

Flycatcher (2010: 15; average:  $24 \pm 12$ ), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (2010: 13; average:  $39 \pm 30$ ), Blue-headed Vireo (2010: 7; average:  $31 \pm 24$ ), Red-eyed Vireo (2010: 63; average:  $130 \pm 56$ ), Veery (2010: 3; average:  $17 \pm 7$ ), Yellow-rumped Warbler (2010: 3; average:  $41 \pm 54$ ), Ovenbird (2010: 39; average:  $82 \pm 38$ ), Black-and-white Warbler (2010: 30; average:  $86 \pm 35$ ), Common Yellowthroat (2010: 410; average:  $531 \pm 162$ ), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (2010: 8; average:  $17 \pm 6$ ), and Scarlet Tanager (2010: 4; average:  $10 \pm 5$ ). Additionally, several species that we normally capture in low numbers were entirely absent this spring, including Palm Warbler, Warbling Vireo, House Wren, Wood Thrush, and Gray-cheeked Thrush.

Only a few species were captured in higher-than-average numbers including American Redstart (2010: 227; average:  $157 \pm 72$ ) and Indigo Bunting (2010: 8; average:  $2.9 \pm 2.6$ ). We were excited by a few unusual birds in the nets, including a Kentucky Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Painted Bunting, and Summer Tanager, although none of these species was new to the station.

In addition to studying migration, our station is part of the educational experience available at the Shoals Marine Lab. We gave banding demonstrations to a number of classes, visiting high school groups, and day-trip visitors to the island. We are grateful to the Shoals Marine Lab (SML) for their continued support, to the staff of SML for helping with logistics, and to Canisius College and several anonymous donors for financial support. The station is fortunate to have a group of fantastic volunteers, without whom we could not continue our studies of songbird migration.

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spring season of migration monitoring season started at Old Cut on 1 Apr. The Tip and Breakwater were open on 11 Apr and 20 Apr, respectively. A huge blast of warm weather (temperatures in the high 70s) started the season with a bang, but a return to more seasonal weather by the second week of April meant migration slowed back down. Some highlights included Long Point's second Pacific Loon and third Fish Crow, both found on field trips during LPBO's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and Long Point's first photographed Eurasian Collared-Dove.

No.	Species	%SY	%ASY	%AHY
1277	White-throated Sparrow	65.2	13.6	21.3
977	Blue Jay	84.4	9.4	6.1
775	Red-winged Blackbird	38.1	59.6	2.3
541	Magnolia Warbler	69.7	26.4	3.9
489	American Goldfinch	68.7	31.1	0.2
466	Yellow Warbler	65.9	31.1	3
405	Gray Catbird	61	30.9	8.1
372	White-crowned Sparrow	60.5	24.7	14.8
359	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	57.7	33.7	8.6
357	Common Grackle	16.2	1.1	82.6

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We termed last spring's effort as "dismal". That leaves us without an appropriate or polite word to describe this year, where we banded 50% fewer birds! Weather was most often unsafe for netting and an early warmth brought birds north in sporadic bursts. Most of the movement coincided with high winds and a station closed for safety.

We banded 323 individuals of 46 species in 16 days of operation. We also had 27 repeats, 48 returns, and two hummingbirds not banded. Our measure of efficiency was 122 b/100nh for newly banded birds and 135 b/100nh overall. Our best day was 15 Apr with 48 banded and our most species diverse day