

Warbler we caught this fall was banded as a HY bird in Brewster, MA, on 21 Oct 2007 by Sue Finnegan.

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the fall migration banding and education season of 2012 such a success. We are greatly indebted to Manomet members and those who supported the Bird-a-Thon this year.

Alan Kneidel and Laura Koloski were the lead banders this fall, assisted by Zephyr Mohr-Felsen and Patrick Roberts. We will greatly miss their experience and enthusiasm. "*Per ardua ad astra*" as we say in the world of bird migration.

Wing Island Banding Station 414-0700

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
Brewster, MA

Banders: *Susan Finnegan* (compiler), Gretchen Putonen, Carolyn Kennedy, and visiting banders Keegan Tranquillo and James Junta

Assistants: Ben Lagasse, Judy Keller, Judith Bruce, Jessica Rempel, the Johnson family Sheryl, Lauren & Kristen and others who helped out for a day.

Our season began 1 Aug and continued through 17 Nov. This was our best fall season in the past 13 years with a total of 3,017 birds banded of 78 species and 92% of those were HY birds.

Net hours totaled 5,236 for a capture rate of 58 b/100nh. Our highest daily catch was 231 birds on 17 Oct. The species diversity of 25 species was on 12 Oct. We added no new species this fall. Five Rufous Hummingbirds were captured in traps and banded in numerous areas, and at least three other *Selasphorus* hummingbirds were seen but the homeowners did not want them banded. We saw lower numbers of House Wren (1) compared to our average of 5.4 ± 3.1 , but higher numbers in numerous species: Eastern Kingbird (21) with an average of 5.6 ± 5.9 ; Eastern Phoebe (63) with an average of 13.9 ± 18.9 ; Gray Catbird (850) with an average of 439.8 ± 160.5 ; Myrtle Warbler (935) with an average of 462.5 ± 252.2 ; Red-Eyed Vireo

(65), average 36 ± 19.2 , and Palm Warblers (40), average 21.6 ± 7.1 .

Eighty-seven birds returned to us from previous years. Oldest birds included a seven-year-old Song Sparrow, a six-year-old Black-capped Chickadee; a Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, and Gray Catbird all five years old, and the following birds were four years old: three Gray Catbirds, two Black-capped Chickadees, a Common Yellowthroat and a Song Sparrow. The rest were three years and younger.

A Common Yellowthroat we banded on 13 Aug 2011 was recaptured by Trevor Lloyd-Evans at Manomet Bird Observatory during their spring banding season and a Myrtle Warbler first banded by us as a HY bird on 21 Oct 2007 was recaptured by Trevor on 10 Oct 2012. A Gray Catbird we banded as a HY bird in the fall of 2010 was found dead in a nearby town this June.

Pox was noted on only four HY birds this fall and a seven-year-old Song Sparrow noted to have pox on its lower mandible in the spring had totally cleared the virus by 10 Oct.

Two banding demonstrations were held this fall—one on 8 Sep and again on 15 Sep.

As always, a big thank-you to all the dedicated banders and assistants mentioned above whom graciously volunteer their time. We appreciate the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History for allowing us to house our banding lab at its facility and the Town of Brewster for allowing us to band on their land.

Monomoy Refuge Banding Station 413-0699

Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge
Chatham, MA

Banders: *James Junda* (compiler), Keegan Tranquillo, Jessie Reese, Ayla Rimon, Aviad Tarab

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