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## ☐ Recapping a busy 2016

A few of the major developments from last season:

- Once again, our efforts were largely directed at ongoing studies and monitoring of Cerulean Warbler (Endangered) and Red-headed Woodpecker (Threatened). FBS completed two rounds of surveys for Ceruleans in Frontenac Provincial Park and Queen's University Biological Station. This project which began in 2013 is addressing the need for an effective long-term monitoring scheme for this critically imperiled songbird in Ontario.
- Like Cerulean Warbler, the Red-headed Woodpecker seems to be faring exceptionally well in Frontenac Provincial Park. For a third consecutive season, we found increased numbers of this species in the park over the previous year! Furthermore, we now have multiple pairs nesting at several indiividual sites. Our fieldwork indicates that nest productivity in the park is very high - a great sign.
- In addition to these pursuits, we conducted our eighth year of the Montioring Avian Productivity and Survivorship program and our annually running suite of point count surveys. Together these efforts form an important base of broad-scale forest bird monitoring in the study area.

## □ Back to the woods

Fieldwork is already underway for 2017! This year, we will continue with our core monitoring scheme for breeding birds in the landscape using both point count survey and mark-recapture (MAPS) methods. We also plan to continue with ongoing assessments of several key species at risk; Cerulean Warbler (in collaboration with Bird Studies Canada), Red-headed Woodpecker, Prairie Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush.

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Juvenile Scarlet Tanager banded at MABO in July, 2016



Just how many bird species can be found in Frontenac Provincial Park during the peak of spring migration? We'd like to know. On May 23, FBS will be exploring woodland, rock barren, lakes, swamps and bogs to find out. We rely exclusively on grants and public donations for our operations so your support will be much appreciated! Tax receipts will be issued for all donations to the program.

Click here to sponsor the Frontenac Big Day event in 2017!