Notes from ACNP banding station for 2022

Other than a shorter than usual spring season thanks to weather, 2022 was a pretty normal year. In spring the team only got out 7 days. The fall season (17 days in 2022) runs longer and the weather tends to be more stable.

The main surprise was capturing our first Philadelphia Vireo, bringing our species list to 138 species banded.

This year we banded 10 species of warblers in spring and 10 species in fall, 18 individuals in spring and 137 in fall. Common Yellowthroat only come thru in spring while Townsend's Warblers only pass thru in fall. The nineth Townsend's was banded this fall with the most recent prior Townsend's being banded in 2015. Our fourth Black-and-white Warbler was banded in spring, while the third one was banded in 2010.

Wilson's Warbler is our predominant species in fall, 66 this year. Gray Catbirds are our most common spring capture at 13. This fall we banded our third Mourning Dove and third Say's Phoebe, with our first Say's banded in 2018.

There are 26 species that we have only banded once since 1991: four sparrows—Sage Sparrow, Lark Bunting, Fox Sparrow and Harris's Sparrow; six warblers—Hooded Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler and Blue-winged Warbler. Other outliers include Eastern Kingbird, Northern Shrike, Cassin's Finch, Baltimore and Orchard Oriole.

With the lengthening days we are starting to prepare for spring banding!

Female Black-throated Blue Warbler:



Philadelphia Vireo:

