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The number of birds banded and species diversity were down from previous years but the number of visitors to the site was good: about 250 people visited the station to learn about bird migration, bird banding and Whigg Meadow. Included among these visitors were classes from several schools and universities located in surrounding states. The number of Cape May Warblers banded exceeded those of the past few years, while the totals for Tennessee and Bay-breasted warblers were down from past years.

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The Fall of 2016 was the most productive fall migration banding season in many years. The

drought and the almost completely dry creek with a few small pools of water in the banding area contributed to higher numbers of birds captured. There were at least 748 visitors to the station this year with notable groups such as Belmont University. Public educational programs were provided for all ages during Metro Schools Fall Break.

Notable recaptures included a Hermit Thrush banded as an HY/U on 10 Nov 2015 and recaptured as AHY/U on 8 Nov 2016; a Carolina Chickadee banded as AHY/U on 5 Jan 2010 and recaptured as AHY/U on 12 Oct 2016; a Tufted Titmouse banded as HY/U on 2 Jul 2012 and recaptured as AHY/U on 27 Sep 2016; and a Blue Jay banded as SY/U on 21 Apr 2015 and recaptured as ASY/U on 4 Oct 2016 in same net. Some interesting captures were a Wilson Warbler and five Purple Finches.

In addition to the fall mist-netting operations, more than 200 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded in four nearby locations through the coordinated efforts of Heather Gallagher, Sandy Bivens, Kathy Shaw and their support team of volunteers.

Acknowledgments: Thank-you to the dedicated volunteers and staff who help run this banding station and make it an educational experience for all the visitors. Thanks, also, to the Warner Park Nature Center, Friends of Warner Parks and the Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation for their perennial support.

Winter Banding at Warner Park Nature Center

The 2017 winter banding season marks the 35th year for the Warner Park Nature Center banding station in Nashville, Davidson County, TN. Bird research is just one of the many research projects conducted in the park that help to supplement knowledge for park management and year-round educational programs provided in this 3005 acre Metro Nashville Park.

Eight banding sessions were held during the winter season (Jan-Feb). This winter was a warm one with temperatures during banding only once below 40° F and some days above 60° F. In typical winters, potter traps are used on feeders, but because of warmer temperatures, one net was

employed on three days and two nets on another three days. Traps were open for a total of 291 trap-hr; nets were up for 41 nh. A total of 319 birds of 17 species were captured (121 banded, 195 recaptured, 3 unbanded). Capture rate was 84 b/100 net-hr and 185 b/100 nh.

Our best day was 4 Feb with 75 birds of 14 species captured, compared to our slowest day, 22 Feb with 20 birds of 6 species captured. The most common captures were 97 Carolina Chickadees (18 new, 79 recaptures), and 85 Tufted Titmice (15 new, 70 recaptures), and 34 American Robins (32 new, 2 unbanded). We were happy with 5 Purple Finches (4 new, 1 recapture), 4 Myrtle Warblers (2 new, 2