

recording. However, despite this inconvenience, it was a most enjoyable experience, enabling me to see part of the spring warbler migration, which is so much a feature of eastern American ornithology.

We found that although twelve nets were available, as well as a Heligoland funnel-trap, so great was the movement that one net was sufficient to keep us fully occupied throughout. The total of birds caught during our stay was 67, with only three of that number re-traps. Of the 22 species banded (it was strangely co-incidental that this was the species total at Tanque Verde, although the individual total there was more than double that at Prince Edward Point) no fewer than 13 were members of the American Warbler family Parulidae, indicating the importance of that group in the North American migration movement. Possibly the only real surprise of our stay to the banding personnel was one Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora pinus*, the only one trapped that season, so I was later informed.

Had the weather been fine it is certain this total may have been double, for the peninsula is a noted congregating spot for birds awaiting favourable weather to assist their long flight north across Lake Ontario. At least three to four further warbler species were observed there, although not trapped. One of the four Least Flycatchers *Empidonax minimus* banded appeared for some reason most distressed when released and would not fly away, so it was placed in a nearby bush on a sheltered branch, but each visit until dark showed it drooped and we believed it would not live overnight. However, in the morning, after a severe overnight storm, it could not be located until we surprisingly found it again in our lone net some 400 metres distant as lively as ever!

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## Colour Tagging of Whistling Kites

I would like to advise everyone that I am colour wing tagging Whistling Kites *Haliastur spenurus*, and would appreciate information on any sightings.

The wing tags are fitted between the secondary and auxiliary feathers and may be seen with the naked eye up to 100 metres. Care should be taken when making observations, as birds may have one only or both wings tagged. Some colours may be less obvious than others.

Each tag is individually numbered so that it can be read from above as well as below if a person is close enough.

Information required is as follows: date, location, colour of wing tag or tags, the wing the tag is on, and, if possible, the number on the tag or tags.

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