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U of M Crookston Students Gain Experience During Birding Open House

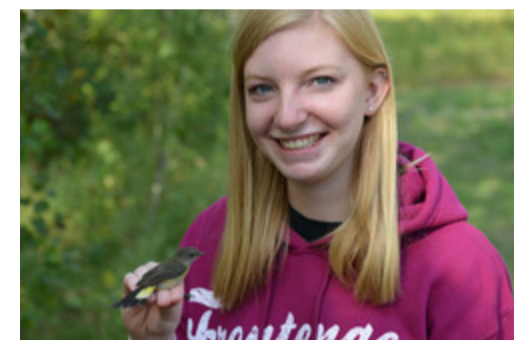
By Itolfe on Friday, September 13, 2013 A Birding Open House was held on Saturday, September 7 at the Red River Valley Natural

History Area. Megan Betcher, Red Wing, Minn., was one of many University of Minnesota Crookston students involved in the open house. The sophomore, from Red Wing, Minn., is majoring in natural resources at the U of M Crookston.

Workshop participants caught 88 birds in two hours representing 24 species and banded 80 of the birds. The other eight were released.

Several migrating species, not commonly seen in this area, made the open house even more exciting for birders. Some 60 people were in attendance. Displays on bird feeding, bird adaptations, purple martins and martin housing, a build your own bird feeder station, and bird banding demonstration kept participants engaged and made the day enjoyable for all in attendance.

In the photo: Sophomore Megan Betcher, Red Wing, Minn., majoring in natural resources





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