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Atlantic Flyway Review: Region I (Northeast) Fall 2016- Austin Banding Station

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With more than 30 years of banding and with recent shorter seasons, most species have highly variable numbers of captures across years, so most of our captures were within normal ranges. Exceptions included a much-higher-than normal number of Common Grackles (2016: 10; average 2 ± 2.3) and a much lower than normal number of Common Yellowthroats (2016: 33; average 116.9 ± 39.9). Though within normal ranges, there were modest irruptions of Purple Finches (2016: 24; average: 7.3 ± 12.1) and Red-breasted Nuthatches (2016: 79; average: 40.8 ± 46.4). In contrast, there were a large number of species captured in numbers less than half of their averages: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (2016: 7; average: 31.0 ± 12.9), Traill's Flycatcher (2016: 9; average: 31.7 ± 16.1), Least Flycatcher (2016: 9; average: 18.3 ± 7.2), Red-eyed Vireo (2016: 38; average: 160.8 ± 102.3), Ovenbird (2016: 5; average: 26.1 ± 12.9), Northern Waterthrush (2016: 67; average: 164.8 ± 50.0), Black-and-White Warbler (2016: 20; average: 51.8 ± 21.9), Nashville Warbler (2016: 2; average: 20.3 ± 14.5), Mourning Warbler (2016: 4; average: 14.3 ± 5.9), American Redstart (2016: 33; average: 104.5 ± 48.8), Magnolia Warbler (2016: 6; average: 29.1 ± 15.7), Chestnut-sided Warbler (2016: 4; average: 11.2 ± 4.8), Blackpoll Warbler (2016: 10; average: 40.0 ± 29.0), Canada Warbler (2016: 4; average: 15.1 ± 8.0), Wilson's Warbler (2016: 4; average: 30.7 ± 13.6), Song Sparrow (2016: 19; average: 52.0 ± 24.3), and Baltimore Oriole (2016: 9; average: 33.5 ± 17.8). In addition, several species were not captured that are generally reliable in the fall: Veery (average: 9.2 ± 6.3), Swainson's Thrush (average: 7.5 ± 6.8), and Tennessee Warbler (average: 4.9 ± 2.9). Finally, no Carolina Wrens (average: 5.2 ± 5.4) were banded for the second fall in a row. Though within normal ranges, this represents a major change from recent Fall seasons and no doubt reflects the severe 2014-15 winter. Our most exciting captures of the season were a Worm-eating Warbler and a Gray Catbird that were originally banded at Braddock Bay, NY, and were recaptured in both spring and fall at Appledore.

We had a number of groups visit the station including Marine Immersion students from the Shoals Marine Lab, groups from the University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts, and

Cornell, groups from the Star Island conference center and other visitors to Appledore Island. The fall 2016 season was also memorable for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Shoals Marine Lab, which serves as the host of the station and supports us in many ways. We had the pleasure of visits from many of the guests who were on the island for the anniversary celebration.

We are extremely grateful to our team of dedicated volunteers who generously give of their time and financial support. We are also fortunate to have substantial financial support from the Shoals Marine Lab, Canisius College, and a very generous anonymous donor.

Austin Banding Station **415-0695**

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
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Fall 2016 was the third year of the reopening of Austin Banding Station on Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. The weather was good with only a few storms in the fall preventing us from opening the majority of nets. The big shifts were observed in Pine Warblers, with our total of 138, far outpacing the fall 2014 total of 32. This was observed in Palm Warblers as well; 18 in 2016 versus only 3 in 2015. Our station is around the nature center at the main sanctuary. Nets are in a mix of dense mature riparian forest (9), beach side heath and open field (10), dense black-locust/black cherry forest (3) and saltmarsh edge (2).

Manomet Bird Observatory **415-0703**

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Fall 2016: New Bandings: 2,128; Repeat Captures: 1,283; TOTAL HANDLED: 3,411 birds of 74 species.

On 15 Nov we wrapped up our 51st fall banding season at Manomet. Over those autumns we have banded 169,659 landbirds. Starting on 15 Aug, we again erected 50 mist nets in the same