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BIOLOGISTS with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are seen demonstrating bird banding and measuring techniques. (Photo: Rick Oliver)

## Local Briefs

**P.O.W. meeting**  
The regular monthly meeting for Police Officers Wives and Families Support Group will be held on Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Mobile. All wives are invited to attend.

**Swingers Junkanoo Group meeting**  
There will be a meeting for the Swingers Junkanoo Group at the Shack on Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m. All members are to attend and interested persons are also welcome.

**Pride of GB Lodge #7 communication**  
Worshipful Master Sanford Culmer of the Pride of Grand Bahama Lodge #7 P.H.A. request the presence of all master masons, financial and non-financial, to attend its regular communication on Saturday, February 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the Lodge Hall Hepburn Town, Eight Mile Rock. All other lodges are invited, Harmony #25, St. Nicholas #23 and Nebos #21. Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

**GB Volleyball Association meeting**  
All team coaches, captains and referees of the previous season and anyone interested in putting in a team for the upcoming season are requested to attend an important meeting on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.

**City of Freeport Council meeting**  
The City of Freeport Council will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's board room at #16 Pioneer's Professional Plaza, Pioneer's Way. The public is invited to attend.

**FNM officers and members to meet**  
Mr. Michael Edwards National Vice Chairman of the Free National Movement request the presence of all party officers and council members to be present at the Masonic Temple on East Sunrise Highway and East Atlantic Drive on Friday, February 20 at 10:45am for the official viewing of the late Mrs. Whynell Levarity freedom fighter, and funeral service on Saturday, February 21 at Christ The King at 11am.

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ly in The Bahamas, however very little is known about its habits here.

The research project has several goals: to train local birders and volunteers in identification of Kirtland's Warblers and monitoring techniques, and to teach the visiting ornithologists about resident bird species; to survey the islands and identify winter habitats of rare birds; and to form partner-

ships which will benefit conservation initiatives in The Bahamas and Michigan. While in Nassau, the research team will meet with Dr. The Honourable Earl Deveau and Mr. Carl Smith of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Much of the field work will be done on Grand Bahama where two Kirtland's Warblers were spotted last year. Field work will include sampling of pine, scrub and cop-

Kathy Oliver, Assistant

## Director of the Rand Nature Centre - "This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the biodiversity of The Bahamas using scientific methods. The Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team hosted members of the BNT Ornithology Group to a week long visit in Michigan last summer so we're excited to show the Michigan people our own bird habitats."

The G.B.I. Tourism Board is also welcoming the birders by hosting a reception at the Nature Centre on Saturday evening. "We are extremely pleased to have such

a group of birders on Grand Bahama Island," says Renamac Symonette of the Grand Bahama Island Tourism Board. "The fact that they are visiting with us is a true indication of the great potential Grand Bahama has of developing birdwatching as a special market."

On Tuesday February 24, Dave Ewert and Dave Mehlman of the Nature Conservancy will present a slide show entitled "The Kirtland's Warbler Story". The public is invited to attend this free programme at the Rand Nature Centre at 8:00 p.m.



THE KIRKLAND'S WARBLERS showing identification bands around the legs.

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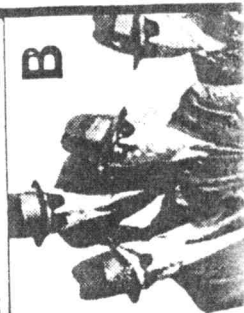
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