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Inland Flyway Review- Fall 2019 Report- Fort Morgan Stables Banding Station

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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.

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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.

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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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