

## Spring 2008 Banding Notes:

Notable for the spring banding season was a high count of Swainson's Thrush with 16 banded.

Another high-count species was Orange-crowned Warblers. We usually catch more Orange-crowns in fall, so banding 16 in spring stood out. Fall counts have ranged up to 75 in 2005.

Three Virginia Warbler hasn't been matched since fall of 2004. This is another bird that we see more often in spring than fall.

Yellow Warblers were well represented with 26 being banded, the best spring count since 2005.

Fifteen Yellow-breasted Chats were banded, the most in spring since 2000 (records are grouped prior to 2000). Some years Chats are more common in spring and some years in fall.

At 44 Chipping Sparrow set an all-time record for spring or fall, with the next nearest high number being 20.

There were no Brown-headed Cowbirds captured this spring, usually 3 - 6 are banded.

Seventeen Lazuli Buntings were banded. This is the most since an inexplicable 51 were banded in spring of 2001.

This spring was quite productive with half as many net/hours logged as last spring, but almost twice as many individuals of 36 species banded. Two new species were added to the list of species banded: Violet-green Swallow and White-eyed Vireo.