

Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT

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Park District Aids in Bird Banding

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The Centerville-Washington Park District hosted a bird banding session at Bill Yeck Park on Wednesday, May 25. Volunteer Naturalists and interested citizens were able to see how the birds are caught in the mist nets and help collect important data from each bird. Data collected included aging the birds by looking at wing feathers, weighing, measuring, and of course, banding the birds. This data is sent to Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland. They keep track of data coming in from all over the United States and Canada. Birds that were caught on Wednesday include cardinals, wood thrushes, indigo buntings, Carolina wren, and a rare catch, a Kentucky Warbler. If you find a dead bird with a band you can help by sending the band with your name, address, date found, place found, and how you found the bird in an envelope to Bird Banding Laboratory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, MD 20811.

The Centerville-Washington Park District was established by residents in 1959 and currently operates seven community parks, seven nature parks, and 34 neighborhood parks in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information on this or other projects of the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or check the website, www.cwpd.org.

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Kentucky Warbler



Banding a Cardinal