
This past February, Paula, my wife, and I visited again. The station has not changed. It is still an excellent station. The day we were there, they captured 126 rosy-finches but only banded two – all the others were recaptures, some even from 2005. There is an excellent article in the May-June 2010 issue of *Audubon* magazine on the background of this station that I would encourage all to read. But, as I am prone to do, I noticed that they had several nice small scales that they were using. I had just purchased a new scale in the summer of 2009 for about \$100. It weighted to 300 g to the nearest 0.1 g. I was happy. But then I found out they had purchased theirs for less than \$20 each. It weighted to 500 g to the nearest 0.1 g. As soon as I got home I bought two new scales. The source of these scales is Harbor-Freight Tools (<http://www.harborfreight.com>). I paid \$15 each for them but the catalog I got this July has them for \$11 each.

I urge all banders to visit other stations whenever possible and ~~steal~~ borrow the good ideas that you see. We all have things to offer the banding community.

Tom Bartlett
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Inland Bird Banding Association 2010 Annual Meeting

The Inland Bird Banding Association's Annual Conference and General Meeting will be held 29-31 Oct 2010 in Oak Harbor, Ohio. The meeting will be hosted by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory and will include a Friday evening social and presentation, Saturday morning bander training workshop, afternoon paper and poster session, evening banquet, and Sunday field trips.

The Friday social will include an exciting presentation on the Lake Erie Marsh Region and its importance to both birds and bird enthusiasts. Saturday morning will be hands-on sharing of banding knowledge for all levels of interest. A series of paper presentations and accompanying poster session will precede the Annual IBBA business meeting Saturday afternoon. The evening banquet will have as feature speaker, the former Chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, John Tautin highlighting portions of his recent book on the first 100 years of banding.

An additional Bander Certification Session under the guidelines of the North American Banding Council is being scheduled for Thursday and Friday mornings.

More Information will be mailed in August to IBBA Members. For nonmembers, please contact Mark Shieldcastle for a registration form and further information at: markshieldcastle@bsbo.org

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