

ATLANTIC FLYWAY REVIEW - REGION II
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The five stations reporting from region 2 banded about 4,700 birds in the fall of 1974. The overall capture rate (for the four stations using nets only) was 56 birds per 100 net hours. (It is of interest to compare this figure with Manomet Bird Observatory, which usually captures less than 20 birds per 100 net hours.)

Two stations noted a good increase in Kinglets over earlier years (Salisbury and Ellenville) and two stations (Vischer Ferry and Friendsville) added the Carolina Wren as a new species. A decline in White-throats was noted at both Friendsville and Vischer Ferry. The Song Sparrow was among the top three most common species in four of the five stations.

The number of species captured at each of the netting stations was remarkably consistent: each reported capturing between 59 and 61 different species. The stations are not at all alike, however, as is shown by a comparison of the species lists of three of the stations (see following table).

Percentage of total captures at three stations

	<u>Friendsville</u>	<u>Vischer Ferry</u>	<u>Ellenville</u>
Flycatchers	3%	3%	8%
Catbirds	1	13	10
Thrushes	*	14	4
Kinglets	*	4	11
Vireos	*	1	6
Warblers	15	16	28
Icterids	25	0	*
Sparrows	31	30	16
Other Finches	16	3	5
Others	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	100	100	100

* = less than 1%

These comparisons show that the Friendsville station is primarily a finch and icterid station (almost 75% of the birds caught!). Vischer Ferry is more diversified, but has a preponderance of sparrows. Ellenville is more like Vischer Ferry than it is like Friendsville, but Ellenville catches a larger percentage of warblers. These differences are undoubtedly related to the geographic location of the stations as well as to the variation in habitat in the immediate vicinity of the net lanes.

The individual station reports follow.

Marshfield, Vt. - Mrs. Marion Metcalf

Marshfield station is located in Washington County. It is based on a small half-acre island on a small pond of 90 acres. We reach the island by way of a 250 foot boardwalk through a swamp. The vegetation is varied and consists of Black Alder, Leatherleaf, Labrador Tea, Larch, Hemlock and a few