

Help banding birds with Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory!

Are you interested in observing and banding migrating birds for science? Then, you can volunteer at Cabot Head Research Station on Bruce Peninsula in Ontario. The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory (www.bpbo.ca) is looking for experienced, or not, volunteers to assist the Station Scientist/ bander-in-charge, this fall (**August 15 to November 1**) for migration monitoring. Ability to identify birds by sight and sound, and or experience extracting birds from mist nets is helpful but by no means essential.

Housed on site in a well-furnished cottage (internet available), volunteers help in all aspects of the observatory activities. Every day, banding starts half an hour before sunrise. During 6 hours, the 15 mist nets are checked every half hour and captured birds are retrieved and brought back to the banding lab where they are banded. Observations also take place at the same time. Immediately after, data for the day are compiled.

Afternoons are time for housekeeping, small maintenance projects, data entry, and exploration of the wonderful Bruce Peninsula (National Park, Georgian Bay...). Volunteers who stay at least 3 weeks may apply for \$10/day stipend for their food. Housing is offered for every one in a co-ed bedroom.

To get more information, visit our website at www.bpbo.ca and register as volunteer or contact me at echeskey@videotron.ca

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**Volunteering at a bird
observatory looks great
on your Resumé!**



Aerial view of the banding site

Adult male Sharp-shinned Hawk banded
at Cabot Head