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Merganser and Peregrine Falcon. The total number of birds banded in 2009 was 1923. 81 individual recaptures, six escape/released individuals, and 12 casualties were recorded. Of the recaptured birds, 13 were banded in 2008. One bird, an American Goldfinch, had been banded by Black Swamp Bird Observatory on 6 May 2009 during its passerine banding study. The average length of time between banding and recapture was 7.6 days with a range of 1 to 33 days and an average weight gain of 7.15%. Of the recaptured individuals, 69% showed a weight gain at recapture, 25.5% showed a weight loss at recapture, and 5.5% show no change in weight at recapture. Those individuals with a

weight gain showed a gain of 17% and those with a weight loss, showed a loss of 10%. The casualty rate was a very good 0.59%. All casualties were deposited at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

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**WBBA TO MEET ON
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANCH**

Please use inserted Registration Form.

The Western Bird Banding Association will meet at the peak of landbird migration for their 2010 annual meeting at the lovely Starr Ranch Bird Observatory, **September 30 to October 3, 2010**. SRBO is within the Starr Ranch Sanctuary (<http://www.starranch.org/>), a 4,000-acre National Audubon Society preserve in the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains, in the mild and semiarid Mediterranean climate of southeastern Orange County, approximately 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The meeting is not to be missed and will have exciting demonstrations and workshops of banding, data management, and analysis of banding data. Located at a long-running banding station in a riparian corridor amongst the unique California coastal sage scrub, the historic ranch boasts an old orange grove, offers shady trees for camping and some limited bunk space, as well as outdoor cooking facilities and nearby motels. Paper and poster presentations can reflect original research, summarize existing information, or address the use of banding as a tool in avian research and monitoring. Mist nets will be operated for the first time at Starr Ranch during fall migration. An NABC certification for banders and trainers is also planned. Please submit abstracts for papers or workshops electronically **by 15 August** to C. J. Ralph (EM: cjr2@humboldt.edu), specifying workshop, paper, or poster. For additional information on abstract submission and about WBBA's 2010 meeting, please visit the WBBA website (URL: <http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/next-meetings.html>), or contact C.J. at 707 499-9707.