

Owl's Hill Bird Banding Research Project



Indigo Bunting



Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Summary of Fall 2023 Banding Season

We had another rewarding fall banding season – completing 4 sessions during October and November. For the fall season we captured 46 birds (45 new and only 1 recapture). There were 18 different species represented. The average capture rate per session was 11 birds (the high was 14 on October 16 and 23, and the low was 5 on October 2). We also enjoyed some beautiful fall weather for most of the sessions – with only one rain out on October 30.

The most captured birds of the season were white-throated sparrow (8), song sparrow (5) and Carolina chickadee (5). Notable other captures included 3 ruby-crowned kinglets, 2 hermit thrushes, 2 swamp sparrows, an ovenbird, a wood thrush, a Tennessee warbler and 2 indigo buntings. I thought it was unusual that we did not capture any goldfinches. And, we only had one recapture for the fall – a tufted titmouse that was first banded on April 18, 2022.

As always I want to thank Susan Duvenhage and the Owl's Hill staff for supporting this research, as well as all the volunteers who made it possible this season. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I'll be working on spring banding dates soon – think April - it will be here before you know it.

Enjoy the winter and get out there with the birds!



White-throated Sparrow



Ovenbird