

# Bird Research and Projects in the Warner Parks



Eastern Bluebirds are year-round residents and use park nest boxes to raise their families. (left)  
White-throated Sparrows spend the winter in the Warner Parks and then travel north to breed. (middle)  
Wood Thrushes summer in Nashville and migrate to Central & South America for the winter. (right)

1. The Warner Park Bluebird Nesting Box Project - started in 1936 and is one of the oldest continuously run projects in the U.S. 50 Boxes monitored regularly April - August by a team of volunteers and coordinated by Diana McLusky. Over 100 nestlings banded each year.
2. Long-term Spring Migration Banding Project - four to six sessions each season and a public day.
3. Long-term Fall Migration Banding Project - four to six sessions each season and a public day.
4. Winter Banding Project - sessions each Tuesday January - February and a public Saturday session.
5. Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (M.A.P.S.) - a project of the Institute of Bird Populations and endorsed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory. Ten 6 hour sessions in the breeding season, May - August. Ongoing project in the Warner Parks since 1991.
6. Breeding Bird Survey - 25 points covering Percy and Edwin Warner Park. Ongoing since 1985.
7. Purple Martin Nest Box Project boxes monitored February – August. Nestlings banded.
8. Hummingbird Migration Banding Project - 6 - 8 sessions and a public day, Aug- Sept. Coordinated by Heather Gallagher. Ongoing since 2002.
9. Coordination of Hummingbird Migration Banding Projects at Bells Bend, Beaman and Shelby Bottoms Nature Centers - 4-6 sessions in August and September. Bells Bend Project coordinated by Kathy Shaw; Beaman and Shelby Bottoms coordinated by Sandy Bivens.
10. ProjectFeeder Watch - a project with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, ongoing at Warner Park since 1997. November - April. Coordinated by Melissa Donahue.
11. Saw-whet Owl Migration Study - coordinated by Kathy Shaw. October - February
12. eBird - a project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology & National Audubon; Warner Park bird account and banding account with current and historical records. Ongoing since 2015.
13. Feather Research - a project with the Center for Tropical Research at UCLA. Coordinated by Allison Salas, Warner is one of the first sites in the southeast to participate. Ongoing since 2015.
14. Bird Counts - a project with the TN Ornithological Society; spring, fall, winter counts held annually.