

Bird Banding: Biology Students in Action



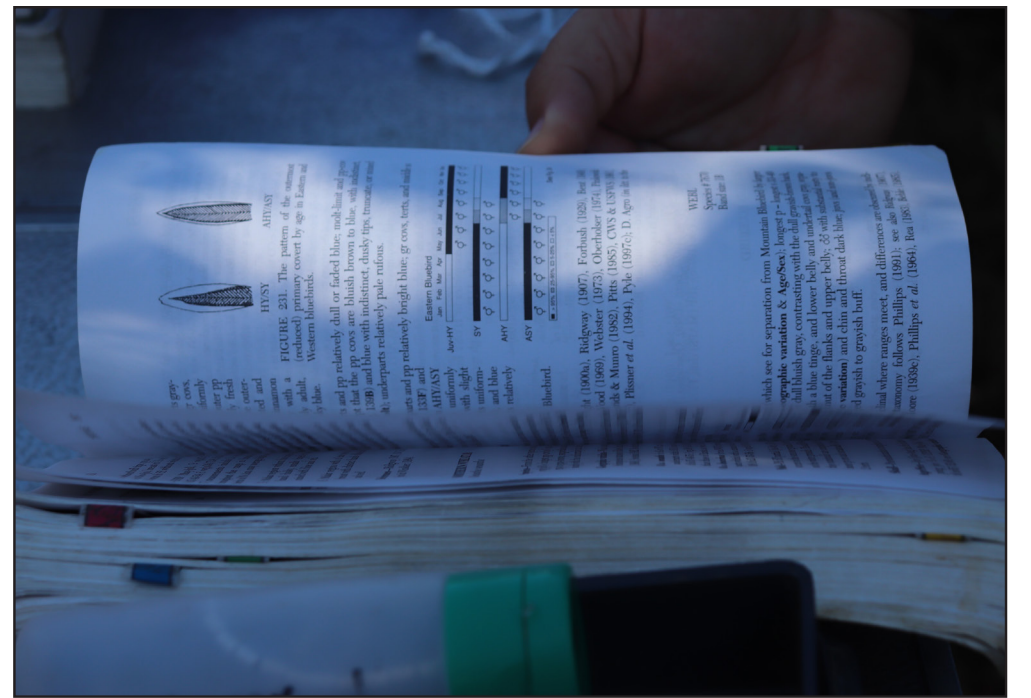
Than Boves, associate professor of avian ecology at Arkansas State, releases a bird from the mist net. The birds, after being extracted from the nets, are placed in clean cloth bags.



Kevin Krajcir, a graduate student in the biology department, examines the wings of a brown thrasher for feather mites.



A brown thrasher is removed from a mist net. According to Leah Crenshaw, a senior at Hendrix University, the birds may believe they will be eaten. However, they will be safely brought back into the wild.



The Boves Lab team brings textbooks and various measurement tools to the field to document the birds' information. Each bird caught and released has its data written for future use in research.



Krajcir blows on the stomach of the bird he is examining. Researchers do this to part the feathers and visually check the bird's fat content. This brown thrasher was a little chubby.



The brown thrasher was examined and given a band, then released back into the trees.