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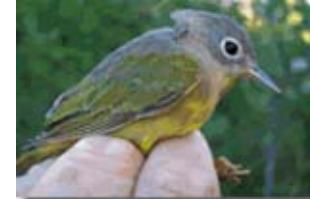
The ten most commonly banded species (up to 2005)



White-throated Sparrow



Black-throated Green Warbler



Nashville Warbler

1. White-throated Sparrow
2. American Goldfinch
3. Magnolia Warbler
4. Common Yellowthroat
5. Black-capped Chickadee
6. Myrtle Warbler
7. Nashville Warbler
8. American Redstart
9. Song Sparrow
10. Black-throated Green Warbler



Song Sparrow

The Most Remarkable Record

Catching a bird for the first time is always interesting, but recapturing the same bird at a later date is exciting. Where has it been? How far has it travelled? Occasionally someone else catches one of your birds - this is a most remarkable record!

Magnolia Warbler #1910-54698 - adult male
Originally Banded - 18 May 1993. Captured in net a4

Recaptured 20 June 1993 - net a2

3 June 1994 - net a5

11 June 1994 - net a2

16 July 1994 - net a4

25 July 1994 - net a5

23 May 1995 - net a4

18 June 1995 - net a2

25 July 1995 - net a5

17 September 1995 - net a6

28 March 1996 - Tocoa, Honduras.

This is a straight-line distance of over 3720km.



The Oldest Birds

Birds lead a fast and often very short life. For many small songbirds it only a few months between helpless hatchling and independent juvenile. Once out of the nest, they must fend for themselves, which includes following their instincts to migrate. The journey to warmer climates is long and hazardous. Most don't make it, but others defy the odds. Black-&-white Warblers, Ovenbirds and catbirds winter in the Caribbean and Central America, while Veery may travel as far as northern South America.

Black-&-white Warbler # 1830-30979 is over 9 years old

Originally banded 20 June 1991 as a SY (second-year)

Recaptured 23 May 1999

Black-&-white Warbler #1910-54362 is over 9 years old

Originally banded 24 June 1992 as a SY (second year bird)

Recaptured 22 May 2000

Veery #1451-47551 is over 8 years old

Originally banded 5 July 1994 as a SY (second year bird)

Recaptured 14 July 2001

Ovenbird #2091-66026 is over 11 years old.



Originally banded 25 May, 1992 as a SY (second-year)
Last recaptured 31 May 2002

Gray Catbird #8011-31123 is over 11 years old
Originally banded 18 May 1993 as a AHY (after-hatch-year)
Last recaptured 3 September 2003

The Most Trap-Happy Bird

-Black-capped Chickadee #1930-66211, which has been in the nets 14 times.
-Originally banded 26 September 1994 as a HY (hatch year bird)
-Recaptured twice in 1995 - 16 April & 2 May
-twice in 1996 - 26 May & 21 June
-twice in 1997 - 18 May, 3 October
-twice in 1998 - 19 April, 24 May
-twice in 1999 - 2 May, 10 July
-3x in 2000 - 28 May, 10 June, 12 September
-but was not seen in 2001



The Smallest Bird Caught - Ruby-throated Hummingbird. This species is too small and are not banded at St. Andrews.

The Biggest Bird Caught - Pileated Woodpecker.

The Most Unusual Capture - A juvenile Saw-Whet Owl, which had the tail of its last meal hanging out of its mouth. The Station is not licensed to band owls and this individual was released "naked" to digest in peace.

Recent Rare Birds Captured



Pileated Woodpecker

Connecticut Warbler

Gray-cheeked Thrush



Scarlet Tanager

Blue-winged Warbler

- Pileated Woodpecker - August 2005
- Connecticut Warbler - September 2005
- Gray-cheeked Thrush - September 2005
- Scarlet Tanager - September 2004
- Yellow-breasted Chat - September 2004
- Indigo Bunting - October 2004
- Blue-winged Warbler - October 2003
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo - September 2002
- Yellow-breasted Chat - October 2002