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Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2011 Long Point Bird Observatory

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	Species	#	%SY	%ASY	%AHY
1.	Common Yellowthroat	458	62.7	27.7	9.6
2.	Magnolia Warbler	218	79.4	17.4	3.2
3.	Red-eyed Vireo	151	9.3	4	86.8
4.	Northern Parula	150	53.3	32.7	14
5.	American Redstart	135	65.2	24.4	10.4
6.	Black-and-white Warbler	107	72.9	22.4	4.7
7.	Ovenbird	82	56.1	13.4	30.5
8.	Gray Catbird	68	37.6	26.5	5.9
9.	Black-throated Blue Warbler	64	76.6	17.2	6.3
10.	White-throated Sparrow	55	49.1	3.6	47.3

Although we did not capture any new species at the station, we had several unusual species in the nets including three Bobolinks, a Painted Bunting, and two White-breasted Nuthatches. Several species were outside their normal ranges, but these were generally species captured in relatively low numbers. All were above normal, including Carolina Wren (2011:6; average: 0.5 ± 1), Northern Parula (2011: 150; average: 61 ± 26), Common Grackle (2011: 10; average: 2 ± 2), and American Goldfinch (2011:29; average 9 ± 7). Because we have been in operation for more than 20 years, annual variation may be substantial. Although not outside their normal ranges, several species were well below average, including Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (2011: 15; average: 38 ± 30), Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler (2011: 17; average: 39 ± 53), Wilson's Warbler (2011: 7; average 18 ± 8), and White-throated Sparrow (2011: 54; average: 139 ± 87).

Kristen Covino has begun her PhD program at the University of Southern Mississippi and is using the Appledore Island Migration Station as one of her field sites. Becky Suomala had two papers comparing bird migration on Appledore and Star Islands from her MS published in the *Wilson Journal of Ornithology*.

The station continues to provide formal and informal educational programs to visitors to the Shoals Marine Lab. We are grateful to the SML staff for all of their assistance. The station could not run without our generous volunteers who provide time, energy and financial support. We are particularly grateful to an anonymous donor who has generously funded most of the activities of the station.

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The Long Point Bird Observatory's (LPBO) 52nd spring migration monitoring season started at Old Cut on 1 Apr. The Tip and Breakwater were opened on 14 and 24 Apr, respectively. Forty-four volunteers, representing four countries, logged over 2,566 hours collecting migration data on over 250 species, and banding 15,830 birds of 134 species. Twenty-three volunteer 'Friends' of LPBO helped to service over 3,000 visitors and students of all ages who enjoyed banding demonstrations among other marvels of the spring migration through the Old Cut Research Station.

	Species	#	%SY	%ASY	%AHY
1.	White-throated Sparrow	2,074	72.2	9.4	18.4
2.	American Goldfinch	1,254	69.9	26.3	3.7
3.	Red-winged Blackbird	756	56.6	37.8	5.6
4.	Gray Catbird	681	74.6	20.2	4.8
5.	Myrtle Warbler	571	78.8	18.6	2.6
6.	Brown-headed Cowbird	537	30.2	1.7	68.3
7.	E. White-crowned Sparrow	524	73.7	15.1	11.3
8.	Yellow Warbler	519	68.6	29.9	2.9
9.	Slate-colored Junco	459	78.6	13.1	8.3
10.	Common Yellowthroat	426	73.9	18.1	8.2

Cool conditions early in April kept the channels frozen and migrants at bay until mid-month, when a backlog of migrants flooded Long Point. An early push of Neotropical migrants arrived in the last week of April kick-starting a fantastic and record-breaking May, at least for the Tip. Highlights of the spring include Long Point's first ever banded Bell's Vireo captured at Breakwater on 26 May. Summary statistics and population trends for over 200 species are available from Nature Counts – www.naturecounts.ca For more information visit www.birdscanada.org/lpbo

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The spring banding season was “BLAH”! Although we had nets in place on 14 Apr, we were not able to band until the 24th. Then, winds and rain continued off and on, mostly on, through the 20th of May when we noted no less than a dozen species nesting in the vicinity of the nets. Not wanting to harass nesters, we quit with only some banding on 11 days. Three of those were super mornings and the rest were very short. While banding was mostly off, daily point counts revealed a rich and rapid migration.

Species	Number
1. American Goldfinch	216
2. White-throated Sparrow	34
3. E. White-crowned Sparrow	23
4. Slate-colored Junco	20
5. Gray Catbird	11
6. Common Yellowthroat	10

We banded 392 individuals of 39 species in 11 days of operation. We also had 30 repeats, 55 returns, and two hummingbirds not banded. Our measure of efficiency was 177 birds/100nh for newly banded birds and 217 birds/100nh overall, a very deceiving

figure. The station total remains at 132 species and 6 forms banded and the cumulative point count at 220 species seen at Kestrel Haven.

The only item worth reporting is our returns. Twenty-three of the 55 returns that were over four years of age were:

- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at 6;
- An American Robin at 4;
- A Rose-breasted Grosbeak at 6;
- Two Baltimore Orioles at 4 and 4+;
- Three Yellow Warblers at 4, 4+ and 5;
- One Common Yellowthroat at 4;
- One Song Sparrow at 5+;
- One Purple Finch at 4, and
- Twelve American Goldfinch at 4(10) and 5(2).

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This spring, banding was conducted at three locations within the greater Erie area: two sites at Presque Isle State Park (Niagara boat launch and Frye's Landing) and Erie Bluffs State Park. It was an extremely wet spring, with many netting days