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***Eastern Bird Banding Association***

***Founded 1923***

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## **EBBA's Annual Meeting 2002**

Come join the Eastern Bird Banding Association's 79th Annual Meeting at Niagara Falls, New York. The dates are 19 Apr to 21 Apr. The hotel is Comfort Inn "The Pointe." Many of their rooms offer a view of the upper rapids and the Reservation State Park. The world-renowned Hard Rock Cafe is one block away. All of Niagara Falls' attractions are within walking distance from the hotel, including the *Maid of the Mist* boat tour, Cave of the Winds, Goat Island, the Wintergarden, and much more. The hotel offers all hotel guests a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast from 7 AM to 10 AM in their downstairs lounge.

Niagara Falls is 12,000 years old, nearly 200 feet high and has thrilled and amazed its visitors for centuries. Twenty per cent of the earth's fresh water (the Great Lakes) flows over Niagara Falls. More water flows over Niagara Falls than any other in the world. The Niagara River is not a river at all; it is a strait connecting Lake Erie with Lake Ontario.

The American "brink" is 1060 feet in length and 176 feet high. Each second, 150,004 gallons of water tumble over its edge. The Horseshoe Falls is 2640 feet across its brink and 167 feet high. Each second, 600,000 gallons of water fall from its brink.

Experience the thrill and share the wonder of Niagara from any one of a number of fantastic viewing points. Prospect Point, Terrapin Point, and all of Goat Island will place you in the center of the historic mist that has caressed millions of visitors from across the world.

The theme of the meeting is:

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BANDING BIRDS: ALL SPECIES GREAT & SMALL**

All sessions will be held at "The Pointe." Jerry Farrell is planning the field trips that will also include the birds of the Niagara gorge. Paper Sessions and Workshops will be included on the reservation forms that were mailed out the last week in February. A Poster Session is also planned.

The **Saturday Evening Banquet Speaker** will be **Dr. David M. Bird**, professor of Wildlife Biology and Director of the Avian Science and Conservation Centre of McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

Articles for the **Bucket Raffle** and the **Silent Auction** are needed. Contact: **David Hauber**

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## CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

During the EBBA 2000 council meeting, it was suggested and agreed upon to give Certificates of Appreciation to long-time banders to recognize their many contributions. Barbara Ross was asked to collect names of banders who would fit this description. Scott Weidensaul was asked to design the certificates. The certificates were forwarded to the EBBA president to be signed and were sent to the recipients. The information in these biographies was gathered in 2000. Contributors were Ginger Bladen, Betsy Brooks, Mary Doscher, Joan Bell Pattison, Janet Ganter Shaffer, Hannah Suthers, and Bob Yunick.

**Edith Folger Andrews:** Edith has been banding birds since completing her master's degree with Dr. Arthur A. Allen at Cornell in 1946. She was one of the original participants in Operation Recovery with a migration station on Nantucket Island. This station was operated nearly 50 years until natural and man-made changes destroyed it. In 1981, Edith conducted her autumn work with Earthwatch volunteers. It has continued under the auspices of the Maria Mitchell Association. She has banded over 50,000 birds, has trained many banders, initiated the Christmas Count on Nantucket and is still the compiler. An especially loyal EBBA member, Edith seldom misses an annual meeting.

**Ralph K. Bell:** Ralph began keeping bird records in 1927 when he was 12. He became involved in the Christmas Count in 1954 and organized his own in 1958 which continues to this day. Ralph has been a bird bander since 1954 and has banded over 112,000 birds. He is a life member of EBBA and has been an honorary member since 1983, served on council, been EBBA Vice President, and wrote "A Bander's Diary" for *EBBA NEWS* from 1964 to 1973. Ralph was a signatory to EBBA's Certificate of Incorporation in 1962. He has been the mentor for nine sub-permittees. He founded the Allegheny Front Migration Observatory at Dolly Sods, West Virginia, on 18 Sep 1958, and was the only bander for the first year. George Hall became co-leader in 1960.

**Dorothy Bordner:** Dorothy received her banding permit in April 1955 and had been a student and trainee of Merrill Wood at Penn State. She has been a life member of EBBA since 1964 and has served as treasurer and secretary on council. She

was a signatory to EBBA's Certificate of Incorporation in 1962. Since 1996, Dorothy has not been banding actively but has instructed others in their studies. Her mother, Blanche, who is 99, assisted Dorothy throughout her long years of banding.

**Donald F. Clark:** Donald is a retired educator and an active bander since 1966. He was *NABB's* Atlantic Flyway Review editor for 20 years. His former sub-permittees include Betsy Brooks, Mary Forness, David Hauber, and Regina VanScoy. By 1988 he had banded 38,000 birds, ably assisted by his wife, Jane.

**George Hall:** George is a retired chemistry professor at West Virginia University. He has been co-leader, with Ralph Bell, of the Allegheny Front Migration Observatory since 1960, when he began banding birds. George has banded 75,000 birds since that time, ably assisted by his wife, Tanya. He is an EBBA member, life member of the Brooks Bird Club, and fellow of the AOU. George assisted in the writing of banding summaries of AFMO. He retired from banding birds in 1999 but continues his involvement in other bird pursuits.

**Elise Lapham:** Elise has operated a banding station on Block Island, RI, since the mid-1960s and is a contributor to the Atlantic Flyway Review. She has been an EBBA life member since 1982. She has also done much work with school children, and many banders have trained with her. Elise gives special credit to Kim Gaffet who has done so much to keep the Block Island Station operating. Her mentor was Elise Dickerson, who also operated a station on Block Island.

**Mabel Warburton:** Mabel has been a life member of EBBA since 1968. She began banding at Island Beach, NJ (an Operation Recovery Station), in 1958 and banded there through the early 1990s. She was the director from 1964 (when she took over for Elise Dickerson who became ill) until 1968. Mabel's daughter, Charl, tabulated fall migrations from 1962 - 1968. There is a net lane at IB still referred to as "Mabel's lane." The *EBBA NEWS Index* covering vols. 22-30 lists 13 contributions from Mabel.

**Barbara Ross**  
Certificate Nominations Chairperson

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## **THE MEMORIAL GRANT FUND**

Over 30 years ago, EBBA established a Memorial Grant Fund to recognize departed members and friends. Income from that endowment has been used annually to make student awards for ornithological research projects which use bird banding as part of the study. Income has grown so that up to \$500 has been designated by council for distribution by the Memorial Grant Committee.

If you want to remember a departed bander or birder friend, or simply contribute to the support of student research in ornithology, send your tax-deductible check to EBBA's treasurer, Donald Mease. Added income from the Fund will be used in the future to increase the number or amount of these competitive awards.

## **RESEARCH AWARDS**

The Eastern Bird Banding Association seeks applicants for its annual \$500 research awards in aid of research using banding techniques or bird banding data. Applicants should submit a resume of their banding and ornithological background, the project plan including the significance of the study site, and a budget. No formal application forms are necessary, however two copies of each application are required. Grant requests must be received by 15 March each year with award announcements 30 April.

Preference is given, but not limited, to research in eastern United States, or with species that spend part of their life there. Projects that are planned for other portions of the United States, North America, or the Western hemisphere also may be considered. Research studies with conservation or management implications are particularly encouraged.

Grantees are required to submit a summary of their work at the end of the year, or present at least part of their study at the annual EBBA meeting. Travel grants for this purpose are available in addition to the Memorial Grant for the research. Also, grantees are encouraged to become members of EBBA.

Send applications/inquiries to:

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If you are interested in applying for an EBBA Research Award, please send e-mail to Richard Roberts [bandbird@intercom.net](mailto:bandbird@intercom.net)