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# Atlantic Flyway Review: Region III (Western Ridge) – Fall 2012

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It was almost a unanimous decision at all reporting stations: the fall 2012 migration was better than the previous year. Only Powdermill and Presque Isle numbers were down, and with Presque Isle it was a matter of lack of funding (the station could only operate on one day.) Pine Siskins made notable appearances at several stations. They were the top species on both Powdermill's and Mt. Nebo's best day and were in the top ten at three stations. I do not

recall siskins ever being on any top-ten lists before. Hurricane Sandy disrupted or shortened banding activity at Long Point, Powdermill and Mt. Nebo. Otherwise, weather (including Sandy) was not reported as a major negative factor at any station.

We always welcome new reporting stations for the fall AFR reports. If you are interested in contributing your fall banding data, please contact me.

**Allegheny Front celebrated the banding of their 250,000<sup>th</sup> bird—a beautiful Blackpoll Warbler banded with Founder Ralph K. Bell's band on 27 Sep 2012. The group assembled for a photograph to celebrate the event!**



**Back row left to right: Joan Pattison (holding the bird), Debbie Long, Carol McCullough, Bob Dean  
Front Row left to right are: Beth Ritter, Randy Ritter, Don Pattison, Jackie Burns, Fred McCullough**

**Table 1. AFR III Fall 2012 Summary**

	Lewiston, NY	Ruthven Park, ON	Rock Point, ON	Long Point, ON	Presque Isle, PA
First Day/Last Day	6/25 to 10/22	9/1 to 11/7	7/16 to 11/7	8/13 to 11/15	28 Sep
Days Operated	12	66	83	106	1
No. Nets Used	15	25 to 75	17 to 20	0 to 53	1 to 10
Total Net Hours	705	8075	7969	12,497	35
% Caught in Traps	0%	1.8%	0%	9.8%	0%
Lgst Daily Catch	33 on 10/8	244 on 10/7	241 on 10/8	1250 on 10/8	109 on 9/28
Most Common Best Day	48% HETH	21% AMGO	43% RCKI	70% four species	56% MYWA
Most Species Diversity	14 on 9/7	34 on 9/26	35 on 9/28	56 on 9/29	18 on 9/28
No Banded 2011	279	3963	3215	11,594	1151
No. Banded 2012	329	5195	4303	21,920	109
No. Forms 2011	39	87	90	128	65
No. Forms 2012	40	92	88	123	18
Birds/100 NH 2011	30.4	52.7	69.4	102.0	54.2
Birds/100 NH 2012	35.5	62.0	54.0	176.0	317.0
% HY 2011	NA	NA	76%	86%	NA
% HY 2012	81%	NA	75%	81.0%	60.0%

**Table 1. AFR III Fall 2012 Summary (cont'd)**

	Powdermill, PA	Arboretum at Penn State, PA	Mt. Nebo, MD	Allegheny Front, WV
First Day/Last Day	8/3 to 11/11	9/9 to 10/26	8/20 to 10/27	8/11 to 10/5
Days Operated	79	16	50	50
No. Nets Used	19 to 67	6 to 10	14.5 to 16.5	15 to 30
Total Net Hours	20,534	531	4125	6016
% Caught in Traps	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lgst Daily Catch	401 on 11/3	86 on 9/23	62 on 10/25	457 on 9/7
Most Common Best Day	47% PISI	64% AMGO	52% PISI	18% BTBW
Most Species Diversity	43 on 9/23	17 on 10/16	20 on 9/11	35 on 9/7
No Banded 2011	7266	283	852	4610
No. Banded 2012	6878	491	1404	6218
No. Forms 2011	109	42	60	69
No. Forms 2012	109	48	73	70
Birds/100 NH 2011	37.1	127.0	38	99
Birds/100 NH 2012	33.4	99.0	34	103
% HY 2011	NA	63%	78%	70%
% HY 2012	NA	NA	71%	63%

**Table 2. Most Commonly Banded Species, AFR Region III, Fall 2012.**

	Lewiston, NY		Ruthven Park, ON		Rock Point, ON		Long Point, ON		Presque Isle, PA		
		% HY		% HY		% HY		% HY			% HY
1.	79 PUMA (1)	100%	1316 AMGO (3)	89%	572 RCKI (2)	77%	2419 MYWA (1)	88%	61 MYWA (1)		67%
2.	26 HETH (4)	92	485 MYWA (2)	97	352 WTSP (1)	67	2259 GCKI (2)	83	9 WTSP (3)		67
3.	24 GRCA (7)	90	275 WTSP (5)	94	283 GRCA (3)	93	1798 RCKI (3)	77	6 GRCA (2)		67
4.	24 SWTH (2)	90	231 SCJU (4)	80	248 GCKI(10)	77	1067 BCCH	92	5 BRCR (9)		00
5.	19 WTSP (6)	64	216 PISI	90	204 YEWA (4)	75	899 WTSP (4)	83	3 BBWA		00
6.	16 MAWA (5)	79	204 RCKI (9)	89	164 SOSP (7)	72	888 BRRCR (8)	61	3 DOWO		67
7.	16 OVEN	77	196 CEDW (1)	86	140 SWSP	78	862 BLPW (5)	82	3 SCJU		33
8.	13 BCCH (3)	67	153 BLPW	93	131 MAWA (5)	42	856 RBNU	80	3 SOSP (10)		67
9.	13 WOTH(10)	100	130 SOSP (6)	84	128 MYWA	50	804 SWTH	87	3 SWTH		00
10.	12 AMRE	80	126 GCKI (7)	85	126 REVI	93	739 AMGO	50	2 EAPH		00

**Table 2 (cont'd.). Most Commonly Banded Species, AFR Region III, Fall 2012.**

	Powdermill, PA		Arboretum Penn State, PA		Mt. Nebo, MD		Allegheny Front, WV		
		% HY		% HY		% HY			% HY
1.	616 AMGO (2)	33%	99 WTSP (3)	66%	178 GRCA (1)	82%	1368 BTBW (1)		60%
2.	433 SWTH	81	68 GRCA (1)	72	111 SOSP (3)	75	973 BLPW (2)		56
3.	406 WTSP (7)	39	58 AMGO (2)	68	100 PISI	100*	767 BTNW (3)		80
4.	392 MYWA (1)	77	55 HOFI (6)	36	98 WTSP (2)	37	746 TEWA (4)		69
5.	311 PISI	48	32 NOCA (5)	38	81 RCKI (5)	70	306 MAWA (7)		70
6.	308 MAWA (3)	60	24 EATO (8)	58	78 COYE (6)	83	263 CMWA (5)		63
7.	300 RTHU (5)	94	19 SOSP (4)	63	48 INBU	79	250 SWTH (8)		71
8.	290 SCJU	34	11 PUFU	91	45 MAWA (8)	42	195 BLBW (6)		63
9.	280 SOSP (10)	52	10 RCKI (9)	70	43 EATO (10)	72	134 COYE (9)		81
10.	263 GRCA (6)	81	9 BCCH	56	* 85 birds aged U.		122 OVEN(10)		53