



The BUULA News

A publication of the Burke Lake Banding Station
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University

A non-profit organization dedicated to research of avian health and migration, education of current and future ornithological professionals, and outreach for our community at a unique place to learn about, connect with, and appreciate a diverse bird community

Spring 2015





SPRING 2015

This season we saw some big changes to the operation of BULA. One of those changes was the addition of the **Sponsor-a-net program**. Sponsor-a-net is an annual donation that will go toward supporting a specific mist net (replacing old nets and supplies associated with mist nets). In giving such a donation, a plaque with the donor's name will be placed near the mist net and each donor will receive a list of all the species captured in that particular net. Sponsoring a net is a great way to show your support for Burke Lake Banding Station!

Another big addition to the banding station is the floating boardwalk. If you have ever visited BULA then you know how wet and muddy it is. Over 1/3 a mile long, this boardwalk is the culmination of hard work, sweat, poison sumac rashes, and LOTS of wood. A huge thank you to all those that helped carry, cut, nail, and make this boardwalk a reality. It was not exactly a “professional” job, but we sure are proud of this crucial accomplishment!



A sponsor-a-net plaque near net 25.

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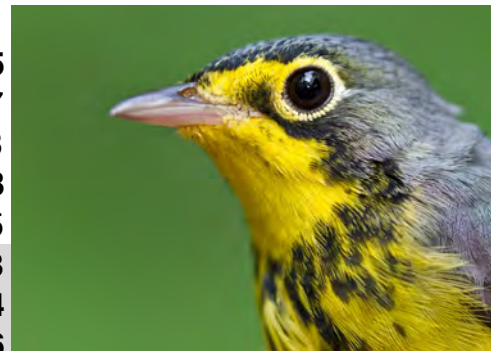
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We are looking forward to the 2015 season, and with that we need to start fundraising for the fall. Contingent upon that success, we will be open for banding everyday from August 15th – October 15th (weather-permitting). We need to raise **\$8000** to make the fall season happen. Please give us your support to help us continue providing a wonderful hands-on opportunity for the community!

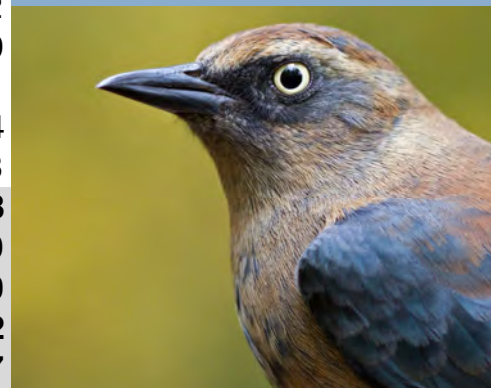
In addition, we will be open for the month of **May** to capture spring migrants. Typically we catch far fewer birds (number and species), but the birds more than make up for it with their bright breeding plumages. We run with a small, volunteer-based crew in spring; hence, we are only open 4-5 days per week.

2014 FALL BANDING SUMMARY

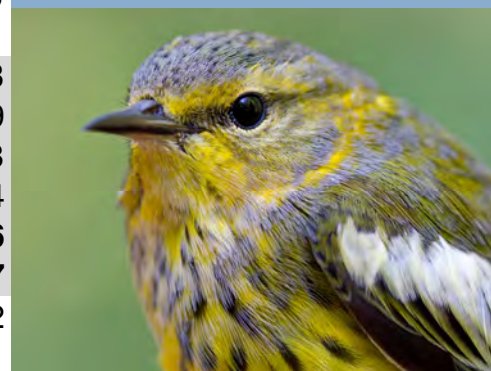
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Northern Parula	1
American Woodcock	4	Yellow Warbler	5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	Chestnut-sided Warbler	37
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	52	Magnolia Warbler	253
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	Cape May Warbler	3
Downy Woodpecker	14	Black-throated Blue Warbler	35
Hairy Woodpecker	3	Black-throated Green Warbler	18
Yellow-shafted Flicker	8	Blackburnian Warbler	4
Eastern Wood Pewee	4	Bay-breasted Warbler	6
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	21	Blackpoll Warbler	19
Traill's Flycatcher	7	Black-and-white Warbler	30
Least Flycatcher	8	Myrtle Warbler	34
Great-crested Flycatcher	7	Western Palm Warbler	2
Eastern Phoebe	4	American Redstart	232
Blue-headed Vireo	7	Ovenbird	49
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	Northern Waterthrush	41
Philadelphia Vireo	8	Mourning Warbler	4
Red-eyed Vireo	34	Common Yellowthroat	203
Blue Jay	26	Connecticut Warbler	3
Black-capped Chickadee	51	Wilson's Warbler	20
Tufted Titmouse	11	Canada Warbler	30
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	76	Scarlet Tanager	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	32	American Tree Sparrow	17
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	Field Sparrow	2
Brown Creeper	2	Song Sparrow	41
House Wren	6	Swamp Sparrow	25
Winter Wren	18	Lincoln's Sparrow	5
Marsh Wren	1	Fox Sparrow	5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	White-throated Sparrow	106
Veery	40	Eastern White-crowned Sparrow	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	20	Slate-colored Junco	13
Swainson's Thrush	155	Northern Cardinal	9
Hermit Thrush	76	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	78
Wood Thrush	23	Indigo Bunting	4
American Robin	297	Red-winged Blackbird	6
Gray Catbird	241	Rusty Blackbird	7
Brown Thrasher	6	Common Grackle	2
Cedar Waxwing	25	Baltimore Oriole	1
Blue-winged Warbler	5	Purple Finch	1
Tennessee Warbler	24	American Goldfinch	9
Orange-crowned Warbler	5	Total Count	2726
Nashville Warbler	33	Number of Species	82



It was a great year for Canada Warblers! We caught more this year than our previous high count of 20 set in 2012! Photo by Zak Pohlen



Rusty Blackbird was a new species this season! Rusty Blackbirds have been in serious decline, and are considered a threatened species. Photo by Zak Pohlen



This young male Cape May Warbler was 1 of 3 caught this fall at BULA. Photo by Zak Pohlen

***Bolded** numbers represent high counts for the station's history. Remember though, this was the first season we were open in October!*

Top 10 species captured throughout the years

2012		2013		2014		
1	Swainson's Thrush	594	Swainson's Thrush	360	American Robin	297
2	Gray Catbird	427	Gray Catbird	335	Magnolia Warbler	253
3	American Redstart	233	American Redstart	230	Gray Catbird	241
4	Magnolia Warbler	204	Common Yellowthroat	179	American Redstart	232
5	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	138	Magnolia Warbler	127	Common Yellowthroat	203
6	Common Yellowthroat	124	Red-eyed Vireo	101	Swainson's Thrush	155
7	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	99	American Robin	88	White-throated Sparrow	106
8	Red-eyed Vireo	92	Wood Thrush	76	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	78
9	Ovenbird	68	Ovenbird	69	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	76
10	Wood Thrush	60	Nashville Warbler	56	Hermit Thrush	76

New species for the 2014 fall banding season

Marsh Wren

Western Palm Warbler

Rusty Blackbird

American Tree Sparrow

Fox Sparrow

Purple Finch

Eastern Phoebe



Purple Finch. Photo by Zak Pohlen



Marsh Wren. Photo by Zak Pohlen



Fox Sparrow. Photo by Zak Pohlen

Outreach at Burke Lake Banding Station



Photo top left by Jen Owen. All other photos by Greg Smith.

Fall 2014 was the first FULL season open to the public! We had an amazing year with over 300 visitors! In addition to families and individuals visiting the station, we also hosted three Michigan State University classes (Ornithology, Wildlife Research & Management Techniques, and Introduction to Environmental Crime), over 40 homeschooled children and their families, and put on a very successful open house for MSU's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Thank you to all those that came out to the banding station; we hope to see you all this next spring and fall!

FUNDRAISING

As many of you know, 2014 was the first year in which we funded the banding station through private donations and support from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. We are now looking forward to our 2015 field season and will again need to raise sufficient funds via private donations to open. Our current fundraising goal is \$8,000. Please provide your financial support to help us to continue providing a wonderful hands-on opportunity for people of all ages!

We would also like to thank everyone who has already donated. At present, we are ahead of where we were this time last year! We welcome donations anytime of the year and that can be done via our website, or with the attached donation form. Burke Lake Banding Station is part of Michigan State University which is a 501(c)(3) organization; hence, all donations are tax deductible.

Our website has changed... It's the same beautiful site, just with a new URL!

www.bula.fw.msu.edu

And always, keep up to date with us on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/BULAbandingstation>

Do you eBird?

Burke Lake Banding Station is an official eBird hotspot!

If you have ever entered or plan on entering the birds we catch into eBird, please consider the following information:

Banding data is treated differently than other birding data. Please answer "no" to "are you reporting all species" if you are only reporting netted birds. Answer "yes" if you include netted and observed birds.

Happy birding!

Burke Lake Banding Station Merchandise!

We have t-shirts (long-sleeved and short-sleeved), hats, and stickers! If you would like to buy BULA apparel contact us at:

burkelakebanding@gmail.com

We would like to dedicate this page to all those who have donated in 2014 to Burke Lake Banding Station. We cannot run this station without public support and we are truly grateful for all the time and money spent to keep us running another season. THANK YOU!

Sponsor-a-net Donors

Jeff and Petra Gehring
The Martineau Family
David E.S and Mary Anne Marvin
Liz and Mark Urban
Murphy Elementary 2014-2015 5th Graders
Jacob Plotkin and Susan Schuur

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
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Wild Ones in honor of Zak Pohlen
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Burke Lake Banding Station Pledge Form

We strive to advance agriculture using multidisciplinary approaches to generate, teach, disseminate and provide opportunities to promising students as well as bring academic excellence to our programs and strengthen our ability to address important issues in agriculture.

Donor Information (please print or type)

Name			
Spouse name			
Billing address			
City			
State		Zip Code	
Telephone (home)			
E-Mail			

My pledge:

I (we) pledge a total of \$ _____

My pledge will be paid as follows:

___ Cash ___ Check ___ Payroll Deduction (http://www.givingto.msu.edu/media/2012_AllU_Pledge_Form.pdf)

___ Credit Card (<https://givingto.msu.edu/gift/?sid=1338>)

Gift will be matched by _____ (company/family/foundation).

___ form enclosed ___ form will be forwarded

Pledge is in Memory of/In Honor Of:

Name IHO/IMO:
Name and Address of IHO/IMO Contact:
Signature(s)
Date

Please make checks, or other gifts payable to: Michigan State University, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources External Relations, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 W. Circle Drive, Room 319, East Lansing, MI 48824

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