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NABC Certification Recipients

Three EBBA-area banders received their North American Banding Council (NABC) Certification at the Evaluation Session held 5-7 Oct 2007 at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory.

Margaret Fritze of Forestburgh, NY, and Tom Greg of Jamison, PA, were awarded the Bander Certificate and Adrienne Leppold of Rector, PA, earned her Trainer Certificate.

Participating Trainers were Betsy Brooks, Mary Doscher, Sue Finnegan, Anthony Hill, David Holmes, Erin Karnatz, and Hannah Suthers. Congratulations to the successful candidates!

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We welcome a new reporting station – Erin Karnatz' backyard station at Albion, New York. Totals were up at Lewiston, Rockport, Selkirk, Mt. Nebo, and Allegheny Front, but down at Ruthven and Long Point. John Miles' Selkirk had its best fall ever. The best days ranged from as early as 4 Sep at Lewiston and Albion (the two most northern stations) to 24 Oct at Selkirk.

As usual, the narratives make interesting reading. Highlights included Long Point's first banding of a Varied Thrush and a second bilateral gynandromorphic Black-throated Blue Warbler at Allegheny Front and also their 120th species to be banded: a female Green-winged Teal!

As always, thanks to everyone who contributes to the Region III AFR report!

Lewiston *****

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The 2006 fall banding season started on 28 Aug and ran through 27 Oct. The start of the season proved to work out very well and in the future the station will open earlier in August. Again, as years in the past, the bad weather moved in near the end of October, bringing the fall banding season to a close. This year saw a few changes in the top ten bird species encountered. Hermit Thrush, Black-
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throated Blue Warbler, Nashville Warbler and American Redstart, all on the top ten list this year, were not on the list last year. But Ovenbird, Veery and Gray-cheeked Thrush, which had been on last year's top ten list, were missing from it this year. I handled only one Ovenbird and not a single Gray-cheeked Thrush.

The total bird count again showed an upward trend, which is very encouraging. Birds/100nh increased to 47.1, which is up from 36.6 in fall 2005. New polyester nets were purchased from the EBBA net supply and worked out very well.

There were only two Black-capped Chickadee local retraps this fall, one of which was three years old.

Banding demonstrations were conducted at the station for the Pheasant Forever Youth Day and the many walk-ins that took time to see the operation first-hand.

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The Albion banding site is located in a narrow residential strip bordered by agricultural fields.