

## ATLANTIC FLYWAY REVIEW

## REGION III

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Region III covers the banding stations on Long Island, New York and one station in Westport, Conn. Only four reports were submitted this year from the region, making it difficult to come to any sound conclusions about this year's flights.

The first noticeable flight of the fall came at the end of the first week in September and was followed by a slow period until the very end of the month. October peaked at the end of the second week with the 11th being the best day at Manorville and Westport and the 14th best at Fire Island.

Myrtle Warblers were down at both Brookhaven and Manorville but were at their usual high numbers at Fire Island and considered to be in good numbers at Westport. There was no flight of chickadees in the region and the thrush flight was generally considered poor although Hermit thrushes were numerous in Westport. There were movements of Evening grosbeaks and both Crossbills toward the end of October, but most passed high overhead moving further south.

Station summaries are as follows:

|                          | M*   | B*   | F*              | W*   | T*    |
|--------------------------|------|------|-----------------|------|-------|
| DAYS OF OPERATION        | 53   | 75   | 43              | 47   | 23    |
| NO. OF NETS USED         | 3-10 | 14   | 40 <sup>o</sup> | 3-10 | 15-17 |
| NO. OF BIRDS BANDED      | 494  | 1786 | 5044            | 1370 | 2350  |
| NO. BIRDS BANDED 1971    | 868  | 2564 | 10659           | 841  | 5774  |
| NO. DIFFERENT SPECIES    | 41   | 80   | 111             | 77   | 85    |
| BIRDS/100 NET HOURS      | 36   | 67   | 77              | 75   | 24    |
| BIRDS/100 NET HOURS-1971 | 42   | 79   | 110             | 66   | 140   |

\*LEGEND: M = Manorville, New York    W = Westport, Conn.  
 B = Brookhaven, New York    T = Tobay Banding  
 F = Fire Island, New York    Station, N.Y.  
<sup>o</sup> Maximum 40 nets.

Manorville (Gilbert S. Raynor)

Nets are set at this station in deciduous and swampy woodland and along the edge between a garden and woods. Monthly statistics are as follows:

| Month | Days Banded | New Birds Banded | Returns | Repeats | New Birds/100 net hours | Species |
|-------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Aug.  | 10          | 31               | 2       | 5       | 14                      | 10      |
| Sept. | 21          | 93               | 3       | 12      | 18                      | 22      |
| Oct.  | 22          | 370              | 17      | 53      | 54                      | 29      |

The year was a poor one at Manorville, especially during September. In 1971, 373 birds were banded in September while only 93 were netted this year. There were no noticeable flights in either August or September and in October, only on the 11th (41 birds taken that day).

The most numerous bird this year was the slate-colored junco with 71 being banded, up from 1971. The next two most numerous birds however dropped sharply from last year. White-throated sparrows continued to decline this year going from 258 in 1970 to 103 in 1971 to 62 this year. Catbirds went from 160 birds in 1971 to only 36 this year. Birds usually taken here but not captured this year included Hermit thrush, White-breasted nuthatch, Goldfinch, and Baltimore oriole.

The most interesting bird caught was a Kentucky warbler banded on October 1. A Black and white warbler banded on May 5, 1971 was recaptured on August 20, 1972.

Brookhaven (Dennis Puleston)

Mr. Puleston writes the following:

Below is a breakdown of the 1972 banding season.

| Month | Days Banded | New Birds Banded | Returns | Repeats | New Birds/100 net hours | Species |
|-------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Sept. | 26          | 504              | 17      | 72      | 54                      | 60      |
| Oct.  | 27          | 1037             | 24      | 110     | 96                      | 61      |
| Nov.  | 16          | 207              | 8       | 28      | 39                      | 30      |
| Dec.  | 6           | 38               | 0       | 3       | 25                      | 7       |