



# Eastern Regional News

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**

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## President's Message

Twenty years ago my Master Bander announced that there was to be a banding association conference not far from my home; that she would come and stay with me so that I could drive us to the meeting; that it was important to belong to banding associations and to go to such meetings; and that I would learn something (with considerable emphasis on the "learn"). Those readers who knew Jonnie Fisk know that, to paraphrase, her every suggestion was my command, so we went. She was right. I did learn something and, in addition, had a wonderful time. On top of that, the meeting was the beginning of many special friendships that have grown over the years.

The sharing of information, ideas, and projects that come with EBBA membership and meeting participation enhance our banding experience and competence enormously. *NABB* is an excellent resource for banders—to be saved and reviewed repeatedly. In it can be found such topics as information on aging birds by plumage characteristics, sources of and use of banding equipment, diseases which might influence banding procedures, reviews of ornithological literature, and the always anticipated reports on migration banding—all presented in a highly professional format.

So I encourage you to take part in EBBA activities and to urge your sub-permittees to do the same. The strength of an organization rests on its membership.

Happy Banding,  
**Ginger Bladen**

## Eastern Bird Banding Association's 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association, hosted by Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, will be held 15-17 Apr 2005 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Rochester, New York.

For reservations at the Airport Holiday Inn at the reduced special rate of \$75 per double room, log onto <http://www.hirochesterairport.com> and use the code EBB to receive the special group rate. If you make reservations by telephone, please identify yourself as someone with the **Eastern Bird Banding Association**. For ease in making reservations, use the following numbers: 1-585-328-6000 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. This special group rate will be held until Friday, 1 Apr 2005. The Holiday Inn Rochester Airport will provide double-bedded rooms on a first-come first-serve basis. Once these double rooms have been sold out, king-bedded rooms will be provided. If cots are needed for the king rooms, there will be a rental fee of \$15 per day per cot.

Contact David Hauber to donate items for the bucket raffle. ([haubers3@penn.com](mailto:haubers3@penn.com)).

Individuals interested in presenting a paper or poster may contact Betsy Brooks ([ebrooks@bbbo.org](mailto:ebrooks@bbbo.org)). Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.