
**2013 BANDING PROJECT REPORT
ALLEGRA COLLISTER NATURE PRESERVE**

Maggie Boswell, Lead Bander

The spring season was abbreviated with banding happening on only four days. The overall capture rate was low, but still in the normal range. This fall the flood caused a two-week hiatus in banding and caused Marcel and Joel Such to focus on flood recovery, school and running rather than banding. Virginia Dionigi's husband had a hip replaced, which took her out of the picture for several weeks. The flood and lack of volunteers during prime fall migration may have affected results. The fall capture rate was an all-time low. The number of species banded was normal, but numbers of individuals of American Robins, Orange-crowned Warblers, Wilson's Warblers and Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow were quite low compared to years prior to 2012. 2012 showed a similar pattern to 2013. Black-capped Chickadee numbers were below normal also.

That said, we did band a single individual White-breasted Nuthatch and Townsend's Warbler bringing the total to 6 for each species since 1991. The highlight of the year was finally capturing a Carolina Wren which had been singing in the gulch since we started clearing net lanes in August. We could follow its movements by noting where it was singing, but rarely saw it.

We had no foreign captures (capturing a bird that had been banded somewhere else), nor have any of our birds been reported from elsewhere this season.

290 volunteer/hours have been logged to date. Dave Such helped with mowing and Renee Haip helped closing. Marcel and Joel helped prior to the flood and helped close. As always, Virginia was there whenever possible.



White-breasted Nuthatch, Boulder County
By Bill Schmoker