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Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

President's Message

All of you who ran MAPS stations this summer can give yourselves a pat on the back; we hope you were successful. We also hope that fall banding will bring greater numbers and more species of birds than previous years.

My own wing chord data will be organized and summarized this winter for "operation wing chord." I trust that EBBA members who have data will be submitting it to Susannah Graedel.

If you haven't paid your 1992 dues, please send them to Treasurer Donald Mease immediately. Encourage fellow banders and sub-permittees to join EBBA. Share your *NABB* journal with them. Bob Pantle, editor of EBBA's section of *NABB*, is always looking for articles, including backyard banding experiences. Let him know how you like the journal and any suggestions you may have to add to its quality.

It is not too early to think of the 1993 meeting—2-4 April 1993, at Painted Post, New York. **Please note that Judy Bell cannot continue as coordi-**

nator for our next annual meeting as her husband has accepted a new position and Judy and her family are moving to Rochester, MN. Judy has been president, councilor and a very active EBBA member; we will miss her.

Mary and John Forness have kindly agreed to act as coordinators for this meeting and are ready to hear from volunteers to give papers, run workshops, and assist in the operation of the meeting. Contact them now. (Please see notice on page 127)

Our Nominations Chairman Gale Smith will be drawing up a new slate of officers after the first of the year. If you are interested in serving as a council member or know someone who would make a good council member, please contact Gale (RD #2, Box 97-D, Kempton, PA 19529).

I sincerely hope everyone has a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving, and I wish each and every one a very merry Christmas and a New Year of good health, peace of mind, and generosity of spirit.

Barbara Ross

Correction

NABB Vol. XVII, No. 2, page 77, last paragraph should read: "Approximately 100 people attended the meeting which was one of the best ever. Our deepest gratitude to the Program Committee and especially to **Janet Shaffer** for a job well done."

Also, the caption under the picture (bottom left on the same page) should read: "**Janet Shaffer, Chairperson.**"

The EBBA editor apologizes for these errors.

**EBBA'S ANNUAL MEETING
2 - 4 APRIL 1993**

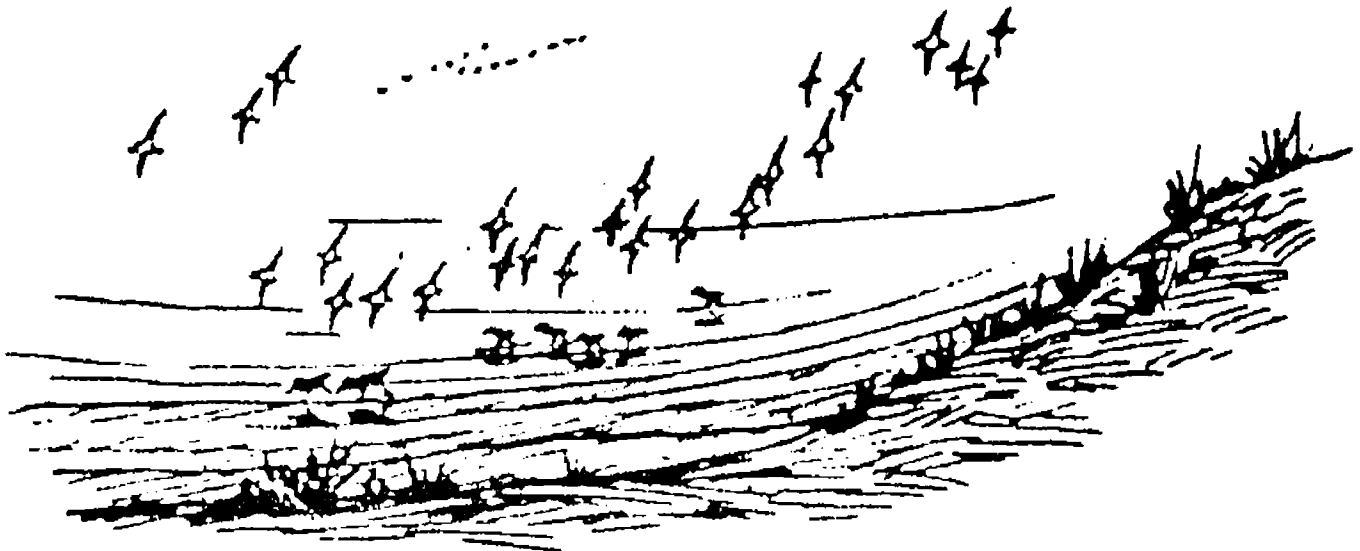
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***Please note change in Coordinator.**



AFR: Raptor Banding Summaries

CAPE MAY RAPTOR BANDING PROJECT 1991 YEARLY REPORT

1991 was the 25th consecutive season of operation for the Cape May Raptor Banding Project (CMRBP). Any 25th anniversary is an historic event, especially since many of you have been active participants in the project for most of those years. To each and every one of you, Bill Clark and I offer a hearty "thank you!" and "congratulations" for helping to have made this one of the most successful, respected and longest continuously running banding operations in the country. I think everyone will agree that much of our success over the years has stemmed from the variety of people who have donated their time, sweat, thought, and efforts over the past quarter century. To the "old faithfuls" who helped me learn the "ways of Cape May" thirteen years ago, and the newer arrivals who have brought fresh talent and enthusiasm to the Cape, I consider it a privilege and an honor to have been able to spend so many years working with such a varied, experienced and motivated group of people. Thank you, and congratulations on the completion of an historic season!!

Highlights from our 25th season at the Cape include a near record 540 Cooper's Hawks, and a near record 93 Peregrines captured. We banded an Osprey and a Golden Eagle, our 16th and 13th, respectively. We also captured eight previously banded birds, including three returns, a Sharp-shin banded in 1990 by Jeff Bouton, a Merlin banded in 1988 by Jeff Ott, and a Saw-whet Owl banded in 1990 by Katy Duffy and Pat Matheny. A HY Peregrine banded as a nestling in Greenland was very nice. But, without a doubt, the most exciting foreign recovery was a Saw-whet Owl banded in Minnesota! Together, we captured a total of 2868 birds of 14 species. Despite this year being the lowest season total since 1974, we can take great pride in having pushed our project total over 82,000 raptors banded since 1967!

Thanks to all of you and many, many more, I owe so much and offer my thanks for time and friendship: Olin and Becky Allen, Sue Bennett, Gene and Donna Biglin, Bill Clark, Laurie Cleary, Peter Deahl, Katy Duffy, Linda Dunne, Mike Edwards, Paul and Kim Engman, Steve Felch, Mary and John Forness, Mitch Harris, Shari Harden, Patti Hodgetts, Greg and Gordon Ivins, Paul and Carol Kerlinger, Pat Matheny, Carol McIntyre, Paul and Maggie Napier, Jeff Ott, Bob and Steve Pantle, Claudia Thompson, Christ and Brenda Schultz, Rochelle Skinner, Sean Smith, Dick Waechter, and Bob Yunick.

Chris Schultz
Logan UT



Josh Bortz
1992
giving Peregrine Falcon

Total Hawks Captured by Year at Cape May, New Jersey.

Year	OSPR	NOHA	SSHA	COHA	NOGO	RTHA	RSHA	BWHA	RLHA	SWHA	GOEA	BAEA	PEFA	MERL	AMKE	TOT.
1967		1	12	2		3	1	2					1		118	140
1968			31	7		2	1						3	22	182	248
1969			112	7		6	3	3						17	163	311
1970		1	52	10		2		2					4	25	144	240
1971		5	356	9		57	3	6					1	78	646	1161
1972*		4	1032	29	12	44	5	1					5	131	585	1849
1973		17	568	33	23	72	9	4		1			6	94	448	1275
1974		18	1016	74	1	58	10	17					3	57	1164	2418
1975		45	1619	93	1	58	4	6	1	1	1			97	1196	3122
1976		43	3095	135	1	163	11	11		1			21	225	1937	5641
1977	1	71	2781	189	8	144	4	5		1			7	262	965	4438
1978		33	3198	167	2	71	2	5		1	1		11	210	575	4276
1979		45	3539	284	2	125	4	11			1		19	332	1005	5367
1980		153	3306	213	10	377	22	8	1		1		19	196	607	4911
1981		147	3655	313	23	197	23	113		2			19	240	752	5481
1982		66	3061	242	9	141	4	2	1				23	221	256	4025
1983		81	3587	246	15	132	18	8			1		11	190	505	4793
1984		114	4039	267	7	195	4	4	1	1	1	1	51	275	290	5247
1985		115	2365	391	22	133	27	4	2				42	401	205	3707
1986	1	151	2178	274	11	260	3	4			2		58	280	260	3482
1987	2	317	2691	508	5	204	19	23	1				72	384	1135	5359
1988	3	205	2072	436	3	349	9	9		1	2		38	338	389	3855
1989	6	151	1588	489	1	327	5	5			1		77	297	318	3265
1990	2	146	1848	579	21	347	10	9		1	1	1	120	283	391	3759
1991	1	36	1661	540	20	104	2	3			1		93	140	182	2783

Total	16	1965	51310	5537	196	3517	203	265	7	10	13	2	704	4795	14410	81149
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Foreign

Retraps	2	61	20		9	1						1	25	7	22	147
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Returns	3	5	4		1	1								1	1	20
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* Includes an Eurasian Kestrel.

Owls Banded, by Species, in 1991 at Cape May, New Jersey.

Species	Total
Long-eared Owl	3
Saw-whet Owl	<u>82</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>85</u>

**BRADDOCK BAY RAPTOR RESEARCH
HAWK BANDING SUMMARY
FOR SPRING 1992**

A hawk banding project was conducted by Braddock Bay Raptor Research for the ninth consecutive year. This spring a total of 854 hawks were captured, banded, and released. This is a record high banding total. It eclipses the previous record high total (1984) by a mere 10 hawks, but the makeup of the two totals are startlingly different. In 1984, there were 652 Sharp-shinned Hawks banded. In 1992, there were only 470 individuals of that species banded. This is not only a reflection of the dismal Sharp-shinned Hawk flight but an improvement in capture techniques, experience of the banders and improved locations. There were record high totals of Northern Harrier (61), Cooper's Hawk (135), Red-shouldered Hawk (18), Broad-winged Hawk (tied at 3), Red-tailed Hawk (83), and Rough-legged Hawk (tied at 2).

The diurnal raptors were captured in the usual manner at one of our four banding stations: Main, North, Hogan Point, and Payne Beach. The Payne Beach location was moved approximately 100 yards to the west. This had an extremely positive effect on our totals this year, as a little less than half the birds banded in 1992 were banded at the Payne Beach Blind.

Many helped make this a successful season. Special thanks go out to all of our staff of licensed banders and volunteers--Dave Tetlow at Hogan Point; Frank Nicoletti at Payne Beach; Dan Niven and Tom McDonald at Main. We would also like to thank our guest banders--Judy Bell from the Southern Tier and Kim Stahler from Ohio. Special thanks go to Jason Franz and Trish Stanko who took time from their owl banding efforts to help with diurnal trapping. The passerine station again helped with raptors caught in their nets. Thanks to Betsy Brooks, Bob McKinney, Sharon Skelly, and Bob Oswald.

Jeffrey Dodge

**Nine year summary of annual hawk banding totals for the spring migration at
Braddock Bay, New York.**

Species	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total	Average
BAEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
NOHA	0	2	10	1	2	0	12	17	61	105	12
SSHA	176	192	431	358	652	78	268	319	470	2944	327
COHA	29	68	129	117	127	27	58	133	135	823	91
NOGO	3	5	15	20	4	2	2	20	19	90	10
RSHA	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	5	18	32	4
BWHA	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	3	10	1
RTHA	2	8	34	9	11	18	18	70	83	253	28
RLHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0
AMKE	4	40	65	36	40	28	45	117	57	432	48
MERL	3	1	3	1	1	4	12	6	6	37	4
PEFA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	218	316	688	542	844	160	419	691	854	4732	526

**BRADDOCK BAY RAPTOR RESEARCH
OWL BANDING SUMMARY
FOR SPRING 1992**

For the seventh consecutive year, an owl banding project was conducted by Braddock Bay Raptor Research. The principal observer was Jason Franz who was assisted by Patricia Stanko. The project was run from 1 March to 15 May. There was coverage every night except those with heavy precipitation or strong winds. The project ran for a total of 57 out of a total 76 nights, thus amounting to 14,209 net hours of coverage, or an average of 259 net hours per night. A total of 284 owls representing five species were captured and banded this season.

The first large movement of owls came on 9-10 March when 39 Northern Saw-whet Owls and three Long-eared Owls were banded and released. This movement came just before 18-24" of snow fell at Braddock Bay on 11-12 March, shutting down operations until 16 March. Snow lasted until the end of March with small accumulations of 1-3" here

and there. Consequently, the owl migration was stilled and by the end of March, only a total of 94 owls were captured, representative of four species.

The peak of migration in 1992 occurred during 6 and 22 April, during which time 156 owls were captured, representing five species. The project's only Short-eared Owl was banded during this period, with a solitary Saw-whet Owl captured on 1 May ending this season's migration of owls.

In addition to the project's owl efforts, Frank Nicoletti set up owl nets on several nights at the Payne Beach Blind. His efforts were rewarded with the capturing, banding, and releasing of 66 owls representing three species. In addition to those birds banded, a Saw-whet Owl banded at Braddock Bay on 30 March 1991 was recaptured on 14 April 1992. **Our first recovery of one of our birds!**

Adding in the Payne Beach totals brings the grand total of owls banded to 352, the same total as last year.

Jason Franz

Eight year summary of owls banded at Braddock Bay, New York, during the spring migration.

<u>Species</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Total</u>
NSWO	1	22	33	101	58	53	277	292	837
LEOW	0	1	2	19	51	38	61	50	222
SEOW	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	1	13
EASO	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	8
GHOW	1	1	1	0	2	2	5	5	17
BOOW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
BAOW	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	2	24	36	120	113	101	352	352	1100