



# Eastern Regional News

*Eastern Bird Banding Association*

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The Eastern Bird Banding Association is scheduling its next North American Banding Council (NABC) certification session at the **Bander** level for up to four candidates seeking or already possessing U.S. or Canadian banding permits or subpermits; and at the **Trainer** level for up to three candidates who have already achieved NABC Bander certification for **5-7 Oct 2007** at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) near Rochester, NY. Applications may be obtained from and submitted, no later than **25 Aug**, to Elizabeth W. Brooks, 5540 Jericho Hill Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803; e-mail: [brookser@infoblvd.net](mailto:brookser@infoblvd.net); phone: 607-587-9571.

NABC manuals and further details are available from the NABC website at [www.nabanding.net/nabanding/](http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding/). Accepted candidates will be notified no later than **1 Sep**. Those seeking **Bander** certification are encouraged to contact a NABC Trainer (see website) to proctor the written examination portion of the certification prior to coming to BBBO; however, for those not able to do so, the examination may be taken at BBBO by prior arrangement. Passage of the examination is required in order to do the field evaluation at BBBO. **Trainer** candidates who have already passed **Bander** certification need not retake this written examination if previously their grade was 90 or better.

See also the EBBA website at [www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird](http://www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird).

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## Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2006

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Illness and a death in the family prevented Rock Point, Northview, and Lewiston stations from operating during spring 2006. For the remaining 12 stations, it was the best of springs or the worst of springs! The east coast stations (Appledore, Wing Island, and Island Beach) all had very disappointing totals. Long Point was just slightly down, while everyone else had better results than in previous years.

Coverage ranged from 10 days at Presque Isle to 99 days at Selkirk. The best day dates ranged from as early as 19 and 21 Apr at Long Point and Bedford Valley to as late as 25 and 27 May at Braddock Bay and Presque Isle. At the end of May, several stations felt that the late-season migrants had still not passed through, so stations extended their season for from a week to 10 days. Nine of the 12 reporting stations were still operating after 1 Jun: Braddock Bay until 12 Jun, Island Beach until 13 Jun, Bedford Valley until 14 Jun, and Wing Island until 16 Jun.

Of note was a massive movement of Black-capped Chickadees that seemed very localized