



**Friday March 24, 2017**  
**Afternoon Workshops – EBBA Annual Meeting**

**eBird for Banders**

Ian Davies, Cornell Lab of Ornithology; eBird Project Leader  
Time: 2:00 – 2:30

eBird was built as a monitoring tool for wild birds observed in the field. Banding operations may oversample secretive understory species and undersample conspicuous canopy species in comparison to birder observations. Nevertheless, eBird does welcome banding records using a new Banding Protocol. Whether you want to enter all your banded birds or simply report a single unusual capture, this session will teach you to properly enter birds captured during banding efforts. Information on eBird's breeding status codes (which can be used with MAPS breeding status lists) will also be provided.

**Trap Construction**

Jerry Farrell, Lewiston NY  
Time: drop by anytime

Learn how to construct metal traps of various designs for use in capturing waterfowl, raptors, hummingbirds and passerines. This session will provide an overview of basic construction methods and materials, including information on features that ensure bird safety. Traps of several styles will be on display including an improved bal-chatrie and a modified Sargent hummingbird trap.

**Molt Limits**

Jenna Holzschuh, Braddock Bay Bird Observatory  
Time: drop by anytime

Aging birds properly is an essential component to many analyses, and using molt limits is a quick and reliable method of determining age in many species of birds at any time of year. This session will offer guidance on understanding the sequence of molts and plumages in birds, on finding molt limits, and on interpreting molt limits to arrive at accurate age determinations.

**Project NestWatch for Banders**

Robyn Bailey, Cornell Lab of Ornithology: NestWatch Project Leader

Time: drop by anytime

Project NestWatch is a nationwide monitoring program designed to track status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds, including when nesting occurs, number of eggs laid, how many eggs hatch, and how many hatchlings survive. This session will discuss the importance of this citizen science project, and demonstrate how to enter NestWatch data. Banders who routinely monitor nesting attempts in nestboxes, during a MAPS project, or in other research will find this session informative and useful.

### **Small Band Adjustment and Removal**

TBA (maybe me)

Time: TBA (maybe after council)

This session will introduce methods of adjusting and removing passerine-sized aluminum butt-end bands. We will stress best-practice techniques for both application and removal, and will discuss the conditions under which bands ought to be removed. A variety of tools and methods will be on hand, and participants will have the opportunity to practice both adjusting and removing bands.