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Inland Flyway Review- Fall 2019 Report- Warner Park Nature 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.

TN-Warner Park Nature Center 363-0865
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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

sessions increased to 22 birds per session. A highlight of the season was the 24 Oct 2017 (and again on 1 Nov 2019) capture of a Hermit Thrush that had been banded as an HY bird at the station on 10 Nov 2015. Along with the mist-netting operations, there was an active hummingbird program (with 91 banded) a MAPS station and other birding projects. The hummingbird program connected with 1027 park visitors including 909 on the Hummingbird Day Celebration (25 Aug). Warner Park Station is grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers and staff who contribute hundreds of hours at the banding station and the park's education programs. A special thank you to Friends of Warner Park and the staff of the Warner Park Nature Center and Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation for their continued support.

TN-Whigg Meadow (WM) 351-0840

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The number and diversity of birds captured this fall was up from previous years and included several days with high numbers banded. The season began rather slowly followed by the greatest push in late September and early October. Weather conditions were favorable with no loss of banding days due to weather. Some ecological community management was conducted in 2018 to enhance herbaceous cover near the net lanes; however, it's not yet clear if the management affected captures. A first for the station (after 20+ years) was the Bay-breasted Warbler which made the station's Top 10; another first was the station's first Dickcissel. Despite several night's effort, no Northern Saw-whet Owls were captured at station and migrating Common Nighthawks were often observed foraging over the meadow.

AL-Fort Morgan Stables

302-0880

Banding Station (FMSBS)

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With the passing of the major bander for the Fort Morgan Stables station in 2014 the site was closed for three years. The station re-opened in 2017 but was initially limited to just a spring effort. Historically, banding at this location occurred in both spring and fall. Therefore, the station's goal was to re-establish a fall banding effort so future data will be comparable between seasons with past banding efforts. Additionally, this effort is an outreach opportunity so that the public can learn more about banding and conservation. The station was in operation for six days beginning the second week of October. The weather was decent overall with no drastic weather changes conclusively affecting bird numbers. It did rain on the last morning which negatively impacted birds captured that day, however, this did not appear to significantly impact our numbers for the overall effort. There were two interesting recaptures during the banding effort: an AHY Carolina Wren that was banded on 19 Apr 2017 and an AHY Northern Cardinal banded on 16 Apr 2019 both of which were banded at the Fort Morgan Stables location. About 50 people visited the station. We look forward to continuing the fall banding effort and welcome the public is welcome to visit the station.



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Cardinal**