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# ATLANTIC FLYWAY REVIEW: SPRING 2012

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Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park banding station did not operate in spring 2012, and Kestrel Haven did not band either, primarily due to a feral cat that was decimating birds on the sanctuary but could not be trapped.

Numbers were down at half of the reporting stations – significantly down at Long Point, Presque Isle and Powdermill. It was not for lack of effort; birds per 100 net hours (b/100nh) were down at every station with the exception of Lewiston and Patuxent.

Braddock Bay, Long Point, Powdermill and Penn State's Arboretum opened in March. Powdermill documented record early arrivals of five species.

Should the stations that are able to be flexible in start/stop dates make an effort to begin spring monitoring earlier?

Long-distance re-encounters are always noteworthy. A Swainson's Thrush banded at Presque Isle's Erie Bluffs State Park in 2009 was recaptured in Veracruz, Mexico, on 21 Apr 2012.

Friends and family of Bob McKinney gathered at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory on 6 May 2012 to dedicate the Robert G. McKinney Bird Banding Laboratory in Bob's memory.

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.

**Table 1. Spring 2012 AFR Banding Summary**

	Crown Point, NY	Lewiston, NY	Braddock Bay, NY	Ruthven, ON	Rock Point, ON	Appledore, ME
Inclusive Dates	5/4 to 5/20	5/5 to 5/23	3/18 to 6/5	4/1 to 5/31	4/2 to 5/31	5/10 to 6/10
Total Days	17.5	8	61	61	50	32
Nets Used	16-18	15	1 - 34	up to 24	16 - 20	9 - 10
Total Net Hours	3,810	480	9,800	7,651	5,651	3,503
% Caught in Traps	< 1%	0.0%	0.0%	8.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Best Day # (date)	74 on 5/6	21 on 5/5	325 on 5/21	115 on 5/7	88 on 5/19	279 on 5/26
Best Diversity (date)	20 sp on 5/6	14 sp on 5/5	38 sp on 5/13	28 sp on 5/6	25 sp on 5/19	29 sp on 5/26
Total Banded 2011	518	21	4,660	2,034	1,299	2,152
Total Banded 2012	522	87	4,610	2,045	1,565	2,310
Total Species 2011	58	12	93	90	74	68
Total Species 2012	62	26	90	86	79	67
Birds/100nh 2011	20	10.3	59	32.4	39	67.1
Birds/100nh 2012	15	11.9	47	24.2	27	66.7

**Table 1 (cont'd). Spring 2012 AFR Banding Summary**

	Long Point, ON	Presque Isle, PA	Wing Island, MA	Powdermill, PA	Aboretum, PA	Patuxent, MD
Inclusive Dates	3/27 to 6/10	4/17 to 5/31	4/13 to 6/16	3/1 to 5/31	3/26 to 5/9	4/16 to 5/25
Total Days	75	35	24	65	12	21
Nets Used	0 to 45	5 to 12	15 to 35	6 to 63	4 to 10	26
Total Net Hours	11,909	1,816	2,301	13,997	450	1,698
% Caught in Traps	10.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Best Day # (date)	1017 on 5/3	82 on 5/22	57 on 5/14	110 on 5/13	30 on 5/9	134 on 5/3
Best Diversity (date)	58 sp on 5/3	20 sp on 5/10,11,24	18 sp on 5/14	30 sp on 5/4	11 sp on 4/7	27 sp on 5/3
Total Banded 2011	15,830	1,394	265	2,340	139	756
Total Banded 2012	11,909	923	264	1,723	215	719
Total Species 2011	134	80	48	98	22	53
Total Species 2012	-	67	44	94	30	53
Birds/100nh 2011	214	75.1	24	23	70	41.6
Birds/100nh 2012	110	61.3	24	16.9	56	42.3

**Crown Point State Historic Site      440-0732**  
 Essex County, NY  
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**John M.C. Peterson, Founder**

The 2012 spring Crown Point Banding Station began operations on 4 May, continuing until the afternoon of 20 May. This was the 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of operation on the grounds of the 360-ac Crown Point State Historic Site. The Crown Point Banding Association (CPBA) operates the station through an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The station is located on the Crown Point Peninsula - Lake Champlain - west of His Majesty's Fort in the hawthorn-juniper thickets. Banders participating this spring were: Ted Hicks, Gordon Howard, Gary Lee, Melanie McCormack, Catherine Pohl, Nina Schoch, and Robert Wei.

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	Banded	% SY	% ASY	% AHY
Myrtle Warbler	227	38	61	1
Gray Catbird	41	39	46	5
Common Yellowthroat	25	60	40	0
Least Flycatcher	20	20	40	20
Baltimore Oriole	18	89	11	0
American Goldfinch	17	29	24	47
Black-capped Chickadee	10	70	20	10
Magnolia Warbler	9	45	44	1
Northern Waterthrush	9	0	100	0
Song Sparrow	9	78	11	11

The station banded four new species this year, bringing the total number of species banded to 105 since the station's inception in 1976. New species banded this year included Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Red-bellied Woodpecker, and female Cerulean Warbler (banded on 11 May) which was the first observed Cerulean on the Crown Point