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Welcome back to Bob and Chita McKinney who were able to open their Steuben County station for the first time in several years. That area is a black data hole in New York bird movement and so very important to our knowledge of migration routing. We wish that this site could be operated permanently.

Congratulations to Braddock Bay and Kestrel Haven for completing their 25 years as AFR contributors! Braddock celebrated with a record season, while Kestrel Haven was beaten down to lowest-ever totals by unceasing winds. The latter describes a very interesting return from the Canadian west coast.

Border control is a big issue but we think it was taken too far when the several thousand Myrtle Warblers banded by McGill were not allowed to visit us in New York. It will be interesting to see if they appeared in large numbers along the northeast and mid-Atlantic coast. It sure would be nice to aggregate all of AFR into one report/issue. That would present a much clearer picture of the migration.

Northview did very well and even accounted for Pine Siskins, Evening Grosbeaks, and Bob's second American Crow. The latter can prove a handful, as Bob evidently learned.

Vestal shared the weather woes with the additional insult of a feral cat that would not leave the net lanes. Solutions to such a problem seem easy on the surface but...when it's probably the neighbor's cat?

This is yet another positive for the American Bird Conservancy "Cat's Indoors" program. Lots of suggestions there on how to handle such a problem.

Anchoring the east of our transect and on the outboard side of the Catskills, our senior station, Ellenville, also had a season with low numbers following a very wet winter. Valerie Freer gives a nice run down of the weather and its effects.

Ms. Freer was also the leader in what has become a major contribution by the members of this group to Project Owl-net. Although not included in AFR accounting, MBO and Kestrel Haven joined Ellenville in accounting for 311 Northern Saw-whet Owls, 10 saw-whet foreign recoveries, four saw-whet returns, three Eastern Screech-Owls and one Barred Owl, all banded as these diurnal stations tried nocturnal extensions! Now they are all hibernating for sure.



Barred Owl by Josh Bortz

Table 1. AFR II Summary of Operations - Fall 2010

|                 | Braddock Bay    | Alfred Station | Spring Hill | Kestrel Haven | Northview    | Vestal      | Ellenville             | McGill Bird Observ. |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Start Date      | 10 Jul          | 1 Jul          | 12 Jul      | 15 Jul        | 20 Jul       | 30 Jul      | 2 Aug                  | 1 Aug               |
| Stop Date       | 17 Nov          | 4 Nov          | 29 Sep      | 3 Dec         | 20 Nov       | 7 Oct       | 6 Nov                  | 30 Oct              |
| Total Days      | 73              | 30             | 6           | 67            | 41           | 29          | 40                     | 91                  |
| Number of Nets  | up to 35 ?      | 1 to 1.5       | 6           | 1 to 15       | 1 to 6       | ?           | 6 to 8                 | 10 to 16            |
| Net Hours       | 11,063          | 235            | 145         | 1,617         | 273          | 864         | 1,031                  | 6,061               |
| No. Best Day    | 424             | 48             | 22          | 75            | 31           | 21          | 26                     | 315                 |
| Best Day Date   | 20 Oct          | 4 Nov          | 21 Sep      | 19 Sep        | 24 Oct       | 18 Sep      | 13 Aug                 | 25 Sep              |
| Reason Best Day | 96% BCCH        | 48% BCCH       | 41% BCCH    | 46% AMGO      | ?            | GRCA        | 15% GRCA &<br>15% REVI | 81% MYWA            |
| Best Diversity  | 34 on 15&21 Sep | 7 on 4 Nov     | 8 on 21 Sep | 20 on 26 Sep  | 7 on 5 dates | 9 on 18 Sep | 15 on 13 Aug           | 29 on 9 Sep         |
| Banded 2009     | 4,342           | 78             | na          | 1,735         | 193          | 168         | 325                    | 3,390               |
| Banded 2010     | 6,814           | 83             | 83          | 1,622         | 404          | 305         | 343                    | 6,808               |
| Species 2009    | 88              | 23             | na          | 80            | 36           | 30          | 49                     | 74                  |
| Species 2010    | 94              | 20             | 18          | 83            | 28           | 41          | 55                     | 77                  |
| B/100nh 2009    | 34              | 25             | na          | 107           | 61           | 46          | 32                     | 58                  |
| B/100nh 2010    | 62              | 35             | 83          | 135           | 148          | 67          | 33                     | 112                 |
| % HY 2009       | 82%             | 69%            | na          | 86%           | 72%          | 83%         | 63%                    | 85%                 |
| % HY 2010       | 89%             | 57%            | 45%         | 96%           | 74%          | 90%         | 68%                    | 89%                 |

|     | Table 2. AFR II Most Frequently Encountered Species - Fall 2010 |       |       |                |    |       |             |    |       |               |     |       |
|-----|---|-------|-------|----------------|----|-------|-------------|----|-------|---------------|-----|-------|
|     | Braddock Bay  |       |       | Alfred Station |    |       | Spring Hill |    |       | Kestrel Haven |     |       |
|     | Species   | #     | % HY  | Species        | #  | % HY  | Species     | #  | % HY  | Species       | #   | % HY  |
| 1.  | WTSP (1)  | 1,459 | 93%   | BCCH (2)       | 31 | 61%   | BCCH        | 32 | 22%   | AMGO (1)      | 291 | 82%   |
| 2.  | BCCH (6)  | 1,118 | 91%   | AMGO (3)       | 12 | 17%   | COYE        | 10 | 60%   | SOSP (2)      | 186 | 97%   |
| 3.  | GCKI (3)  | 360   | 94%   | SOSP (4)       | 6  | 56%   | GRCA        | 8  | 38%   | GRCA (4)      | 167 | 95%   |
| 4.  | RCKI (2)  | 321   | 80%   | SCJU (1)       | 6  | 14%   | HOWA        | 5  | 38%   | WTSP (7)      | 110 | 100%  |
| 5.  | YWAR (8)  | 321   | 97%   | WBNU           | 4  | 33%   | SOSP        | 5  | 60%   | COYE (3)      | 100 | 83%   |
| 6.  | MAWA (4)  | 295   | 91%   | GRCA (5)       | 4  | 25%   | CSWA        | 4  | 50%   | BCCH (10)     | 84  | 96%   |
| 7.  | BLPW  | 280   | 82%   | CHSP (6)       | 4  | 100%  | OVEN        | 4  | 25%   | SCJU (6)      | 67  | 63%   |
| 8.  | GRCA (7)  | 230   | 97%   |                |    |       |             |    |       | EWCS          | 51  | 75%   |
| 9.  | HETH (5)  | 217   | 93%   |                |    |       |             |    |       | HOFI (8)      | 41  | 88%   |
| 10. | SWTH  | 176   | 86%   |                |    |       |             |    |       | RBGR (5)      | 35  | 77%   |
|     | % of Total Banded   |       | 70.0% |                |    | 81.0% |             |    | 82.0% |               |     | 70.0% |
|     | Notes: (#) - Indicates ranking fall 2009<br>n/a - not attempted |       |       |                |    |       |             |    |       |               |     |       |

|                   | Table 2 (cont.'d). AFR II Most Frequently Encountered Species - Fall 2010 |          |            |          |    |       |            |    |       |           |       |      |
|-------------------|---|----------|------------|----------|----|-------|------------|----|-------|-----------|-------|------|
|                   | Northview   |          |            | Vestal   |    |       | Ellenville |    |       | MBO       |       |      |
|                   | Species   | #        | % HY       | Species  | #  | % HY  | Species    | #  | % HY  | Species   | #     | % HY |
| 1.                | SCJU (5)  | 93       | 86%        | GRCA (1) | 82 | 95%   | GRCA (1)   | 61 | 89%   | MYWA (7)  | 2,359 | 94%  |
| 2.                | GRCA (1)  | 64       | 81%        | BCCH (2) | 36 | 94%   | COYE       | 20 | 60%   | SCJU (2)  | 509   | 87%  |
| 3.                | BCCH (8)  | 52       | 69%        | SCJU     | 26 | 81%   | BCCH (5)   | 20 | 75%   | BCCH (6)  | 440   | 97%  |
| 4.                | HOFI  | 39       | 74%        | AMGO     | 24 | 88%   | GCKI (4)   | 19 | 59%   | AMRO (5)  | 394   | 78%  |
| 5.                | PISI  | 21       | 66%        | REVI (5) | 20 | 60%   | WTSP (8)   | 18 | 28%   | WTSP (1)  | 351   | 94%  |
| 6.                | AMGO (6)  | 19       | 32%        | NOCA     | 19 | 84%   | SCJU (2)   | 17 | 47%   | RCKI (4)  | 271   | 68%  |
| 7.                | NOCA (9)<br>SOSP (2)  | 15<br>15 | 40%<br>73% | SOSP (4) | 17 | 59%   | OVEN       | 15 | 87%   | MAWA (8)  | 260   | 85%  |
| 8.                | WTSP  | 10       | 60%        | WTSP     | 11 | 36%   | MAWA       | 12 | 83%   | SOSP (3)  | 219   | 94%  |
| 9.                | BLJA  | 9        | 55%        | HOFI     | 10 | 20%   | HETH (6)   | 11 | 73%   | NAWA (15) | 161   | 86%  |
| 10.               | ETTI  | 6        | 66%        |          |    |       |            |    |       | AMRE (8)  | 149   | 89%  |
| % of Total Banded |   |          | 66%        |          |    | 82.0% |            |    | 60.0% |           |       | 89%  |
|                   | Notes: (#) - Indicates ranking fall 2009<br>n/a - not attempted           |          |            |          |    |       |            |    |       |           |       |      |