White Nose Syndrome- What's happening to our bats? Part 3 – VA Scientists Study WNS

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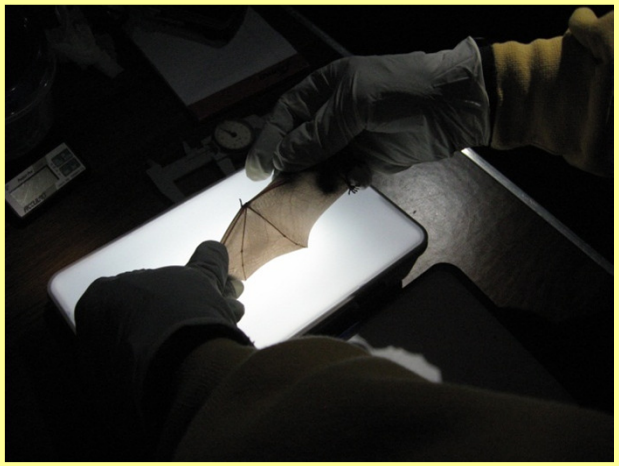
State agencies working with Federal agencies and caving organizations on WNS

Research and Monitoring Efforts in Virginia

- Monitor bat populations for spread of WNS
- Monitor WNS positive bat populations
  - Progression of disease
  - Banding to track movement of bats from WNS positive areas
  - Use banding to track progression of disease in individual bats
- Band gray bat populations to determine their interaction patterns and habitat use



Scientists study bats by trapping and identifying species

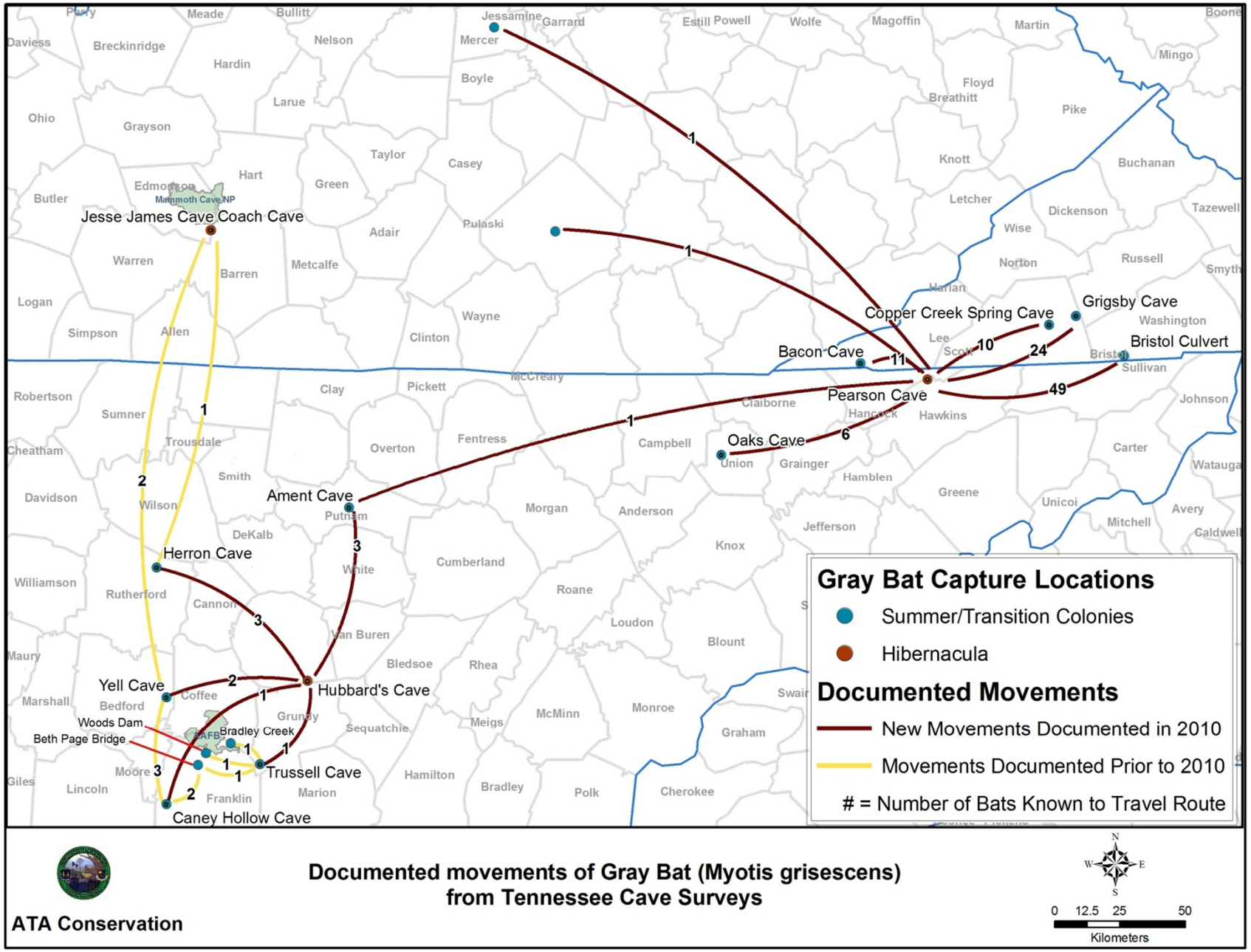
Collecting data

Making observations

Gray bat banding and biometry

- Nearly 600 Gray bats processed and banded in 2009; another 600 in 2010
  - One maternity site
  - Four bachelor/mixed use colonies
- Need to determine background status of populations prior to WNS (first detected in a Gray bat in 2010)
- Track movement from summer sites to hibernacula to determine possible bat-bat transmission vectors should WNS infect Gray bats

Gray bat from Bristol maternity site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Mammoth Cave NP
Jesse James Cave
Coach Cave
Copper Creek Spring Cave
Grigsby Cave
Bristol Culvert
Bacon Cave
Pearson Cave
Oaks Cave
Ament Cave
Herron Cave
Yell Cave
Hubbard's Cave
Trussell Cave
Caney Hollow Cave
Woods Dam
Beth Page Bridge
Bradley Creek
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Gray Bat Capture Locations
Summer/Transition Colonies
Hibernacula
Documented Movements
New Movements Documented in 2010
Movements Documented Prior to 2010
= Number of Bats Known to Travel Route
Documented movements of Gray Bat (Myotis grisescens)
from Tennessee Cave Surveys
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What Will WNS Mean to You?

For more information on WNS

DCR VA Karst Program

www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/karsthome.shtml

National Speleological Society

www.Caves.org/WNS

National Fish and Wildlife Service

http://www.fws.gov/whitenosesyndrome/index.html