



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

The 85th Annual Meeting of the
Eastern Bird Banding Association
and the 13th Annual Meeting of the
North American Banding Council
10-13 April 2008

Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Erie, Pennsylvania

The venue: Located near the entrance to Presque Isle State Park, the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) is a state-of-the art, "green" facility with contemporary exhibits, research laboratories, a 175-seat, wide screen theater, a café, a nature shop, and plenty of meeting space. For more information on the Park, the Center and the Erie area, visit: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/presqueisle.aspx>, <http://www.trecpi.org/> and <http://www.visiteriepa.com/>

The meetings:

Thursday, April 10, NABC committee and council meetings 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Friday, April 11, NABC, cont., 8:00 AM-12:00 PM; EBBA council meeting 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Saturday, April 12, EBBA 85th Annual Meeting 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

- Preliminary program: Going long and far with bird banding
- Ecology of Salt Marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows - *Jason Hill, University of Connecticut*
- Forest songbird use of regenerating clear-cuts - *Scott Stoleson, US Forest Service*
- Effects of acidification on Louisiana Waterthrush - *Robert Mulvihill, Powdermill Nature Reserve*
- Long-distance satellite tracking of waterfowl - *Matthew Perry, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center*
- Long-term banding of Purple Martins - *Emily Pifer, Purple Martin Conservation Association*
- Long-term monitoring projects of Long Point Bird Observatory - *Stuart Mackenzie, Long Point BO*
- 10-year summary of The Canadian Migration Monitoring Network - *Audrey Heagy, Bird Studies Canada*
- 12-year progress report on the North American Banding Council - *Audrey Heagy, Bird Studies Canada*
- 20 years of Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship - *Danielle Kaschube, Inst. for Bird Pops*
- 40 years of migration banding at Presque Isle State Park - *Sarah Sargent, Audubon Pennsylvania*
- 50 years of migration banding at Allegheny Front Migration Observ. - *Joan Pattison and Ralph Bell*
- 90 years ago: the demography of early bird banders - *Jerome Jackson, Florida Gulf Coast University*

- In perpetuity: annual reports from the banding offices - *Kathy Klimkiewicz and Leslie-Anne Howes*
- Headed for eternal damnation: Diabolic David and his dastardly bird ID quiz - *David Brewer, ON BBA*
 - EBBA annual meeting
 - BANDIT workshop
 - Poster presentations*
 - and more to be announced.....

* More posters are welcome. Contact John Tautin at 1-814-833-2090 or jtautin@purplemartin.org if you would like to present a banding-related poster.

Social events:

Friday, April 11, Joint EBBA/NABC reception dinner. 6:30 PM-9:00 PM. Enjoy a dinner catered by Petra Restaurant, and a movie at TREC's BIG Green Screen theater

Saturday, April 12, EBBA annual banquet and bucket raffle. 6:30 PM-10:00PM. Our guest speakers will be noted ecologists and authors *Bridget Stutchbury and Eugene Morton* speaking on **Twenty years of color-banding studies at Hemlock Hill Research Area**. Stutchbury and Morton have authored countless papers, chapters and books on avian behavior and ecology, including *Behavioral Ecology of Tropical Birds* (1995) and *Silence of the Songbirds* (2007).

Travel: Easy to negotiate and located just 3 miles from TREC, Erie International Airport is served by US Air, Northwest Airlines and Continental Airlines. Rental cars are available. I-79 (3 miles) and I-90 (6 miles) are close to TREC.

Lodging: Three nearby hotels are offering reduced rates for the NABC/EBBA meeting. The nice, corporate-type, Bel Aire (0.5 miles) has a limited number of rooms at \$85 (814-833-1116 <http://www.clarionhotel-erie.com>). The also good, also corporate-type, Comfort Inn-Presque Isle (1.0 miles) has more rooms at \$62 (814-835-4200). The clean, friendly, family-owned Riviera Motel (0.7 miles) has more rooms at \$40-\$50 (814-833-1997 <http://www.rivieramotel.net>). Mention the Eastern Bird Banding Association when you call these hotels. Reserve soon; rooms not booked by March 9 will be released. For a complete listing of Erie area accommodations see http://www.visiteriepa.com/where_to_stay.shtml#hotel

Sunday field trips: Local birding trips to be announced.

Sponsors: The 2008 EBBA/NABC meeting is sponsored by:
 Eastern Bird Banding Association
 North American Banding Council
 Purple Martin Conservation Association
 Presque Isle Audubon Society
 Presque Isle State Park/Tom Ridge Environmental Center
 The Presque Isle Partnership

Registration: Please fill out the Registration Form (inserted in this journal) and mail to:
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For additional registration forms - email: bpbird@frontiernet.net and a PDF registration form that you can print off on your home printer will be sent to you or see EBBA's web site: www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird