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Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2012 Powdermill Nature Reserve

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	Banded	% SY	% ASY	% AHY
Gray Catbird	78	82	18	-
American Goldfinch	28	93	7	-
Common Yellowthroat	24	50	46	4
White-throated Sparrow	14	7	-	93
Swamp Sparrow	9	56	11	33
Northern Cardinal	9	22	-	78
Prairie Warbler	7	71	-	29
Song Sparrow	7	71	-	29
Yellow Palm Warbler	6	66	17	17
Myrtle Warbler	5	60	49	-
Hermit Thrush	5	100	-	-
Eastern Towhee	5	80	20	-

We held two banding demonstrations this spring on 5 and 19 May. We had good numbers and diversity both days. A cute story is of a young girl, perhaps 7, who came to the first banding demonstration and her mother told us she promptly went home and banded all her stuffed animals! They wanted to come back and see more birds of course, but her daughter was also intent on building a mist net (indoors) in order to catch her 'birds'.

An exciting capture for us was our first ever Wood Thrush, a bird rarely seen on lower Cape Cod. We also had three species never captured before in spring: Veery, Brown Creeper and Field Sparrow. Our second ever spring Swainson's Thrush was captured on 5 May, a real treat for participants in our banding demo! In March, I banded our fourth state record for Allen's Hummingbird at a home in Dennis, MA.

A report from the Banding Lab was received in May concerning a Gray Catbird banded by us on 8 Oct 2011 that was found dead by window strike on 5 Jan 2012 in a nearby town. We do have some catbirds that winter on Cape Cod.

Many thanks to Gretchen Putonen, Jo-Anna Ghadband, Alice Wynn, Jessica Rempel, Ben Lagasse, Carolyn Kennedy, and Judy Keller for helping with the banding this spring!

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After an unusually mild winter, we thought we might have an early spring but we were still surprised to find a very early arrival; an Eastern Phoebe who flew into our nets on 1 Mar. A full nine days earlier than the previous 'early arrival record' for this species, set 36 years ago on 10 Mar 1976.

	Banded	% SY	% ASY	% AHY
Cedar Waxwing	372	53	47	0
Magnolia Warbler	123	56.9	34.1	8.9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	120	45.8	19.2	35
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	73	0	0	100
Gray Catbird	72	70.8	29.2	0
American Goldfinch	63	69.8	14.3	15.9
Common Yellowthroat	52	44.2	23.1	32.7
Song Sparrow	46	34.8	15.2	50
Dark-eyed Junco	46	54.3	43.5	2.2
Red-eyed Vireo	43	16.3	2.3	81.4

Other record-early captures occurred this spring for several species, listed with the previous early arrival date and this year's arrival date: Louisiana Waterthrush (1/Apr/2000, 28/Mar/2012), Wood Thrush (21/Apr/2002, 17/Apr/2012), Blue-headed Vireo (18/Apr/2006, 15/Apr/2012), and Philadelphia Vireo (4/May/2008, 2/May/2012).

Species above 2 S.D. included Acadian Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Carolina Chickadee, Cedar Waxwing, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush and Winter Wren. However, our capture rates were well below average (16.9 b/100nh, mean = 26.7, SD = 7.4) continuing our trend of decreasing capture rates over time.