

somewhat less attractive over the years anyway, due to the gradual loss of a weedy area as trees and shrubs took over.

To end my commentary on a positive note, I can

report that the "seed-addicted Ovenbird" I wrote about in *North American Bird Bander* 33:66 reappeared on 28 Sep 2008 for its fourth winter, and it remained near my home at least through February 2009.

North American Banding Council

Braddock Bay Bird Observatory hosted a North American Banding Council (NABC) Evaluation at both Bander and Trainer level on 25-27 Sep 2009. Congratulations to the following who passed at Bander level: **Dave Alexander** of Duluth, MN; **Amy Finfera** of Watertown, NY; **Maren Gimpel** of Chestertown, MD; **Ryan Kayhart** of Vergennes, VT; **Nigel Mann** of Davenport, NY; and **Dan Small** of Chestertown, MD.

Congratulations also to **Dave Alexander**, and **Annie Lindsay Crary** of Phenix City, AL, who passed at Trainer level.

Participating NABC Trainers were Betsy Brooks, Mary Doscher, Mark Deutschlander, Anthony Hill, David Holmes, Bob Leberman, Bob Mulvihill, Richard Joos, Erin Karnatz, Hannah Suthers, and Bob Yunick.

Betsy Brooks, NABC Trainer



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Inland Bird Banding Association 2009 Annual Meeting St. Louis, Missouri

The Inland Bird Banding Association held their 2009 Annual meeting 6 - 8 November in St. Louis, MO, hosted by the World Bird Sanctuary. The Friday evening welcome reception at the River Chase Community Center featured Brad Jacobs of the Missouri Department of Conservation, who spoke on "Building Partnerships for Bird Conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean". Saturday activities included a driving tour of Lone Elk Park and a behind-the-scenes tour of the World Bird Sanctuary. Afternoon paper sessions at the Powder

Valley Nature Center included a report from the Banding Laboratory by Danny Bystrak and a Bandit workshop. Walter Crawford, Founder and Executive Director of the World Bird Sanctuary, along with his staff, presented a Live Bird Program at the annual banquet. Sunday's activities included a tour of the St. Louis Zoo Bird House. Local arrangements were chaired by Linda Tossing with committee members: Valerie Geile, Pat Lueders, Shellee Dwyer, and the WBS Banding Team members.