



## 2022 Fall Fort Morgan Bird Banding Report



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The BCA crew, made up of volunteers, included folks from all over Alabama and from afar representing a variety of backgrounds including academic professionals, birding enthusiasts, and undergraduates and graduates from universities. We operated the banding at the Stables area. The weather was mild and sunny with a few windy days (we did not have any rain). We banded for a short period the first day after we set up on September 29<sup>th</sup> for the VIP sponsors event and banded through October 7<sup>th</sup>. In total, we banded 654 individuals of 47 species. We had an estimated 800 people visit the station this year. We are grateful for our wonderful visitors and supporters who helped make this year a success. While our total number was up from last year (we banded 436 in 2021), our species count was 10 lower compared to the 2021 season (Rhodes and Shepard 2021). Our most productive day was on 9/30/22 when we banded 125 birds total. Our top five species by highest banded count were (from highest to lowest): Gray Catbird, Wood Thrush, Swainson’s Thrush, American Redstart, and Magnolia Warbler. Our most notable bird banded was the third Alabama record for Yellow-green Vireo banded on 9/30/22. Of note, we banded the second record of this species the fall prior at our Orange Beach swamp site. Other notable species included two Wilson’s Warblers, one Eastern Whip-poor-will, and one Chuck-will’s-widow.

**Table 1:** Comprehensive list of birds banded from Sept. 29th- Oct. 7th at Ft. Morgan Stables with species and numbers listed.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Count</b>
American Redstart	48
Black-and-white Warbler	6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	19
Blue Grosbeak	2
Brown Thrasher	13
Black-throated Green Warbler	8
Carolina Chickadee	1
Carolina Wren	2
Common Yellowthroat	19
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Chuck-will's-widow	2
Eastern Phoebe	4
Eastern Whip-poor-will	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	7
Gray-cheeked Thrush	10
Gray Catbird	124
Hooded Warbler	3
House Wren	14
Indigo Bunting	8



**Yellow-green Vireo**

Least Flycatcher	3
Magnolia Warbler	38
Marsh Wren	1
Northern Cardinal	4
Northern Mockingbird	1
Northern Waterthrush	5
Ovenbird	7
Philadelphia Vireo	3
Pine Warbler	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	12
Red-eyed Vireo	16
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5
Scarlet Tanager	12
Summer Tanager	5
Swainson's Thrush	59
Tennessee Warbler	11
Veery	3
White-eyed Vireo	32
Wilson's Warbler	2
Wood Thrush	117
Western Palm Warbler	5
Yellow-breasted Chat	5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1
Yellow-green Vireo	1
Yellow-shafted Flicker	2
Yellow-throated Vireo	1



**Chuck-will's-widow**

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**Total: 654**

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**List of birds recaptured during this effort. We captured three resident birds that we had banded the previous year at the site.**

1. Recaptured on 10/1/22. Brown Thrasher we banded on 10/2/21 and aged an After-Hatching-Year. This bird is now at least 3 years of age.
2. Recaptured on 10/5/22. Carolina Chickadee we banded on 10/1/2021 and aged an After-Hatching-Year. This bird is now at least 3 years of age.
3. Recaptured on 10/3/22. Northern Mockingbird we banded on 10/5/21 and aged an After-Hatching-Year. This bird is now at least 2 years of age.

## **Literature Cited**

Rhodes and Shepard (2021). Fort Morgan Fall 2021 Bird Banding Report. [bandingcoalition.org/reports-publications](https://bandingcoalition.org/reports-publications).