

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update September 1st to 15th, 2014

And with that September starts! The BBO staff were sorry to see Jerry Gordy, this summer's assistant, leave to go back to school. Here's hoping he will be back next summer. Jerry was a always enthusiastic, wonderful help around the lab, and great to be around.



The 2014 summer staff (from left to right): Jerry Gordy, Amélie Roberto-Charron, and Kevin Methuen

The last couple of weeks have been busy at the lab as per usual. The Myrtle Warblers have been coming through, and have become the highest capture, with 121 caught over the last two weeks! The neat warblers are just starting to come through with them. Wilson's Warblers, American Redstarts, Ovenbirds, Magnolia Warblers, Blackpoll Warblers are all starting to come through! We're starting to get some really big days, on the 15th we caught 80 birds with only historical nets open!

It was incredible! Here's hoping the next few weeks are just as busy!

We've had a lot of visitors and volunteers over the last couple weeks. We were happy to have Rhianne Mariash and Julie Bower join us for a few days of banding. We also hosted Nait during their wildlife biology field course. It's been lovely having our dedicated volunteers Emily Cicon, Steve Andersen, Irene Crosland and Alyssa Bohart on site regularly as well.

The staff have also been busy maintaining and clearing the trails on the site with the help of the Nikal Environmental Solutions team. Thanks to Nikal for giving them a hand! The staff have been getting ready to host a banding workshop next week, and are starting to prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year: Steaks and Saw-whets!

Saw-whet Owl banding has started for the year, and we've already caught 8! It's looking like it's going to be a superb season! Many groups are scheduled to come out, so hopefully we'll have a lot to show them!



Northern Saw-whet Owl banded on site.

Table 1. Results from Migration Monitoring September 1-15, 2014.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Goldfinch	3	0	0	0	0	3
American Redstart	2	0	0	0	0	2
Black-capped Chickadee	4	5	0	0	0	9
Blackpoll Warbler	4	0	0	0	0	4
Broad-winged Hawk	0	0	0	0	1	1
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	0	0	0	1	2
Common Yellowthroat	1	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	0	3	0	0	0	3
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	0	0	0	2
Hermit Thrush	1	0	0	0	1	2
House Wren	2	0	0	0	0	2
Least Flycatcher	6	0	0	0	0	6
Magnolia Warbler	3	0	0	0	0	3
Mourning Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	115	1	0	0	3	119
Orange-crowned Warbler	12	0	0	0	0	12
Ovenbird	1	0	0	0	0	1
Red-eyed Vireo	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	0	0	0	0	2
Slate-colored Junco	2	0	0	0	1	3
Song Sparrow	0	0	0	0	1	1
Swainson's Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tennessee Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	0	1	0	0	0	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	0	0	0	0	2
White-crowned Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
White-throated Sparrow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Wilson's Warbler	10	0	0	0	0	10
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total	181	12	0	0	8	201

Net Hours: 444.0 NH

Capture Rate: 45.27 birds/ 100 NH

- 1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO.
- 2 Banded at the BBO > 90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).
- 3 Banded at a location other than the BBO.
- 4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).

Table 2. Results from Migration Monitoring (Nets 50-57) September 1-15, 2014.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Redstart	1	0	0	0	0	1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	0	0	0	0	2
Clay-colored Sparrow	0	1	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	0	1	0	0	0	1
Least Flycatcher	5	1	0	0	2	8
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	2	0	0	0	0	2
Slate-colored Junco	2	0	0	0	0	2
Swainson's Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tennessee Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Warbling Vireo	2	0	0	0	0	2
Western Palm Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
White-crowned Sparrow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Wilson's Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	22	3	0	0	2	27

Net Hours: 105.5 NH

Capture Rate: 25.60 birds/ 100 NH

- 1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO.
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- 3 Banded at a location other than the BBO.
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