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November 20 Fundraising Dinner A Smashing Success!

About 80 BPBO members and others interested in birds and birding gathered at St. George's Anglican Church Parish Hall on Saturday, November 20th for BPBO's first fundraising event. This festive and fun event raised just under \$4000 for BPBO.

Two members of the Amati Trio – John Newton and Keira McArthur - played classical music while the guests assembled. The third member of the trio, Donna Steinacher, was unfortunately unable to make it because of illness. We're happy to report that Donna is recuperating. Our thanks to John and Keira for coming as a duo and donating their time and talent.

The meal was a beautiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, cooked by Gwen Gilbert of Wiarton, and served by Gwen, her helpers, and a variety of aproned volunteers. Gwen did this meal at cost, allowing us to greatly increase our profits. Thanks to Gwen for her hard work and great cooking!

Many people donated items for the silent auction. There were bird prints, bird photographs, and several books, old and new, on birds. The auction raised over \$1000.

Before dinner, Ted Cheskey made a power point presentation on BPBO and our activities. He was happy to report on our latest initiative – partnering with a migration monitoring organization in Nicaragua.

Our after dinner speaker was Mark Peck, Royal Ontario Museum ornithologist. Mark spoke about his research into Red Knots, which takes him from the high Arctic to the southern United States. Mark makes extensive use of volunteers in his work.

Volunteers are the strength of so many bird-related activities – from ROM research to volunteers who spend time up at Cabot Head, to the many volunteers who helped put on the November 20th dinner. Thanks to all of you for helping us to put on an enjoyable evening and raise much-needed funds for BPBO.

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Fundraising Dinner Photo Gallery...



Mark Peck, guest speaker at Banquet



Peter Middleton flogging auction items

Generosity Touches BPBO – Notes from the President

By Ted Cheskey

Thanks to the generosity of our members and some donors, BPBO exited the fall in slightly better financial shape than the spring. Unlike naturalist clubs, BPBO has paid staff and taken responsibility for the maintenance of significant capital assets – the Grebe Lodge and our staff quarters. Without the grant from the Trillium Foundation to keep us afloat this year, our funding requirements were met in various ways. This was in large part thanks to major efforts from our Board, our fundraising committee, especially Noreen Steinacher's work on our corporate fundraising efforts in the summer, and the generosity of our members through donations. The Grebe Lodge has started generating revenue for us also, as groups are beginning to use it for workshops and related events. Two groups from the University of Waterloo, a hiking/birding group, and a BPBO birding workshop were among the uses since the last newsletter. In 2005, BPBO will be booking Grebe lodge from May to the end of October, with weekday and weekend rates. To be eligible for use of Grebe lodge, group activities must be consistent with the Ontario Parks mandate for the Cabot Head Nature Reserve and have an educational or research component. For more information about booking Grebe lodge, contact Ted Cheskey at goshawks@sympatico.ca or Deborah Diebel at deborah_diebel@bwdsb.on.ca.

Everything's Coming Up Trilliums for BPBO - Trillium Foundation Update

BPBO has just received the exciting news that our application for funding to the Trillium Foundation has been approved, assuring us some of our core operating funding for the Cabot Head Research Station for the next two years.

Raffle winners

At our fundraising dinner, the winners of the 2nd annual BPBO raffle were drawn by speaker Mark Peck. The winner of first prize, a weekend at Grebe Lodge and meal at Rocky Raccoon Café, was Robert Cheskey of Milton Ontario. Ela Glinka of Manheim, Ontario won the second prize, a two-night stay in a yurt at MacGregor Point Provincial

Park. Maria and Ziggy Magolan of Kitchener Ontario had their ticket drawn for the set of Ron Baker story telling CDs as well as the Ethan Meleg Great Gray Owl framed photograph. We would like to thank the Rocky Raccoon Café, Ontario Parks, Ethan Meleg and Ron Baker for providing prizes for this year's draw.

Cabot Head

At the Cabot Head Research Station, we were very fortunate to have Stephane Menu return as our Station Scientist for the fall (especially after the canoe trip described in the last newsletter!). As well, we were able to staff the station with long-term volunteers continuously from August 15 to November 1. This meant that there were no modifications of the protocol to accommodate a staff shortage, as we have had to do in previous years. More people does not necessarily mean more birds, as the numbers of banded birds this fall dropped slightly, though coverage was the best it has been.

September was marked by the arrival of three long-distance migrants from Germany, Reinhard Vohwinkel, Hermann Knuever, and Johanne Berthiaume. Reinhard particularly brought with him unparalleled experience and superb identification, aging, and sexing skills for North American birds. Birding highlights included two captured and banded Boreal Owls (we had banded two Boreal owls in 2000 also), and an observation of a Townsend's Solitaire by Al Woodhouse.

More late breaking news...

I am thrilled to announce that Stephane Menu, our Station Scientist, has agreed to return to Cabot Head in 2005 to manage the operations of the Migration Monitoring Station.

Ron Baker, our dependable and ingenious Administrator has migrated to Great Britain until April 2005, so I will be co-ordinating booking for volunteers at the Cabot Head Migration monitoring station. If you are interested in volunteering there, please contact me on my email listed above.

Changes to BPBO bylaws and objectives

Prior to the banquet, we held a general members meeting to deal with three business items, one old and two new. The old dealt with the review and acceptance of our auditors reviewed financial statements. One of the new items was the expansion of our board from six to eight members. This was passed unanimously. The second new item, also passed unanimously, was the addition of a new project objective for BPBO, the support of bird conservation and monitoring in Central America. Initially, this project will involve raising \$1000 annually to support bird monitoring stations in Nicaragua. This project is described on page 7.

New Name for Newsletter

In our August newsletter we asked for submissions to our "Name the Newsletter" contest. As you will see, the winning title has been selected. Our BPBO newsletter will now be known as the *Beakon*, a play on words combining the birding significance of Cabot Head, and cultural heritage of the Cabot Head Lightstation adjacent to the BPBO Research Station site. Steve and Marianne Patterson submitted the winning entry, and have won an overnight stay in Grebe Lodge at the Cabot Head Research Station. Congratulations, Steve and Marianne! (For a colour version of this newsletter, refer to our website!)

2004 FALL MIGRATION MONITORING SUMMARY

By Stéphane Menu

This fall, 139 species were detected, a total of 1513 birds comprising 65 species were banded, and 137 birds of 34 species were recaptured at the Cabot Head Research Station. Fall migration monitoring began on August 16th and ended on November 1st. Stéphane Menu returned as the Field Ornithologist/Bander-in-Charge (FO/BIC). With the assistance of 3 long- and several short-term volunteers, the banding and migration monitoring was conducted for a total of 78 consecutive days. A one-hour census was done each day and, depending on the weather, fifteen mist-nets were operated. Many species were caught in low numbers this fall, possibly due to a combination of poor reproduction and events of bad weather during migration.

Owl banding was also done between October 10 and November 6, thanks to dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. A sound system broadcasting non-stop Saw-whet Owl calls was placed in the middle of a perimeter delineated by 3 hawk nets (nets with a bigger mesh size than mist nets). Three mist nets were also open. During these 4 weeks, banding was possible during only 15 nights. For 423 hours of mist nets, 19 Northern Saw-whet Owls and 2 Boreal Owls were banded. Captures occurred only on 6 nights. There was also an exciting recapture of a Saw-whet Owl banded as a young bird 4 years earlier in Wisconsin!

The fall was not exceptional for unusual sightings. However, the biggest surprise came from the capture of a young Summer Tanager on October 5th! This bird was recaptured 3 times, the last time being the 12th of October. A young Dickcissel was seen on October 6th; and a second one was heard on the 29th of October. A Golden-winged Warbler was caught and banded on the 23rd of August, the first banded in the fall at Cabot Head Research Station. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were seen or heard quite regularly during the fall and one was banded on October 1st. Three Northern Shrikes were banded this fall.

Even with the number of banded birds building up, there were only 6 recaptures of birds banded from the previous seasons. Interestingly, none were from spring 2004. They involved mostly local breeding birds: American Redstart (one from spring 2001 and 3 from fall 2003), Hairy Woodpecker (one from fall 2003), and Black and White Warbler (1 from fall 2003). There was also one foreign recapture, an American Redstart of still unknown origin.

Census and casual observations allowed monitoring of **89** species that were not covered by mist-netting. Hawks, Blue Jays, Cedar Waxwings and Finches are some of the species that are better monitored by observation than by banding.

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

BPBO and the FO/BIC would like to express our gratitude to the following members of the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory and volunteers for their help at the field station during the banding season, especially the 3 long-term volunteers, Reinhard Vohwinkel, Christina Sobol and Emily Wallace. Warm thanks also to: Johanne Berthiaume, David Brewer, Ted Cheskey, Caroline Fournier, Hermann Knuever, Josh Shea, Simon Turland, and Al Woodhouse.

Ron Baker, as the BPBO's administrator, was of invaluable help during the fall! BPBO and the FO/BIC would like to extend well-deserved thanks for his work.

CONCLUDING REMARKS FROM STÉPHANE MENU, BPBO'FO/BIC

Fall 2004 was a success as coverage was complete and the data collected was of high quality. This season marked the third year of a migration monitoring following a well-established protocol. Interesting comparisons can already be made between these years. Migration monitoring at Cabot Head will be ongoing for a period of at least 5 years, and will contribute to the efforts of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network. It will certainly provide other surprises and ultimately will contribute to the understanding and monitoring of bird populations.

Life at the research station provided many moments of wonder and excitement: recapturing an Owl banded in Wisconsin, watching wind storms over Georgian Bay, climbing West Bluff... But, overall, working with great people, united in a common passion for birds and nature, is the best asset one could have. Thanks to all!

FALL BANDING TOTALS (2000-2003)

Species	2004	2003	2002	Av.	Species	2004	2003	2002	Av.
Sharp shinned Hawk	2	2		2	Orange-crowned Warbler	9	23	10	14
Cooper's Hawk			1	1	Nashville Warbler	24	48	41	38
Merlin	1			1	Yellow Warbler	3	13	6	7
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		2	2	2	Chestnut-sided Warbler		2	5	4
Black-billed Cuckoo		5	2	4	Magnolia Warbler	25	29	17	24
Northern Saw-whet Owl	19		1	10	Cape May Warbler	1	3		2
Boreal Owl	2			2	Black-throat. Blue Warbler	14	18	21	18
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	1	1	Myrtle Warbler	34	92	90	72
Red bellied Woodpecker	1	1		1	Black-throat. Green Warbler	115	116	116	116
Yellow bellied Sapsucker		1		1	Blackburnian Warbler	3	3	5	4
Downy Woodpecker	4	12	1	6	Pine Warbler	2		2	2
Hairy Woodpecker	5	5		5	Western Palm Warbler	1	10	6	6
Yellow Shafted Flicker	2	3		3	Bay-breasted Warbler		1		1
Pileated Woodpecker			1	1	Blackpoll Warbler	7	6	6	6
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1	3	2	Black-and-White Warbler	17	30	26	24
Traill's Flycatcher	3	5	3	4	American Redstart	85	197	103	128
Least Flycatcher	4	5	3	4	Ovenbird	16	16	10	14
Eastern Phoebe		1	4	3	Northern Waterthrush	4	4	11	6
Eastern Kingbird			1	1	Connecticut Warbler		1		1
Northern Shrike	3	1	2	2	Mourning Warbler			1	1
Blue-headed Vireo	4	2	1	2	Common Yellowthroat	31	35	17	28
Philadelphia Vireo		1		1	Wilson's Warbler	2	4	5	4
Red-eyed Vireo	31	117	51	66	Canada Warbler	1	4	7	4
Blue Jay	3	4	3	3	Scarlet Tanager			1	1
Black-capped Chickadee	169	368	29	189	American Tree Sparrow	56	19	10	28

Red-breasted Nuthatch	62	26	5	31	Chipping Sparrow	6	1	3	3
Brown Creeper	28	48	53	43	Clay-colored Sparrow			1	1
House Wren	1	1		1	Savannah Sparrow	1	3	1	2
Winter Wren	5	1	3	3	Fox Sparrow	3	1		2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	262	321	490	358	Song Sparrow	10	17	20	16
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	62	122	71	85	Lincoln's Sparrow	4	2	9	5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1	1	Swamp Sparrow	7	11	4	7
Veery	3			3	White-throated Sparrow	84	42	49	58
Gray-cheeked Thrush	12	16	19	16	White Crowned Sparrow	79	22	29	43
Swainson's Thrush	16	38	11	22	Slate-colored Junco	63	65	43	57
Hermit Thrush	24	34	16	25	Northern Cardinal	1	3	1	2
American Robin	16	19	11	15	Rose-breasted Grosbeak		6	1	4
Gray Catbird	7	7	10	8	Indigo Bunting	5	5		5
Brown Thrasher			1	1	<i>Summer Tanager</i>	1			1
American Pipit	1		1	1	Baltimore Oriole		1		1
Cedar Waxwing	16	10	43	23	Purple Finch	5	3	2	3
Blue winged x Golden winged			1	1	Pine Siskin	4			4
<i>Golden winged Warbler</i>	1			1	American Goldfinch			3	3
Tennessee Warbler	38	8	3	16	Totals (without Chickadees)	1345	1679	1530	1518
					Totals (with Chickadees)	1513	2047	1559	1706

Bold - Record high fall totals, 2000-2003

Italic - indicated first fall banding record for CHRS

Data: for 2002: Derebyshire, 2002; for 2003: Menu, 2003.

Av.: Average

BPBO Wish List

We are a little late for Santa this year, so we are asking BPBO members to keep an eye out for any of the following items for the Research Station:

- Desktop Computer with USB Port
- Satchel(s) to carry bird bags
- Curtains for Grebe Lodge
- Newer model refrigerator
- Bird bags
- Any field guides for this region
(not just bird guides!)

Why Nicaragua? This beautiful country is the both the largest and economically poorest in Central America. When it comes to international support for nature conservation, Nicaragua has slipped through the cracks. Large tracts of native forest are being lost to cattle ranching, agriculture, and shrimp farming, while hunting and poaching of many species and the illegal trafficking of parrots undermines populations of sensitive wildlife. Yet some Nicaraguans are working hard, with very little resources, to monitor and protect wildlife and nature in their country.

BPBO is collaborating with the ALAS
(*Alianza para las Areas Silvestres –
The Alliance for Wilderness Areas*)



in **Nicaragua** who operate seven bird monitoring stations. The US agency that sponsored this program in its first years stopped support in 2004. Our goal is to raise \$1000 annually towards operating these monitoring stations for the next few years.

The Motmot is the national bird of Nicaragua

Four of the seven most commonly captured birds at the Nicaraguan stations are Swainson's Thrush, Wilson's Warbler, Tennessee Warbler and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, all on the list of highest priority species for the Cabot Head Research Station. The monitoring stations also generate much interest in birds locally, and often involve the participation of youth from local schools and universities.

Another way to support bird conservation in Nicaragua is by sponsoring the artwork for the *Birds of Nicaragua*. A Nicaraguan artist is doing the artwork at a cost of \$20 per species. In return you would receive an 8.5" X 11" print of the species! For details contact Ted Cheskey at goshawks@sympatico.ca, or visit the ALAS website at <http://www.avesnicaragua.org/AdopteUnAve.htm>

GREBE LODGE NOW OPEN AS RETREAT CENTRE FOR NATURE ENTHUSIASTS

Grebe Lodge has been refurbished, and is now ready to accommodate birders, artists, writers, hikers, university groups, and other nature enthusiasts. Visitors will be inspired by the lakeside setting of this cozy cottage. Set on the Georgian Bay waterfront, in sight of the spectacular Niagara Escarpment and Wingfield Basin, Grebe Lodge features sleeping arrangements for 12 people, separate washroom facilities, a kitchen, round fireplace, several balconies, and wrap-around windows. Rental rates for Grebe Lodge are \$20.00/night for students and non-profit groups, with a fee minimum of \$200.00/night. For all other groups, the fee is an affordable \$30.00/night, with a minimum charge of \$200.00/night. To book your accommodations now, or for more information contact Deborah Diebel at [deborah diebel@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:deborah_diebel@bwdsb.on.ca). You can also check out our website at www.bpbo.org.

Feeding Birds In Winter Workshop

The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory's Education and Outreach mandate is to provide information about birds and their environment and to raise the awareness of members of the local community on bird-related issues. On Sunday, November 7, a free workshop about "Feeding Birds In Winter" was held in the lower meeting room at the Grey-Sauble Conservation Authority Headquarters near Inglis Falls. The doors opened at 1:00 pm and the workshop ran for just over 1 1/2 hours, ending with a lively question and discussion period. About 80 participants attended the workshop.

Organizer and presenter Rod Steinacher of BPBO presented two computer slide shows with information specific to winter bird feeding. The first, provided by Bird Studies Canada, showed birds that could be expected to visit someone's winter feeders in our area. Rod also discussed a wide variety of issues facing those who feed birds in winter. They ranged

from what type of feeder to use, to what type of seed to use in the feeders, predators, and diseases which seem to be occurring more commonly now.

Bird Studies Canada also provided information on Project Feederwatch. There was an opportunity for people to sign up for Project Feederwatch, if they wished to do so. The importance of the data gathered through Project Feederwatch in increasing our knowledge of birds' winter ranges and behaviours was emphasized.

Also present was Judy Coates of "Bird Passion", an Owen Sound birding supply company. She brought along examples of a number of different types of bird feeders, samples of effective types of bird feed, and some bird identification guides from their newly expanded line. Judy also donated some bird seed that went as door prizes for those attending.

BPBO's Peter Middleton will be holding a follow-up workshop in the spring about "Gardening For The Birds". Look for information about this much anticipated workshop, as well as other BPBO sponsored events, as the season approaches.

BPBO Membership Renewal Process Streamlined

Some beneficial changes have been made to improve and streamline memberships and membership renewal with BPBO. For starters, the board has identified a "Membership Liaison" position. Doug van Hemessen has taken on this role and is working to ensure the membership process is organized and timely.

All memberships will be based on the BPBO fiscal year that begins in April. Renewal notices will be sent out in March of each year. New members joining through the course of a fiscal year will be sent a renewal notice the following March UNLESS their membership began in the January to March period. Please note that a flat rate membership fee of \$25 annually is being instituted this coming April. There will no longer be differing categories and fees for individual, family, etc.. This will help simplify the membership process and should be fair to all. Of course, those who become life members do not need to be concerned with any of this!

BPBO Welcomes and Thanks New Life Members

Membership dues infuse needed funds into all aspects of BPBO's operations. Just as regular membership fees do, life memberships support the continued bird monitoring and education projects of BPBO. Life members are important as they, along with volunteers are the people who often form the core of support for organizations such as ours. Life members pledge long-term interest in, and support for the organization. The benefits of life membership include a tax receipt, quarterly newsletters, recognition from BPBO, the opportunity to directly contribute to valuable bird monitoring research, updates from the research station, and the freedom from ever having to worry about membership payments again! Currently life membership fees are set at \$300.00. BPBO would like to extend a hearty thank-you to our most recent life members:

Lorraine Brown, Leith, Ontario
Pat Thomas, Toronto, Ontario

Ted & Jean Minhinnik, London, Ontario
Muriel Turner, Tiverton, Ontario

Dian Wood, Sauble Beach, Ontario
Cindy Lee Phillips & Kenneth John Gilmour, Peterborough, Ontario.

Norah's Notebook ...

By Norah Toth
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BPBO Liaison with Ontario Parks

The Cabot Head Research Station is located within the Cabot Head Provincial Nature Reserve.

Provincial parks have been classified into six broad categories because it is recognized that no individual park can be all things to all people. *Nature reserve* is one of these categories. Each category has a particular purpose and characteristics as well as distinctive planning, management and visitor services policies.

More clearly stated, park classification defines an individual park's role in providing opportunities for environmental protection, recreation, heritage appreciation and/or tourism. Classification establishes a management framework for each park within the provincial park system.

As a nature reserve class park, Cabot Head has been selected to represent distinctive natural habitats and landforms. It is protected for educational purposes and as a gene pool for research to benefit present and future generations. The primary goal of nature reserve class parks is for landscapes, flora and fauna to exist with minimal human interference. As such, Ontario Parks' relationship with the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory, whose primary objectives are research and education, is ideal.

Despite the fact that Cabot Head's name is "Provincial Nature Reserve" – it is a provincial park and is regulated under the Provincial Parks Act. In the next issue I will discuss how management direction is determined for each provincial park.



"Focus" on the Pine Siskin (PISI)

By Rod Steinacher

"Was that a Goldfinch? It sounded too 'coarse'." The soft rising buzz of the Pine Siskin (which might be written 'zwee-e-e-t'), once noticed, is very distinct. In the field, most Siskins are identified by their call as they fly overhead.

While the Pine Siskin (*carduelis pinus*) may breed in small numbers in Grey and Bruce Counties, it can be quite common at our winter feeders. Like many 'northern'

finches, the Pine Siskin is subject to *irruptions* some winters. This simply means that they can be common one year, but perhaps absent the next. When an irruption does occur, you may see flocks of 10 to 100 Siskins busily flying and feeding together. They utilize the seeds of Hemlock, Birch and Alder, as well as various weeds. Putting out niger and black oil sunflower seed will likely attract them to your feeder, often in large numbers.

At the feeder Pine Siskins are easy to distinguish from winter-plumaged Goldfinches, which lack the Siskin's distinct striping. The Siskin's slim pointed bill, strongly notched tail, and touch of yellow on the wing and at the base of the tail, also separate it from female House and Purple Finches. Although also very striped, Redpolls have a red forehead, black chin, clear breast and no yellow colouration.



At other times of the year, Pine Siskins breed right across Canada in coniferous and mixed woods from the Yukon to Newfoundland. During the breeding season (March to September, although they can be quite unpredictable with actual nesting times), Pine Siskins usually build their nests in coniferous trees, well up off the ground. Siskins may even nest in urban areas; I once located an active nest in a very mature Blue Spruce in downtown Kitchener!

Over the remainder of the winter, try to “focus” your attention on the one of the Bruce Peninsula's more interesting cold weather visitors.

BPBO Welcomes New Treasurer to BPBO

After a year of service, Wendy Durante has passed her BPBO files on to new Treasurer, Rob Kearns. During her time as BPBO Treasurer, Wendy formalized BPBO's accounting procedures and advised the board on many important decisions. BPBO wishes to thank Wendy for all of her hard work.

We are pleased to welcome local birder, Rob Kearns to the fold as our new Treasurer.

Rob was born in, and spent most of his life in Meaford, with the exception of about 10 years in Toronto. He is a retired businessman who spent his career in the insurance and financial fields. He and his wife Donna, a former high school teacher, live in Thornbury, and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Their family has always been interested in the great outdoors, and in 2000 they purchased a cottage at Chiefs Point on Lake Huron. Since then they have become



ardent birders and naturalists. They are active in the Bruce Trail Association, Probus, OSFN and now, BPBO. Welcome Rob!

Rob Kearns, BPBO's New Treasurer!

BPBO AGM and Other Coming Events

BPBO AGM – April 17th, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Office. Start the day with birding hikes lead by BPBO Board Members, Rod Steinacher and Peter Middleton. Other highlights will include a bird i.d. quiz, snacks and mingling with like-minded individuals. Chat with our board members, and find out the latest news from BPBO. Our official meeting will begin at 1 pm, and will be followed by a special presentation by Lyle Friesen of the Canadian Wildlife Service. We hope to see you there! Watch our website for more details.

Birding Festival at MacGregor – Join BPBO Board Members on a guided hike on Monday, May 30th at the MacGregor Spring Birding Festival. Also, visit our display in the Visitor's Centre. Happy Birding! [Birding Festival Dates: May 27th – June 5th, 2005.]

Orchid Festival – Join BPBO Board members on a guided birding tour to prime birding spots on the Bruce. Details are still in the works, but watch for more information on our website.

A Fall Weekend at Cabot Head With the Birds - May 13-15, 2005 - Come and join Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory (BPBO) president Ted Cheskey, master bird bander, bird advocate and outdoor educator to experience the peak of spring migration at the stunning Cabot Head Research Station. Participants will assist with migration monitoring including banding birds, visit some of the best local birding sites, do nocturnal birding, and indulge in the incredible natural history of this unique site. **This is peak migration time, and participants should expect to observe over 100 species.** This will be a very full weekend with some hiking over easy terrain. Cost of weekend is \$300. This includes two breakfasts, two lunches and Friday supper. Saturday supper at the Rocky Raccoon Restaurant in Dyers Bay is not provided. You will be provided with a tax receipt for \$200. For more information, and to reserve your spot, (required \$50 deposit) please contact Ted Cheskey.

Cabot Head Research Station Summer Stewards Needed

Each summer nature enthusiasts are given the opportunity to contribute to BPBO, while enjoying the many opportunities Cabot Head offers by acting as Stewards. Stewards stay in the cottage on Wingfield Basin for one week at a time, and assist for a few hours each day with duties such as recording observations, providing information to boaters, and minor maintenance. If you're interested in becoming a steward, contact Deborah Diebel for more information.

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