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ATLANTIC FLYWAY REVIEW: SPRING 2011

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We lost a friend and long-time contributor to the spring and fall AFR reports. Janet Shaffer of Bedford, PA, died on 28 Jul 2012. She had run her Pennsylvania Bedford Valley station for many years, even through some tough periods while undergoing chemo treatment. A Memorial Service was held for her on 8 Sep 2012 in Bedford.

We welcome a new station to the spring AFR - Patuxent Powerline Right-of-Way in Laurel, MD, run by Jo Anna Lutmerding. This station has been a long-time contributor to Chan Robbins' Fall Region IV AFR report. It is nice to know that some of the BBL staff get out of the office at least once a week during spring and fall migration!

Overall, banding numbers in spring 2011 were up from 2010 at eight of the 13 reporting stations. Wet net lanes and days lost to rain were cited as a factor in the numbers banded or fewer days operated at Crown Point, Lewiston, Rock Point, Appledore, Kestrel Haven, Presque Isle, Wing Island and Powdermill, but ironically numbers were up at four of those stations.

The narratives always make interesting reading. A Grasshopper Sparrow was Crown Point's 101st species banded. Also at Crown Point, a red fox made life interesting and even marked net bags left out one night. Banders at Cape Florida recaptured a Northern Waterthrush (in its sixth year) that had been banded at Braddock Bay in 2006.

As always, we would welcome the participation of additional reporting stations for the spring AFR report. Let me know if you are interested, and I will send you a reporting form.

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The 2011 spring Crown Point banding station began operations on 6 May, continuing daily during daylight hours into the morning of 22 May. This was the 36th consecutive year of spring migrant monitoring on the grounds of the 360-ac Crown Point State Historic Site. Banders assisting us this year were: Gary Lee, Nina Schoch and Robert Wei.

Table 1. Spring 2011 AFR Banding Summary

	Crown Point, NY	Lewiston, NY	Braddock Bay, NY	Ruthven, ON	Rock Point, ON	Appledore, ME
Inclusive Dates	5/6 - 5/22	5/1 - 5/21	4/17 - 6/10	4/1 - 5/31	4/1 - 6/4	5/12 - 6/9
Total Days	16	4	51	61	43	29
Nets Used	16 - 18	15	1 - 34	17	16 - 17	6 - 10
Total Net Hours	2,611	218	7,897	5,173	3,073	3,205
% Caught in Traps	1%	0%	0%	16.7%	0%	0%
Best Day # (date)	60 on 5/10	9 on 5/7	342 on 5/23	144 on 5/12	86 on 5/4	368 on 5/14
Best Diversity (date)	23 sp on 5/21	7 sp on 5/7	35 sp on 5/13	31 sp on 5/12,13	27 sp on 5/12	35 sp on 5/14
Total Banded 2010	533	147	4,113	1,214	1,099	1,905
Total Banded 2011	518	21	4,660	2,034	1,299	2,152
Total Species 2010	55	27	94	87	87	61
Total Species 2011	58	12	93	90	74	68
Birds/100nh 2010	13	16	48.9	20.5	28	58
Birds/100nh 2011	20	10.3	59	32.4	39	67.1

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	Long Point, ON	Kestrel Haven, NY	Presque Isle, PA	Wing Island, MA	Powdermill, PA	Patuxent Powerline, MD	Cape Florida, FL
Inclusive Dates	4/1 - 6/10	4/14 - 5/20	4/21 - 5/30	4/21 - 6/16	3/3 - 5/28	4/15 - 5/25	4/9 - 5/12
Total Days	71	11	27	20	55	22	28
Nets Used	0 - 50	11	8 - 11	17 - 32	6 - 63	26	17 - 19
Total Net Hours	7,410	222	1,417	2,092	10,203	1,820	3,185
% Caught in Traps	20.9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Best Day # (date)	728 on 5/2	82 on 5/11	107 on 5/13	49 on 5/14	120 on 5/12,13	65 on 5/10	142 on 5/12
Best Diversity (date)	57 sp on 5/2	17 sp on 5/11,12	33 sp on 5/10	14 sp on 5/14	36 sp on 5/4	21 sp on 5/11	14 sp on 4/30
Total Banded 2010	11,607	323	915	380	2,390	659	1,207
Total Banded 2011	15,830	392	1,394	265	2,340	756	691
Total Species 2010	130	46	76	43	93	60	30
Total Species 2011	134	39	80	37	98	53	25
Birds/100nh 2010	170	122	46.5	22	21	41.2	45
Birds/100nh 2011	214	177	75.1	24	23	41.6	23