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Generation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Ministry of Natural Resources (CFWIP grant) and the Observatory's friends and members.

Many thanks to all who helped this season!! A lot of people contributed a lot of time (738 volunteer hours): **5+ weeks:** Rick Ludkin

3-4 weeks: Nancy Furber, Christine Madliger

1-2 weeks: Peter Thoem, Elaine Serena

4-6 days: Faye Socholotiuk, Marg Ludkin, Loretta Mousseau, Oliver Love, Audrey Heagy

1-3 days: Christina DeMelo, Shirley Klement, Emily Johnson, Jim Smith, Rick Hoy, George DeFossard, Cornelia Buecklers, Sandra Loher, Mike Alkema, Siobhan Stewart, Chris Harris, Liz Vanderwoude, Mathew Furber, Tina Semeniuk, Christie Macdonald, Michelle Bultje, Dale Stockton

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We had a reasonable fall showing sixth highest in 10 years, which is an improvement over the last few years. Species-wise, it was the second best year. We did catch a Green Heron, which is really all about being at the correct net at the correct time. Rick Hoy, from Ireland, told me he would bring back a new species for the station and the heron did that.

We had Rick Hoy from Northern Ireland for most of the fall and he thoroughly enjoyed our North American birds. Ashley Casault from Wales and returning to Canada was with us through August. My other regular volunteers, Roswitha Matuschek, Kim Christoff, Bev Stevenson, Rick Young, and Dora Young did their usual admirable job. Fergus Nicoll and Steve Gillis dropped in to lend a hand.

In total, the volunteers and myself logged 1,555 field hours.

We had 662 recaptured birds and, of this total, 123 birds were multiple catches representing 19%. Out of the 123, we had 76 (68%) caught twice, 21 (17%) caught three times, 13 (11%) were caught four times, and 13 (11%) were caught between five and thirteen times. Black-capped Chickadees took 10 of the 13 positions in the last section. My earliest recapture date was 2004 (Black-capped Chickadee), four from 2005 (Yellow Warbler, American Goldfinch, Slate-colored Junco, Song Sparrow) and five from 2006 (3 Gray Catbirds, 2 American Goldfinches). We had 22 from 2007, 72 from 2008, and the rest from 2009.

We had two foreign retraps: one American Goldfinch and one Yellow Warbler.

Recoveries were an **American Goldfinch** banded Aug 2007 and recovered 25 Feb 2008 in Montgomery County, AL; a **Gray Catbird** banded 24 Sep 2007 and recovered 8 May 2009 at Avon Lake, Lorain County, OH; an **American Goldfinch** banded 19 Sep 2007 and recovered 30 Sep 2007, in Cayuga, ON; a **Yellow-shafted Flicker** with multiple recaptures in Chestertown, Kent County, MD, first banded 16 Sep 2008; a **Golden-crowned Kinglet** banded 23 Oct 2008 and recovered 5 Nov 2008 at Lindsey, Sandusky County, OH; a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** banded May 2008 and recovered May 2010 at Scarborough, ON, a **Yellow Warbler** banded 20 Jul 2009 recovered 31 Jul 2009 at Clarion County, PA; and a **Myrtle Warbler** banded 8 Oct 2009 and recovered 8 May 2010.

We are appreciative of Parks Ontario for continued support in allowing us to remain in Rock Point Provincial Park. Individual donations and corporate monetary support helps us continue. Bird Studies Canada is analyzing long-term trends. Niagara Falls Nature Club gives monetary support. And my individual volunteers make the slow mornings great and the really busy mornings possible.