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This is comparable to the efforts in 2002 and 2003. My banding summaries, therefore, should be compared to one of those years instead of to 2005.

Netting success was disappointingly low during the first weeks of October, but a sudden influx of Myrtle Warblers and Ruby-crowned Kinglets ended the season on a somewhat encouraging note. Both species made it to near the top of the list of the ten most commonly banded species. This was particularly reassuring in the case of the Myrtle Warbler, because it had been absent from the list for the past three years. On the other hand, White-eyed Vireo is missing from the list for the first time since 1994, the year I began contributing to the Atlantic Flyway Review. In fact, this species always could be counted upon to make the top half of the list, but this year I captured only three individuals.

The fat load of White-eyed Vireos I capture in October typically is quite high, indicating that most of them are prepared for a trans-Gulf flight. Perhaps a large number of individuals perished in the ferocious hurricanes of 2005. Many thrushes may have met the same fate, because I netted just one Gray-cheeked Thrush and not a single Swainson's Thrush.

Noteworthy among the recaptures during the period covered by my report is a White-eyed Vireo banded in Feb 2001. This individual has always remained quite lean and is known to me as a year-round resident male. As I am writing this, I can report that he survived another winter and is now in his eighth year at least. Not to travel obviously is his recipe for a long life.

EBBA's 2008 Annual Meeting

The 2008 annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association will be **11-13 Apr at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Erie, PA**. The North American Banding Council will meet in conjunction with the EBBA meeting at the same location.

NABC will have its council meeting on 10 Apr. EBBA's council meeting will take place on 11 Apr.

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