

Bird-banding

 Welcome to the bird observatory near Lesser Slave Lake!

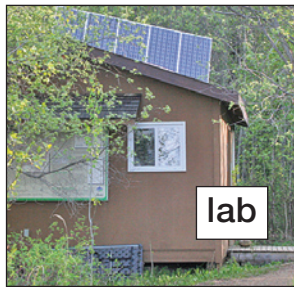
How do workers catch and study the birds?

1 Workers set up special nets. They check the nets often.

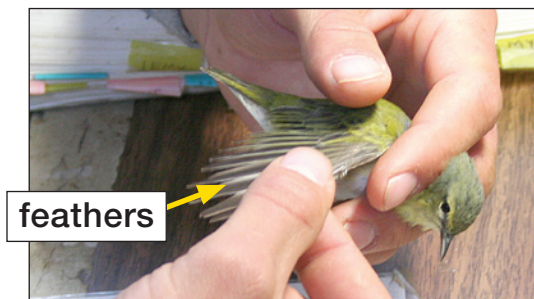
2 This bird is in a net. A worker removes the bird carefully.



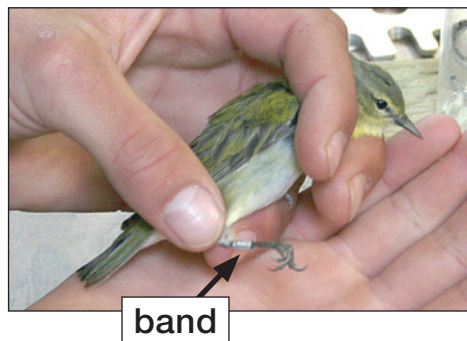
3 She puts the bird in a bag. Then she takes it to the lab.



4 A worker takes the bird out of the bag. He weighs the bird. He measures it too. He looks at the bird's feathers, muscles and fat.



5 The worker puts a metal band on the bird's leg. Each band has a number. The band is loose. It does not hurt the bird.



6 Then the worker lets the bird go.



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