

# Bird Information, Research and Data Quarterly Report

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**"Celebrate Hummingbirds Day" offered a variety of special programs & up-close views of hummingbirds to 582 visitors.**



**Students see bird research in action and learn about avian projects from John Kell and BIRD volunteers.**



**The Ovenbird gets its name from its oven-shaped nest and is a type of warbler that breeds in North America and migrates to Central America.**



**The Summer Tanager is a favorite summer red bird that nests in the Parks and travels south to spend the winter.**



**Pictured are some of the many dedicated and skilled volunteers it takes to present programs and complete projects each season. 2017 BIRD Intern Haley Powell is third from the right.**



**Chris Sloan, FOWP Board Member and Chair of the BIRD Committee, led committee members and volunteers in planning the first-ever Hummingbird Happy Hour "for the birds."**

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## BIRD Program Accomplishments

- Volunteers contributed **402 hours and 125 visits**.
- Bird Research Projects and Programs connected with over **1877 visitors**.
- Haley Powell worked as the BIRD Intern, 1 June—31 July, assisted with programs and projects and conducted an independent research project. This is the second year of this partnership with Dr. John Lewis, Lipscomb University and the Biology Department. Thank you John, Haley and LU for your support!
- Kathy Shaw and Sandy Bivens attended a two-day Excel class funded by a Frist Technology Grant in July.
- Planned hummingbird migration projects & programs and fall projects & programs through December.
- Coordinator attended the ANCA Conference in Alabama in August.
- **Hummingbird Happy Hour—an evening of art and jazz for the birds!** The BIRD Committee, chair Chris Sloan, continued support of the BIRD program especially in planning and presenting the first-ever bird event. The committee, volunteers and Nature Center & FOWP staff worked many hours to make this a successful evening for the birds. The event also was the opening of a very special art and photography exhibit “For the Birds” by Anne Goetze and Nathan Collie, long-time supporters of the Warner Parks and birds.
- Kathy Shaw again entered all MAPS data and sent to the Institute of Bird Populations as she has done for many years and also completed the habitat inventory that is required every 5 years. Thank you Kathy!
- Coordinator worked 211 hours and volunteered 110 hours.

## Bird Projects and Programs

- **MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) Breeding Bird Banding Study:** 27th season for this continent-wide research project in Warner Park. 4 of 10 sessions this quarter. A few notable species included Louisiana Waterthrush, Wood Thrush, Pileated Woodpecker, Summer Tanager, Kentucky Warbler, Indigo Bunting and Red-eyed Vireo. 816 visitors, including individuals, families, community centers, field trips and Camp Warner Park learned about birds. Special thanks to each of the 17 MAPS volunteers!
- **Hummingbird Migration Project:** 13 banding sessions held Aug-Sept with 106 birds banded and 31 recaptures. Heather Gallagher, Coordinator, with team of 21 volunteers made this long-term project possible and an educational experience for 748 visitors this season. Hummer projects were also held at the three other nature centers; Bells Bend (Kathy Shaw Coordinator) and Beaman and Shelby (Sandy Bivens).
- **Fall Migration Banding Project:** Long-term migration banding project started 19 September this season and will continue through November with 11 sessions scheduled.
- **Bird Programs:** 8 bird programs and hikes, with 766 participants, were held including the Celebrate Hummingbird Day on 26 August with 572 participants.
- **NTOS Fall Bird Count:** Rachel Anderson and Kim Bailey lead the fall count in Warner Park on 30 September with this long-term project coordinated by the TN Ornithological Society, Nashville Chapter.
- **BIRD Intern Projects:** BIRD Intern Haley entered Breeding Bird records (1985-2017) into a spread sheet, entered bluebird data, assisted with all projects & programs and developed her own research project.
- **eBird Project:** Haley Powell continued entering historical bluebird banding records, and volunteers John Kell and Cheryl Brummal entered current and historical Warner Park data.
- **Bluebird Project:** Diana McLusky, Coordinator, with John Kell and the bluebird team continued to monitor the 50 nest boxes weekly and band nestlings this quarter and will complete the project in October.
- **Purple Martin Project:** Heather Gallagher, with volunteers and visitors, monitored Purple Martin boxes. This year the nature center had a consistent purple martin population, and nestlings were banded in July.

Bird Education and Research Program Coordinator Sandy Bivens, Assistant Coordinator Kathy Shaw

Submitted by Sandy Bivens, November 2017