

Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) Banding Schedule for CLDC – SWAT

SWAT

Fri 30 May
Tue 10 June
Mon 23 June
Fri 4 July
Mon 14 July
Mon 21 July
Fri 1 Aug

CLDC

Sun 1 June
Sat 14 June
Sat 28 June
Sat 5 July
Sat 19 July
Sat 26 July
Sat 2 Aug

The SWAT banding station is located in the Red House side of Allegany State Park. Location was the same as last season. Please contact me for the directions of this banding site.

The CLDC banding station is located on the James A. Zaepfel Nature Sanctuary and Research Center in Napoli, NY. This is the same site it has been since 2001. Contact me for directions.

When visiting the MAPS banding station, you should be prepared.

- Banding operation starts at sunrise (most early date starts at 5:40am) and continues for exactly 6 hours. Rain days will be rescheduled by BIC (bander-in-charge) according to MAPS protocols. Although visitors are not required to arrive before sunset, the better birds are always caught earlier in the day. Motorola radios will be on station 4 (10) or 1 (0)
- Trained banding assistants will be collecting the required data on each of the birds. Protocols will be enforced with each new visitor and banding assistants might help with explaining protocols to visitors. The BIC is the only one who can assign specific duties needed to be completed for the day (which included duties for visitors, everyone can be helpful).
- Expect some visitors to arrive which could include college students and/or families with kids. When this happens the station will try to focus on the educational components but we will follow protocols and the best interest of the birds is ALWAYS our number one priority. Or you could be the only one there for the day (and you will get a crash course in helping).
- Bug spray and food is allowed but we do have rules around the station. Bug spray should be cleaned off anyone's hands before they handle a bird. Food will not be eaten around the banding table and hands must ALWAYS be cleaned before eating anything.
- Be prepared to get wet so be sure to bring proper clothing when visiting the banding station. This includes: Shoes/boots (no flipflops and most of us wear rubber boots), pants (no shorts), long sleeved shirts or sweatshirts (not required but helps with the bugs), hats (also helps with the bugs), bug spray (keep off hands), a chair to sit on, camera, field guide and your happy self!

Any other questions, please feel free to contact me though the blog on the BIO page.