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## Atlantic Flyway Review: Region II (North Central) Fall 2011

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Were it not for the successes at Braddock Bay and MBO this fall, we would not have much to report. Weather was a major contributor as outlined by Bob Pantle and others.

We lost one station due to the operator's death and others due to health issues.

Congratulations to Braddock Bay on a wonderful return!

More and more stations are converting their evening hours to the Northern Saw-whet Owl project with great results. Although mentioned in several narratives, the owls are not counted in the AFR effort as a lure is used.

**Table 1. AFR II Summary of Operations - Fall 2011**

	Braddock Bay	Alfred Station	Kestrel Haven	Northview	MBO
Start	2 Aug	14 Jul	4 Jul	23 Aug	1 Aug
Stop	28 Oct	13 Nov	25 Oct	11 Nov	30 Oct
Total Days	71	53	38	20	85
No. Nets	Up to 37	1 to 1.5	1 to 11	1 to 5.5	16
Net Hours	12,899	325	781	194	6,395
No. Best Day	518	12	57	63	112
Best Day Date	5 Oct	25 Oct	22 Oct	17 Sep	26 Aug
Reason Best Day	60% PISI	50% CHSP	60% WTSP	48% AMGO	90 warblers of 17 species
Best Diversity	34 on 15&21 Sep	4 on 25 Oct & 3 Nov	18 on 5&13 Jul	13 on 17 Sep	28 on 26 Aug
Banded 2010	6,814	83	1,622	404	6,808
Banded 2011	3,992	60	709	197	2,789
Species 2010	94	20	83	28	74
Species 2011	88	20	65	33	77
B/100nh 2010	62	35	135	1.5	112
B/100nh 2011	34	19	91	1	43
% HY 2010	89%	57%	96%	74%	89%
% HY 2011	88%	57%	75%	66%	89%

**Table 2. AFR II Most Frequently Encountered Species - Fall 2011**

Braddock Bay			Alfred Station			Kestrel Haven			Northview			MBO		
Species	#	% HY	Species	#	% HY	Species	#	% HY	Species	#	% HY	Species	#	% HY
BLPW(7)	760	86%	SCJU(4)	11	50%	GRCA(3)	103	77%	GRCA(2)	60	55%	MAWA(7)	252	89%
WTSP(1)	551	95%	WTSP	10	88%	SOSP(2)	98	89%	AMGO(6)	31	65%	WTSP(5)	214	99%
PISI	311	84%	CHSP(7)	7	71%	WTSP(4)	84	81%	SOSP(7)	22	55%	TEWA(11)	203	83%
HEIH(9)	210	94%	BCCH(1)	4	60%	COYE (5)	68	75%	INBU	20	95%	RCKI(6)	180	92%
RCKI(4)	193	93%	EWCS	4	100%	AMGO(1)	62	88%	BCCH(3)	10	90%	SOSP(8)	171	94%
GCKI(3)	176	98%				RCKI	32	59%				AMRE(10)	150	91%
GRCA(8)	164	94%				CEDW	23	43%				NAWA(9)	139	83%
MAWA(6)	132	88%				BCCH(6)	23	96%				YWAR(1)	108	84%
COYE	97	86%				DOWO	21	100%				COYE(12)	80	91%
GCTH	96	79%										AMRO(4)	79	91%
% of Total Banded		67.0%			60.0%			65.0%			73.0%			89%

Note: (#) - Indicates ranking last fall.

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The 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of fall banding at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach Banding Station began on 2 Aug 2011 and ended on 28 Oct 2011. Banding was done by licensed banders Dave Alexander, David Bonter, Elizabeth Brooks, Mark Deutschlander, Kelly Dockery, Jon Dombrowski, Kyle Horton, Ember Jandebour, Erin Karnatz, Ryan Kayhart, Coby Klein, Marian Klik, Tom Klotzbach, Cindy Marino, Robert McKinney, and John Waud. Banding assistants were Virginia Duffy, Laura Evans, Andrew Garland, Peggy Keller, Gayle Lazoration, Pat Lovallo, Andrea Patterson, Doug Smith, Leanna Twohig, Barb Wagner and Monika Wood.

Weather permitting, banding was carried out for at least six hours beginning at dawn every day between 20 Aug and 28 Oct. All or parts of four days were lost due to rain and/or wind. Banding was also done on six days prior to the intensive banding

period, for a total of 12,899 net hours on 71 days. There were 3,992 birds banded of 88 species, our lowest total since 1998. Twenty-seven Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were released unbanded (last date, 19 Sep). Worm-eating Warbler was a new species for the fall list; the fall cumulative total is now 127 forms. The season's overall capture rate was 30.9 birds per 100 net hours (b/100nh) compared with 61.6 b/100nh in 2010.

The best day was 5 Oct, when 518 birds of 22 species were banded. Of the 518 birds banded that day, 311 (60%) were Pine Siskins! The second best day was 3 Oct, when 212 birds were banded, and there were seven days when over 100 birds were banded. The greatest species diversity occurred on 3 Oct, when 30 species were banded.

Of the total new bandings, 87.8% were hatching-year (HY) birds. HY percentages for the top ten species were: Blackpoll Warbler 85.5%; White-throated Sparrow 95.0%; Pine Siskin 83.7%; Hermit Thrush 93.8%; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 92.5%; Golden-crowned Kinglet 98.0%; Gray Catbird 94.0%; Magnolia Warbler 88.3%; Common Yellowthroat 86.4%; and Gray-cheeked Thrush 79.0%.