

# OFO



## ONTARIO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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### OFO NEWSLETTER

Since the writing of the last Newsletter, my first, my peers have critiqued my work extensively, but I've decided not to emigrate to Lebanon as suggested and stay on as Newsletter Editor.

The next Newsletter is scheduled to be published at the end of October. Anyone who would like to submit articles for inclusion is to have them to me by the 7th of October, please.

Mike Runtz has retired as Membership Secretary effective immediately. We extend our sincere thanks to him for his efforts over the past months. Don Sutherland has agreed to assume Mike's portfolio for the remainder of 1985. Correspondence and renewals regarding memberships should be sent directly to him as follows: Donald A. Sutherland, 325 St. Clair Ave., E., Toronto, M4T 1P3. Mike Oldham, Vice-Pres., will assume some of Don's presidential duties in the interim.

As of April 27/85 our membership totals were as follows: Life 111, Annual Renewal 240, and Annual New 75, for a total of 426 members. Obviously, a few folks out there still haven't joined OFO. Please do your part to bring this to their attention and solicit their subscriptions.

#### Book Reviews in Ontario Birds submitted by Bill Crins

We have recently been in touch with several Canadian publishers of bird-related books. As a result we have received a number of books that are now available for review. If anyone is interested in reviewing any of the titles listed below, please contact the Book Review Editor, Bill Crins, through the OFO mailbox. Books will generally be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis subject to suitability. Only one book at a time will be assigned to a particular reviewer. Reviewers are requested to follow the format and style employed in previous published reviews in Ontario Birds, and that the review be completed and submitted within three months of assignment. Reviewers are permitted to keep the book for their efforts. If interested parties would like to review books in the future, write down your preferences and send them along. This list will be used when titles covering the listed subjects become available.

#### Books available for Review:

- "Feeding Wild Birds In Winter" by Clive Dobson. 128 Pages.
- "The Dictionary of American Bird Names" by Ernest A. Choate.
- "The Joy of Birding - A Guide to Better Bird-watching" by Chuck Bernstein.
- "A Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies" by R.T. Peterson.
- "Watching Birds - An Introduction to Ornithology" by Roger F. Pasquier.
- "Birds of North America - Eastern Region", a MacMillan Field Guide by John Bull, Edith Bull, Gerald Gold and Pieter D. Prall.

#### Announcements:

1. As indicated in the last Newsletter, we were looking for an OFO Rep. to the FON. Robert G. Hawker (109 Taylor Ave., Chatham, Ont., N7L 2T7) has agreed

to accept the duties contingent with this position.

2. We still have a few copies of OFO's Directory available for the modest sum of \$2.00. Get yours now and find out who's who in OFO.

3. There are two vacancies available for a special birding trip to all the "Birding Hotspots" in Brazil for three to five weeks beginning July 29/85 and ending as late as Sept. 5/85. All permits and arrangements have been obtained and/or made. Contact John Cartwright at 519-433-2211 for further information.

4. Call for Nominations to OFO Board of Directors and OBRC: Nominations are now being solicited to draw up a slate of officers to serve on the Board of Directors of OFO for 1986. Nominations are accepted from any member in good standing, in writing and by September 10/85. Nominations must be signed by the consenting nominee. These should be sent to **Ron Ridout**, c/o the OFO mailbox by the designated time listed above. The slate of officers shall be approved by a majority vote of the members at the AGM this fall. In the event that the slate of nominees exceeds 11, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes in a secret ballot shall be elected until the maximum number of positions to be filled has been reached. Refer to Article IV, V and VI of the OFO Constitution for more information concerning the Board of Directors and their specific duties and tenure in office. Further, nominations are being accepted for service on the Ontario Bird Records Committee for a three year period beginning in January 1986. Two vacancies are available to individuals that are members in good standing of OFO and who have exhibited an expert knowledge of field identification of birds. Nominations must be in writing, received by Sept. 10/85, signed by the consenting nominee and sent to Ron Ridout at the OFO mailbox.

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Statement of Income

Year Ended December 31, 1984

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Financial Position

December 31, 1984

<b>Income</b>		<b>Assets</b>	
Memberships - Life	\$1,180	Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 2,867
- Annual	<u>\$3,850</u>	Accrued interest	56
Ontario Birds - back issues	255	Term Deposits	5,040
Interest	386	Inventory - Ontario Birds, at cost	<u>2,140</u>
Field trips	(82)		
Baillie Birdathon	1,863		
Exchange and bank charges	44		
Donations	<u>29</u>		
	<b>\$7,525</b>		
		<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		Accounts payable	\$ 301
Ontario Birds	\$4,790	Accrued liability - Ontario Birds	1,550
Printing, postage and stationery	931	Fees received in advance	1,304
Meetings	(296)	Owl Project	<u>325</u>
Ontario Bird Records Committee	301		<u>3,480</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>94</u>	<b>Members' equity</b>	<b>\$ 6,623</b>
	<u>5,820</u>		<u>=====</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,705</b>		
Members' equity at beginning of year	<u>4,918</u>		
<b>Members' equity at end of year</b>	<b><u>\$6,623</u></b>		

Field Trips: The following field trips are tentatively planned for the 1985 season: In conjunction with the FON Mike McEvoy and Martin Parker will lead a trip to see the swallow swarms in the soon to be legendary town of Pembroke on August 10-11/85. Contact either leader for further information and details.

Starting at 9 A.M. Bob Curry will lead a tour at Hawk Cliff to study fall hawk migration on Sept. 15/85. Meet at the small parking lot area at the end of the road.

Don't forget the Labour Day Weekend events at Presqu'ile Prov. Park (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

The planned pelagic trip in late Sept. or early Oct. in Lake Ontario may not be held this year due to the unavailability of a suitable boat at a reasonable cost. We will keep you posted.

Calls for Information:

1. As many of you may know, The Ministry of Natural Resources has been releasing Peregrine Falcons in the City of Toronto since 1981. A total of 20 birds have so far been released. MNR would like reports of any Peregrines seen in or near the city. Sightings should be sent to D.W. Simpkin, Director, Wildlife Branch, MNR, 99 Wellesley St., Whitney Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, M7A 1W3.

2. The LPBO is requesting aspiring authors to submit short articles or notes for publication in Ontario Bird Banding. Particularly, they are looking for notes on movements of banded birds, variations in plumage, or novel methods or holding or catching birds of interest primarily to banders. They further state that "you need not be a member of OBBA to publish in the Journal, although memberships will not be refused." Articles should be sent to Bruce Duncan, Box 512, Caledonia, Ont., NOA 1N0.

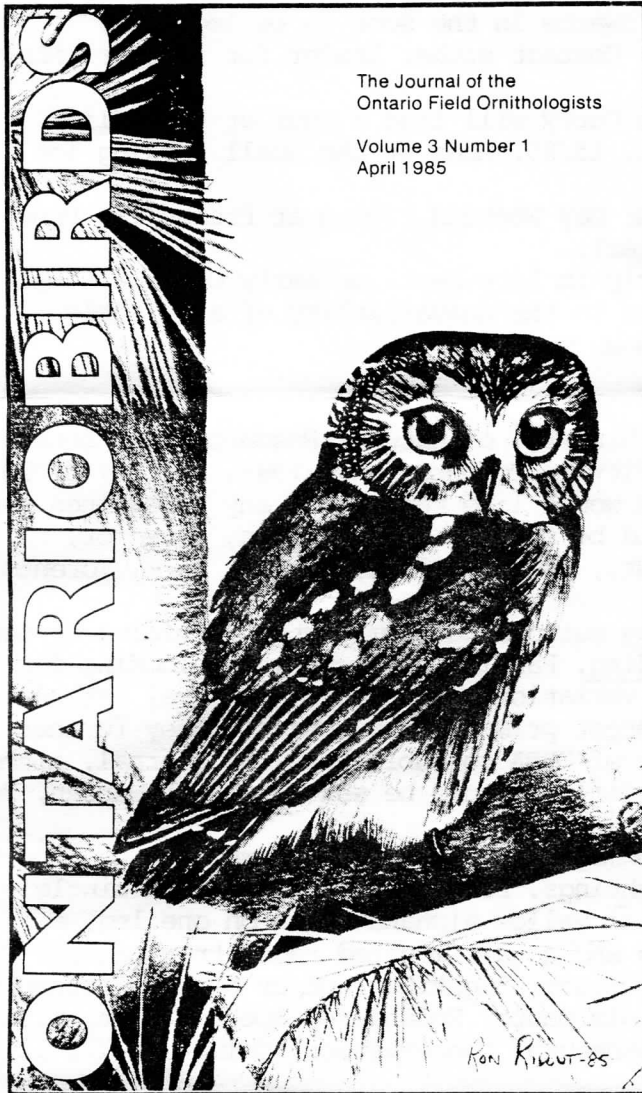
3. The N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation is requesting birders to report wing-tagged Bald Eagle sightings. Birds are marked with a single yellow wing-tag, a blue tarsal band w yellow alphanumeric on one leg, a USFWS aluminum band on the other leg and a tail mounted radio transmitter. Thirty two eagles were released in New York State. Sightings and/or nesting attempts should be reported to Peter Nye or Lois Bautz, Endangered Species Unit, Wildlife Resources Center, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Delmar, N.Y., 12054-9767 (Phone 518-439-7635).

4. The Second Marsh Defence Assoc. Ltd. is seeking memberships to help in their continued fight to save the "Marsh". The Marsh is not safe yet - its future status has merely been postponed. Help is still needed!! Memberships (Associate - \$25.00, Family - \$15.00, Single - \$7.50 and Supporting - \$5.00) can be obtained by writing SMDA, P.O. Box 762, Oshawa, Ont., L1H 7M9.

5. Al Wormington is attempting to compile a complete set of Audubon Field Notes. The following issues are still required: 1947 (Vol. 1, #1-6), 1948 (Vol. 2, #1, 2, 4-6), 1949 (Vol. 3, #1-6), 1950 (Vol. 4, #1-6), 1951 (Vol. 5, #1), 1953 (Vol. 7, #2-6), 1954 (Vol. 8, #1-4), 1955 (Vol. 9, #1-6), 1956 (Vol. 10, #2-5), 1958 (Vol. 12, #1,2,4,5), and 1959 (Vol. 13, #2). Al may be contacted at R.R.#1, Leamington, Ont., N8H 3V4.

6. The Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas is deep into its fifth and final year. Make sure you do your part to see it to completion. Although time is short, make sure all your data is included. Contact this Editor for your nearest Regional Co-ordinator or the Atlas Office at the University of Waterloo.

7. Does anyone know who will repair Zeiss, Pentax, Bushnell, or Leitz binoculars? If you have such information, or if you have other questions of this nature that you would like published, please contact me directly.



Annual Meeting: This year's spring meeting at Pelee was attended by about 70 people. Those that came were treated to a spectacular photo essay by George Peck of the Royal Ontario Museum. As usual, George dazzled us with his slides of Ontario's nesting birds. The draw for Ron Ridout's Northern Saw-whet Owl was held. Al McTavish of London was the fortunate winner. He's having a huge party (date TBA) to celebrate the event. I assume that all OFO members are invited, AL!?

Finally, if spring is for Pelee, is Presqu'ile for the fall? As usual, the staff and associates of the Park are planning a gala birding event on the Labour Day Weekend. Field trips and slide presentations are currently being lined up. See you there! Find out what all the excitement is about. If you plan to camp, you'd better reserve now - this is a very busy place throughout the summer and early fall.

Good Birding!

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