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Net hours totaled 7,690 for a capture rate of 31 new birds/100nh. Our largest daily catch was on 18 Oct for a total of 155 birds. The best species diversity of 26 species was on 26 Sep. We added one new species this fall: a HY male Cooper's Hawk.



Sixty-one birds returned to us from previous years. Oldest birds included a nine-year-old Blue Jay (banded 4 May 2002 as HY), an eight-year-old American Goldfinch (7 May 2004 as SY) and Song Sparrow (25 Oct 2003 as HY), 7- and 5-year-old Northern Cardinals, seven 4 year olds, nine 3 year olds, twenty 2 year olds, and the rest were banded the previous year. The Banding Lab sent us reports of two of our Gray Catbirds that were found dead, one in a neighboring town and the other in a town in Massachusetts approximately 73 miles away.

Compared to previous years, high numbers of American Robins were captured this year, 57 compared to the 19.3 ± 14.6 average. Also on that list were 134 Common Yellowthroats (55.8 ± 33.9 average), 91 Blackpoll Warblers (23.1 ± 23.8 average), 43 Tufted Titmice (18.4 ± 15.7 average), and 57 White-throated Sparrows (13.0 ± 16.2 average). Low numbers of Northern Mockingbirds continue with only one captured this fall. A very late Baltimore Oriole was banded on 2 Nov, a species typically gone by the end of August in our area.

Numerous birds were captured with pox, including four catbirds, three Hermit Thrushes, and two Common Yellowthroats and Song Sparrows, all HY birds.

We spent the season collecting 739 ticks for the Barnstable County Extension Service to test for pathogens, who then decided they did not want them after all. A great deal of effort for nothing!

We always enjoy visiting banders and had quite a few this fall at the banding station. On 11 Sep we held a banding demonstration for approximately 50 individuals. Luckily it was a very productive day with numerous species, including our earliest ever Brown Creeper.

A big thank you to all who helped to make this a successful banding season this fall: Jo-Anna Ghadban, Gretchen Putonen, Juliet Lamb, Carolyn Kennedy, Judith Bruce, Becca Miller, Jessica Rempel, and Judy Keller. Thanks also to the many people who helped out for a day or two.

We appreciate the support we get from the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History and the town of Brewster for allowing us to run our station on town-owned land.

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As Pete Seeger sang, "Where have all the warblers gone?" 2011 saw Gray Catbirds taking over the catbird seat from Myrtle Warblers, which dropped from 232 in 2010 to 33. Overall captures dropped from 889 to 443 and captures per 100net hrs fell from 610 to 369. I attribute the decline to weather, as we had only five days with winds from the NW quadrant. Predominant winds were from NE to SE. As my nets are exposed directly to the east, it cut down on the number of days they could be open.

Environmental and nature photographer, Adam Welz, spent one morning at the station, after giving a presentation at North Fork Audubon the night before. It gave him the opportunity to photograph a Gray-cheeked Thrush in the hand, which was only the second one ever caught at the station. Adam heard a kingfisher and asked me if I had ever caught one. Within a few seconds of my replying "no", we had one in the net.

Belted Kingfisher and Northern Mockingbird were the two new species banded this year. In addition, we had our first-ever sighting of a Red-headed Woodpecker.

In late October, Hugh McGuinness brought his Ornithology Club, from the Ross School in East Hampton, to the station. Each student learned to record, hold and hand off a bird from one person to another. We had a good catbird day, which made it easy to see changes in eye color, juvenal and adult rectrices, and molt limits within the secondary coverts. They plan to be back in 2012.

Field guide author and illustrator, Guy Tudor, has a home nearby, and spent many mornings at the station. I am grateful for his assistance and sharing of his exceptional knowledge.



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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President's Note

By the time you read this note, we will have had our 2012 annual meeting at the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center in Bellevue, Nebraska. It was a great time ...

A Few GOOD Members wanted:

The purpose of this issue's note is to encourage you to think about becoming a member of the Inland Bird Banding Association's Board. The Board is responsible for running the organization. This is best done, I believe, by input from the members.

Our Board consists of 12 positions, 11 of which are elected. They are: President, 1st Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer/Membership Secretary, a Past President, and six Board members.

The first five positions are elected annually and may be re-elected up to five times. The Board

members are elected for a three-year term and may be re-elected once. The responsibilities of each Board position are explained in our Bylaws. However, in addition to those, there is the expectation of attending Board and Annual meetings, and I have been asking Board members to contribute to our section of *NABB* with an article, note, or some anecdote of their banding experiences. All Board meetings have been held at the Annual meeting in recent years, so you can kill two birds with one stone (so to speak ...). If you are interested, drop me a note. We need some new ideas concerning what we do and where we may be going.

There are other things you could do as well. For one, we would like to spruce up our web page. If you think you could help there, contact me.

Tom Bartlett, President