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Editor's Note



Common Yellow Throat / Ryan Hagerty, USFWS It's marvelous to have all of the new data from your FBMP activities, so please get your data forms in asap if you haven't already submitted them. Each year's data is more valuable than that from the year before because it extends the length of the monitoring of your site, and provides additional data to help understand how the birds on your site and elsewhere across the province are faring.

~Mike Cadman, FBMP Coordinator

The Forest Bird Monitoring Program (FBMP) began in Ontario in 1987 to provide information on population trends and habitat associations of birds that breed in the forest interior. Sites consist of three to five stations in woodlands. Volunteers perform 10 minute point counts at each station twice between late May and early July, at which time all birds are identified by song or sight.

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Results Highlights

Over the course of the program, 257 volunteers have surveyed a total of 377 sites (Figure 1 and Figure 2). In 2006, a total of 74 sites were surveyed by 50 volunteers. ([Figure 1](#), [Figure 2](#)).

Over the last 20 years, 154 distinct species were observed. The ten most common species in terms of the number of sites where they were recorded were:

- Red-eyed Vireo (247)
- Blue Jay (234)
- Ovenbird (232)
- American Robin (230)
- Black-capped Chickadee (213)
- Great Crested Flycatcher (210)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (198)
- American Crow (194)
- Veery (184)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (168)



Downy Woodpecker/ Donna Dewhurst

In 2006 alone, the 10 most common species with regard to the number of sites at which they were recorded were:

- Red-eyed Vireo (70)
- American Robin (66)
- Blue Jay (64)
- Ovenbird (64)
- American Crow (61)
- Black-capped Chickadee (56)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (56)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (54)
- Great Crested Flycatcher (52)
- Veery (52)

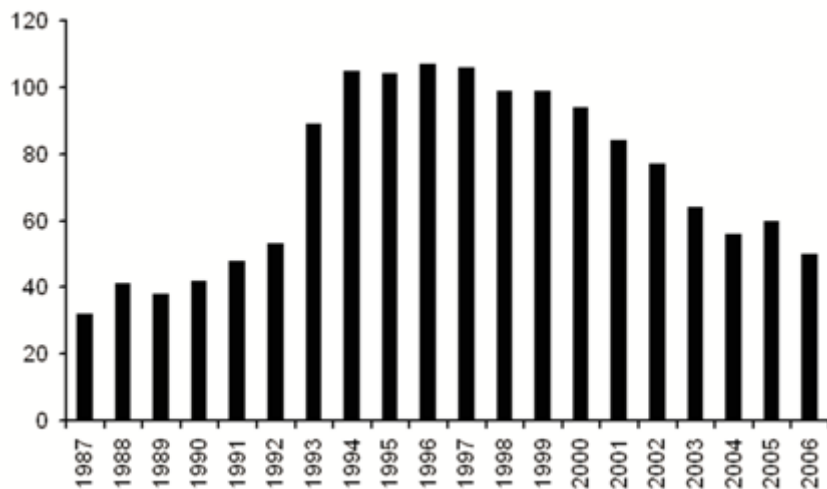


FIGURE 1: Number of FBMP participants since 1987

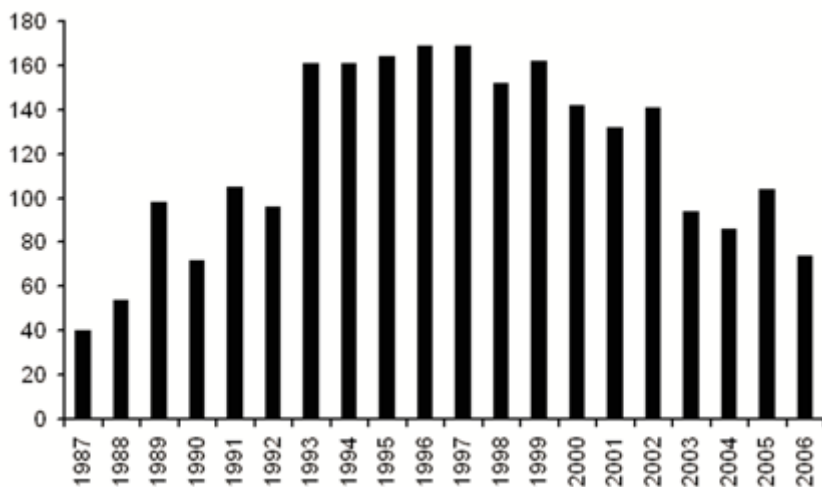


FIGURE 2: Number of sites surveyed since 1987

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Trend Analysis

Overall trends from 1987 to 2006 were determined using the Decision Support System WILDSPACE™, a CWS data management tool.

Similar to trends from the 1987-2005 period, Northern Flicker, Blackburnian Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Winter Wren, Pileated Woodpecker, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Common Yellowthroat are still showing significant declines. Joining the list of declining species are Magnolia Warbler and Downy Woodpecker. New significant increases were seen for American Goldfinch while Pine Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and American Redstart are also still on the rise.

[Species trends on FBMP sites, 1987-2006](#)



American Redstart/ S.Maslowski, USFWS

Our Amazing Volunteers

Special recognition is accorded to volunteers with an astounding 20 years of service, namely Dennis Barry, Virgil Martin, and Ron Tasker. We also congratulate all of the volunteers who have completed 10 years of participation. In 2006, congratulations go out to: Ray Blower, Joanne Dewey, Sue Greenwood, Stew Hamill, Dave Martin, Larry Martyn, Deryl Nethercott, Ted Presant, Al Sandilands, and John Woodcock. You will each receive a limited edition FBMP pen and a certificate of recognition.

Volunteers with 5+ years of experience with the FBMP	
Years of Participation	Volunteers
20	Dennis Barry, Virgil Martin, Ron Tasker
19	Rick Ludkin, Margaret McLaren, Kathryn Lindsay, Ron Weir
18	Bruce Falls, Bill McIlveen, Cynthia Suhay
17	Chris Bell
16	Bruce Duncan, Jon McCracken, Chris Sanders, Dan Strickland
15	Jacques Bouvier, Paul Hector, Ron Scovell
14	Peter Blancher, George Bryant, Fred Caloren, Al Harris, Joe Johnson, Doug Martin, Lynn Paibomesai, Don Scanlan, Chris Wedeles
13	Chris Earley, Chris Ellingwood, Daniel Entz, James Martin, Jim Spruce, Ron Tozer
12	David Cattrall, Ted Cheskey, Gary Nielsen, Don Shanahan, Bill Wilson
11	David Bree, Rob Crawford, Bonnie Devillers, Connie Downes, Nick Escott, Manson

	Fleguel, Sarah Mainguy, Andy Steinberg, Jim Wilson
10	Joanne Dewey, Stew Hamill, Helen Hutchinson, Helen Inch, Karl Konze, Larry Martyn, Jean Niskanen, Sandra Parsons, Ted Present, Reinder Westerhoff
9	Ray Blower, Sue Greenwodd, Dave Martin, Deryl Nethercott, Nick Quickert, Al Sandilands, Audrey Wilson, John Woodcock
8	Mike Cadman, Rob Cheskey, Joan Donnelly, Tony Edwards, James Forrest, Judith Kennedy, Pete Read, Ron Ridout, Peter Stinnissen
7	Sylvia Biribauer, Mike Bouman, Gary Clay, Don Fillman, Richard Knapton, Ireve McIlveen, Craig Potter, Paul Pratt, Lynne Richardson, Ilmar Talvila, Dan Welsh, Mark Wiercinski
>6	Madeline Austen, Richard Blacquiere, John Cartwright, Bill Crins, Mary Gartshore, Peter Goering, Cory Harris, Ross James, John McLaughlin, Erwin Meissner, Kathy Parker, Bob Sachs, Don Stuckey, Janice Sukhiani, Steve Wendt, Charlie Whitelaw, Alfred Adamo, John Blaney, Terry Bradt, Gerhard Bruins, Tom Cosburn, Sandy Dobbyn, Richard Frank, David Hawke, Michelle Hudolin, Mike Lepage, Ken Mccllwrick, Annette Mess, Chris Michener, Richard Moore, Bill Murphy, Kenton Otterbein, Jack Patch, Ken Towle, Bob Whittam

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A Few Notes

Retiring a Site – we know that eventually the day may come when, for whatever reason, you are no longer able to continue to survey one or more of the sites you currently monitor. It is appreciated if you can let the FBMP staff know when you retire a site. Consider asking a birder in your area if he/she would be interested in taking over the site and offer to help them locate the stations and get them started.

Picking up a Site – new sites are still being set up, so if you have an appropriate location for a new site and wish to set one up, please contact the office. If you would like to pick up an existing but retired site, there are a few available although it is easiest when the former volunteer for the site is willing to show the locations. Again, if interested, please do not hesitate to contact FBMP staff.

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