

Rock Point Banding Station 425-0793

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Banding, number-wise for 2013, was almost average compared with the past 12 years. We had 20 volunteers with three of them distance volunteers: Martino Guerre came from Italy, Rebecca Gouge from Quebec, and Anna Wittmer from Ohio. The remaining volunteers were local or from a near distance and gave a day or two a week. We have four licensed banders: Jim Smith, Jason Lymburner, Kim Christoff, and Roswitha Matuschek.

	Species	# Banded	% SY	% ASY	% AHY
1.	White-throated Sparrow	130	52	44	4
2.	Yellow Warbler	118	87	13	-
3.	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	98	43	53	4
4.	Slate-colored Junco	79	59	38	3
5.	Common Grackle	79	48	11	41
6.	Red-winged Blackbird	74	72	28	-
7.	Gray Catbird	61	66	33	1
8.	Swamp Sparrow	56	80	20	-
9.	Song Sparrow	55	86	4	10
10.	American Goldfinch	53	68	32	-

April was wet with quite a bit of flooding early in the month. We lost days to the weather and managed to band on only 18 of the possible 26 days, as we take Sundays off. Catch-wise, the month was good with 575 birds banded and 225 recaptured. We had a Northern Waterthrush on 20 Apr and Hermit Thrush and White-throated Sparrow by the 18th. Two White-eyed Vireos were caught: one on 23 Apr and another on 29 Apr. This species is not common for us. All-in-all, April was a good month for us.

During May we banded only 660 birds and the b/100nh was the lowest in 12 years. A Pine Siskin on 14 May was unusual. Warblers were in lower numbers than expected and some species were missed. Magnolia Warblers were particularly low in numbers in comparison to previous years. In contrast, Yellow Warbler numbers were the highest in five years.

Tree Swallows were banded from nest boxes and 124 were banded. Four Eastern Bluebirds were also banded.

Recovered Birds:

2571-11242 – a White-throated Sparrow banded 27 Sep 2012 found dead 16 Nov 2012 by Angela Owens of Gatonia, NC, 850 km South of Rock Point.

2401-66856 – a Purple Finch banded 18 Oct 2012 and found dead on 25 Apr 2013 by Carl Moningstar of Simpsonville, Greenville County, SC, 923 km SW of Rock Point.

Foreign Recaptures:

2700-89659 – an American Goldfinch banded at Cayuga, NY, on 5 Feb 2013 and recaptured at Rock Point 7 Apr 2013.

As part of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network, we submit data on bandings, recoveries, and casual observations to Bird Studies Canada from which trend analysis is calculated over the long term. These data have been published and is available on line for each station of the network.

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