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Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2009 Lewiston Banding Station

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the prevailing winds came out of the south almost daily. If anything, the weather was a bit too pleasant, with few northerly winds or showers to ground migrants. Best days for variety, with 18 species each, were stormy 9 May; 18 May, when winds shifted to northerly; and 24 May, when winds again shifted from south to north.

Four OPRHP staff members from the Albany and Saratoga/Capital District offices paid site visits and met with representatives of CPBA and Historic Site staff to view the banding area and discuss possible removal of invasive plants, especially common buckthorn. Much of what were hawthorn-juniper-cedar thickets in 1976 is now open field or reforested with white pine and green ash. We can not save the world, but we might be able to save an acre or so of thicket habitat for catbirds, thrashers, migrant warblers, and other brushy area birds.

There were returns of 30 birds of a dozen species banded at Crown Point in previous years, the oldest a Black-capped Chickadee and a Baltimore Oriole, each now at least five years, 11 months old. Warbler variety was a respectable 17 banded species, but short of the 23 species in 2007. Boreal species included Tennessee, Cape May, Blackpoll, and Wilson's, while two Prairie Warblers were near the northern edge of their range. A Pileated Woodpecker banded 17 May was the fifth netted since 1997, and three Eastern Towhees set a new station record.

Groups included Bolton, Minerva, Moriah, and Whitehall Central Schools, as well as an environmental science class from North Country Community College, but the number of visitors (200+) was down, with some expected classes unable to leave their school districts, due to budget constraints. A program for adjudicated youth, who had visited the station for the past dozen years, was a victim of state budget cuts. Starting in 1990, students and other visitors who released a bird each received a certificate, and since the inception of the program a total of 1,186 certificates have been issued. Polaroid photos of the student holding their

bird prior to release have now been replaced by digital shots. If a released bird returns in a subsequent year, or is encountered elsewhere, the student is notified, with 63 such student returns to date. Adult visitors sometimes recall "their" bird, released as a child at Crown Point a decade or more ago.

We're grateful to those who helped transport various parts of the banding station from, and back to, Elizabethtown, Inlet, and New Jersey: MaryAnne & Mike Allen, Rudy Bobka, Malinda Chapman, Stan Corneille, Judy Heintz, Gordon Howard, Dan Lee, Gary Lee, and Bob Wei. Special thanks go to Historic Site Manager Thomas Hughes, Jake Putnam, and the rest of the Crown Point staff for their continued cooperation and many kindnesses. We greatly appreciate the interest in habitat maintenance of Ray Perry and Traynor Biasiolli at OPRHP in Albany, as well as that of Regional Director Alane Ball Chinian, Bob Kuhn, and Casey Holzworth of OPRHP in Saratoga Springs. Since 1976, a total of 15,439 birds of 99 species (plus five subspecies or other forms) have been banded on the grounds of Crown Point State Historic Site, and we look forward to our 35th year in 2010.

Lewiston Banding Station

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The 2009 spring banding season got underway on 30 Apr. Banding on this day was very slow with only a total of 12 birds of six species being captured and banded. Things started to pick up on 11 May and continued to approximately 23 May. Many warbler species were showing up during this time period, which was a welcome improvement over the spring of 2008. Birds/100 net hours (b/100nh) increased from a very dismal 22.5 in spring 2008 to a very respectful 40.3 this spring, again, reflecting the reoccurrence of many warbler species. I did not observe any troubling indicators this past spring and am in hopes the good trend continues on with fall banding.

No.	Species	% SY	% ASY	% AHY	% L
59	American Goldfinch	53%		47%	
41	Gray Catbird	8		92	
37	Purple Martin				100%
26	Magnolia Warbler	18		82	
25	Swainson's Thrush	31		69	
24	Myrtle Warbler	14		86	
21	Tennessee Warbler			100	
16	American Robin	15		85	
13	Black-capped Chickadee	12		88	
13	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	40	9	51	

There were 11 local recaptures. Seven individuals visited the banding station and all left with a better understanding of the catching and banding of birds with mist nets.

**Braddock Bay Bird Observatory 431-0774
Kaiser-Manitou Beach
Banding Station**

Monroe County, NY

Elizabeth W. Brooks and Ryan Kayhart, Compilers; Ann Adams, David Bonter, Elizabeth Brooks, Kelly Dockery, Jon Dombrowski, Mark Deutschlander, Margaret Fritze, Erin Karnatz, Ryan Kayhart, Cindy Marino, David Mathiason, Robert McKinney, and Sue Smith, Banders.

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The 24th consecutive year of spring migration monitoring at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach banding station was carried out for 47 days beginning 16 Apr and ending on 8 Jun 2009. There were 4305 birds banded of 91 forms. Thirty-four Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are included in the list of banded birds and an additional 43 male and 31 female Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured and released unbanded.

Banding assistants were Virginia Duffy, Sue Evans, Ember Jandebaur, Peggy Keller, Tom Klotzbach, Pat Lovallo, Doug Smith, Leanna Twohig, and Barb Wagner. Our Field Assistants was Martyna

No.	Species	% SY	% ASY
567	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	74.8	25.2
297	Magnolia Warbler	79.0	21.0
284	American Redstart	70.5	29.5
253	Gray Catbird	83.7	16.3
179	Myrtle Warbler	84.8	15.2
172	White-throated Sparrow	85.9	14.1
171	Common Yellowthroat	81.8	18.2
166	Yellow Warbler	76.4	23.6
141	Traill's Flycatcher	64.3	35.7
120	Wilson's Warbler	80.2	19.8

Boruta, Emily Runnells and Karen Velas; and our Research Assistant was Ryan Kayhart.

Constant-effort mist-netting was carried out using from one to 34 nets. Included in the total were six elevated net assemblies. A total of 7607.4 net hours of banding resulted in a capture rate of 56.6 birds/100 net-hours (b/100nh), up from spring 2008 (44.9 b/100nh). The best day was 8 May when 250 birds were banded; 58% of the total that day was made up of Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and White-throated Sparrows. Other 200+ days were 27 May (233), 27 Apr (217), and 16 May (213). The greatest species diversity occurred on 16 May, when 40 species were banded.

There were 613 recaptures of birds banded at the station. These birds were all measured and weighed again as part of ongoing studies in stopover ecology. Of these recaptures, 68 were birds that returned from a previous season. The most noteworthy were a Red-eyed Vireo, American Robin, Gray Catbird, two Northern Cardinals, and an American Goldfinch, all in their sixth year; and a Red-bellied Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, three American Robins, a Gray Catbird, Yellow Warbler, and two Common Yellowthroats, all in their fifth year.

A Gray Catbird banded at BBBO on 24 May 2007 was found dead by James Hale of Palmyra, NY, on 9 Jun 2009, 4 mi NE of Manchester, Ontario