

Eastern Regional News

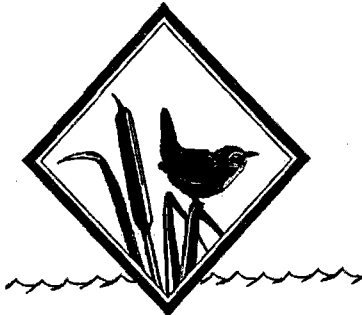
Eastern Bird Banding Association

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Summary of April 15-17 2005 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association

“PARTNERS ACROSS BORDERS” Celebrating Canadian and United States Banding Research

Over 100 registered people attended the 2005 annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association held the weekend of 15-17 Apr at the Airport Holiday Inn in Rochester, NY. Braddock Bay Bird Observatory hosted the meeting.



David Brewer and Bruce Fortman presented the Friday evening program on Northern Saw-whet Owl banding in Ontario and eastern United States. Afterwards, approximately 50 individuals took part in a “hands-on” workshop at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach Banding Station led by David Brinker, Bruce Fortman, David Hauber, and Rodney Olsen. There was an “open projector” for attendees to show slides of their own stations. Meanwhile, there were opportunities for sharing owl-banding techniques and ageing and sexing criteria with other owl banders. An American Woodcock was the first bird caught, and about half the people left before the first of two Saw-whet Owls was captured. The second bird was a foreign recapture.

Danielle Kaschube presented the first Saturday workshop on “Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) - Discussing the new molt

terminology (pre-formative vs first pre-basic) and working with MAPSPROG. The second workshop was given by Robert P. Yunick on “Passerine Age-Sex Identification”.

There were seven papers presented at the Saturday Paper Session and 15 posters presented in the Poster Session (see following lists of presenters and abstracts).

On Saturday afternoon, Lesley-Anne Howes gave the report from the Canadian Bird Banding Office and Monica Tomosy, director of the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory, gave her annual report.

Ginger Bladen, President, chaired EBBA's Annual Meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be published in *NABB* 30:3.

The banquet speaker was David N. Bonter, of Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology, whose presentation was “Bird Studies Across Borders. Thinking Big in Ornithology.”

Field trips included tours of Braddock Bay Raptor Research's Owl Woods, raptor banding operation, and hawk count; BBBO's passerine banding station, and local birding hotspots in the Rochester area.

**EBBA's 2006 Annual Meeting will
be held in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
on the weekend of 24-26 Mar.**