
Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

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THE PRINCE EDWARD POINT BIRD OBSERVATORYThe Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) is located in the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, at the southeastern tip of Prince Edward County. The first year of operation, after a period of banding inactivity at Prince Edward Point, was in 1995, and was established to continue the research started by the Kingston Field Naturalists during the 1970s and 1980s. In 1999, it became a full member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network, a product of Bird Studies Canada (BSC), although it retains its autonomy. It is incorporated in the Province of Ontario and is a registered charitable organization. Prince Edward Point is located within the Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird Area. The main objective of the PEPtBO is to monitor migratory bird populations in the spring through observations, a daily census, and banding practices. This information provides a look at population densities, longevity of those birds passing through, and the migratory routes of various species. In 2002, the PEPtBO was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to further the work at the Observatory. David Okines, a full time bander has been hired, the cottage from which banding operations had been carried out has been renovated, solar power was put in place, a septic system was installed, and a well drilled. As a result of a donation of \$5,000 from the George Cedric Metcalfe Foundation, a new banding laboratory was also built to replace the old existing pole shed, which will allow the cottage to be now used as a living quarters and display area. PEPtBO is: a Volunteer-run, registered charity (869685420RR0001)a migration monitoring station established in 1995 to continue the research started by the Kingston Field Naturalists in the 1970's and 80's. a Member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network (CMMN)The Caretaker for the globally significant Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird Area. The banding site is located on a major migratory route and is a focal point for passerines, waterfowl and raptors with yearly reports of rare and unusual species. Each year we band 15,000+ birds of more than 200 species. A daily census documents the hundreds of thousands of birds that pass through in spring and fall. The Observatory is open to the public. PEPtBO's mission is: PEPtBO is committed to increasing the appreciation, knowledge and understanding of birds by collecting data through spring and fall banding programs, a daily census, observation surveys and research projects. We strive to provide the community with opportunities to support and engage in the conservation of bird populations and habitats. PRINCE EDWARD POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY WEBSITE