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## North American Banding Council Certification Session Announced

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**The value of colour-ringing: The case of Yellow-billed Egret *Egretta intermedia*.** D.M. Harebottle. 2005. *Afring News* 34:20. Avian Demogr. Unit, Univ. of Cape Town, Rondebosch 7701 (A nestling color-banded in South Africa in 2003 was observed 80 km away in 2005. The author pleads for reports of sightings of color-banded birds, as they increase the chances of identifying banded birds considerably over encountered birds being identified through recapture.) MKM

**Bishop's Glen Ringing Project—valuable recapture data obtained after ten years.** D.H. de Swardt, G.P.J. Grobler, R.J. Nuttall and H.D. Oshadleus. 2005. *Afring News* 34:21-29. Dept. Ornithol., Box 266, Natl. Mus., Bloemfontein 9300, South Africa (Summary of 219 recaptures of 21 species from 10,944 birds banded near Blomfontein since 1993, with tables

listing several significant records and discussion of recapture rates and trends of species groups. Most were recaptured locally, but several were recovered elsewhere, including a 1996-banded Red-billed Quelea recovered in 1998 2545 km away in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Significant longevity records included a Cape Robin-Chat at 111 months [nine years, three months] and Malachite Kingfishers at 33 and 43 months. ) MKM

**Unusual mortality in a South African Cliff Swallow *Hirundo spilodera*.** H. D. Oshadleus. 2005. *Afring News* 34:30. (A nest had been further built around a swallow that died in its entrance 8 km from the site where it had been banded as an adult the previous year.) MKM

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## *Eastern Regional News*

### ***Eastern Bird Banding Association***

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The Eastern Bird Banding Association is scheduling its next North American Banding Council (NABC) certification session for landbirds at the **Bander** level for up to six candidates seeking or already possessing a U.S. or Canadian banding permit or subpermit; and at the **Trainer** level for up to three candidates, for **25-27 Sep 2009** at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) near Rochester, NY. Applications may be obtained from and submitted, no later than **15 Aug 2009**, to Elizabeth W. Brooks, 5540 Jericho Hill Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803; e-mail: [brookser@earthlink.net](mailto:brookser@earthlink.net); phone: 607-587-9571.

NABC manuals and further details are available from the NABC website at [www.nabanding.net/nabanding/](http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding/). Accepted candidates will be notified by no later than **22 Aug 2009**. Those seeking **Bander** certification are encouraged to contact an NABC Trainer (see website)

as early as possible 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. Passing the examination is required in order to do the field evaluation at BBBO.

The three **Trainer** openings are for persons who have been either previously **Bander** certified or achieve **Bander** certification at this session. Previously certified Banders are not required to retake the written examination if their grade was 90 or better. Persons not yet **Bander** certified who apply for both the **Bander** and **Trainer** candidate positions being offered at this session will be evaluated for **Trainer** based only on first passing the **Bander** certification at this session and having a written examination score of 90 or better.

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