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## Inland Flyway Review- Spring 2018 Report- Fort Morgan Banding Station

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We had beautiful weather for the 2018 Spring banding – no sessions were cancelled due to weather! We used Potter traps for 3 of our 5 sessions with a total of 64 captures and 20 species; 25 of which were recaptures. A big surprise from our Spring 2018 season included our first-ever snake caught in a net – a 19 inch midland water snake (*Nerodia sipedon pleuralis*)! One of our bird highlights was a recaptured Carolina Chickadee that we first banded on 05 Jan 2010 as an AHY – so this bird was at least 9 years old! All of the Carolina Chickadees and Tufted Titmice we caught this season (13 total) were all recaptures. Banding sessions at Warner Park Nature Center are open to the public for observation and this season we had 465 visitors to the station.

Of note, our 2018 Winter Banding Season was also very successful with 10 sessions held in January and February with 271 birds of 16 species captured; 188 of which were recaptures. A highlight of the

season was a recaptured Tufted Titmouse that was originally banded in January 2013 at our station; so it was at least six years old; but even more remarkable is this bird has been captured every year since but only in January or February (even though we have spring, summer and fall banding seasons at Warner Park Nature Center). Our banding station is open to the public. During this winter season, we had 481 visitors.

**Fort Morgan Banding Station                      302-0880**

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The Fort Morgan Banding Station is situated in an area where bird banding was conducted each spring for 20+ years. Previous banding at this station was conducted through Bob and Martha Sargent. After several years of not being operated, the station opened again for one week in 2017 and that was followed by one week in April 2018. Overall catch and diversity were down from previous seasons of operation but had excellent support from the local community with many visitors coming by to learn about birds and banding. We had the pleasure of banding 561 birds this year during that week of operation.



**Carolina chickadee  
Photo R. Pantle**