

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update August 8th- 14th, 2015

It's been another great week of fall migration here at the BBO! We've managed to surpass over 300 birds caught in only two weeks and 30 different species, including a range of really cool warblers such as a Mourning Warbler and a Canada Warbler. We were also hit by a wave of Tennessee Warblers last week that had us feeling about them the same way we feel about our Least Flycatchers (ie. "Great birds, but can we please get something else too?!"); however, the flux of Tennessee Warblers tapered off as this week progressed, making us miss our little TEWAs.

Although we are the Beaverhill **Bird** Observatory, there are plenty of other non-bird related goings-on around the natural area. The dragonfly population has seemingly exploded (hopefully helping to control the pesky mosquito problem), and the fact that they occasionally find themselves stuck in our nets, has given us a great chance to get an up-close look as we extract them. The BBO's thriving insect population also attracted a group of moth-enthusiasts who popped by for a nocturnal survey. They came out fully loaded with lights and tarps and I hear they had a great time (unfortunately, moth surveys take place way past a bird bander's bed-time).



A dragonfly checking out a net lane sign – Photo credit E. Cicon

We had lovely visitors and volunteers helping us out on site this week, including: Jim Beck (acting as Bander-in-Charge), Nikki Paskar, Chris Vervoorst, Irene Crosland, Rowan French, Melissa, Diusha, Karen Jacobsen, & Jim Kaiser.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	19					19
American Goldfinch	1	3				4
American Redstart	2					2
Black-capped Chickadee	8	5	2			15
Canada Warbler	1					1
Cedar Waxwing	1					1
Clay-colored Sparrow	4					4
Downy Woodpecker		1				1
Gray Catbird	1					1
Least Flycatcher	52	3	1			56
Mourning Warbler	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	4					4
Northern Waterthrush	3					3
Ovenbird	2					2
Philadelphia Vireo	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1
Song Sparrow	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	2					2
Tennessee Warbler	8	6				14
Warbling Vireo	9	3				12
White-throated Sparrow	2					2
Wilson's Warbler	2					2
Yellow Warbler	3	1	1			5
Total	110	22	4	0	1	156

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: = 90 NH

Capture Rate: = 173 birds/ 100 NH