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Inland Flyway Review- Fall 2019 Report- Litzsinger Road Ecology Center

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Hawks, a Bell's Vireo (the station's first), a Marsh Wren, three Northern Parulas, a Blackburnian Warbler, and the stations first fall records of Kentucky and Connecticut warblers. As an "extra-curricular" activity, an attempt was made to catch saw-whet owls. Near the last hour of the fourth (last) scheduled night, one was successfully captured; an Eastern Screech Owl was caught on the third night.

The final Report and Results after each (and every) season (available to those who might be interested) includes a variety of interesting tables of comparisons. The Appendix provides the tabulation of each species banded (identifying new highs, etc.)

The station continued to have too many issues with deer (destroying nets and eating birds, the latter of which was minimal, but still an occasional issue). An experiment with the soap "Irish Spring" was tried this fall and, amazingly, seemed to help keep deer away from the nets.

The station is particularly thankful for the support of both the administration and staff of Lincoln Land Community College, for all the assistance from the above-listed (and unlisted) volunteers who perform a variety of station-related tasks, and for the financial support (both grants and donations) needed to keep the station in operation. Visitors were also welcomed.

IL–Phillips Tract Banding Station 407-0888
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The fall of 2019 was the pilot season for this new banding station with operations beginning near the end of October. The plan is to operate the station one day per week throughout the migratory seasons. This fall the station was in operation on four days with an excellent start. Weather varied but was usually from 4.44c to 10c and overcast. Banding was cancelled on one day due to rain. The site,

which is fenced, is located about 4 miles NE of the UIUC campus across the road from Trelease Woods and Prairie. It is surrounded on the other three sides by agricultural land. The 52.6 ha (130 acres) habitat is a former farm that contains reconstructed prairie, old field, and agricultural fields, rotating one to five year old successional old field plots, and oldfield/successional woods (released about 1970). Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) dominates the understory of most successional woods areas. The Saline Branch of the Salt Fork River runs through the property.

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This is the first report for this new station and a written summary was not provided.

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The Warner Park Banding Station completed its 38th year of operation. The station is open to the public and during the fall season 418 visitors including Walter H. Sakai (Editor for the WBBA portion of *NABB*) were recorded. The banding season consisted of nine banding sessions; during the hot and dry September, the four sessions averaged just 14 birds per session; however, with the October rains, the average for the five October