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Atlantic Flyway Review: Region 1 (Northeast) – Fall 2011 Report

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Five banding stations reported their results for the 2011 fall season.

Wind and bad weather seemed to be a factor affecting some of the banding stations this season, including a hurricane. Appledore, St. Andrews, and Dam Pond all reported a large decrease in number of birds banded for various reasons. Manomet reported a healthy increase in their numbers and Wing Island remained similar to last year.

Highlights this year included a Field Sparrow for St. Andrews, a first in ten years; three Yellow-billed Cuckoos at Appledore, and an exciting Golden-winged Warbler for Manomet, a species not banded there for 13 years. A Cooper's Hawk was banded for the first time at Wing Island and Dam Pond added two new species: Belted Kingfisher and Northern Mockingbird.

Thanks to all who took the time to contribute to this report!

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In 2011, we were only able to open one set of nets on a regular basis due to road construction and vehicle noise. The fall banding season started later than usual on 24 Aug and ended 27 Oct. Nets were opened 31 days for a total of 1,049 net hours, which is much lower than previous years. In total, 227 birds of 37 species were banded. Three Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were examined and released unbanded; one Mourning Dove and one Ruffed Grouse were caught and released at the net site. Two Common Yellowthroats banded in previous years were recaptured.

The best day was 25 Aug, with 23 birds banded; six were Black-capped Chickadees and five were Ovenbirds. This is the highest number of Ovenbirds in many years and 12 were caught over a five-day period.

Rare birds and unusual captures included: a Yellow-breasted Chat, 12 Sep; a Field Sparrow, 19 Oct - the first in 10 years; an Orange-crowned Warbler, 19 Oct - a species not caught in three years; and two Northern Cardinals on 27 Oct.

Table 1. AFR Region 1 - Northeast Fall 2011 Summary

	St. Andrews, NB	Appledore Is, ME	Manomet, MA	Wing Is, MA	Dam Pond Res, NY
First Day	24 Aug	13 Aug	16 Aug	03 Aug	01 Sep
Last Day	27 Oct	16 Sep	15 Nov	26 Nov	04 Dec
Days Operated	31	34	61	55	51
# Nets Used	6 to 14	9 to 10	10 to 50	19 to 34	1 to 3
Total Net Hours	1,049	3,640	27,131	7,690	120
# of Traps Used	0	0	0	1	0
# Caught in Traps	0	0	0	<1/5	0
# Birds Banded 2010	710	1,259	1,663	2,780	889
# Birds Banded 2011	227	983	2,382	2,364	443
Different Species 2010	55	72	69	81	33
" " 2011	37	53	81	78	39
Largest Daily Catch	23	112	323	155	18
Lrgst Daily Catch Date	25 Aug	01 Sep	06 Oct	18 Oct	05 Nov
Most Common Species on Best Day	BCCH	NOWA	WTSP	MYWA	GRCA
Which was What % Total on Best Day	53%	22%	25%	35%	50%
Date Most Diversity	19 Oct	01 Sep	16 Oct	26 Sep	10 Oct
# Species on that day	10	26	32	26	13
Birds/100nh 2010	29	27	9.1	45	610
Birds/100nh 2011	22	27	8.8	31	368
Overall % HY 2010	78%	92%	81%	90%	80%
Overall % HY 2011	0%	0%	87%	90%	78%

Table 2. Top Ten Most Commonly Banded Species, AFR Region 1 - Northeast, Fall 2011

	St. Andrews, NB			Appledore Island, ME			Manome, MA			Wing Island, MA			Dam Pond Reserve, NY		
		#		#	% HY		#	% HY		#	% HY		#	% HY	
1.	WTSP (2)	29	NOWA (3)	144	93%	GRCA (2)	572	95%	GRCA (2)	497	92%	GRCA (6)	57	61%	
2.	SOSP (8)	26	GRCA (1)	137	97%	TUTI (7)	268	90%	MYWA (1)	496	95%	MYWA	33	85%	
3.	COYE (7)	16	COYE (5)	92	98%	AMRO (4)	180	65%	SOSP (4)	202	97%	BCCH (4)	28	61%	
4.	OVEN ¹	14	AMRE (7)	69	94%	MYWA (3)	173	82%	COYE (6)	139	89%	RCKI (9)	26	30%	
5.	BAWW	11	REVI	65	92%	WTSP (8)	161	84%	BLPW	91	86%	NOCA (5)	24	71%	
6.	GRCA	11	CEDW (6)	53	66%	BLPW (5)	127	78%	SWSP (9)	78	99%	WTSP (3)	19	100%	
7.	BLPW	10	YEWA	38	90%	REVI	110	100%	BCCH (3)	70	100%	SWSP (7)	17	94%	
8.	AMRE	9	BAOR	29	100%	NOCA (6)	80	79%	NOCA (7)	69	96%	TUTI (8)	13	54%	
9.	BTNW	8	BAWW	29	90%	HETH	47	87%	WTSP	57	95%	AMGO (2)	10	60%	
10.	GCKI (10)	8	BLPW (8)	28	86%	BCCH (1)	47	62%	AMRO	57	86%	SOSP (10)	10	90%	
									REVI	50	100%				

() = Top 10 order from previous year