described above). Fees are \$25.00 for the meeting and \$25.00 for the banquet. Payment in advance (check written to EBBA) will be appreciated and speed your registration when you arrive. Pre-registration is a commitment to pay regardless of attendance. You will receive confirmation and more details within two weeks.

Atlantic Flyway Review: Region III (Western Ridge) Fall 1999

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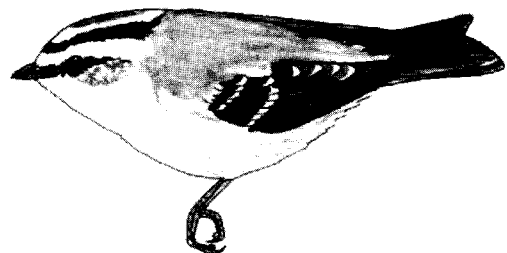
Debra Forthman has ceased banding operations at Zoo Atlanta. She reports that the landscape and bird habitats have been altered dramatically by further development of the zoo and she has lost a number of net sites. Others are so disturbed that data would not be at all comparable. She hopes to establish a mist-netting program at Stone Mountain sometime in the future. We thank her for her contributions to past AFR reports.

The Mt. Nebo banding station report was moved from Region IV to Region III and the move was reversed with Lakeshore Estates. This makes good sense geographically as Mt. Nebo is located in the mountains of western Maryland and Lakeshore Estates is a better fit in Region 1V.

Altogether, there were 29,076 birds banded at the AFR III reporting stations in fall '99, which is down from the previous year. Only Ruthven, Selkirk, Presque Isle, and Smith Farm banded more birds in fall '99 than '98. Birds/100 net hour ratios, however, were actually up at Lewiston, Powdermill, Hebron, Mt. Nebo, and Smith Farm. A negative

was that %HY figures were down at every station except Ruthven, probably indicating a poor breeding season.

Of interest were an influx of Purple Finches (525 banded at Powdermill and 101 at Mt. Nebo), Presque Isle's second-ever Bicknell's Thrush, more Fox Sparrows than usual—even making Lewiston's 'top ten' list for the first time ever, and an astounding 77 Scarlet Tanagers banded at Hebron.



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