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The 35th year of fall banding at Alfred Station began on 14 Jul and ended on 13 Nov 2011. One 6-m net and one 12-m net were used on 53 days, for a total of 327 net hours. A total of 60 birds of 20 species were banded (18.3 b/100nh). In addition, two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured and released unbanded. A list of the top birds banded appears in Table 2.

Hatching-year percentages for all birds where age could be determined was 70.7%. Hatching-year percentages for the five most common species were Slate-colored Junco, 50%; White-throated Sparrow, 87.5%; Chipping Sparrow, 71.4%; Black-capped Chickadee, 60.6%; E. White-crowned Sparrow, 100%.

The peak day occurred on 25 Oct, when 12 birds were banded; 50% of those banded were Chipping Sparrows. The days with the most species diversity was also 25 Oct and 3 Nov, with four species banded. There were 14 repeats during the season.

There were four returns from a previous season. They included a Black-capped Chickadee in its second year and another chickadee in its first year; a Gray Catbird in its third year; and an American Tree Sparrow in its second year.

No birds exhibited evidence of Avian Pox. A Blue Jay presented with the top third of its upper mandible broken off.

As in the previous ten years, no banding was done at this location from 11 Sep to 17 Oct when I was banding at Braddock Bay. During August, banding was not possible on several days due to the presence of a cat.

Banding summaries were sent to regional compilers for the Allegany County Bird Club, Buffalo Ornithological Society, and the Atlantic Flyway Review. A banding demonstration was held at Foster Lake on 10 Sep.

Spring Hill Wildlife Sanctuary 423-0772
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Bob McKinney

We regret the death of Bob McKinney this summer. Chita and family have our prayers and condolences. This is the final report from Spring Hill.

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This was our 26th fall AFR season and the worst ever! We started as usual around July 4th but quickly shut down due to an intense heat wave. As that abated, I suffered a personal injury that put me