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Atlantic Flyway Review: Region III (Western Ridge)- Fall 2011 Allegheny Front Migration Observatory

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of 60 species, with a station effort of 2261 net hours. The capture rate was 38 b/100nh. Eastern Bluebird and Acadian Flycatcher were added to the station's list this year, bringing the station total to 90 species.

A good food supply is one of the reasons why we chose to band in Mt. Nebo WMA. My daily log states, "There is an incredible crop of soft mass." The following species were noted: autumn olive, honeysuckle, apples, winterberry, American silverberry, multiflora rose, thornberries, and ornamental crab apples. Millet was planted in a plot beside several of our nets.

The top-ten list had no surprises. The top three species banded were Gray Catbird (21% of the total), White-throated Sparrow (10%) and Song Sparrows (9%).

There were no station highs this season. It was a mediocre year in all respects.

The largest daily catch was 53 birds on 6 Oct with 15 species. The second largest daily catch was 50 birds on 29 Aug with 15 species.

The station had 210 recaptures of 139 birds of 17 species. Returns included one Hermit Thrush banded as AHY and two Song Sparrows banded in 2006; one Common Yellowthroat banded in 2007; one Black-capped Chickadee banded in 2008; one Gray Catbird, two Black-capped Chickadees, one Song Sparrow and one Eastern Towhee all banded in 2009; and three Gray Catbirds, two Black-capped Chickadees, two Common Yellowthroats, two Indigo Buntings, one Song Sparrow, one Purple Finch and one Chestnut-sided Warbler, banded as an AHY M, all banded in 2010.

The station had 37 visitors, including a Garrett College class and the Northern High School Envirothon Team.

We thank Mike Fazenbaker who helped clear the net lanes. We appreciate Rick Latshaw and Mike Fazenbaker for granting us the privilege of banding at Mt. Nebo WMA. Thanks to Bill Pope for his help mowing and tending the nets.

Allegheny Front

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Migration Observatory

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Allegheny Front Migration Observatory (AFMO) is located at Dolly Sods, Grant County, 10 miles southeast of Davis, WV, high on top of the Allegheny Front in the Monongahela National Forest. This fall was the 54th year of continuous banding since Ralph K. Bell founded this bird banding station in the fall of 1958. The success and survival of his project over the 54 years is mainly due to the many volunteers who were invited to band, net tend, and assist in many other ways. Their years of dedication and expertise have been vitally important to maintain this research station. The U. S. Dept of Agriculture, Forest Service, the WV Department of Natural Resources, and others have encouraged and given their cooperation and support, because they believe in the importance of Bell's long-term project. AFMO is believed to be the oldest, continuous running, inland Bird Banding Station in North America.

This fall, banding began on 12 Aug and ended on 15 Oct 2011. A total of 4,610 birds were banded of 69 species with a station effort of 99 b/100nh. A total of 245,451 birds have been banded since 1958. The total species banded for the station is 123, with no new species banded this year. The overall percentage of hatch-year birds (using known age birds only) was 70.37 %, compared with 60.01% in 2010. There were six days this fall when over 100 birds were banded, four days over 200, three days over 300, and two days over 400 birds were banded. The Station was open for 44 days and closed for 21 days due to bad weather, including Hurricane Irene in August, Tropical Storm Lee in September, and approximately 12" of snow on 1 Oct.

The Black-throated Blue Warbler was the most numerous species this year with 1,074 banded, which is 11.66% under the 10-year average (2001-

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2010). The Blackpoll Warbler was second highest with 736 banded, which is 3.37% under the 10-year average. The Black-throated Green Warbler was the third highest, with 642 banded, which is 1.65% under the 10-year average. The Tennessee Warbler was the fourth highest, with 362 banded, which is 5.3% under the 10-year average. The Cape May Warbler was the fifth highest, with 270 banded, which is 41% OVER the 10-year average. The total number of birds banded of these top five species is 3,084, which is 67% of the total birds banded this fall. The next highest numbers of birds banded were

Blackburnian Warbler (235), Magnolia Warbler (233), Swainson's Thrush (117), Common Yellowthroat (99), and Ovenbird (86).

Two recoveries were reported this year. Robert Dean banded a HY Male Black-throated Blue Warbler at AFMO on 29 Sep 2007. It was found dead after hitting a stationary object on 8 May 2011 at Mitchell, ON, Canada. The writer banded an AHY Male Black-throated Blue Warbler at AFMO on 16 Sep 2010. It was found dead after hitting a stationary object on 10 Oct 2011, five miles west of Rosman, Transylvania County, NC.



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President's Note

The 2012 Annual Meeting in Bellevue, Nebraska, was an outstanding success. Betty Grenon (former Board member and Secretary) and Rick Schmid (Education Director of Fontinelle Forest) did an excellent job organizing the meeting. Activities, field trips and talks were well done and very interesting. For us from the eastern part of Inland's region, seeing almost numerous Harris's Sparrows and LeConte's Sparrows in a day was a treat. Our meeting was held jointly with the Nebraska Ornithological Society. Many in NOS were educated about what bird banding is and how it is done properly. It was a very positive experience for them.

As I stated in the last President's Note, you will be reading this after the annual meeting. That is happening again. The 2013 Annual meeting will be a joint meeting with the Eastern Bird Banding Association and will be held in Tennessee at the Falls Creek State Park. Part of the meeting is slated to be a discussion of the future of bird banding. Hopefully, I see many of you there. Check our webpage.

A final note is sad news. I recently learned that Forest Strnad of Minnesota has passed away. Forest was a President of this organization and did an outstanding job. As a bander, Forest also saw his data published which is something we all need to do. He will be missed.

H. Thomas Bartlett