

recoveries, and small numbers of four other species (3 Eastern Screech-Owls, 1 Barred Owl, 2 Long-eared Owls, and 4 Boreal Owls). Bob Barnhurst was the main bander for this program, with assistance from Simon Duval.

As always, other research activities and education programs were integrated with the banding program. We provided ongoing training to more than 70 volunteers this fall, and collected a few hundred more photos to augment the evergrowing

MBO Photo ID Library:

[www.migrationresearch.org/mbo/idlibrary.html](http://www.migrationresearch.org/mbo/idlibrary.html). We also launched a color-banding project of American Goldfinches and House Finches; although, to date, most reports have been from nearby. We encourage all banders to keep an eye out for any birds with white alphanumeric codes on black bands, and to report these to us through our form at: <http://www.migrationresearch.org/mbo/feederbirds.html>



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### **President's Message**

By the time you are reading this note, the 2013 Annual Meeting in Tennessee will be over. I am sure we all had a great time, as this was a joint meeting with Eastern Bird Banding Association. This was also the first time we sent out meeting notices via the internet. I hope this worked well but we will only know if you, as a member, let us know. It saved the organization over \$100 by sending out meeting announcements via email. If you did not receive notification, then the email address we have for you may not be active and needs to be updated. Please contact me with your current email address, so that we can do this. Of the 190 emails we sent out, only 12 bounced as not up-to-date email addresses. If you received your meeting announcement by regular mail, then we do not have an email address for you. Please consider sharing it with the organization. We do not share email addresses with other organizations or businesses. This will save us money in the future. We are working on setting up a method where you could do this on our web page.

Speaking of our web page, make sure you check it out. Board member, Erika Dittmar, has taken over webmaster duties and made some major changes. She has done an outstanding job and is open to doing more. If you have an idea, feel free to run it by

her. The web page address is <http://ibbainfo.org/>. One of the ideas is to put up a page with the yearly banding totals by our members. Brent Ortego has been doing this for the annual banding report in *NABB* but is now stepping down from this duty. If you would like to help with this project, contact me. The more individual members volunteering, the better the organization can serve the membership.

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### **Summer Banding in Sunny Texas**

Where I live in central Texas, the summers are hot and dry. It is not necessary to consult a forecast to know that tomorrow the sky will be blue, the wind will be from the southwest, the temperature will be in the 90s (or worse), and the chance of rain will be near zero. The grass and herbaceous plants typically start to turn brown in May. By June, they are dry and crunch underfoot. Many of the woody plants start to lose their leaves before the first official day of summer and cicadas constantly sing the anthem