



The story of bird research and education in Warner Parks is almost as old as the Parks themselves. For nearly 80 years, projects conducted by dedicated volunteers and staff have contributed to ornithological records, inspired the most unlikely of enthusiasts, and helped connect people of all ages to nature. Warner Park Nature Center's contributions to national research have put it on the map as a reputable source for information relevant to scientists and casual birders alike.



Take action

Partner with Friends of Warner Parks to fund bird education and research.
Contributions accepted via cash or check.

Friends of Warner Parks
50 Vaughn Road
Nashville, TN 37221

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About Warner Park Nature Center

Warner Park Nature Center is a place where people and nature come together. It serves as a gateway to Nashville's Percy and Edwin Warner Parks, as well as a natural history and education reference center for individuals, groups and schools. Its mission is to provide quality environmental education and responsible recreation; help protect, preserve, restore and manage the park ecosystem and natural resources; and raise awareness, foster respect and share enthusiasm for the natural environment. The nature center and its staff have received numerous awards on local, state and national levels.



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Bird Education and Research

at Warner Park Nature Center



Discovery taking flight!

Current Programs

Bluebird Nesting Boxes

Ongoing since 1936, this is one of the nation's oldest bluebird box programs. Records of nest materials and size, location, and number of eggs laid and hatched are compiled weekly by staff, volunteers and school groups. Data are shared with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.



Bird Banding

The Nature Center is one of the few places in the US where visitors can observe bird banding in action. Banders collect data essential to studying population trends in various species. Thousands of birds have been banded at the Nature Center since 1982.



Urban Bird Camps

Each summer, youth from community centers around Nashville participate in Urban Bird Camps led by Nature Center staff. Campers explore ecology and ornithology through a variety of hands-on disciplines and games, and get up close and personal with researchers and birds.



Project FeederWatch

Since 1995, the Nature Center has cooperated with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology on bird count studies. Observers count, record and report the numbers of each species visiting their feeders. Local teachers are encouraged to incorporate FeederWatch into their curricula.



The Need

Warner Park's bird programs have inspired thousands of visitors to learn about and protect songbirds and their habitats. Changes in staff and budget reductions have resulted in the loss of a paid position to oversee these programs, which can't continue without additional funding support.

The Dream

Just as important as the research are the personal experiences these programs foster: a child's delight at the sound of a hummingbird's heartbeat; an adult's flash of discovery when they can identify a backyard visitor; or a youth's sense of pride when they apply concepts from Urban Bird camp to schoolwork.

These programs enrich lives.



How to help

Show your support with a financial contribution. See back of flyer for info on how to give. A gift of any amount will make a difference in covering these program costs:

Bird Research Coordinator: \$18,000 per year.
Provides leadership and banding certification.



Equipment & Supplies: \$4,000 per year. Includes mist nets, traps, scales, and other specialized items.



Training for staff and volunteers: \$3,000.
Includes workshops, memberships and classes.



Urban Bird Camps: \$3,500.



Bird Research Shelter: \$38,000. Includes exhibits and group learning area. Named gift opportunity!