

Bird Education and Research

2014 Annual Report

Warner Park Nature Center, Friends of Warner Parks, and Metro Parks and Recreation



Birds

Education and Programs



Volunteers



Research and Projects



Partnerships

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Bird Education and Research Coordinator

- 361 hours worked and volunteered 402 hours
- Coordinated volunteers contributing 1261 hours and 345 visits
- Bird Education and Research programs connected with over 3040 visitors
- Coordination of 12 Bird Projects in the Warner Parks and numerous programs
- 848 Birds Captured at the Warner Park Bird Banding Station and Nest Boxes
- Pursued fundraising opportunities and visited banding stations in Kalamazoo Michigan and Fort Morgan Alabama
- Two crew members, Cyndi Routledge and Denise Weyer, received their federal bird banding permits!
- A dedicated and expert crew of bird volunteers make these projects possible and educational:
Kathy Shaw, Diana McLusky, Susan Bradfield, Ethel Kawamura, Cyndi Routledge, Kim Bailey, Rachel Anderson, John Kell, Lauren and Della Hoffman, Sue Shallow, and Paul Pleiman

Research and Projects

1. Winter Bird Banding Project – Sessions each Tuesday in January and February & a public Saturday session
2. Spring Migration Project – Four-six sessions and a public day; great Summer Tanager recapture
3. MAPS – Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship – a project with the Institute of Bird Populations and the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory. Ten 6-hour sessions in the breeding season, May – August. 92 birds captured.
4. Breeding Bird Survey in June – 25 stops covering Percy and Edwin Warner Park. Ongoing since 1985
5. Amelia Laskey Bluebird Nesting Box Project continuing since 1936. 50 Boxes monitored regularly April - August. Coordinated by Diana McLusky and Sandy Bivens. 248 eggs laid, 173 young fledged = 69.8% success rate
6. Purple Martin Nest Box Project – boxes monitored February – August.
7. Hummingbird Migration Banding Project – Six sessions Aug- Sept & public day. Coordinated by Heather Gallagher.
8. Coordination of Hummingbird Banding Projects at Bells Bend, Beaman and Shelby Bottoms Nature Centers
9. Fall Migration Project – Four-six sessions and a public day. Great Yellow-rumped Warbler recapture
10. ProjectFeeder Watch – a project with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and National Audubon Society ongoing since 1997. November – April. Coordinated by Melissa Donahue
11. Saw-whet Owl Migration Study – coordinated by Kathy Shaw. November – February
12. Ebird- Warner Park account with online checklist launched by Cornell Lab of Ornithology & National Audubon

Programs and Education

- Public Banding Days – winter, spring, summer, fall
- Public Bird Hikes – winter, spring, summer, fall
- Winter Hummingbird Education exhibit and information - July - March
- Bird Programs for school field trips, universities, garden clubs and other groups by request
- Coffee for Conservation Program coordinated by Susan Bradfield, 24 April 2014
- Bird Camps for Metro Parks Inner City Community Center youth, June 2014
- Bird Programs for Camp Warner Park, summer 2014
- Program for Nashville Chapter of Tennessee Ornithological Society, June 2014
- Exhibit and information with Bluebird Café at Bluebird on the Mountain event, 16 August 2014

Partnerships

- Bluebird Café- met with director. Featured non-profit at August Bluebird on the Mountain event.
- Tennessee Wildlife Federation – Met with director. Completed \$1500 grant for hummingbird programs
- Nashville Chapter of Tennessee Ornithological Society- presented program and assisted with 100th celebration
- USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Bird Banding Laboratory
- Institute of Bird Populations – MAPS, Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship
- Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and National Audubon Society – Nest boxes, Ebird, FeederWatch, etc
- North American Bluebird Association- Bluebird Nest Box Project, Training and Education materials
- Universities – Belmont, Lipscomb, Vanderbilt, MTSU, Austin Peay, and others