

**Black Swamp Bird Observatory
Navarre, Ottawa NWR Banding Station
Spring 2026**

The 35th spring season began daily 1 April at the primary passerine banding station of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Operations are conducted daily weather permitting from mid-April to early June. Only raw data (i.e., uncorrected for effort) are presented here, all this data should be considered provisional. They are presented here for general interest, not as scientific analyses.

Due to Covid-19 the station was not run in 2020 and 2021.

Spring 2026 Banding - New Bandings only

Date	Number Banded 2026	Accumulative Banded 2026	Birds/Net Hour	Same Date 2025
4-1				56
4-3	39	39	1.37	81
4-4	63	102	0.72	106
4-5		102		106
4-6	51	153	0.53	106
4-7	COLD	153		133
4-8	80	233	0.98	133
4-9	63	296	0.76	159
4-10	44	340	0.49	185
4-11	57	397	0.47	200
4-12	25	422	0.24	224
4-13	RAIN	422		355
4-14	84	506	1.00	461
4-15	87	593	0.93	461
4-16	74	667	0.94	510
4-17	44	711	0.45	553
4-18	16	727	1.84	691
4-19	128	855	1.04	691
4-20	125	980	1.51	732
4-21	70	1050	0.59	778
4-22	101	1151	0.82	873
4-23	53	1204	0.47	997
4-24	195	1399	1.63	1118
4-25	121	1520	0.88	1302
4-26	50	1570	0.48	1376
4-27	44	1614	0.32	1538
4-28	56	1670	0.44	1628
4-29	13	1683	0.15	1703
4-30	28	1711	0.33	1762
5-01	RAIN	1711		1876
5-02	96	1807	0.87	2135
5-03	41	1848	0.31	2135
5-04	157	2005	1.18	2135
5-05	233	2238	2.13	2237
5-06	297	2535	1.93	2410
5-07	156	2691	1.00	2548
5-08	294	2985	2.10	2621
5-09	182	3167	1.25	2730
5-10	134	3301	1.08	2825
5-11	113	3414	0.79	2901
5-12	102	3516	0.72	2983
5-13	487	4003	4.04	2983
5-14	252	4255	2.65	3307
5-15	163	4418	1.09	3647

Date	Number Banded 2026	Accumulative Banded 2026	Birds/Net Hour	Same Date 2025
5-16	522	4940	5.03	4106
5-17	414	5354	3.41	4302
5-18	456	5810	5.29	4527
5-19	410	6220	3.16	4657
5-20	RAIN	6220		4711
5-21	26	6246	1.31	4883
5-22	29	6275	1.21	4883
5-23	RAIN	6275		5133
5-24	461	6736	2.63	5492
5-25	206	6942	1.37	5745
5-26	146	7088	0.98	5828
5-27	98	7186	0.65	5866
5-28	51	7237	0.37	5933
5-29	107	7344	0.71	6111
5-30	WIND	7344		6220
5-31	39	7383	0.29	6252
6-01	100	7483	0.67	6428
6-02				6560
6-03				6705

Bird Movement:

Returns: Each year we recover 200-300 banded birds returning from previous years. Returns so far for 2025:

Species summary for the Navarre banding station, spring 2026. Includes first/last capture, peak capture, 2026 new banded total, 2025 total for the species, and the total, high year, and average for 1989-2025. The station began operation in 1981 but was not run daily until 1989.

The last date is only included if the species' main migration has passed through the region.

2026 totals bold if surpassed year 2025 totals, blue if surpassed average, and red if record year

Updated last: 1 June

Species	First /Last Capture	Peak Capture	2026 Total	2025 Total	1989 - 2025 (no 20-21)		
					Total	High	Ave
Green Heron	5/7-15		2	1	11	5	<1
Virginia Rail					1	1	<1
Sora					9	3	<1
American Woodcock					17	3	<1
Solitary Sandpiper					3	1	<1
Mourning Dove				1	22	4	<1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4/25-5/4	5/4-2	3	8	136	14	4
Cooper's Hawk	5/6		1	0	7	1	<1
Red-tailed Hawk					1	1	<1
American Kestrel				1	20	3	<1
Northern Saw-whet Owl					1	1	<1

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Eastern Screech-Owl	4/4		1	0	9	2	<1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5/19	5/19-3	3	0	70	6	2
Black-billed Cuckoo	5/17-26		2	2	114	9	3
Belted Kingfisher					3	2	<1
Hairy Woodpecker	5/14		1	2	26	5	<1
Downy Woodpecker	4/22		1	5	171	10	5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4/9-21	4/9-2	6	8	114	11	3
Red-headed Woodpecker	4/19		1	0	7	1	<1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4/21		5	1	43	5	1
Yellow-shafted Flicker	4/4	4/4-2	5	11	215	21	6
Chuck-will's-widow					1	1	<1
Eastern Whip-poor-will	4/24-5/14	5/4-3	8	1	32	3	<1
Common Nighthawk					1	1	<1
Chimney Swift					1	1	<1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5/6	5/14-22	88	75	1517	115	52
Eastern Kingbird	5/24	5/24-2	4	4	173	12	5
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/16		3	16	741	44	21
Eastern Phoebe	4/3-15	4/6-4	14	27	230	27	7
Olive-sided Flycatcher				3	62	7	2
Eastern Wood Pewee	5/13	5/16-4	16	27	1124	53	32
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5/16-6/1	5/19-28	87	117	3889	216	111
Acadian Flycatcher	5/15-27	5/19-3	9	5	884	125	25
Trail's Flycatcher	5/8	5/18-57	260	256	10315	648	295
Least Flycatcher	5/3-29	5/16-10	67	71	3294	186	94
Dusky Flycatcher					1	1	<1
Blue Jay	4/16	4/17-2	12	38	1633	205	47
Brown-headed Cowbird	4/4	4/19-3	18	9	106	27	3
Red-winged Blackbird	4/3	6/1-37	235	208	5107	301	146
Orchard Oriole	5/14		1	2	57	4	2
Baltimore Oriole	5/4	5/5-3	10	12	1149	72	33
Rusty Blackbird	4/6-21	4/17-3	11	2	167	21	5
Common Grackle	4/4	4/4-3	42	26	694	50	20
Purple Finch					50	15	1
House Finch					30	8	<1
American Goldfinch	5/5		3	9	1771	192	51
Pine Siskin					3	1	<1
Vesper Sparrow					1	1	<1
Savanna Sparrow	5/8		1	0	12	2	<1
Grasshopper Sparrow					5	2	<1
Henslow's Sparrow					4	1	<1
Nelson's Sparrow					1	1	<1
LeConte's Sparrow					1	1	<1
Harris Sparrow					1	1	<1
White-crowned Sparrow	4/23-5/15	5/13-4	12	10	1488	86	43
White-crowned Sparrow Gambel's					25	4	<1
White-throated Sparrow	4/3-5/27	4/24-146	915	587	17391	756	497
American Tree Sparrow	4/4-12	4/8-11	16	24	263	49	8
Chipping Sparrow	4/9-5/5		2	1	122	12	3
Clay-colored Sparrow					9	2	<1
Field Sparrow	4/9-22	4/9-4	7	7	328	27	9

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Slate-colored Junco	4/3-27	4/9-6	19	35	594	87	17
Song Sparrow	4/3	4/4-6	45	90	1757	112	50
Lincoln's Sparrow	4/23-6/1	5/8-10	79	98	3206	196	92
Swamp Sparrow	4/4	5/6-33	197	95	5881	384	168
Fox Sparrow	4/3-19	4/8-33	79	57	736	87	21
Eastern Towhee	4/15-23	4/19-2	4	2	116	10	3
Spotted Towhee					1	1	<1
Northern Cardinal	4/3	5/12-5	60	43	1455	72	42
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/2-14	5/5-2	6	7	771	106	22
Blue Grosbeak					1	1	<1
Indigo Bunting	5/5-6/1	5/13-4	30	35	2906	165	83
Scarlet Tanager	5/8-25	5/8-2	3	5	212	17	6
Summer Tanager					23	3	<1
Purple Martin					2	2	<1
Barn Swallow					14	5	<1
Tree Swallow	4/8	5/29-6	47	26	650	51	19
N. Rough-winged Swallow	5/12		1	1	6	2	<1
Cedar Waxwing	5/18-29	5/29-6	9	4	1309	198	37
Loggerhead Shrike					1	1	<1
Red-eyed Vireo	5/4	5/25-16	97	83	5643	385	161
Philadelphia Vireo	5/14-6/1	5/16-4	21	29	849	59	24
Eastern Warbling Vireo	5/2	5/13-4	13	20	861	54	25
Yellow-throated Vireo					59	8	2
Blue-headed Vireo	4/23-5/25	5/4-3	11	21	756	53	22
White-eyed Vireo	4/25-5/14	5/14-2	5	4	375	23	11
Black-and-white Warbler	4/9-5/25	5/14-9	62	69	3135	359	90
Hybrid warbler					3	1	<1
Prothonotary Warbler	5/6	5/16-2	17	18	320	18	9
Swainson's Warbler					2	1	<1
Worm-eating Warbler	4/20-22		2	0	38	5	1
Blue-winged Warbler	4/22-5/18	5/5-2	9	7	544	31	16
"Brewster's Warbler"	5/5-19		2	0	20	3	<1
"Lawrence's Warbler"					2	1	<1
Golden-winged Warbler	5/6		1	2	127	11	4
Nashville Warbler	4/24-5/24	5/4-17	64	80	6648	432	190
Orange-crowned Warbler	4/15-5/24	4/19-5	9	6	364	27	10
Tennessee Warbler	5/4-6/1	5/16-25	100	113	3882	268	111
Northern Parula	4/24-5/24	5/13-3	19	22	583	59	17
Cape May Warbler	5/6-24	5/14-6	23	14	1022	83	29
Yellow Warbler	4/21	5/13-36	309	300	13098	563	374
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/5-27	5/13-7	35	28	1821	131	52
Myrtle Warbler	4/6-5/16	5/8-45	362	394	18268	1412	522
Magnolia Warbler	5/5-6/1	5/16-161	570	594	20684	1282	591
Cerulean Warbler					51	6	2
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/12-29	5/16-21	99	101	4758	231	136
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/13-29	5/18-25	110	99	2223	137	64
Blackpoll Warbler	5/16-29	5/26-8	37	30	2297	176	66
Blackburnian Warbler	5/6-29	5/16-8	25	20	1098	70	31
Yellow-throated Warbler					5	1	<1
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/4-29	5/25-4	24	27	2019	119	58

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Kirtland Warbler					3	1	<1
Pine Warbler	4/21	4/21-2	3	2	65	9	2
Western Palm Warbler	4/17-5/29	5/6-20	101	135	5237	464	150
Yellow Palm Warbler				1	49	6	1
Prairie Warbler					30	3	<1
Ovenbird	5/2-6/1	5/8-12	99	101	4386	262	125
Northern Waterthrush	4/14-5/25	5/6-18	96	90	3142	172	90
Louisiana Waterthrush	4/10-14		2	2	49	6	1
Kentucky Warbler					54	7	2
Connecticut Warbler	5/17-6/1	5/24-4	9	3	252	11	7
Mourning Warbler	5/13-6/1	5/17-14	106	87	3349	152	96
Common Yellowthroat	4/24	5/24-52	351	292	10568	534	302
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/5-22		3	4	233	21	7
Hooded Warbler	5/5-16		2	10	263	18	8
Wilson's Warbler	4/24-6/1	5/24-21	131	134	6335	328	181
Canada Warbler	5/8-31	5/17-31	104	133	4084	220	117
American Redstart	5/6-29	5/24-46	270	265	9898	517	283
Northern Mockingbird					1	1	<1
Gray Catbird	4/17	5/13-94	696	472	14504	571	414
Brown Thrasher	4/3	4/11-4	25	15	528	25	15
Carolina Wren	4/10		5	3	125	9	4
House Wren	4/15	4/21-6	54	51	3216	138	92
Winter Wren	4/3-23	4/4-3	10	11	545	55	16
Marsh Wren	4/26		3	2	37	4	1
Brown Creeper	4/3-15	4/4-6	21	71	1064	99	30
White-breasted Nuthatch	5/19		1	2	15	2	<1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4/11-5/6	4/19-2	9	1	221	41	6
Black-capped Chickadee	4/12		1	2	58	7	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4/3-19	4/3-9	32	72	2217	294	63
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4/3-5/14	5/8-18	168	132	7353	398	210
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/6-5/11	5/2-5	29	13	1576	130	45
Wood Thrush	4/19-5/22	5/5-6	28	25	956	59	27
Veery	5/4-24	5/13-24	88	57	2594	127	74
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/6-6/1	5/13-7	30	14	1244	116	36
Swainson's Thrush	4/28-6/1	5/17-47	235	179	8366	476	239
Hermit Thrush	4/3-5/11	4/10-15	190	144	4900	262	140
American Robin	4/3	5/24-2	15	22	763	43	22
Eastern Bluebird				2	18	2	<1
TOTAL			7,483	6,705	262,722	10,360	7,506