



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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IBBA Annual 2009 Conference Announcement

The Inland Bird Banding Association's Annual Conference and General Meeting will be held Friday, 6 Nov, through Sunday, 8 Nov 2009, in St. Louis, MO, hosted by the World Bird Sanctuary. The meeting will include a presentation on Friday evening by Brad Jacobs, Missouri State Ornithologist of the Missouri Department of Conservation, regarding his work at Pico Bonit, and on Saturday evening, a live bird presentation by Walter C. Crawford, Jr. and staff of the World Bird Sanctuary.

Saturday morning sessions will include an early morning driving tour of the Lone Elk St. Louis County Park and then a behind-the-scenes tour of the World Bird Sanctuary. Presentation of papers and workshops will be Saturday afternoon.

Information packets will be mailed early in September to IBBA Members. For non-members, please contact *Valerie Geile* for a registration form and further information at: stlvaniila@aol.com

IBBA Annual Report of Birds Banded, 2008

Summary of Bandings Reported from the IBBA Region for 2008

This is the seventh consecutive year of this report. Reports from 75 banders list a record 141,000 birds of 359 species/forms banded. The Texas, Illinois-Indiana, Michigan-Minnesota-Wisconsin, and Ohio zones increased in reported banded birds, while the others dropped. A big Texas effort to band doves resulted in it reporting 40% of the tally. Ohio and Illinois-Indiana zone had major increases and reported 19% and 15%, respectively, of the banded birds.

A need for better data has resulted in a major state agency making the White-winged Dove the most

frequently banded bird with 18,795 individuals. One of the smaller species, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, came in second with 13,805 individuals. A finch invasion year helped the American Goldfinch be third with 11,418. Fourth place was taken by another game species, Mourning Dove, with 7459; fifth was the Canada Goose with 5209; sixth, Black-chinned Hummingbird with 3665; seventh, White-throated Sparrow with 3555; eighth, Purple Martin with 2680; ninth, Northern Cardinal with 2521; and tenth, Gray Catbird with 2344.

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