

Bird Education and Research

2015 Annual Report

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



Birds - 1086 banded/recaptured

Education - 3451 visitors



Volunteers - 1795 hours



Research - 13 Projects



10+ Partnerships

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Bird Education and Research Coordinator

- 416 hours worked and volunteered 586 hours
- Volunteers contributed **1795 hours and 518 visits**
- Connected with **3451 visitors**
- Coordination of **13 Bird Projects** and numerous programs year-round
- **1086** Birds Captured at Bird Banding Station and Nest Boxes
- **2 graduate student interns**, Univ. of Arkansas/Paul Pleiman and Univ. of Oregon/Becky Richendollar
- A dedicated & expert team of over **30 volunteers** and staff make these projects possible and educational: Kathy Shaw, Diana McLusky, Susan Bradfield, Ethel Kawamura, Cyndi Routledge, Kim Bailey, Rachel Anderson, John Kell, Lauren & Della Hoffman, Sue Shallow, Paul Pleiman, Becky Richendollar, Allison Salas, Cindy Bond, Cheryl Brummal, Amy Potter, Camille Monohan, Janeth McKendrick, Susan O'Neil, Kelly Longnecker, Denise Weyer, Meliisa Donahue, Heather Gallagher, and Vera Vollbrecht
- **2 team members** received federal permits in 2014 and started new banding projects & stations this year
- Kathy Shaw accepted position of Assistant Bird Research Coordinator

Research and Projects

1. Winter Bird Banding Project
2. Spring Migration Project
3. MAPS – Monitoring Avian Productivity & Survivorship, Institute of Bird Populations— **25th year at Warner**
4. Breeding Bird Survey
5. Amelia Laskey Bluebird Nesting Box Project continuing since 1936, Diana McLusky coordinator
6. Purple Martin Nest Box Project, Heather Gallagher coordinator
7. Hummingbird Banding Project, Heather Gallagher coordinator— **1st Rufous Hummingbird at Warner Park**
8. Hummingbird Banding Projects at Bells Bend, Beaman, Shelby Bottoms, Sandy Bivens coordinator
9. Fall Migration Project
10. ProjectFeeder Watch Cornell Lab of Ornithology/ National Audubon, Melissa Donahue coordinator
11. Saw-whet Owl Migration Study, Kathy Shaw coordinator
12. Ebird, Cornell Lab of Ornithology & National Audubon
13. Feather Project, UCLA Center for Tropical Research, Allison Salas and Sandy Bivens, coordinators

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, nature club, AP Environmental Science students, 4H Youth, Dell Webb, TN Naturalist Program and other groups by request
- Bird Programs for Camp Warner Park
- Programs with Nashville Chapter of Tennessee Ornithological Society and TOS

Partnerships

- Bluebird Café
- Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and National Audubon Society
- Institute of Bird Populations
- Nashville Chapter of Tennessee Ornithological Society
- North American Bluebird Association
- Tennessee Bluebird Society
- Tennessee Wildlife Federation
- UCLA, Center for Tropical Research
- Universities – Belmont, Lipscomb, Vanderbilt, MTSU, Austin Peay, and others
- USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Bird Banding Laboratory