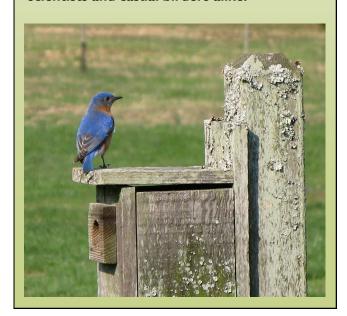


The story of bird research and education in Warner Parks is almost as old as the Parks themselves. For nearly 80 years, projects conducted by dedicated volunteers and staff have contributed to ornithological records, inspired the most unlikely of enthusiasts, and helped connect people of all ages to nature. Warner Park Nature Center's contributions to national research have put it on the map as a reputable source for information relevant to scientists and casual birders alike.



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#### **About Warner Park Nature Center**

Warner Park Nature Center is a place where people and nature come together. It serves as a gateway to Nashville's Percy and Edwin Warner Parks, as well as a natural history and education reference center for individuals, groups and schools. Its mission is to provide quality environmental education and responsible recreation; help protect, preserve, restore and manage the park ecosystem and natural resources; and raise awareness, foster respect and share enthusiasm for the natural environment. Check out the Nature Center at wpnc.nashville.gov



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## Bird Information, Research and Data

at Warner Park Nature Center



Discovery taking flight!

#### **Current Programs**

#### **Bluebird Nesting Boxes**

Ongoing since 1936, this is one of the nation's oldest bluebird box programs. Records of nest materials and size, location, and number of eggs laid and hatched are compiled weekly by staff,



volunteers and school groups. Data are shared with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.



#### **Bird Banding**

The Nature Center is one of the few places in the US where visitors can observe bird banding in action. Banders collect data essential to studying population trends in various species. Thousands of birds

have been banded at the Nature Center since 1982.

#### **Education for Everyone**

Each over 3,500 individuals are directly touch by one of the bird program's many educational experiences.

Whether a school field trip, summer enrichment program, family activity, or special event, education is the focus of all bird activities at Warner Park.



#### Project FeederWatch

Since 1995, the Nature Center has cooperated with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology on bird count studies. Observers count,

record and report the numbers of each species visiting their feeders. Local teachers are encouraged to incorporate FeederWatch into their curricula.



#### The Need

Warner Park's bird programs have inspired thousands of visitors to learn about and protect songbirds and their habitats. To continue this valuable program a Bird Research Coordinator is required to oversee these programs, which can't continue with additional funding support.

#### The Dream

Just as important as the research are the personal experiences these programs foster: a child's delight at the sound of a hummingbird's heartbeat; an adult's flash of discovery when they can identify a backyard visitor; or a youth's sense of pride when they apply concepts learned during a field trip to their schoolwork.

These programs enrich lives.



### How to help

Show your support with a financial contribution. See back of flyer for info on how to give. A gift of any amount will make a difference in covering these program costs:

**Bird Research Coordinator:** Provides leadership and banding certification.



**Equipment & Supplies:** Includes mist nets, traps, scales, and other specialized items.



**Training for staff and volunteers:** Includes workshops, memberships and classes.





**Bird Research Shelter:** Includes exhibits and group learning area. Named gift opportunity!