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## WORK ON *FOREST BIRDS OF CONNECTICUT AND RHODE ISLAND* CONTINUES



**The American Woodcock is an early nester (above) that becomes extremely secretive after the breeding season.**

***The Forest Birds of Connecticut and Rhode Island***, the document that will synthesize all of the data collected during

the eight years of the *Forest Bird Survey of Southern New England*, is now in production. To date, introductory materials

have been composed and descriptions of the 148 study sites are being de-

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# FOREST BIRDS— CONTINUED



The forests surrounding Mansfield Hollow Reservoir in Mansfield, CT were home to high densities of breeding cuckoos as well as to Pine and Worm-eating warblers.

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veloped. An analysis of regional habitat conditions based on our own measurements is also now largely complete.

Although there is still a good deal of analysis to be conducted, the next step in the production process will be to prepare written accounts for each species encountered during the survey. As in *Forest Birds of the Last Green Valley*, each species account will include:

1. Summer and winter

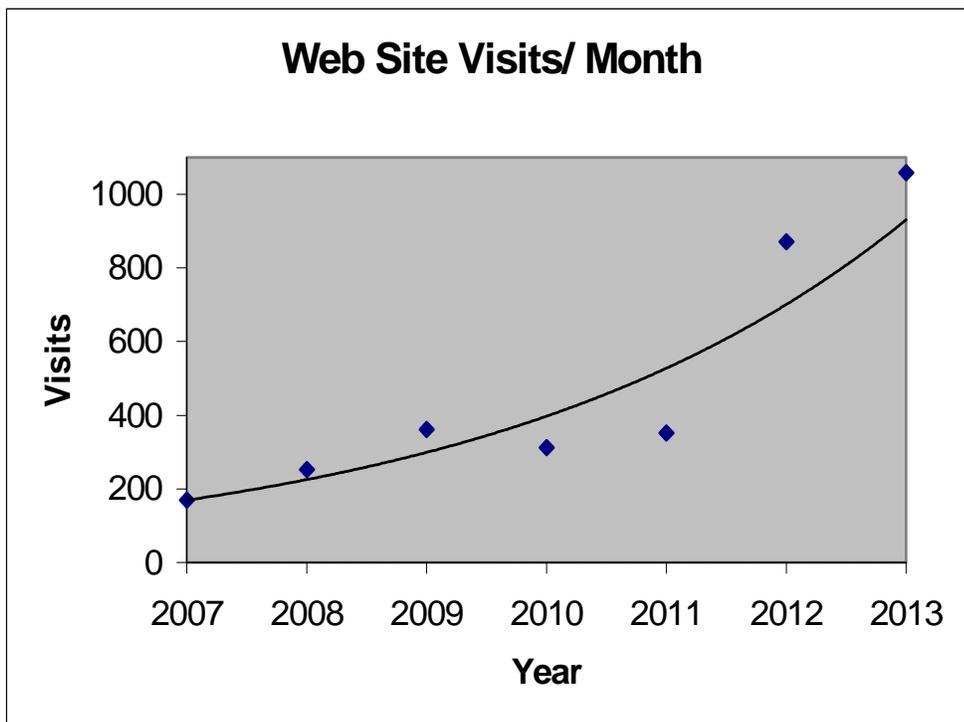
population estimates for the six regions surveyed (northeastern, southeastern, central, northwestern and southwestern Connecticut as well as Rhode Island.

2. Maps of the distribution of population densities across the region.
3. A discussion relating environmental factors like habitat to the observed patterns of distribution and density.
4. An analysis of the occurrence of individual birds in sur-

vey plots in relation to habitat conditions present in the plots.

5. A discussion of population variation in each species as documented in this and other studies.
6. A review of historic distributions of each species and how the present data relate to historically known patterns.
7. A synthetic overview of the ecology of each species encountered .

# BCR'S INTERNET PRESENCE GROWS



**BCR's web site has undergone explosive growth in its rate of viewership.**

The viewership of BCR's web resources is growing exponentially, as may be observed in the above graph.

The principal driving force behind the rapid rate of viewer growth has been the enormous popularity of our high level educational resources. Both educators and students are making use of our PowerPoint presentations, lab investigations and videos.

The principal focus of these educational materi-

als has been on the national advanced placement Environmental Science curriculum. We observed that there has been a lack of comprehensive, sophisticated materials available for this curriculum, so we have worked to fill this gap in academic need.

A second major driving force behind our rapidly rising internet visibility has been viewership of our open access, online scientific journal, **Bird Conservation Contributions**. Researchers and other academic

scholars are accessing our scientific papers at rates comparable to those of the traditional major scientific journals.

We plan to continue to expand our scholarly contributions in order to continue to meet the needs of the scientific and conservation communities.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE VIDEOS

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**The “Ring of Fire” that surrounds the western Pacific with explosive volcanoes is the subject of BCR’s second video on Earth systems.**

Video productions have been at the heart of our ongoing efforts to upgrade the quality of educational resources available for the national advanced placement environmental science curriculum.

Our first generation of videos highlighted the habitats of southern New England and included episodes on beaches, salt marshes, floodplains and bogs. The final episode of these initial video efforts is entitled *Succession*, and is still in the

video editing phase.

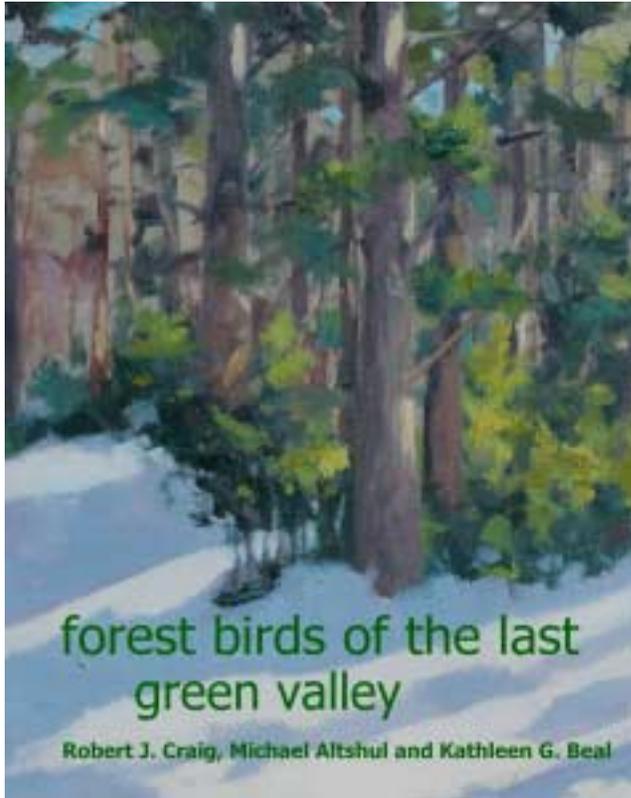
The second generation of videos, featuring enhanced production techniques and employment of current thinking in learning theory, focus specifically on topics from the published curriculum of AP environmental science. We have produced two episodes that begin exploration of the curriculum topic, *Earth Systems and Resources*.

Both of these latter videos may be viewed via our web site or on You

Tube at [http://youtu.be/zk5kUx1\\_aC8](http://youtu.be/zk5kUx1_aC8) and <http://youtu.be/qGVuPr0N2Hw>.

A third generation of videos featuring television quality productions is in the planning stage and will also focus on New England habitats.

## BCR TEAMS WITH SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHER



**BCR will benefit from the sales of books and videos from a new publisher of scientific works.**

**B**ird Conservation Research, Inc. had its origins in grants from the business world, and to this day has never followed the standard non-profit model of annual appeals, auctions, and the like. Once a year we invite individuals to join as members in furthering our mission of community-based scientific research and environmental education, but we have never made additional financial requests.

Instead, BCR generates revenue via grant-writing, book and cd sales and via its open access online journal, *Bird Conservation Contributions*. Unlike many non-profits during these difficult economic times, we have remained on firm financial footing.

BCR is now joining with a new publisher whose web site will premier this winter. This new venture will feature several components- one that fo-

cuses on production of educational materials for the classroom and another that focuses on production of scholarly e-books. Substantive literary works are to be offered through the e-book publishing arm as well. A portion of all publishing sales are to be donated to BCR.

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## MEMBERSHIP

It is once again time to renew your annual membership in BCR. Members will be receiving a renewal form with this newsletter, but you may

now join or renew your membership by going to <http://www.gofundme.com/1nqlss>.

are also available at [www.birdconservation-research.org](http://www.birdconservation-research.org)

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