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station. Pat Lovallo represented BBBO at the Fall Fun Day sponsored by the Girl Scouts' Stoney Hill Service Team at Braddock Bay Park. Many individuals visited the banding station on an informal basis.

Our fall research assistant was Peter Doherty, and Ryan Kayhart was our senior intern. Thanks to Tom Muller for mowing paths and to Jim Gillette for mowing the field; and to Doug Smith for all his habitat management. Appreciation to the following individuals who helped scribe, tended net lanes, or assisted with other aspects of our educational or banding operation: Liz Barry, Kevin Dockery, Jesse Ellis, Judy Engerman, Cricket Fegan, Peggy Fuller, Marilyn Guenther, Michelle Hall, Mike Harvey, Jennifer Heckler, Donna Hilborn, Anya Illes, Ben Kopec, John Lehr, Chita McKinney, Shirley Meston, Dan Niven, Debbie Reed, Jesse Roberts, Michelle Rogne, Lee Scofield, Jeanne Skelly, Lois Smith, Greta Stephany, Ruth Stork, Tami Walsh, and Scott and Teresa Wolcott. A special thanks to Bob and Charlene Reed for housing and to Bill Kaiser and The Genesee Land Trust for permission to band on their land.

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The 28th year of fall banding at Alfred Station (1435 Waterwells Road in the Town of Alfred) began on 10 Jul and ended on 23 Nov. From one to four nets were used on 57 days, for a total of 547 net hours. A total of 223 birds of 27 species were banded. The peak day was 25 Oct, when 25 birds were banded. There were 83 repeats and 23 returns. Of the 23 returns of birds banded in Alfred during previous seasons, five were over four years of age. There were two Blue Jays, one in its fourth year and one in its fifth year! Sixteen Black-capped Chickadees returned, one of which was in its fourth year and another in its sixth year. A House Wren was in its fourth year. All others were younger than four.

One Hippoboscid fly was found on a Slate-colored Junco. Three White-throated Sparrows had orange lores.

As in the previous seven years, no banding was done at this location from 12 Sep to 15 Oct when I was banding at Braddock Bay. This makes meaningful analysis difficult. The number of birds banded has remained steady for the past five years, but the number of species (27) was nearly half the 25-year average (47.8). B/100nh (42.9) was double the 27-year average (21.8).

Several slide presentations on bird banding were given to local clubs and a banding demonstration was held at Foster Lake on 11 Sep.

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We had a fantastic season despite very uncooperative November weather, which allowed only a few hours netting. We broke 5,000 for the second consecutive year with 5,002 new birds banded of 93 species in 113 days of operation. We also had 1,470 repeats, 128 returns, and 236 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds which were not banded. The total birds netted was 6,836, making our measure of efficiency 124 b/100nh for newly banded birds and 169 b/100nh overall. Hatching-year birds were again right on the 19-year norm of 87%. It is hard to believe that we have been at this for 19 consecutive falls at this site. Long-term, constant-effort banding at the site continues to lead to better data, particularly in support of species longevity, routing, and timing of migration and weather effects on migration.

We added Northern Shrike to bring our station total to 130 species plus five forms. The shrike was a youngster who had been terrorizing the net lanes for a few days; after banding, he departed the area.

We had 40 days with more than 50 birds banded, including eight days with over 100 banded. Twelve species were banded in numbers exceeding 100 including a notable resurgence of House Finches. Given the large number of young birds, they seem to be making a comeback from the population depressing *Mycoplasma* epidemic. This was only our second fall with very few White-crowned Sparrows; their normal month-long stopover was