

# Bird Information, Research and Data Highlights

January, February, March 2021



From left to right: Lipscomb University's Ornithology class learns about Motus—they even located our wintering Hermit Thrush with an attached LifeTag transmitter! Leah LaRocco shares a banded bird with park visitors. Rachel Anderson leads our first of the year bird hike on a chilly morning. Eagle Scout Jack Sudderth completes his Chimney Swift roost tower project located at the nature center —thanks Jack!



From left to right: A Tufted Titmouse first banded by us in Oct 2016. A recaptured Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler that is at least 7 years old. Our first-ever recaptured Golden-crowned Kinglet first banded by us in Nov 2020. A recaptured Hermit Thrush; first banded by us in 2016, recaptured in Oct 2020 and fitted with a LifeTag transmitter, then recaptured by us in March 2021. This Hermit Thrush is 4 years old and is still here, going on 167 days with us. When will it leave? Where will it breed? Will another station pick up its signal? Will it return to us again next fall?



From left to right: Elizabeth Cook is a trained volunteer & assists with the Eastern Bluebird nest box project. Covid restrictions made winter banding a quieter than normal season —Sandy banding and recording on her own. The SWEAT crew helps to install our new Purple Martin gourd system on the nature center campus. Volunteer John Kell installs a new bluebird box at the Hodge House. Started in 1936, our bluebird research is the oldest, continuous Eastern Bluebird nest box project in the U.S.

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