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Appledore Island Migration Station 425-0703

Appledore Island, York County, ME

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Spring 2008 was an average season for our station. Our total number of birds banded was 2462, which was very close to our 16-year average of 2592. The 74 species we captured was exactly our average of 74.1 species. Even our 3404 net-hours were close to our average of 3492. The capture data for individual species indicated that there were no species that were significantly above or below their normal levels.

	<u>Species</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>% SY</u>	<u>% ASY</u>
1.	Common Yellowthroat	457	71.8	14.9
2.	Magnolia Warbler	313	67.4	28.1
3.	White-throated Sparrow	228	97.4	0.0
4.	American Redstart	173	69.4	24.9
5.	Red-eyed Vireo	99	15.2	6.1
6.	Black-and-white Warbler	98	68.4	26.5
7.	Northern Parula	96	67.7	29.2
8.	Gray Catbird	90	71.1	15.6
9.	Blackpoll Warbler	86	66.3	24.4
10.	Northern Waterthrush	62	24.2	61.3

While the season was better than some of the recent slower years (e.g., 2005, 2006), it brought little excitement. Part of that was due to only a few "big days." Our highest day was 247 (26 May), which was

the only day with over 200 captures. In fact, we had only nine days with over 100 captures, and we have come to expect a few more busy days in the spring. We did not lose any complete days to weather, although high winds and rain resulted in several days with fewer net hours than normal.

Although we did not capture any new species for the station, volunteers were pleased with a number of relatively unusual species: two Black-billed Cuckoos, one Hairy Woodpecker, one Red-bellied Woodpecker, four Cape May Warblers, one Pine Siskin, and one Purple Finch. We also saw Common Ravens on the island early in the season.

Kristen Covino continued her research on the effects of energetic condition on migratory decisions by migrant landbirds for her graduate work at the University of Maine. The banding station hosted visitors, adult education students, and students taking classes at the Shoals Marine Lab. We were particularly pleased to host students from David Bonter's Field Ornithology class. The station could not continue without the continued logistic and financial assistance from the Shoals Marine Lab. We also are very grateful for the contributions of our dedicated volunteers and Canisius College.

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This was Long Point Bird Observatory's 48th spring migration monitoring program. The Old Cut field station opened on 1 Apr, with the Tip following on 29 Apr, and Breakwater on the 25th. Unpredictable weather conditions left many wondering when spring would arrive. Old Cut was overrun with the first wave of migrants on 7 Apr, including both kinglets; Brown Creepers; American Tree, Song, and Fox sparrows; Dark-eyed Juncos; and four blackbird species. A milestone was