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## Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2011 Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory

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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](http://www.naturecounts.ca) For more information visit [www.birdscanada.org/lpbo](http://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.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Number</b>
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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**Presque Isle State Park** **420-0800**  
**(2 banding stations)**  
**Erie Bluffs State Park** **429-0805**  
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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