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Inland Flyway Review- Fall 2017 Report- Whigg Meadow

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The number of birds banded was down from previous years but diversity of birds captured was up slightly. This includes two HY Northern Saw-whet Owls captured at the banding station outside of normal net operating hours. Totals of Tennessee, Palm (Western) and Bay-breasted warblers were up from past years, while totals of Cape May Warblers were down from past years.

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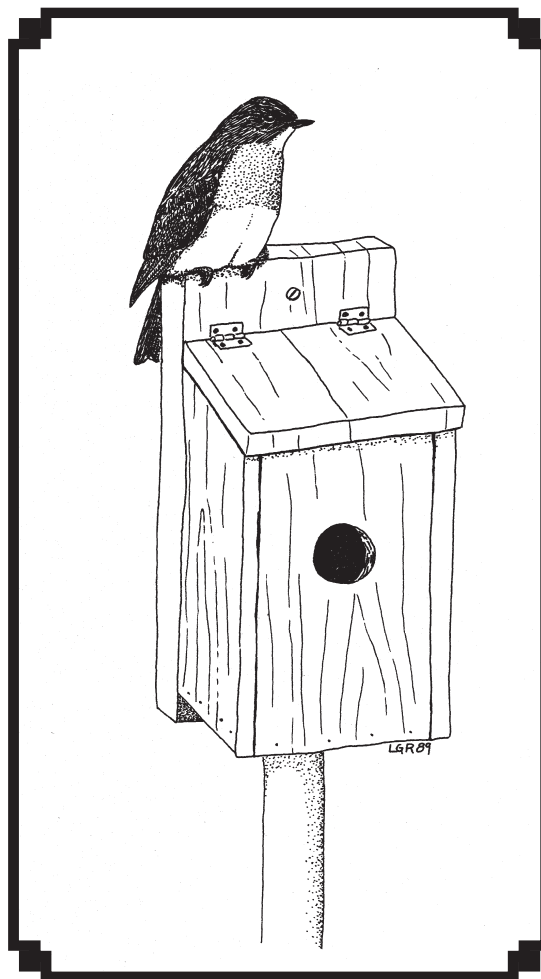
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The Warner Park Station, located in the 3005 acre Warner Parks, is in its 35th year of operation. The capture numbers for Fall Migration 2017 were disappointing, particularly after a stellar fall season in 2016. Nine sessions (205 net-hr and 9 trap-hr) yielded a total of 97 birds (78 new, 18 recaptures, and 1 unbanded). This was quite a drop in captures compared to 2016 with 366 birds caught. Rain was plentiful throughout the season; thus, birds were not dependent on the creek by which we hang our nets. Birds/100 net-hr in 2017 was only 46 compared to 146 in 2016. The day with the highest captures was 3 Oct with 26 birds. A total of 22 species was captured compared to 39 in 2016. Northern Cardinal was the most frequent species captured, followed by Carolina Chickadee and American Goldfinch. As always, our station is open for observation by the public, and 244 visitors came by the station, including elementary children

and high school students. A wonderful crew of staff and volunteers contribute hundreds of hours to bird counts, educational programs and banding. A special thanks goes to the Warner Parks, Friends of Warner Parks, and to Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation for continued support.

[Other station activities include in a MAPS station (since 1991), an Eastern Bluebird Nest Box Program (since 1936), a Purple Martin Gourd program and hummingbird banding sessions (with 106 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds banded in 13 sessions)].



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