

Environmental and nature photographer, Adam Welz, spent one morning at the station, after giving a presentation at North Fork Audubon the night before. It gave him the opportunity to photograph a Gray-cheeked Thrush in the hand, which was only the second one ever caught at the station. Adam heard a kingfisher and asked me if I had ever caught one. Within a few seconds of my replying “no”, we had one in the net.

Belted Kingfisher and Northern Mockingbird were the two new species banded this year. In addition, we had our first-ever sighting of a Red-headed Woodpecker.

In late October, Hugh McGuinness brought his Ornithology Club, from the Ross School in East Hampton, to the station. Each student learned to record, hold and hand off a bird from one person to another. We had a good catbird day, which made it easy to see changes in eye color, juvenal and adult relicties, and molt limits within the secondary coverts. They plan to be back in 2012.

Field guide author and illustrator, Guy Tudor, has a home nearby, and spent many mornings at the station. I am grateful for his assistance and sharing of his exceptional knowledge.



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President's Note

By the time you read this note, we will have had our 2012 annual meeting at the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center in Bellevue, Nebraska. It was a great time ...

A Few GOOD Members wanted:

The purpose of this issue's note is to encourage you to think about becoming a member of the Inland Bird Banding Association's Board. The Board is responsible for running the organization. This is best done, I believe, by input from the members.

Our Board consists of 12 positions, 11 of which are elected. They are: President, 1st Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer/Membership Secretary, a Past President, and six Board members.

The first five positions are elected annually and may be re-elected up to five times. The Board

members are elected for a three-year term and may be re-elected once. The responsibilities of each Board position are explained in our Bylaws. However, in addition to those, there is the expectation of attending Board and Annual meetings, and I have been asking Board members to contribute to our section of *NABB* with an article, note, or some anecdote of their banding experiences. All Board meetings have been held at the Annual meeting in recent years, so you can kill two birds with one stone (so to speak ...). If you are interested, drop me a note. We need some new ideas concerning what we do and where we may be going.

There are other things you could do as well. For one, we would like to spruce up our web page. If you think you could help there, contact me.

Tom Bartlett, President