

B.I.R.D. - Bird Information Research and Data

2017 Program Report

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



2017 Educational Programs

- Connected with **4958** visitors
- Year-round public banding days and bird hikes
- Public bird programs scheduled each season for a variety of age levels and interests
- Bird programs for school field trips, universities, garden clubs, nature club, AP Environmental Science students, summer camps and other groups scheduled by request
- Special Bird Celebration events held in February, April, August and October each year
- Public invited to observe and participate in bird research projects and get involved with citizen science

2017 Research Projects

1. Long-term Winter Bird Banding Project—several notable recaptures
2. Long-term Spring Migration Bird Banding Project
3. MAPS Banding Project – Monitoring Avian Productivity & Survivorship, Institute of Bird Populations, ongoing since 1991—27th year!
4. Breeding Bird Survey, ongoing since 1985
5. Amelia Laskey Bluebird Nesting Box Project ongoing since 1936, Diana McLusky coordinator; continued Bluebird research with Paul Pleiman, graduate student with University of Arkansas; began adding bluebird records into eBird this year
6. Purple Martin Nest Box Project, Heather Gallagher coordinator
7. Hummingbird Banding Project, Heather Gallagher coordinator
8. Hummingbird Banding Projects at Bells Bend, Beaman, and Shelby Bottoms, Sandy Bivens and Kathy Shaw coordinators
9. Long-term Fall Migration Bird Banding Project—Banding Station established 1982
10. Project FeederWatch, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon, Melissa Donahue coordinator; ongoing in Warner Park since 1997, 20th year!
11. Saw-whet Owl Migration Study, Kathy Shaw coordinator (no activity this year)
12. eBird, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon—Warner Park sightings, banding, and projects to enter historical data; began adding bluebirds this year
13. Feather Project, with UCLA Center for Tropical Research, Allison Salas and Sandy Bivens, coordinators
14. Fall, Winter and Spring Bird Counts in partnership with the Nashville Chapter of Tennessee Ornithological Society



2017 BIRD Program Donors

The Barbara J. Mapp Foundation
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2017 Volunteers

- Volunteers contributed **1507 hours and 513 visits**
- A dedicated & expert team of **52 volunteers** made these programs and projects possible:

Kathy Shaw	Elizabeth Cook	Dr. John Lewis
Diana McLusky	Rebecca Dandekar	Chris Sloan
Susan Bradfield	Margie Hunter	Denise Weyer
Ethel Kawamura	Beth Preston	Melissa Donahue
Cyndi Routledge	Daniela Popa	Heather Gallagher
Kim Bailey	The Barnes Family	Vera Vollbrecht
Rachel Anderson	Laurie Campbell	Erika Taylor
John Kell	Katie Doyle	Cody Cook
Lauren Hoffman	MaryGlen Williamson	Haley Powell
Della Hoffman	Kerry Carden	Kayla Durham
Sue Shallow	Linda Breggin	Beth Adams
Allison Salas	Laura Cook	Barbara Kell
Brenda Stein	Justin Hiltner	Johnny Rose
Cheryl Brummal	Jo Neumaier	Kristy Baker
Amy Potter	Julie Petcu	Susan O'Neil
Camille Monohan	Kristy Baker	Kelly Longenecker
Janeth McKendrick	Kaaren May	
Elly Foster	Patty Owensby	



2017 Highlights

- 20th year of Project FeederWatch at the Nature Center-a citizen-science project with Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- BIRD committee initiated a new way to easily donate \$10 or "CHIRP" on the FOWP website to support bird education and research
- For the second year, the Lipscomb University Biology Department and Dr. John Lewis partnered with the nature center and FOWP and funded a summer BIRD Intern; LU Biology Haley Powell was the 2017 BIRD Intern
- Special art and photography exhibit "For the Birds" by Anne Goetze and Nathan Collie, long-time supporters of the Warner Parks, the BIRD program and birds
- Received Frist Technology Grant for laptop and training
- First ever "Hummingbird Happy Hour—an evening of art and jazz for the birds!" event developed by the BIRD committee and volunteers to become an annual event to support the bird education and research
- Increase in programs, volunteers and donors
- For the first time in many years a Bald Eagle was seen in the Park. In February, visitors spotted it sitting on the ground along Hwy 100 eating an opossum



BIRD Program in an "Egg Shell"	2017
Research and Projects	14 Projects
Bird Banding Station	55 Banding sessions and 959 birds banded / recaptured
Participants and Programs	4958 visitors and participants and 40 bird programs presented
BIRD Volunteers	Team of 52 trained volunteers including Assistant BIRD Coordinator
Volunteer Hours Contributed	1507 hours and 513 visits
Partner Organizations	14 Partners
BIRD Intern	Intern funded by Lipscomb University and the Biology Department
BIRD Staff	1 16-hour per week coordinator funded through Friends of Warner Parks