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Inland Flyway Review: Spring 2016- Mora Conservation Area

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Bruns Tract Conservation Area 383-0932

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This was the third year (2016) for spring migration banding at Bruns Tract Conservation Area. The station is in the center of a 40-acre prairie reconstruction with vegetation that is predominantly native grasses and forbs except for the woody shrubs and a few small trees that grow along the draw that bisects the property from northeast to southwest.

Some of the station's more interesting bandings for the season included an ASY male Sora and first-time captures of a Myrtle Warbler, Traill's Flycatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Northern Waterthrush (4) and Wilson's Snipe (2). Some of the more noteworthy returns from previous spring bandings were two Eastern Meadowlarks (a male and female from 2014 and 2015, respectively); two male Common Yellowthroats from 2015; two male Dickcissels from 2014; a Savannah Sparrow from 2015 and two Swamp Sparrows from 2015. A SY male Red-winged Blackbird with a deformed foot (from a previous injury that had healed) was also captured.

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Mora Conservation Area 383-0931

Cole Camp, Benton County, MO

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This was the fourth season (2016) for spring migration banding at Mora Conservation Area. The southern half of the banding station is prairie restoration that has eastern red cedar and sericea lespedeza encroaching on the native vegetation. The northern half is shrubby and has small deciduous trees scattered throughout. A

shallow draw runs between the southern and northern areas and creates standing water in the northern area when there is a lot of rain. A gravel road crosses the northern area.

Some of the station's more interesting bandings for the season included ten Northern Waterthrushes (compared to only one for all of the first three years), and first-time captures of a Downy Woodpecker, Gray-cheeked Thrush and Nashville Warbler. Some of the more noteworthy returns from previous spring bandings were a Bell's Vireo (banded in 2013 and captured every year since), two male Common Yellowthroats (banded in 2013 and 2015), two Field Sparrows (both males, one that had been banded in 2013 and captured every year at least once) and a female Northern Cardinal (banded in 2015).

For the third year in a row the biology class from Calhoun High School visited the site for a banding demonstration.

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Warner Park Nature Center 363-0865

Nashville, Davidson County, TN

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The Warner Park Nature Center Banding Station was established in 1982 with support from Dr. Katherine Goodpasture, Michael Bierly, Dr. Charles Farrell, Dr. Ann Tarbell, the Warner Park Nature Center staff and the Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation Department. The banding station is on the nature center grounds and available to the public for observation and education. This past April, 596 visitors attended banding programs and/or learned about birds and bird research at the station.

Some of the more noteworthy returns from previous spring bandings were a Red-bellied Woodpecker (banded in 2012), a Kentucky Warbler (banded as an ASY M in 2015) and two White-throated Sparrows (banded in April 2010).