

Date: September 9, 2016

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Jed Pitre

Warren James

Megan Nepshinsky

Austin Culotta

Mary Balyeat



Time/Conditions: Nets were open from 6:20 until 12:45 under warm partially cloudy conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 12 new birds and recaptured 1 individual from a previous session for a total of 13 captures.

We captured 7 species

Northern Cardinal (2)

Yellow Warbler (2)

Acadian Flycatcher (1)

Common Yellowthroat (1)

White-eyed Vireo (3)

Prothonotary Warbler (1)

Carolina Wren (3)

Notes:

We had a nice variety of captures today including a mix of resident and migrant birds. Some of the warblers had enough stored body fat that they are most likely on their fall migration. The Acadian flycatcher was also somewhat unusual as we do not capture many flycatchers. Empidonax flycatchers are notoriously difficult to identify (even in hand) so this bird was an interesting challenge!

Date: September 11, 2016

Site: Delacroix

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Jed Pitre

Warren James

Toni Brown



Time/Conditions: Nets were open from 6:45 until 12:45 under warm clear conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 7 new birds and recaptured 2 individuals from previous sessions for a total of 9 captures.

We captured 4 species

Hooded Warbler (5)

Worm-eating Warbler (1)

Carolina Wren (2)

Northern Cardinal (1)

Notes:

Of note was the Worm-eating warbler (only our 5th ever!) and the high number of Hooded Warblers. Several of these warblers had a large amount of body fat which is to be expected as we begin to capture fall migrants stopping over on their way south.

Date: October 1, 2016

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Jed Pitre

Warren James

Mike Mahoney

Kathryn Brignac

Cliff Waters

Natalie Waters

Emily Clark

Wendy Shimmin



Time/Conditions: Nets were open from 6:35 until 1:10 under warm clear conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 8 new birds, but had no recaptured individuals from previous sessions.

We captured 6 species

Common Yellowthroat (3)

White-eyed Vireo (1)

Ovenbird (1)

Northern Waterthrush (1)

Carolina Wren (1)

Gray Catbird (1)

Notes:

The weather finally cooled off a bit which made for a very enjoyable morning of birding and banding. While we didn't a large number of birds, we did have a very nice variety of species including several fall migrants. Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush are fairly unusual captures for us, and it was nice to see several common yellowthroats. This was also our first "wintering" Gray Catbird of the season.

Date: November 12, 2016

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Delaina LeBlanc

Jed Pitre

Warren James

Austin Culotta

Sarah Crawford

Casey Wright

Alexandria Yarbro



Time/Conditions: Nets were open from 6:45 until 1:00 under cool clear conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 3 new birds, and recaptured 1 White-eyed Vireo from a previous session.

We captured 3 species

White-eyed Vireo (2)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1)

White-throated Sparrow (1)

Notes:

While we didn't capture many birds we did catch some nice fall/winter species including the White-throated sparrow which is a slightly unusual capture for us. We also had an excellent group of volunteers!

Date: November 20, 2016

Site: Delacroix Preserve

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Lisa Powell

Jim Taylor



Time/Conditions: 9 Nets were open from 7:08 until 12:45 under cool breezy conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 3 new birds, and recaptured 1 Carolina Wren from a previous session.

We captured 3 species

Hermit Thrush (1)

Northern Cardinal (1)

Carolina Wren (2)

Notes:

Today was our first cold morning of the season with temperatures starting out in the mid 40s and overcast breezy conditions for most of the morning. Special thanks to Lisa and Jim for their help on a somewhat less than ideal morning!

Date: December 3, 2016

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Delania LeBlanc

Jed Pitre

Warren James

Kathryn Brignac



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 7:00 until 12:30 under cool breezy conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 5 new birds, and recaptured 2 birds from a previous session.

We captured 6 species

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1 new 1 recap)

Northern Cardinal (1)

Orange-crowned Warbler (1)

White-eyed Vireo (1 recap)

Blue-headed Vireo (1)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1)

Notes:

Despite being cool and breezy with very few birds active we managed to catch some a nice variety of fall birds and several very interesting species including a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. We speculated that the breezy conditions may have actually given us an advantage in catching this canopy dwelling bird.

Date: December 11, 2016

Site: Delacroix

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Delania LeBlanc

Jed Pitre

Warren James

Lara Elmquist

Leanne Norden

Michael Mahoney



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 7:00 until 12:15 under cool breezy conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 1 new bird, and recaptured 1 bird from a previous session.

We captured 2 species

Eastern Phoebe (1)

Northern Cardinal (1 recap)

Notes:

Today was yet another cool and breezy day. We suspect that the wind kept bird activity low and made it easier for them to see the nets. Our volunteers got plenty of experience extracting leaves from nets, but at least we were able to band two birds including a lovely Eastern Phoebe!