

Atlantic Flyway Review: Spring 2010

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Hairy Woodpecker
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Only Crown Point, Wing Island, Powdermill and Cape Florida had very much good to say about spring 2010! It was the worst of seasons at Lewiston and Kestrel Haven. Braddock Bay, Ruthven, Pock Point, Appledore, Long Point, and Presque Isle all were down in numbers! The “best day” ranged from 15 Apr at Kestrel Haven to 20 May at Appledore.

Interesting tidbits from the narratives were the increase in ticks at Crown Point; two Swainson’s

Warblers banded at Powdermill; a 16+ year-old Hairy Woodpecker recaptured at Kestrel Haven; a fallout of Blue Jays at Presque Isle; “odd” weather at Braddock Bay and Ruthven; and the LaSagra’s Flycatcher and Western Spindalis that lingered in the vicinity of the banding area at Bill Baggs Cape Florida but were never captured.

We would welcome additional reporting stations for the spring AFR report. Thanks to all who participated.

Table 1. Spring 2010 AFR Banding Summary

	Crown Point NY	Lewiston NY	Braddock Bay, NY	Ruthven ON	Rock Point ON	Appledore ME	Long Point ON
Inclusive Dates	5/7 to 5/23	5/4 to 5/21	4/17 to 6/3	4/1 to 5/31	3/31 to 6/4	5/15 to 6/12	4/1 to 6/10
Total Days	16	9	47	60	50	29	71
# Nets Used	18	15	1 to 34	up to 16	1 to 16.5	9 to 10	0 to 50
Total Net Hours	4,320	555	8,420	4,836	3,942	3,283	6,846
% Caught in Traps	2%	0%	0%	16.7%	0%	0%	28.2%
Best Day: # /date	79 on 5/8	22 on 5/15	402 on 5/23	70 on 5/15	62 on 5/20	250 on 5/26	931 on 5/20
Best Diversity:Sp/date	60 on 5/8	13 on 5/15	46 on 5/14	28 on 5/23	21 on 5/20	34 on 5/16	68 on 5/20
Total Banded 2009	457	416	4,305	1,677	1,502	2,771	17,112
Total Banded 2010	533	147	4,113	1,214	1,103	1,905	11,607
Total Species 2009	57	46	91	88	73	76	130
Total Species 2010	55	27	94	87	87	61	130
Birds/100nh 2009	13	40.3	56.6	21.7	42	71.1	188
Birds/100nh 2010	13	16	48.9	20.5	28	58	170

Table 1. Spring 2010 AFR Banding Summary (Continued)

	Kestrel Haven, NY	Presque Isle PA	Wing Island MA	Raccoon Ridge, NJ	Powdermill PA	Island Beach NJ*	Cape Florida FL
Inclusive Dates	4/15 to 5/25	4/15 to 5/29	4/23 to 6/12	3/25 to 5/29	3/2 to 5/29		4/9 to 5/9
Total Days	16	34	30	24	64		31
# Nets Used	1 to 10	5 to 12	19 to 32	17	6 to 66		5 to 19
Total Net Hours	264	2,453	3,589		11,243		2,802
% Caught in Traps	0	0	0		1.0		0
Best Day: # /date	48 on 4/15	101 on 5/14	55 on 5/1	40 on 5/16	194 on 5/14		217 on 4/27
Best Diversity:Sp/date	17 on 5/17		16 on 5/1	20 on 5/16	39 on 5/12		19 on 4/20
Total Banded 2009	779	945	360		2,175		750
Total Banded 2010	323	915	380	307	2,390		1,207
Total Species 2009	46	78	42	48	103		33
Total Species 2010	46	76	43	56	94		30
Birds/100nh 2009	145	53.2	26		20		22
Birds/100nh 2010	122	46.5	43		21		45

* No report received from Island Beach, New Jersey.

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The 2010 spring Crown Point banding station began operations on 7 May, continuing until the morning of 23 May. This was the 35th consecutive year of operation on the grounds of the 360-ac Crown Point State Historic Site. The Crown Point Banding Association (CPBA) operates the station through an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The station is located on the Crown Point Peninsula - Lake Champlain - west of His Majesty's Fort in the hawthorn-juniper thickets. Banders assisting us this year were: Gary Lee, Melanie McCormick, Nina Schoch and Robert Wei.

The station banded its 100th species this year—an American Kestrel, male—on the first full day of operation. It was a nice gift given the cold, wet weather that day. Individuals banded were 533, up from 457 in 2009, of 55 species, down from 57 from the previous year. Returns were 34 this year and 30 in 2009. A total of 15,972 birds have been banded

No.	Species	%SY	%ASY	%AHY	%HY
221	Myrtle Warbler	29	61	10	
35	American Goldfinch	34	23	43	
29	Blue Jay	62	38	0	
26	Com. Yellowthroat	54	46	0	
25	Gray Catbird	40	52	8	
18	White-cr. Sparrow	11	17	72	
17	Baltimore Oriole	41	59	0	
16	American Robin	19	63	6	12
11	Yellow Warbler	18	82	0	
10	Bl-cap Chickadee	20	40	40	

since the station's inception in 1976. The station operated 18 nets, 15 hours per day, for 16 days (equivalent - over 17 calendar days) for a total of 4,320 net hours. Two Potter traps accounted for 2% of the captures. The new bird capture rate per 100 net-hours was 13.

The first Saturday was cold and wet, with good banding—our biggest day with 79 new captures. The following days were primarily sunny and warm with any precipitation occurring in the late evening or early morning. Strong storms that would influence migration were not present.