



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

Please mark your calendar for EBBA's annual meeting!



100th Anniversary
2023 EBBA
Annual Meeting
March 24-26 🐦

Greetings from your 2024 EBBA President:

As part of my duties as incoming president, it is my role to plan our 101st Annual Meeting in the Spring of 2024. I am currently searching for a great spot to hold this meeting in the beautiful Hudson Valley of New York. I look forward to a fun weekend with many opportunities to network and exchange ideas.

A little bit about me - I have an MS in Environmental Biology. I worked as a water quality scientist in New Jersey and Manhattan before moving up to the Kingston area of New York with my husband in 2018. I began my banding journey in Hopewell, NJ with Hannah Suthers roughly 15 years ago. I established my own MAPS and fall migration station in 2020. A tornado hit our neighborhood on the evening of July 13, causing extensive destruction. My station is currently semi operational (5 out of 10 nets). Our 7-month-old son slept through the

whole chaotic event, giving new meaning to the expression "sleep like a baby"!

I don't band large numbers here, so any recaptures are especially thrilling. One highlight is a female COYE, originally banded as an SY in 2020. She has now returned twice, making her a 4Y bird.

Ariane Giudicelli

NABB Publication Committee Update

Current committee members are:

WBBA - CJ Ralph (Vice President),

Walt Sakai (NABB Editor),

Steve Alpert (at-large Board Member)

IBBA - Butch Tetzlaff (President),

Peter Lowther (NABB Editor)

EBBA - Bob Pantle (NABB Editor&Prod. Mgr.),

Maren Gimpel (Secretary),

Andy Thiede (Past President)

On-line journal availability - Three years ago, the committee initiated a trial period of allowing an electronic copy of NABB to be published on each association's website immediately after

publication. That trial period ended in early 2022, so the committee members have agreed to continue the on-line access. The current intent is to publish a PDF copy of NABB on the association websites, and well as to highlight relevant articles on social media to spark interest. The PDF copy of the journal should be posted to the website shortly after the hard copy is mailed to the members.

SORA – this organization (Searchable Ornithological Research Archive), which is maintained by the University of New Mexico has informed us that they will no longer continue to

update their database with our NABB articles. New administrators determined that *SORA* was not serving the UNM community and have discontinued supporting it. In the meantime, EBSCO has reached out to us indicating they'd like to include NABB in their research platform which is used in libraries. The team continues to think of ways where we can get more exposure for our articles.

If you have any items to be brought up to the committee for discussion, or would like a seat on this committee, please reach out to Bob Pantle.

Atlantic Flway Review: Northeast Region (Spring Migration) 2019

Appledore Island Migration Station (AIMS)

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Spring 2019 was a fairly “normal” season. We captured 1980 birds, although a bit lower than average, the number of captured birds was within one standard deviation of our 10-year average (2320 ± 447), and the 69 species captured was right at our 10-year average of 69 ± 6 . Similarly, our effort of 3375 net hours was very close to our 10-year average of 3257 ± 392 . Weather is likely to have contributed to slightly below average numbers because we lost one full day to weather and part of 11 additional days, although most were not in the early morning. Additionally, the 58.7 birds captured/100-net-hours was a bit lower than our 10-year average of 71.5 ± 12.6 .

Several species were captured in numbers outside their normal 10-year ranges. The species we captured in numbers higher than typical included: Bay-breasted Warbler (2019: 13, average: 6 ± 2.5), Cape May Warbler (2019: 10, average: 2 ± 0.5), Least Flycatcher (2019: 36, average: 18 ± 6), Red-winged Blackbird (an island breeding species;

2019: 8, average: 4 ± 2), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (2019: 86, average: 24 ± 12), and Yellow Warbler (an island breeding species; 2019: 66, average: 43 ± 10). The species we captured in numbers lower than typical included: Blackburnian Warbler (2019: 6, average: 11 ± 2.5), Nashville Warbler (2019: 4, average: 15 ± 5), Northern Waterthrush (2019: 18, average: 45 ± 12), Ovenbird (2019: 31, average: 68 ± 20), and Wilson's Warbler (2019: 6, average: 16 ± 5). While not outside the range of normal capture numbers, Common Yellowthroats were lower than average (2019: 348, average: 512 ± 127), contributing to the slightly lower than average total number of captures. We did not capture any new species for the station, although the Hairy Woodpecker was an unusual capture. We also caught a male Common Yellowthroat that had been banded in October 2018 at Kiawah Island, SC.

We had several birds that returned to the island, all of which were species that breed on the island. Our returns were primarily banded in 2018: 2 Carolina Wrens (both HY); 2 Common Yellowthroats (both HY); 15 Gray Catbirds (most HY, but several SY from spring 2018); and 1 Northern Cardinal, 1 Red-winged Blackbird, 1 Tree Swallow, and 5 Yellow Warblers (all from spring 2018). We also captured 5 Gray Catbirds banded in 2017 and 1 from 2016, 2 Yellow Warblers banded in 2017, and 2 Common Yellowthroats banded in 2017 and 2 banded in 2016. The most exciting return was