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Eastern Bird Banding Association

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The Eastern Bird Banding Association is scheduling its next North American Banding Council (NABC) certification session at the **Bander** level for up to four candidates seeking or already possessing U.S. or Canadian banding permits or subpermits; and at the **Trainer** level for up to three candidates who have already achieved NABC Bander certification for **5-7 Oct 2007** 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, 5540 Jericho Hill Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803; e-mail: brookser@infoblvd.net; phone: 607-587-9571.

NABC manuals and further details are available from the NABC website at www.nabanding.net/nabanding/. Accepted candidates will be notified no later than **1 Sep**. Those seeking **Bander** certification are encouraged to contact a 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. Passage of the examination is required in order to do the field evaluation at BBBO. **Trainer** candidates who have already passed **Bander** certification need not retake this written examination if previously their grade was 90 or better.

See also the EBBA website at www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird.

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Illness and a death in the family prevented Rock Point, Northview, and Lewiston stations from operating during spring 2006. For the remaining 12 stations, it was the best of springs or the worst of springs! The east coast stations (Appledore, Wing Island, and Island Beach) all had very disappointing totals. Long Point was just slightly down, while everyone else had better results than in previous years.

Coverage ranged from 10 days at Presque Isle to 99 days at Selkirk. The best day dates ranged from as early as 19 and 21 Apr at Long Point and Bedford Valley to as late as 25 and 27 May at Braddock Bay and Presque Isle. At the end of May, several stations felt that the late-season migrants had still not passed through, so stations extended their season for from a week to 10 days. Nine of the 12 reporting stations were still operating after 1 Jun: Braddock Bay until 12 Jun, Island Beach until 13 Jun, Bedford Valley until 14 Jun, and Wing Island until 16 Jun.

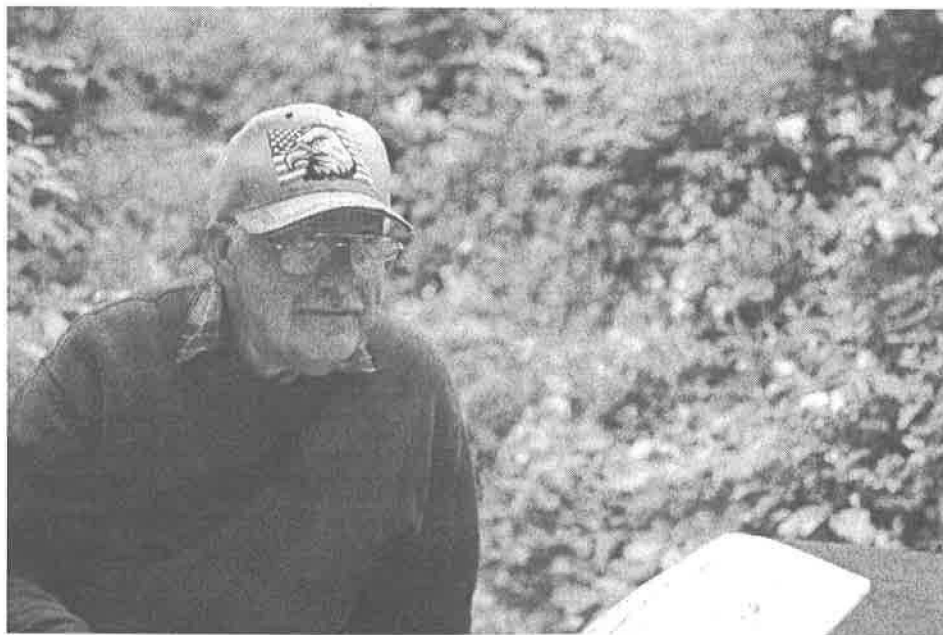
Of note was a massive movement of Black-capped Chickadees that seemed very localized

with 1,014 banded at Braddock Bay, although they did make the 'top ten' list at Kestrel Haven, Powdermill, and Wing Island. Several research projects took place at various stations; and Appledore, Braddock Bay, and Kestrel Haven all participated in the avian influenza monitoring project coordinated by LaMMNA.

We were sorry to hear that Ron Leberman announced that after 49 years of banding, he is retiring. The Presque Isle Bird Banding Station had its start back in the fall of 1960 when Ron, Bob and Mary Leberman, and Chester Pees set up a few mist nets around the lily pond near the old ball field at Presque Isle State Park. Then in the mid-60s they moved operations a short distance north of the ballfield near the Niagara Boat Ramp area and have been there ever since. Much has changed over the years. The Ranger Station was built near the lily pond, and for many years Jim and Jean Stull banded there, adding to the overall bird banding totals.

As a family, Charles, Mary, Bob and Ron have banded some 47,690 birds, mainly on weekends during the spring and fall migrations. Of course, they had many helpers over the years. A few are listed here, but many thanks to all that came to help and watch. Ron thanks Sara Flaugh, Imogene White, Rose Boyle, Bill Rudder, Jean and Jim Stull, Toby Cunningham, Barb Mitchel, Sam Stull, Harry Leslie, John Wargo, Karen and Harley Winkleblack, Thelma Patton, Susan Smith, Janet Price, Evelyn Anderson, Larry Johnson, Karlin and Gordon Marsh, Patrick Wishart, Jean Joyce, Larry Massey, Howard and Marcella Meahl, Patrick and Donna Peters, Ethel and Jim Sarian, Mike and Michelle Snyder, Sally and Robert Senger, Stacy Small and Ruth Swaney.

We salute Ron for his dedication and contribution to migration monitoring!!!



Ron Leberman
(taken on his last day of banding at Presque Isle - by Evelyn Anderson)

We would welcome additional reporting stations for the spring AFR report. Thanks to all who participated.

Table 1. Spring 2006 AFR Banding Summary						
	Crown Pt NY	Braddock Bay NY	Ruthven ON	Appledore ME	Selkirk ON	Long Pt ON
Inclusive Dates	5/13 - 5/28	4/15 - 6/12	4/1 - 5/31	5/6 - 6/9	2/22 - 6/11	4/1 - 6/10
Total Days	16	50	59	28	99	71
Nets Used	15 to 16	1 to 35	1 to 15	7 to 9	0 to 20	0 to 53
Total Net Hours	2,480	8,736	4,206	2,801.8	10,650	7,848
% Caught in Traps	1.0%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	9.1%	26.2%
Best Day #/date	220 on 5/18	378 on 5/25	60 on 5/13	183 on 5/18	206 on 4/30	604 on 4/21
Best Diversity/date	28 on 5/18	40 on 5/29	21 on 5/22,23,25	32 on 5/18	26 on 5/24	55 on 5/10
Total Banded 2005	536	3,088	1,401	3,028	2,630	12,920
Total Banded 2006	871	5,296	1,494	1,722	2,721	12,468
Total Species 2005	51	105	83	73	80	129
Total Species 2006	63	96	79	67	82	131
Birds/100nh 2005	13.5	29.5	35.3	114	20.38	147.73
Birds/100nh 2006	35.1	60.6	31.9	61.5	22.71	158.9

Table 1. Spring 2006 AFR Banding Summary (cont'd.)						
	Kestrel Haven NY	Presque Isle PA	Wing Island MA	Bedford Val. PA	Powdermill PA	Isl. Beach NJ
Inclusive Dates	4/11 - 5/31	4/14 - 6/3	4/6 - 6/16	4/9 - 6/14	3/1 - 6/1	3/7 - 6/13
Total Days	36	10	17	33	71	48
Nets Used	2 to 14		1 to 22	1 to 11	4 to 65	4 to 27
Total Net Hours	798	648	946	981	12,205	3,400
% Caught in Traps	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%
Best Day #/date	79 on 5/3	148 on 5/27	82 on 5/18	21 on 4/19	170 on 4/30	291 on 5/13
Best Diversity/date	19 on 4/18,5/27		13 on 4/30	11 on 4/19,5/6	40 on 5/20	32 on 5/5,5/12
Total Banded 2005	892		440	183	2,178	3,015
Total Banded 2006	1,043	650	243	243	3,481	2,648
Total Species 2005	59		47	46	103	82
Total Species 2006	65	55	26	52	106	84
Birds/100nh 2005	94		32	44	18.3	116.8
Birds/100nh 2006	131	100.3	26	25	28.5	77.89