#### The Miracle of Migration

We still do not know with certainty why birds migrate, how they find their way, or even where they go.

Banding helps answer some of these questions.

**Why?** It is believed that birds migrate north in the spring to take advantage of the abundant food available to raise their young during the summer. By migrating, they avoid competition with resident species, which are also raising their young.

**How?** It is thought that birds use the sun as a compass during the day and the stars at night. They also appear to use the Earth's magnetic field and landmarks. Year after year, many birds return to the place where they hatched.



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# WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Delta Marsh Bird Observatory is primarily a volunteer-run organization, the community contributes to the citizen science database by participating in bird banding and bird observations.



## **Our History**

Delta Marsh Bird Observatory (DMBO) has operated bird banding and related monitoring in Manitoba since 1992. DMBO is the only Manitoba-based station in the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network. We are an important contributor of regional data to national and international databases.

DMBO monitor songbird population in Manitoba by using daily surveys and bird banding (mist netting) during migration.

We have banded more than 50,000 songbirds of over 100 species.

For our first 20 years, we banded along the ridge at Delta Marsh. In 2011, flooding and habitat loss forced us to find a new home. We are happy to now call the Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area home.



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