

third weekend in September. Visitors from 10 states signed our Visitor's Book this fall, as well as guests from Denmark, Scotland and South Africa.

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The 38th year of fall banding at Alfred Station began on 22 Jul and ended on 5 Nov. One 12-m net and one 6-m net were used on 28 days for a total of 235.5 net hours. A total of 95 birds of 25 species were banded (40.3 b/100nh). In addition, six Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured and released unbanded.

The peak day occurred on **30 Oct** when **14 birds** were banded; **21 Oct** was also the day with the most species diversity (**8 species**). There were 26 repeats, and four returns—all chickadees from previous seasons, the eldest two being in their fourth year.

Hippoboscid flies were found on two birds; a Song Sparrow with Avian Pox was released unbanded.

As in previous years, no birds were banded at this location between 8 Sep and 10 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. A program on bird banding was presented to senior citizens in the town of Richburg, NY, in Jul 2014.

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This is an abbreviated report for the fall AFR 2014 due to illness and a very busy work schedule. Nevertheless, I tried to band throughout the fall season.

I started banding on 6 Aug and finished on 9 Nov. The temperature and rainfall were about average through mid-Sep. I encountered one of the first cold fronts in September when I banded the most birds I had for this season: nineteen, for the top day in 2014.

I caught and banded 30 species. Gray Catbirds held their first spot with Dark-eyed Juncos taking over the second spot for the first time since I have been banding at this location. More and more Dark-eyed Juncos seem to be breeding locally in the spring and summer months. This species is present at my bird feeders year around. Warblers are becoming a rarity at my station, with only five species banded this season.

I had seven recaptures: two Gray Catbirds, two Blue Jays, one American Goldfinch, and two Black-capped Chickadees. One Gray Catbird was two years old; the other was a year old. One Blue Jay was seven years old the other was two years old. Of the two Black-capped Chickadees, one was a year old the other was a repeat. The American Goldfinch was four years old.