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Ralph K. Bell, founder of Allegheny Front Migration Observatory, celebrated his 50th year of banding at Dolly Sods in West Virginia in the autumn of 2007. He was awarded a plaque in honor of his achievement!



Photo by Bill Beatty

ATLANTIC FLYWAY REVIEW: SPRING 2007

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Banding totals were up in the spring of 2007 at all reporting stations except Braddock Bay, Island Beach, and First Landing, although birds/100nh (b/100nh) were actually up at Island Beach and Powdermill. Best days occurred between 28 Apr and 11 May at most of the northern-most stations and Florida, and between 15 & 24 May at Lewiston, Wing Island, Braddock Bay, and Crown Point.

This was the first spring without John Miles and his Selkirk report as well as from Presque Isle after Ron Leberman's retirement. There were several stations with banders-in-charge celebrating major

triumphs over serious illness. And we welcome reports from Michelle Davis at Bill Baggs State Park in Florida and Peter Doherty from First Landing State Park in coastal Virginia!

There were some momentous events to make reading the narratives of each station very worthwhile—including a Hairy Woodpecker at least 13 years old recaptured at Kestrel Haven, a bilateral gynandromorphic Black-throated Blue Warbler banded at Braddock Bay, and a Whooping Crane that flew past observers at Long Point Bird Observatory on 13 Apr—the first anyone had seen at Long Point since 1898!

We would welcome additional reporting stations for the spring AFR report. Thanks to all who participated.