

students and at least eight LLCC classes) any time during the season. Thanks, too, to everyone who provided financial support, especially to The Rotary Club of Springfield South for another grant, the Redmans for unique grants and several anonymous donors.

**MO--WORLD BIRD SANCTUARY 382-0903**

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The study area for the Migration Blitz is approximately 16.1ha of the 125.4ha World Bird Sanctuary. This is an oak hickory forested dry creek north-east facing ravine in an undeveloped area of the sanctuary in the Meramec River Valley (part of the Meramec Valley Important Bird Area). The results are a 5 year extension of the 10 year study started in 2009, focusing on the use of migrants of the ravine. For 2019, we had 58 different species. We continue to have a volume of Tennessee and Nashville warblers and Swainson's and Gray-cheeked thrushes. This year we also had two Wood Thrush returns. The cooler weather in April seemed to impact the migration thru St. Louis and we did not experience the volume of birds until the beginning of May.

**TN--WARNER PARK 363-0865  
NATURE CENTER (WPNC)**

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Warner Park Banding Station is in its 38th year of operation. The weather cooperated nicely, and we were able to hold all six of our scheduled sessions. While our first banding session of the year netted

the most birds, a quarter of the birds caught were White-throated Sparrows, a winter resident in our area. By our last session at the end of April, we had fewer captures but our highest diversity of species. On that day, 30 Apr, we recaptured an ASY male Kentucky Warbler that we had previously caught, on the same day, in 2016. Since then, we have captured him every spring between March and June. Warner Park Banding Station is open for observation to the public and during this spring banding season, we engaged 1,276 park visitors in bird related research and programs.

In addition to our historical spring migration banding, the WPNC Banding Station engaged in several other research programs including the first Mobile Spring Migration Banding. This new spring migration project will compare species numbers and composition at a less public, more interior park location with our traditional banding station at Warner Park. During five banding sessions 39 birds of 16 species were captured along with three recaptures. A highlight included the capture of three thrush species: Wood, Swainson's, and Gray-cheeked.

Warner Park Banding Station is grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers and staff who contribute hundreds of hours at the station, bird counts, and educational programs. A special thank you to Friends of Warner Parks and the staff of Warner Park Nature Center and Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation for their continued support.

**TN--GREENWAY FARMS 375-0851  
BANDING STATION**

Hixson, Hamilton County, TN

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Greenway Farms is a 220ha city park in Hixson, TN. Most of the habitat is oak-hickory forest (~40-50 years old), but there is also a 12ha overgrown field, and 11ha of mowed turf grass. The park is bounded by the North Chickamauga

Creek, as well as suburban development. There are trails throughout the park, and it is popular with runners, hikers, and dog walkers. Five nets are run in wooded habitat and three are in the overgrown field. Since 2004, banding operations have occurred here from late-March through late-May and late-August through late October, three days per week from sunrise until ~4 hours post-sunrise. Banding demonstrations are periodically conducted for school groups or the local bird club. This year, relentless rain in February and March flooded the banding site and delayed the start of spring banding by 2 weeks. 38 birds were captured which is a 40% increase from 2018, and a 90% increase from 2017. The spring average for all years is 86 birds. The season's best capture was a female Painted Bunting, caught on 3 May 2019. After submitting the spring records to the Bird Banding Lab, I was informed that this was the first Painted Bunting ever banded in Tennessee!

**AL-FORT MORGAN  
BANDING STATION**

**302-0880**

Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, AL

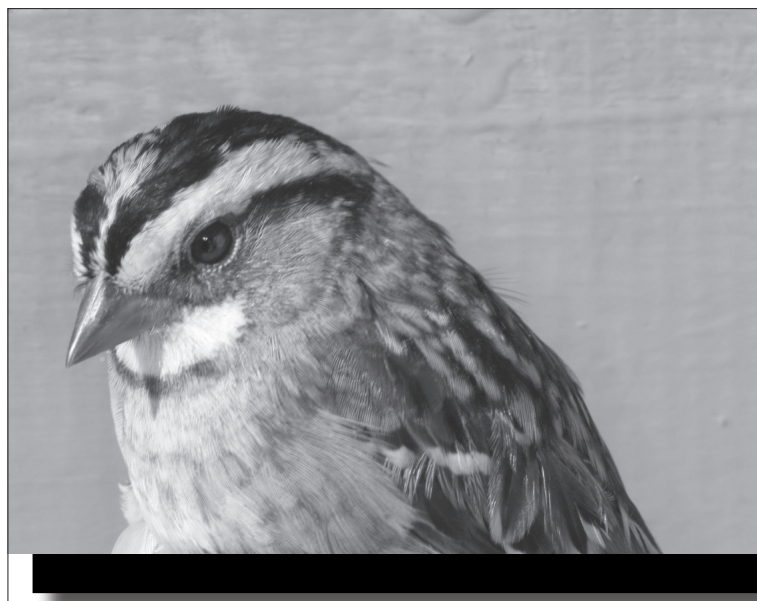
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After 20+ years of operation, this station closed in 2014, re-opening again in 2017. Following low numbers of captures in 2017 (comparable to what was captured in 2019), there were considerable captures over the same week period in 2018. Presence of a high-pressure front over the area may have hindered many birds, or assisted migration east or west of the banding station. A significant recapture of 2018 was a White-throated Sparrow banded as an AHY on 27 Mar 2010 at the station, recaptured on 18 Apr 2018. Although fewer birds were banded at the station in the spring 2019 than the spring 2018, there were 525 human visitors in the spring 2019.



**White Throated Sparrow photo R.Pantle**