

ATLANTIC FLYWAY REVIEW - REGION II

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Five banding stations in Vermont and upstate New York reported on their 1973 banding results. The capture of 5608 birds was tallied. The weather was mild once again, and in general there was very little outstanding to report. For the most part, this year's results paralleled those of recent years. An exception to this was comment from two stations regarding warbler decline. At both Ellenville and Binghamton this was noted.

At Vischer Ferry there was an above-average bird yield for the third consecutive year. Record captures for several species were noted. In general the increase is believed caused by the coincidence of our activity with more favorable weather conditions that produce higher bird yields.

Summarized below are some of the stations highlights. It is interesting to note that despite the differences in the habitat of these stations, a listing of the two commonest species for each station produces repetition of a very few species.

Station	Species	Number Captured	Net-hours	Birds/n-h	Most Numerous
Marshfield	63	1013	1435	0.71	Purple Finch Common Yellowthroat
Vischer Ferry	66	1804	1927	0.94	White-throated Sparrow Gray Catbird
Salisbury	72	1559	--	--	White-throated Sparrow Song Sparrow
Ellenville	61	528	1116	0.47	Common Yellowthroat Song Sparrow
Binghamton	64	704	--	--	White-throated Sparrow Gray Catbird

Marshfield, Vt.

This station is located in Washington County. It is based on a small half-acre island on a small pond of 90 acres. We reach the island by way of a 250-foot boardwalk through a swamp. The vegetation is varied and consists of Black Alder, Leatherleaf, Labrador Tea, Larch, Hemlock, Spruce and a few Birch and Maple. The station was in operation in August, September and October for a total of 29 days with 6 nets used and 1,435 net-hours tallied which compares roughly with past years.

Sixty-three species and 1,013 new birds were banded. Returns numbered 44, repeats were 255 and there were no foreign recoveries. The returns are as follows: 1 Red-Winged Blackbird, 8 Bluejays, 3 Black-capped Chickadees, 24 Purple Finches, 1 Am. Goldfinch, 4 Song Sparrows, 1 White-throated Sparrow, 1 Canada Warbler and 1 Common Yellowthroat. A new species for the area was added, a Pine Warbler. The most interesting bird to us, but not unusual was a Saw-Whet Owl.

A comparison table of a few species follows:

Species	1973	1972
Common Yellowthroat	103	76
Black-capped Chickadee	35	12
Magnolia Warbler	69	22
Black-throated Green Warb.	49	9
Red-eyed Vireo	38	6
Purple Finch	138	225
Swainson's Thrush	39	18
White-throated Sparrow	83	129
Black-throated Blue Warb.	35	10
Cedar Waxwing	34	10

Ferdinand, Vt. Mrs. Marion Metcalf

For some time my son and I have been wanting to learn something about the life of the Boreal Chickadee. On September 14, 15 and 16 we made an extremely small beginning. Those three days we set 10 nets and used 160 net-hours in a black spruce woods and it's edges in Ferdinand, which is located in Essex County in the North-east Kingdom of Vermont. It was a very rainy, misty venture and we will have to spend many more hours there to learn anything about the Boreal Chickadee. Otherwise it appeared to be a good netting spot with 82 new birds banded of 19 species. Eighteen Hermit Thrushes and 11 Swainson's Thrushes were taken. Of course the highlight of the whole thing was 1 Boreal Chickadee and 1 Gray Jay. There were 6 repeats.