

Date: Jan 7, 2018

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Don Norman

Trey Hendrix

Lucia Havlovik

Aaron Hyde

Maureen McGuire

Paula Flynn

Warren James



Time/Conditions: 12 Nets were open from 6:50 until 12:35 under cool overcast conditions. Winds picked up during the last net round.

Capture Summary:

We captured 15 new birds, and recaptured 2 birds from a previous session.

We captured 7 species

Northern Cardinal

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Orange Crowned Warbler

Myrtle Warbler

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Swamp Sparrow

Carolina Wren

Notes:

Today was a good banding day with a nice number and nice variety of wintering and resident species. With cold rainy weather (and even some snow!) the past few days we were glad to get a window of slightly warmer weather to band. Despite chilly conditions early we had more captures than a typical winter day. Perhaps birds were also happy to get a break in the weather as they were very active. We speculate that some birds (like the blue-grey gnatcatcher above) may have been foraging more vigorously and lower down near the nets than usual.

Date: Jan 28, 2018

Site: Delacroix Preserve

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Trey Hendrix

Warren James

Cody Richardson



Time/Conditions: 8 Nets were open from 7:26 until 12:20 under cool overcast/misty conditions. The site was very flooded so we were only able to open the nets at the back of the property.

Capture Summary:

We captured 1 new bird, and recaptured 2 birds from a previous session.

We captured 3 species

Northern Cardinal

Orange Crowned Warbler

Carolina Wren

Notes:

It was extremely flooded today after extensive rain all week with knee high water along most of the trail! We had a slow walk in and were only able to open 8 nets, BUT we did see a beaver swimming along the ditch and we were still able to catch a few birds. Extra thanks to the volunteers for braving some gnarly conditions!

Date: Feb 18, 2018

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Don Norman

Trey Hendrix

Jenny Linscott

Maureen McGuire

Chance Wooton

Mary Balyeat



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 7:30 until 12:30 under warm sunny conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 3 new birds, recaptured 2 birds from a previous session and released 3 birds unbanded.

We captured 5 species

Northern Cardinal

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Orange Crowned Warbler

White-eyed Vireo

Eastern Phoebe

Notes:

Today was part two of our two-day beginner banding workshop. Participants got to practice bird handling and in some cases measurements and net extraction. Yesterday we banded at the front entrance to avoid disturbing the official net lanes. We were excited to catch an American Robin and a Swamp sparrow among other more common captures. These birds are more often found near forest edges and are not captured at our usual net lanes as frequently.

DELA Banding:

We banded at Delacroix on Feb 28th with an excellent group of volunteers including some of our new workshop participants, unfortunately the weather and the birds were uncooperative. We were able to get in our full banding session with only one brief interruption for rain, but we didn't capture any birds for the first time in over a year. Better luck next time!

Date: March 3, 2018

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Trey Hendrix

Maureen McGuire

Audrey Marsh

Aylise Grossenberger-McGlamery

Brittany Maldonado

Paula Flynn



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 7:50 until 12:30 under moderate sunny conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 1 new birds, recaptured 0 birds from a previous session and released 0 birds unbanded.

We captured 1 species

Northern Cardinal

Notes:

We had a bit of a slow day, but at least we finally netted one bird for our new visitors...better than last month at DELA!

Date: March 10, 2018

Site: Delacroix Preserve

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Trey Hendrix

Maureen McGuire

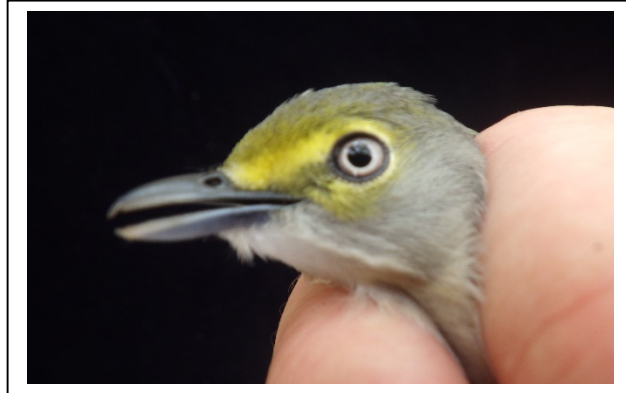
Fabiola Rodriguez

Cody Richardson

Brittany Maldonado

Jed Pitre

Warren James



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 6:53 until 12:45 under warm cloudy conditions. We were interrupted by a quick rain shower, but didn't have to close nets.

Capture Summary:

We captured 2 new birds, recaptured 0 birds from a previous session and released 0 birds unbanded.

We captured 1 species

White-eyed Vireo

Notes:

Third slow day in a row, but at least captures have increased each time! We entertained ourselves finding and identifying a Cottonmouth, a green frog and other assorted reptiles and amphibians while we waited!

Date: April 8, 2018

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Trey Hendrix

Maureen McGuire

Connie Brown

Madeleine Brown

Warren James

Elizabeth Williams

Kathryn Brignac



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

Capture Summary:

We captured 4 new birds, recaptured 5 birds from a previous session and released 0 birds unbanded.

We captured 6 species

Northern Cardinal

Carolina Chickadee

White-eyed Vireo

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Orange Crowned Warbler

Ovenbird

Notes:

We finally snapped out of our slump with a nice set of birds today including our first migrant of the year, a beautiful Ovenbird! We also heard/ saw prothonotary warblers, Hooded Warblers, and Indigo buntings...spring is here! As a bonus we saw 6 lark sparrows, a new bird for the property, in the parking lot on our way out.

Date: April 28, 2018

Site: Delacroix Preserve

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Trey Hendrix

Maureen McGuire



Time/Conditions: 8 Nets were open from 6:45 until 8:00 then we closed down to 5 nets until 13:30. Conditions were warm, still and sunny.

Capture Summary:

We captured 24 new birds, recaptured 2 birds from a previous session and released 2 birds unbanded.

We captured 9 species

Hooded Warbler

Gray Catbird

Wood Thrush

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Veery

Swainson's Thrush

Grey-cheeked Thrush

Scarlet Tanager

Carolina Wren

Notes:

Today was a spectacularly good day as we were lucky enough to hit a fall out of thrushes and catbirds. Unfortunately we were short-handed and were only able to run 5 nets, but we still banded more birds than any occasion in the past two years. We also added 4 new species to the project Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Grey-cheeked Thrush, Veery, and Scarlet Tanager!

Date: May 12, 2018

Site: Woodlands Trail

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Trey Hendrix

Maureen McGuire

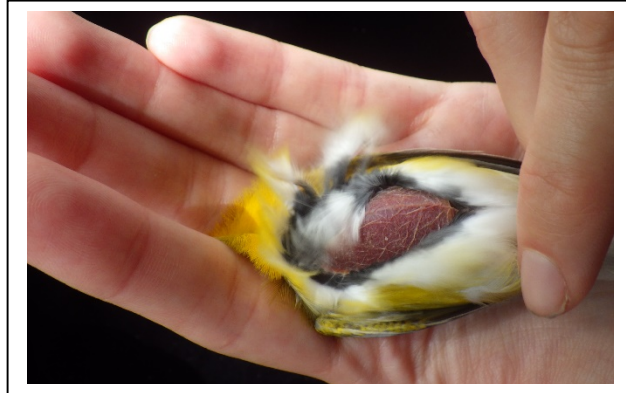
Warren James

Mike Delashmet

Don Norman

Roxane Gunser

John Gunser



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 6:45 until 12:30 under warm partially cloudy conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 5 new birds, recaptured 6 birds from a previous session and released 0 birds unbanded.

We captured 5 species

Hooded Warbler

Carolina Wren

Prothonotary Warbler

White-eyed Vireo

Northern Cardinal

Notes:

The specialty of the day was breeding warblers with both Hooded and Prothonotary captured with brood patches. This is a great sign that habitat at woodlands can support these forest –dependent species.

Sadly, this was the last day for our awesome intern Trey Hendrix...we wish him all the best with his new field job!

Date: May 19, 2018

Site: Delacroix Preserve

Volunteers/ Banders:

Emma DeLeon

Maureen McGuire

Warren James

Cody Richardson



Time/Conditions: 13 Nets were open from 7:00 until 12:45 under warm mostly sunny conditions.

Capture Summary:

We captured 10 new birds, recaptured 1 birds from a previous session and released 0 birds unbanded.

We captured 6 species

Hooded Warbler

White-eyed Vireo

Northern Parula

Acadian Flycatcher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Swainson's Thrush

Notes:

Today was another good day with a nice assortment of birds including some late migrant Swainson's Thrushes as well as the often heard, but seldom captured Norther Parula. We were also super excited to find some rare and exciting amphibians including a grey tree frog and a three toed amphiuma!

This may be the last banding occasion for a few months as we are undergoing some changes to Woodlands Staff. Please keep checking back for banding to resume in the near future!