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Inland Flyway Review- Fall 2018 Report, Whigg Meadow

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try to chase them away-even at close range; and this year there were at least four bucks chasing does throughout the banding area – hence, major loss of nets). On the positive side, the banding station operates out of a student-constructed and fully functional building which is especially useful on damp, windy and/or cold days and serves as a “garage” for the station’s bird-mobile (ATV).

Without the dedicated support of many volunteers, the station could not operate. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered time at and visited the LLCC BBS. Special thanks 1) to the Lincoln Land Community College for permitting the station on its campus; 2) to Anthony Rothering of the LLCC biology staff for near-daily assistance; 3) to the many regular volunteer assistants (listed in the heading of this report); 4) to everyone who donated “wish list” items for the station; 5) to all of the station visitors (including many LLCC classes and independent students and faculty); 6), to the Rotary Club of Springfield South and the Phillip’s 66 Company for providing grants, and 7) to several individuals who made generous donations. A copy of the station’s full report is available on request from vkleen@comcast.net.

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This was the Warner Park Banding Station’s 36th year of operation. Despite the cold and wet season, none of the ten banding sessions were cancelled due to weather. Operations for the season looked good from the very beginning when on the second net-check run of the season Wood, Swainson’s and Gray-cheeked thrushes were in the same lower section of one net. Other seasonal highlights included good warbler days, nine Swainson’s Thrush during one session, several Acadian

Flycatchers, and a “return” Tufted Titmouse originally banded as a HY in 2008. Overall, we had fewer net hours (166) and, because of cold weather, more traps were used. We still captured 142 birds (103 new, 36 recaptures, and 3 left unbanded) of 27 species. The station was open for observation to the public and during this Fall’s session there were 433 visitors, including Walter H. Sakai, editor of the Western Section of the **North American Bird Bander**.

In addition to the seasonal migration banding, other WPNC projects include a MAPS station (since 1991); an Eastern Bluebird Nest Box Program (ongoing since 1936); a Barn Swallow Project (initiated 2018) and the fall banding of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (ongoing since 2002-with 121 banded this fall).

Warner Park Banding Station is grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers and staff who contribute hundreds of hours at the banding station, bird counts, and educational programs. A special thank you to Friends of Warner Parks and the staff of Warner Park Nature Center and Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation for their continued support.

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This marked the station’s 20th year of operation. The number of birds banded this fall was up from previous falls but the diversity captured was down slightly. There were several days with high numbers of birds banded after a couple of slow weeks in early September. The station was closed for several days, during two periods due to 1) Hurricane Florence, and 2) strong rains in area. The two new species for the station were Clay-colored Sparrow and Mourning Warbler. There were also four HY Northern Saw-whet Owls banded this year.