
NABC Certification Session

Braddock Bay Bird Observatory hosted an NABC Certification Session at both the Bander and Trainer level on the weekend of 30 Sep-2 Oct 2011. Participating Trainers were Dave Alexander, Betsy Brooks, Annie Crary, Erin Karnatz, Anthony Hill, David Holmes, Sara Morris and Hannah Suthers.



Four people were certified at Bander level: Tyler Christensen, Pennington, New Jersey; T. Keith McKenrick, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania; Andrea Patterson, Rochester, New York; and George Rowsom, Orient, New York.

Two people were certified at Trainer level: Molly McDermott, Columbus, Ohio and Andrea Patterson, Rochester, New York.

Congratulations to the successful candidates!



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President's Message

By the time you are reading this, our 2011 annual meeting will be over. I am sure it was great. How could it not, in south Texas. We are currently trying to prepare for 2012. If you think you or your group would like to host the 2012 IBBA Annual Meeting, please let me know as soon as possible. It appears we have a possibility of a joint meeting with Eastern Bird Banding Association in the works for 2013 and maybe a 2014 meeting in Canada. We are always looking for new places to have our meeting. I know it takes some effort to put on a meeting but it isn't that tough and can be fun. We have a booklet which helps you through the steps to put on a successful meeting. It will be on our webpage in the near future. Look it over and think about it.

As always, your editor, Peter Lowther, is looking for material for *NABB*. Please feel free to send in anecdotes, banding station reports, or even scientific papers. We need material for our section of *NABB* and the banding community needs to know what you are doing and have found out. Publishing what you find is a major justification for banding. Get your findings out there!

For some reason, banding is being drawn under fire. There was a recent article in a journal of the Wildlife Society [*Wildlife Professional* 5 (3): 84-85, fall 2011] giving "pros and cons". In fact the title, "Is it Time to Halt Bird Banding?" gives some idea of where the article is going. Chief of the Banding