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## Atlantic Flyway Review: Region III (Western Ridge)- Fall 2008 Mt Nebo Banding Station

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banded. As usual for this location, there were 27 repeat/returns.

Winter Wren and Hermit Thrush had not been encountered here for many years. Warbler species banded were: Northern Waterthrush, Ovenbird, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Magnolia Warbler, American Redstart, Blackpoll Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, and Myrtle Warbler. It was unusual to get 14 Ruby-crowned Kinglets to band.

Most frequently banded were Chipping Sparrow, and the number could have been greatly increased had a helper been available.

Returns were a Carolina Wren, banded 18 Mar 2006; and the very worn band was replaced. Two Eastern Towhees also returned—one female banded 25 Apr 2006 and a male banded 24 May 2005.

**Mt. Nebo Banding Station**                      **392-0792**  
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This was the eighth season of banding at Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area. The station was open 44 days, from 24 Aug through 7 Nov. A total of 1363 birds were banded of 74 species, with a station effort of 3746 net hours. Capture rate was 36 b/100nh. Four new species were added to the station list: Northern Parula, Yellow Palm Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Pine Siskin. This brings the station total species to 87.

The top three species banded were White-throated Sparrow (10% of the total), Indigo Bunting (9% of the total), and Gray Catbird (8% of the total). This is the first year that Slate-colored Juncos made it into the top ten. Mild temperatures allowed us to remain open into November, and most of the juncos were captured during those seven days.

Station highs included 22 Hermit Thrushes, 60 Cedar Waxwings, 13 Blue-headed Vireos, 4 Blue-winged Warblers, 18 Nashville Warblers, 68 Magnolia Warblers, 69 Black-throated Blue Warblers, 28 Black-throated Green Warblers  
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(highest annual banded to date was 8), 6 Black-and-white Warblers, 13 American Redstarts, 58 Slate-colored Juncos, 18 Pine Siskins, and 11 American Goldfinches. These numbers are not adjusted for net hours. This year we had the second highest net hours of the eight years at Mt. Nebo.

The largest daily catch was 99 birds on 10 Sep with 29 species. The second largest daily catch was 77 birds on 11 Oct with 15 species, including 34 Cedar Waxwings that hit the nets that day. Five other days had catches of 50+ birds: 11 Sep (69), 21 Sep (58), 22 Sep (56), 4 Oct (56), and 10 Oct (54).

One exciting event was a foreign recapture of a bird banded at our station. A hatch-year male Black-throated Green Warbler, banded by Skipper on 13 Sep 2008, was recaptured on 17 Sep 10 mi SE of Davis, WV, at the Allegheny Front Migration Observatory. We recaptured two birds banded in 2004, two birds banded in 2005, five birds banded in 2006, and 16 birds banded in 2007. Most interesting was the Purple Finch banded as AHY-M on 25 Sep 2006. He was recaptured 25 Sep 2006, 30 Aug 2007, and 13 Sep 2008.

Ten visitors spent considerable time at the station enjoying the birds and the great outdoors.

Many thanks to Rick Latshaw, Mike Fazenbaker, and the Mt. Nebo WMA technicians for their help in clearing net lanes, and to Samuel and Irene Yoder for their expert help in tending the nets.

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Allegheny Front Migration Observatory (AFMO) conducted its 51<sup>st</sup> year of bird banding at Dolly Sods, WV, this fall. AFMO is located 10 mi southeast of Davis, WV. Banding began on 15 Aug and ended on 22 Oct 2008. In total, 5,653 birds were banded of 81 species, with a station effort of 72.0 b/