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The top five species banded made up 47% of the total, a typical proportion in recent years. One hundred ten warblers of 14 species made up about 20% of the total catch, lower than average. The sparrows combined made up 33% of the total, a higher-than-usual amount. Because most of the juncos banded were adult, the overall percent of HY birds was 60% this year, lower than usual. A spring and summer drought was accompanied by above-average temperatures in August. By late

September cool weather arrived, the drought was finally broken, and below-average temperatures continued though early November. Banding conditions were generally good, meaning that high winds and cats did not interfere this year. A hard frost in late May had injured flower buds in this region of New York state, resulting in a complete lack of certain fruits around the net lanes (apple, crabapple, arrowwood, and cherry), but there were moderate amounts of fruits on silky and red-osier dogwood and multiflora rose.

NABC CERTIFICATION SESSION 3-5 Oct 2003

The Eastern Bird Banding Association (EBBA) is scheduling its 5th North American Banding Certification (NABC) session at the bander level for persons seeking or already possessing U.S. or Canadian banding permits or subpermits for **3-5 Oct 2003** at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO), near Rochester, NY. Applications may be obtained from and submitted, no later than **25 Aug**, to Elizabeth W. Brooks, 1435 Waterwells Rd., Alfred Station, NY 14803; 607-587-9571; <ebrooks@BBBO.org>

NABC manuals and further details are available from the NABC website at <www.nabanding.net/nabanding/>. Accepted candidates will be notified by no later than **5 Sep** and are encouraged to contact an NABC Trainer (see website) to proctor the written examination portion of the certification prior to coming to BBBO; however, for those not able to do so, the examination may be taken at BBBO by prior arrangement. See also the EBBA website at <www.pronetisp.net/~bpbird>

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