

lowering, and to founder J.M.C. (Mike) Peterson for his foresight in establishing the banding station and the use of his equipment. The following people assisted the banders with the transport and set-up/take-down of the station, net checking, etc.: Mary Brandt, Sophie Brandt, Eberhardt Burkowski, Wendy Burkowski, Malinda Chapman, Brenna Corey, Mary Curtis, Ellie George, Judith Heintz, JoAnne McKenzie, Susan Peterson, Molly Proper, Erika Walsh, Vince Walsh, and Annette Yardan. We thank all who helped and all who made donations in support of the station. Additionally, we thank Karin Emmons of the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Clemson University, for her assistance with our education program, materials development, and out-reach program.

This March, a staunch supporter of the banding station and great fellow passed away. We missed and will continue to miss Daniel Charles Lee (1938-2012). Dan, thank-you for all of your contributions.

We are indebted to the fine staff at the Crown Point State Historic Site and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for allowing us to continue to collect data on the site. Thomas Hughes, the site manager, has been extremely supportive of our program. Additionally, Jake Putnam has been instrumental in seeing that our site preparation and maintenance needs are met. The interpretive staff has been wonderful in directing our visitors to the station and in informing other historic site visitors about our program. This year, the Crown Point State Historic Site celebrates its 102nd year of operation. We are pleased to have been associated with the site for over one-third of its history.

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The 2012 spring banding season got started on 5 May. I was unable to start earlier because of bad weather. It is too bad for the later start because the 5 May day was the best day for total birds and species.

	Banded	% SY
Gray Catbird	11	37
Veery	6	83
Nashville Warbler	6	66
Magnolia Warbler	6	33
Palm Warbler	5	55

Again, this spring banding was very disappointing with a total of only 87 birds banded. There has been a downward trend over the last four years—the most notable being the almost total loss of warblers. It was very hard to invite people to the station because of the lack of birds.

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The 27th consecutive year of spring migration monitoring at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach banding station was carried out for 61 days beginning 18 Mar and ending on 5 Jun 2012. There were 4610 birds banded of 90 species. Thirty-nine Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are included in the list of banded birds and an additional 35 male and 33 female Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured and released unbanded.

Banding was done by licensed banders Ann Adams, David Bonter, Elizabeth Brooks, Kelly Dockery, Jon Dombrowski, Erin Karnatz, Ryan Kayhart, Peggy Keller, Marian Klik, Tom Klotzbach, Cindy Marino, Rodney Olsen, Andrea Patterson, and Doug Smith. Banding assistants were Dave Alexander, Heather Calabrese, Virginia Duffy, Charley Eiseman, Laura Evans, Jenny Landry, Greg Lawrence, Gayle Lazoration, Pat Lovallo, Maggie MacNeill, Ann Nash, Emily Patterson, Jesse Rubenstein, Rick Shearman, Leanna Twohig, Barb Wagner, and Aggie Windig. Our Field Assistant was Jennalee Holzschuh; our data techs were Heather Calabrese and Monika Wood, and our Research Assistant was Ryan Kayhart.