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# *Western Regional News*

## **2001 WBBA Annual Meeting 21-23 September - Spokane, Washington**

**Tentative Schedule: Wednesday -19 Sep.**  
NABC Bander Certification

**Thursday - 20 Sep.**  
NABC Trainer Certification

**Friday - 21 Sep.**

Full-day field trip to the Coeur d'Alene Lake area; half-day field trip to Turnbull NWR  
Afternoon computer workshops on the use of MAPSPROG and Band Manager (?)

WBBA Board meeting

Evening BBQ at Environmental Education Center, Turnbull Wildlife Refuge; **Nancy Curry**, Refuge Manager Turnbull Wildlife Refuge and **Andy Buddington**, Instructor of Geology, Spokane Community College, will speak on "The Great Missoula Floods and the geological events leading to the present geological features of Eastern Washington and the Channelized Scab Lands."

**Saturday - 22 Sep.**

Morning Banding at Little Spokane River Natural Area (mixed riparian habitat within Spokane)

Lunch at Spokane Falls Community College; **Rex Sallabanks** of the Sustainable Ecosystem Institute will speak.

Paper session held at Spokane Falls Community College

Banquet at the Spokane House. **Dr. Michael Scott**, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, will speak on endangered Hawaiian birds. Silent auction and raffle.

**Sunday - 23 Sep.**

Morning banding at Turnbull NWR

Field Trip(s)

Flyers will be mailed to WBBA members in June. Others interested in attending the annual meeting may contact:

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or visit the WBBA website at:  
<http://thecity.sfsu.edu/snfc/western.htm>

**Registration cost:** to be determined

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The meeting will be hosted by

Spokane House Hotel 4301 West Sunset Blvd. Spokane, WA 99224-2015	Spokane Falls Comm. College 5925 West Excell Ave. Spokane, WA 99208-3771	Turnbull Natl. Wildlife Refuge Cheny, WA
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Spokane House is located on Hwy I-90 at the Garden Springs Exit (277) and sits on a hill overlooking downtown Spokane and the Finch Arboretum. The Arboretum has trails for early morning hikes, jogging, or birding. A block of rooms will be held for the WBBA meeting until August 27, 2001. Toll-free reservations: 1-800-550-1471. Tell them you are making reservations for WBBA. Price is \$59.00 plus tax per night. The hotel has complimentary shuttle service to and from Spokane International Airport.

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## Western Station Reports

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In response to several requests, WBBA inaugurates a new feature with this issue of *NABB*. Each quarter we will feature reports from a few banding operations in the west. To have your report included in the next issue, please contact the editor. — *K. Loughman*

### HawkWatch International Recap of Fall 2000 Migration Season

*By Jeff Smith, and Howard Gross, HawkWatch International, 1800 South West Temple, #226, Salt Lake City, UT 84115; hwi@hawkwatch.org*

During fall 2000, HawkWatch International (HWI) operated four long-term migratory raptor banding programs in the United States: Goshute Mountains (NV), Manzanos Mountains (NM), Bonney Butte (OR), and Florida Keys Raptor Migration Projects. In addition to using banding studies as a means for determining migrant movements and flyway dimensions (Smith and Hoffman 2000; Hoffman et al. in press), HWI also uses satellite telemetry (see <http://www.hawkwatch.org>) and stable-isotope analyses (Meehan et al. 2001) to determine more precisely the breeding, wintering, and migratory locations and natal latitudes of migrating raptors encountered at HWI migration-monitoring sites.

**Bonney Butte, OR** - HWI completed its sixth consecutive season of banding at this site on the southeast flanks of Mount Hood in 2000. The capture total of 311 newly banded birds, including 10 species, was a record high and included the first Broad-winged Hawk and Peregrine Falcons (2) ever captured at the site. This raised the total

number of raptors banded since project inception to 1082. The three most frequently captured species—Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, and Red-tailed Hawk—were all captured in record or near-record high numbers this season. The capture totals for Northern Goshawk and Golden Eagle also tied or exceeded previous highs.

**Goshute Mountains, NV** - This project monitors one of the largest known concentrations of migratory raptors in western North America, and HWI's monitoring efforts at this site have extended for a longer consecutive period than at any other site in the West. The 2000 season marked HWI's 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive season of banding at this site in northeastern Nevada. The capture total of 2148 raptors of 10 species was 14% lower than average; however, totals for Northern Harrier, Broad-winged Hawk, American Kestrel, Merlin, and Prairie Falcon were significantly higher than average. The number of raptors banded since project inception now totals 43,983. The year 2000 captures included six recaptures of birds previously banded in the Goshutes and three recaptures of birds previously banded elsewhere. The three "foreign" recaptures included two Sharp-shinned Hawks originally banded by the Idaho Bird Observatory near Boise (the eleventh exchange of banded birds between the two projects), and one Northern Goshawk banded as a nestling in the Independence Mountains of Nevada (the fifth exchange between these two projects).

We were pleased to have the opportunity to collaborate with the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) in conducting a field test of