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Club. On 15-16 Aug, David Liittschwager visited the station as part of his "One Cubic Foot" project. Number of guests visiting the station this fall was 306, including visitors from 11 states, England, France, Italy, Ontario and Quebec.

Three students completed our Summer 2015 Advanced Workshop, six students completed our Fall 2015 Bander Training Class, three students undertook independent-study banding classes, and seventeen students from Cornell spent their annual weekend with us assisting with station operation. On 2-4 Oct, Braddock Bay Bird Observatory hosted an NABC certification session with seven candidates and five NABC-certified trainers.

Banding was done by licensed banders David Bonter, Elizabeth Brooks, Mark Deutchlander, Ryan Kayhart, Peggy Keller, Marian Klik, Tom Klotzbach, Cindy Marino, Sue Smith Pagano, Andrea Patterson, Emily Patterson, Doug Smith, and John Waud. Banding assistants were Claire Buck, Kevin Eckert, Jenna Holzschuh, Greg Lawrence, Gayle Lazoration, Pat Lovallo, Maggie MacNeil, Ann Nash, Jim Saller, Leanna Twohig, Alison Van Keuren, Barb Wagner, Julia Whittle, and Aggie Windig.

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The 39th year of fall banding at Alfred began on 15 Jul and ended on 21 Nov. One 12-m net and one 6-m net were used on 50 days, for a total of 396.75 net hours. A total of 77 birds of 22 species were banded (19 b/100nh). In addition, six Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured and released unbanded.

The peak day occurred on 23 Oct when eight birds of two species were banded; 8 Nov was the day with the most species diversity (four species). There were 19 repeats. There were five returns—all chickadees from previous seasons—the eldest two being in their third year and the other three in their second year.

Hypoboscids were found on a Brown-headed Cowbird. No birds were observed with Avian Pox.

As in previous years, no birds were banded at this location between 14 Sep and 16 Oct when I was banding at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory.

Banding summaries were sent to regional compilers for the Allegany County Bird Club and the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Some banding data was used in a program on avian population changes and land use that I presented to patrons of the library in the town of Cuba, NY, in Jul 2015.

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Fall 2015 banding started at Northview in late Jul and went through the middle of Nov. There were 29 banding sessions and 200 new bandings, 11 returns and 9 repeats.

The weather during the late summer and early fall lacked cold fronts that are needed here for migrants,