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## Recent Literature

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### IDENTIFICATION, MOLTS, PLUMAGES, WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS

**Birding in Middlesex winter 2010.** P. Read. 2010. *Cardinal* 219:17-19. McIlwraith Field Naturalists of London Ontario Incorporated, Box 24008, London, ON N6H 5C4 (Includes a photograph of leucistic Black-capped Chickadee with completely white primaries and rectrices, but dark eyes and feet.) MKM

**Birds of Middlesex 2009: annual report.** P. Read. 2010. *Cardinal* 219:33-42. McIlwraith Field Naturalists of London Ontario Incorporated, Box 24008, London, ON N6H 5C4 (Including a June sighting of an orange-colored Scarlet Tanager.) MKM

**Observations of Little Blue Herons nesting in North Dakota, and an instance of probable natural hybridization between a Little Blue Heron and a Cattle Egret.** A.J. Bartos, L.D. Igl and M.A. Sovada. 2010. *Prairie Naturalist* 42:61-64. U.S. Geol. Surv., North. Prairie Wildl. Res. Center, 8711 37<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Jamestown, ND 58401 (Plumages of two nestlings in a nest attended by a single Little Blue Heron among several Cattle Egret nests at Chase Lake, ND, had characteristics of both nearby Cattle Egret chicks and chicks in a nearby Little Blue Heron nest.) MKM

**Albino robin.** D. Leafloor. 1998. *Trail & Landscape* 32:184. c/o Ottawa Field-Nat. Club, Box 35069, Westgate P.O., Ottawa, ON (Photo of white newly fledged American Robin with light bill but dark eye "being attended by parents in normal plumage.") MKM

**Conservation taxonomy of the Cuban Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala*): variation in morphology and plumage.** M.B.J. Reynolds and W.K. Hayes. 2009. *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* 22:1-18. #135, 2751 Hennepin Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408 (Most morphological

characters measured on 188 museum specimens from seven islands indicated that males are 1-4% larger than females, while measurements of 14-18 morphological and plumage characters indicated that seven subspecies [one extinct] are warranted, rather than the currently recognized five.) MKM

**Conservation taxonomy of the Greater Antillean Oriole (*Icterus dominicensis*): diagnosable plumage variation among allopatric population supports species status.** M.R. Price and W.K. Hayes. 2009. *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* 22:19-25. Dept. Earth & Biol. Sci., Loma Linda Univ., Loma Linda, CA 92350 (Measurements of five plumage features and three mensural characters of 156 male specimens suggest that four currently recognized races warrant species status as suggested previously by studies of adult morphology, juvenal plumage and vocalizations.) MKM

**Ontogeny of bill color in male Streamertail Hummingbirds (*Trochilus*).** G.R. Graves. 2009. *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* 22:44-47. Dept. Vert. Zool., MRC-116, Natl. Mus. Nat. Hist., Smithsonian Inst., Box 37012, Washington, DC 20013-7012 (Examination of bill colors of Red-tailed and Black-tailed streamertails mist-netted at four sites outside a reported hybrid zone in Jamaica indicated that adult bill color is attained with the completion of the first prebasic molt.) MKM

**Hidden in plain sight.** S. Leckie. 2010. *OFO [Ontario Field Ornithologists] News* Oct 2010:1-3. 2386 Bathurst Concession 5, Tay Valley, ON K7H 3C9 (Well-illustrated, detailed review of differences between Common and Hoary redpolls and between two distinct races of Common Redpolls.) MKM

### NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDING

**Observing birds [:] banded Dunlin.** N. Hentze. 2010. *Wandering Tattler* 34(2):3. c/o J. Grass.

17375 27A Ave., Surrey, BC V3S 0E9 (Although the color-bands on a Dunlin observed at Brunswick Point, near Vancouver, BC, were not all observed, the information collected provided a "92%" chance that it hatched in 2005 in Alaska.) MKM

**What can be learned from historic records of Chimney Swifts in London, Ontario?** W. Wake. 2010. *Cardinal* 219:24-28. McIlwraith Field Nat. of London Ontario Incorporated, Box 24008, London, ON N6H 5C4 (A table of numbers in chimney roosts includes numbers banded at two chimneys in 1940.) MKM

**Long distance molt migration by a Giant Canada Goose from eastern South Dakota.** B.J. Anderson and C.D. Dieter. 2009. *Prairie Naturalist* 41:126-128. Dept. Biol./Microbiol., South Dakota State Univ., Brookings, SD (Three females were fitted with radio transmitters when their nests were destroyed as part of a management project to reduce crop damage. The transmitter data showed that two molted within 2 km of their nesting locations, whereas the third flew 2,080 km to Ferguson Lake, Nunavut, the first long-distance migration flight recorded from a Giant Canada Goose nesting in South Dakota and one of the longest on record.) MKM

**Falcon watch final report 2008.** E. Tickner. 2009. *Trail & Landscape* 43:59-62. c/o Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (Highlights of monitoring of Peregrine Falcons nesting in Ottawa, ON, based on observations of banded birds.) MKM

**Bird highlights from the 50k and environs July-December 2008.** C. Lewis. 2009. *Trail & Landscape* 43:81-84. c/o Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (Banding of a Boreal Owl at Innis Point Bird Observatory in September provided a very early fall record for the Ottawa, ON, area.) MKM

**The 1999 Peregrine watch.** E. Ticknor. 2000. *Trail & Landscape* 34:9-12. c/o Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (Bands

helped document the successful adoption and fledging of each of three foster chicks introduced to a pair of Peregrines in the third year of their nesting on a downtown office building in Ottawa, ON.) MKM

**Fall bird sightings 2000 (September 1 – November 20).** C. Lewis. 2001. *Trail & Landscape* 35:79-85. c/o Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (During the first year of owl banding at Innis Point Bird Observatory, Ottawa, 14 were captured in one night.) MKM

**Fall and winter birds: highlights from September 1, 2001 – January 31, 2002.** C. Lewis. 2002. *Trail & Landscape* 36:56-60. c/o Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (Between 10 and 30 Oct 2001, 46 Northern Saw-whet Owls were banded on eight nights at Ottawa's Innis Point Bird Observatory.) MKM

**First complete migration cycles for juvenile Bald Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) from Labrador.** D.K. Laing, D.M. Bird and T.E. Chubb. 2005. *Journal of Raptor Research* 30:11-18. Avian Sci. & Conservation Centre, McGill Univ., 21,111 Lakeshore Rd., Ste. Anne de Bellevue, QC H9X 3V9 (Five hatch-year eagles were fitted with radio-transmitters in 2002 in central Labrador, QC. Monitoring the transmitters through a satellite provided data on pre-migration, post-fledging movements, migration routes, duration of southward and northward migration of each to and from southern Quebec, Vermont, New Hampshire, Virginia, or West Virginia, travel speeds, stopover durations, and amount of site fidelity to natal areas of each. Maps show the southward and northward routes of each bird.) MKM

**Investigating fall movements of hatch-year Flammulated Owls (*Otus flammeolus*) in central New Mexico using stable hydrogen isotopes.** J.P. DeLong, T.D. Meehan and R.B. Smith. 2005. *Journal of Raptor Research* 39:19-25. 2314 Hollywood Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104 (Hydrogen isotopes from 22 feathers of owls captured in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and

Arizona allowed researchers to determine that most hatch-year Flammulated Owls captured in central New Mexico in the fall originated locally, but that some hatched at least 200 km away.) MKM

**Falcon watch 2002.** E. Ticknor. 2002. *Trail & Landscape* 36:141-144. c/o Ottawa Field-Nat. Club, Box 35069, Westgate P.O., Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (Banding helped document post-fledging maturation of two Peregrine Falcon chicks fostered to a pair that had nested previously in the Ottawa, ON, area. Their single natural chick fledged, but did not survive.) MKM

**Fall bird sightings 25 August-15 November 2002.** C. Lewis. 2003. *Trail & Landscape* 37:30-34. c/o Ottawa Field-Nat. Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (The only reports of owls in the Ottawa, ON-Hull, QC, area during fall 2002 were 36 Northern Saw-whet Owls netted and banded by the Innis Point Bird Observatory.) MKM

**2003 falcon watch summary.** E. Ticknor. 2004. *Trail & Landscape* 38:47-51. c/o Ottawa Field-Nat. Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (Banding of the only chick in a monitored nest helped researchers keep track of its fledging and post-fledging movements.) MKM

**Fall bird sightings August-October 2003.** C. Lewis. 2004. *Trail & Landscape* 38:53-58. c/o Ottawa Field-Nat. Club, Box 35069, Ottawa, ON K1Z 1A2 (A late September to late October total of 115 Northern Saw-whet Owls captured and banded at Innis Point Bird Observatory in Ottawa, ON, was a record number there.) MKM

## NON-NORTH AMERICAN BANDING RESULTS

**Diet of some spring migrant landbirds on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica.** J.D. Wolfe. 2009. *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* 22:37-40. U.S.D.A. Forest Serv., Pacific Southwest Res. Stn., Redwood Sci. Lab., 1700 Bay View Dr., Arcata, CA 95521 (Based on droppings of 86 individuals of six

spring Nearctic-Neotropical migrant species mist-netted and banded during spring migration.) MKM

**Effects of breeding experience on nest-site choice and the reproductive performance of Tawny Owls (*Strix aluco*).** L. Sasvari and Z. Hegyi. 2005. *Journal of Raptor Research* 39:26-35. Dept. Zool., Esterhazy Karoly College of Education, H-3300 Eger, Leanyka u. 6, Hungary (From 1992-2004, 157 females and 141 males were captured in nets placed over entrances to occupied nest boxes in a national park near Budapest, Hungary, and marked individually during the first known year of breeding by the female. Observations of marked birds helped document effects of breeding experience of each gender on reproductive success, effects of amount of snow cover on reproductive success of each gender, on the influence of snow on nesting altitude, and on the effects of age/breeding experience in reducing the effects of snow and food scarcity on reproductive loss. Bands also helped document nine mate changes). MKM

**Absence of the Eurasian Griffon (*Gyps fulvus*) in northern Morocco.** J.R. Garrido, A. Camino, M. Guinda, M. Egea, N. Mouati, A. Godina and J.L. Paz de la Rocha. 2005. *Journal of Raptor Research* 39:70-74. Dept. de Zool., C. E. S. Morelo Spinola-Univ. of Wales, Plaza del Arzobispo 1, 41806 Umbrete, Spain (Although a subpopulation of breeding griffons in Spain has recovered considerably from former declines in Spain, recent surveys in nearby parts of Morocco found no evidence of recent breeding there. Seven nestlings, one fledgling and one bird of uncertain age banded in Spain have been recovered in northern Morocco, as documented in a table of banding and recovery locations and dates, age at banding and status on recovery.) MKM

