

WASHINGTON CROSSING NATURE EDUCATION CENTER
AND BIRD BANDING STATION - 1963 REPORT

Dr. Paul H. Fluck sends us his "Preliminary 1963 Report" of activities. Dr. Fluck is Executive Director of the project, which he instituted in 1952, and Ryan B. Walden is the newly appointed Naturalist at the Center. Excerpts from the report follow:

Attendance Totals - 143 Nature Programs

Total Attendance -- all programs --	20,495
Special Childrens Programs	9,162
School Programs -- April, May, June	2,545

Monthly totals

<u>Month</u>	<u>Regular Programs</u>	<u>Childrens Programs</u>
January	75	
February	165	
March	1280	75
April	2551	1193
May	5232	3100
June	2830	1355
July	1874	924
August	1705	950
September	2380	1155
* October	1310	410
* November	756	
December	337	

* N.B. The Park was closed during the Drought by the Governor's Proclamation. No programs were held from Oct. 19th until Nov. 9th.

Visitors at other than program hours: An estimated 25,000 to 35,000 people of all ages came to the Center to watch birds feeding on the public feeders. These feeders are operated every day of the year and attract numerous native species. Many of our visitors are tourists who plan their vacation trips to include a stop at the Center to see birds feeding.

Birds -- Banding -- Research

Total Birds Banded during 1963.....7,159 (Total since 1952 - 50,151)
 Species banded 96
 Birds returning after one year 825
 Major species banded Goldfinch 1,623
 Research studies on the eyes of living birds were continued.