

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update June 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

It's been another Least Flycatcher-y kind of week, with our second round of MAPS wrapping up – making it officially two rounds that have been run perfectly on schedule, with no trouble from poor weather. On top of our hard work mist-netting at our MAPS stations, it's also been a busy week of banding Tree Swallow nestlings. We have at least 200 nest boxes that Tree Swallows could potentially occupy, and given that each nest usually houses 5 or more nestlings, that equates to a lot of little nestlings to band. Luckily, we've had great interns and volunteers around to help us with this daunting task. We appreciate the extra assistance given so far and in the coming weeks to both help us finish up the Tree Swallow banding and also, to start the House Wren banding. While we've been out banding nestlings, Helen (board member) and Geoff (Chair) have also been hard at work retrieving geolocators off of returning Tree Swallows. These devices help us get a really nice picture of their migration route.



A grumpy Tree Swallow nestling.  
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It wouldn't be a proper week at the BBO, without having an event or groups come out and visit. On Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a group who came out for a tour of the natural area and to see a bit of banding. It was a trial run for two new nets that we've set-up close to the lab for demonstration purposes to catch our bird-feeder frequenters. It was more than a small success, with us catching both a small collection of Black-capped Chickadees and American Goldfinches in a matter of ten minutes.

Thank-you to all the volunteers, visitors, and interns who stop by the lab and lend a hand, as well as keep us company, including: Alyssa Bohart, Geoff Holroyd, Helen Trefry, Irene Crosland and Don, Cala Jorgensen and her mother, Drew Priddle, Martijn Dieleman , Allyn Esau, Ted Meyers, Audrey Epp, Sarah Preston, and Cathy Schmidt.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>	<b>Repeat<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Foreign<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
American Robin	1					1
American Goldfinch	5					5
Black-capped Chickadee	5		2			7
Brown-headed Cowbird	3		1			4
Clay-colored Sparrow		1				1
House Wren	3	1			1	5
Least Flycatcher	16	14	16			46
Warbling Vireo	3					3
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>

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).

Net Hours: = 48.5 NH

Capture Rate: = 148 birds/ 100 NH