

Project Update: March 2008

The second phase of our project took place during the 'winter' months and focused on assessing habitat use by wintering migrants. Habitat preferences were assessed through more than 64 km of transects in six different habitats, giving rise to 1562 migrant observations. Initial analyses have revealed interesting patterns in habitat use and changes in abundance during the 'winter'. In addition to field work, 51 students from local schools/colleges participated in bird walks, talks and ringing demonstrations.

We also took part in the first Natural Resource Management field course run by the University of Belize, during which we taught eight students about bird monitoring techniques and bird ringing. Dissemination of our results continued through our website which has now topped 800 hits and through our attendance of the 4th international Partners in Flight conference where a poster describing our initial results was on view to over 700 participants.

