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## Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2011 Lewiston Banding Station

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We are indebted to the fine staff at the Crown Point State Historic Site and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for allowing us to continue to collect data on the site. Thomas Hughes, the site manager, has been extremely supportive of our program. Additionally, Jake Putnam has been instrumental in seeing that site preparation and maintenance needs are met. The interpretive staff has been wonderful in directing our visitors to the station and in informing other historic site visitors about our program. This year the Crown Point State Historic Site celebrates its 101<sup>st</sup> year of operation. We are pleased to have been associated with the Site for over one-third of its history. We celebrated by banding our 101<sup>st</sup> species, the Grasshopper Sparrow.

#### **Lewiston Banding Station 431-0790**

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The 2011 spring banding season got underway on 1 May. There was very little cover on the trees with even fewer numbers of birds being observed. Only two birds were caught and banded that day after 2.5 hours using 15 nets. Things did not improve very much over the month, with only a total of 21 birds being caught and banded. Of these 21 birds, only four were warblers. This is hardly what you would call a migration!

1. Gray Catbird	6	100%
2. Northern Cardinal	3	100%
3. Black-capped Chickadee	2	100%
4. Wood Thrush	2	100%

The nets were opened on four days only because the rainy weather was a major problem. But even on the four days, there were hardly any birds in the wooded block. Water was running down the net lanes throughout the whole banding season. On 21 May, after three hours of banding and catching only eight birds, it was decided to take the nets down and end the banding operation for this spring.

Many questions have come up as to the lower number of birds at the Lewiston Station. In particular, what happened to the spring migration of warblers at this location? This has been by far the worst spring banding season in 36 years.

#### **Braddock Bay Bird Observatory 431-0774**

##### **Kaiser-Manitou Beach Banding Station**

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The 26th consecutive year of spring migration monitoring at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach Banding Station was carried out for 51 days beginning 17 Apr and ending on 10 Jun 2011. There were 4,660 birds banded of 93 species. Ninety-two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are included in the list of banded birds and an additional 17 male and 11 female Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured and released unbanded.

	Species	#	%SY	%ASY	%AHY
1.	Black-capped Chickadee	684	74	5	20
2.	Magnolia Warbler	488	73	20	7
3.	American Redstart	344	62	38	10
4.	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	253	59	6	35
5.	Yellow Warbler	221	64	20	16
6.	Trail's Flycatcher	200	11	4	85
7.	Common Yellowthroat	193	43	11	45
8.	Gray Catbird	190	40	23	36
9.	Wilson's Warbler	177	71	8	21
10.	White-throated Sparrow	94	52	10	37