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Eastern Bird Banding Association

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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.

Table 1. Spring 2007 AFR Banding Summary						
	Crown Point, NY	Lewiston, NY	Braddock Bay, NY	Ruthven, ON	Rock Point, ON	Appledore, ME
Inclusive Dates	5/11 - 5/28	5/4 - 5/23	4/15 - 6/12	3/31 - 6/2	3/20 - 6/2	5/8 - 6/8
Total Days	18	10	49	59	46	32
Nets Used	17	15	1 to 35	15	1 to 16	5 to 9
Total Net Hours	3,787	810	8,365	4,391	3,452	3,404
% Caught in Traps	1%	0%	0%	5,0%	0%	0%
Best Day # (date)	175 (5/15)	73 (5/18)	328 (5/24)	87 (5/6, 5/10)	93 (5/9)	366 (5/26)
Best Diversity (date)	32 (5/16)	22 (5/18)	40 (5/15,5/16)	27 (5/10)	24 (5/23)	34 (5/26)
Total Banded 2006	871	113	5,296	1,494	0	1,722
Total Banded 2007	1,183	290	4,752	1,888	1,598	3,110
Total Species 2006	63	29	96	79	0	67
Total Species 2007	73	45	96	83	72	72
Birds/100nh 2006	35.1	19.5	60.6	31.9	0	61.5
Birds/100nh 2007	31.2	35.8	56.8	40.1	46.9	91.4

Table 1. Spring 2007 AFR Banding Summary (cont'd.)							
	Long Point, ON	Kestrel Haven, NY	Wing Isl., NY	Powdermill, PA	Island Beach, NJ	First Landing, VA	Bill Baggs, FL
Inclusive Dates	4/1 - 6/10	4/22 - 5/31	3/27 - 6/16	3/2 - 6/3	3/31 - 6/14	3/14 - 5/31	3/3 - 5/12
Total Days	71	25	24	72	39	68	31
No. Nets Used	0 to 53	2 to 14	1 to 31	Up to 68	4 to 30	21	1 to 18
Total Net Hours	9,060	828	2,095	11,850	2,599		1,829
% Caught in Traps	35.2%	0%	0%	n/a	0%		0%
Best Day # (date)	985 (5/9)	164 (4/28)	58 (5/17,5/22)	171 (5/17)	383 (5/20)	97 (5/20,21)	208 (5/11)
Best Diversity (date)	70 (5/9)	24 (5/17)	11 (5/26,5/27)	40 (5/17)	39 (5/21)		20 (4/22)
Total Banded 2006	12,468	1,043	243	3,481	2,648	1,373	NA
Total Banded 2007	15,760	1,150	292	2,873	2,354	1,293	1,429
Total Species 2006	131	65	26	106	84	76	NA
Total Species 2007	133	63	35	102	83	80	38
Birds/100nh 2006	158.9	131	47	28.5	90.6		NA
Birds/100nh 2007	193.8	139	30	24.2	77.9		82.1