

Lawrence's Warbler Banded

A Lawrence's Warbler was captured on May 3, 1981, in a mist net at Seiberling Naturealm, Akron, Ohio. Marie Morgan banded the bird and released it.

It was captured in a 1 1/4" mist net at 7:00 A.M. It was in the bottom shelf of a 7' x 40' net, and only about five feet from a Blue-winged Warbler. These were the only two warblers netted in the entire morning in 18 nets. The weather was fair skies, 35^o F (after a frost), calm winds, and a barometer of 30.1.

It was a well-marked individual. It will be reported as AHY-U (after hatching year - unknown sex). It had a black throat and cheeks, the black feathers in the throat edged with yellow. The forehead, belly, and face were yellow, and yellow under the lower mandible extended 3 mm to the black throat. The nape and back were yellowish-green, brighter on the rump. The flight feathers were blue-gray. The secondary coverts had white spots and the spots were edged with yellow (giving the appearance of a yellowish-white wing bar). The primary coverts were blue-gray with lighter gray edging. The undertail coverts were white. The tail was blue-gray except for two largely white outer tail feathers on each side, smaller amounts on the third, and only a small spot on the fourth. The wing chord was 60.0 mm. There was no body fat visible. It weighed 8.5 grams.

After showing it to about a dozen birders who quickly responded to some telephone calls, the bird was released. It flew about 150 feet to a tree and began feeding immediately. Later in the morning two groups of birders saw it (with the band visible) about 500 yards south of the banding station.

Marie Morgan is a sub-permittee of Dr. Harold D. Mahan, Director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The Museum and the Akron Metropolitan Park District cooperate in a bird-banding project at Seiberling Naturealm, part of Sand Run Metro Park. It is located on Smith Road just outside the northwest corner of Akron. Marie and Ron Morgan band there most weekends of the year.

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