

Weekly Update August 9th to 19th 2017

Fall migration is underway!!!! These last 10 days of migration banding have been very abundant with lots of new warbler species! We've caught Yellow Warblers, American Redstarts, Mourning Warblers, Black-and-White Warblers, Tennessee Warblers, Wilson Warblers, Blackpoll Warblers, Northern Waterthrush, Ovenbirds, and this year we've already caught 5 Canada Warblers!!!! Which is unheard of for the BBO! Happy Canada 150!!

This week has been busy for the staff with catching up on maintenance tasks and office work. We are continuing to paint and put clear coats on our new signs that will hopefully be going up on the trails soon, as well as doing lots of data entry and getting the office tasks caught up after our last week of the Young Ornithologist program.



Canada Warbler!

Geoff Holroyd came out a number of times to do some hummingbird banding, as well as mowing all our trails. So a BIG thank you to Geoff!!!

Sara attended the Pigeon Lake Provincial Park's Love The Lake Day along with a booth to represent BBO, and Rickie the Northern Saw-Whet Owl came along to keep her company. A lot of families attended the event and everyone was happy and interested in hearing what the BBO does. Meghan also did some outreach education programs this week and gave a presentation to the Lil Ducks Dayhome to teach the kids there about birds and nature.

We said a very fond farewell this week to Luke Zhou, who has been an amazing full time volunteer at the BBO these past 2 months. It was fantastic having his help around and his never ending enthusiasm for birds and their molts always brought a smile to our faces. We wish him all the best as in his future endeavours and on his next adventures in Peru! Though we were sad to see him go, we were happy to welcome back Helmi Hess who will be staying with us for the next 2 weeks. Let the laughter, music and adventures continue!



A pair of Wilson's Warblers

We had our BioBlitz 150 this week! There was a decent turnout of 6 adults and 6 children, some of whom included Susan and her kids, Robin and his mom, as well as some old volunteers from a number of years ago. Helen Trefry brought out an imprinted Great Horned Owl that was very friendly and everyone enjoyed getting to say hi to him. Erin Low did a great bat talk and walk that was very interesting and David Lawrie bought out 6 lights that he set up throughout the forest, along with white sheets underneath them, to try and attract some moths. Even with the occasional rain and thunderstorm rolling by, the BioBlitz 150 was a great success and everyone had a lot of fun!!!!

This week we would like to thank once again, everyone who came out and especially those who helped with the Bioblitz. Thank you to Irene for your ever cheerful demeanour and never ending baked goodies. Thank you Amelia, Emily, Scott and Greg for all your enthusiasm and assistance. Thanks to Robin, Martin and Kim for visiting and thanks to all our hard working interns who are still checking on the nest boxes even this late in the season!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Goldfinch	6	3				9
American Redstart	1					1
Black-and-White-Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	10				12
Blackpoll Warbler	1					1
Canada Warbler	5					5
Cedar Waxwing		1				1
Eastern Pheobe	1					1
Hermit Thrush	1					1
House Wren	8	5	2			15
Least Flycatcher	59	14	2	5		80
Lincoln's Sparrow	1					1
Mourning Warbler	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	2					2
Ovenbird	5					5
Red-Eyed Vireo	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	1				4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					4	4
Song Sparrow	2					2
Tennessee Warbler	10	1	1			12
Trail's Flycatcher	6					6
Warbling Vireo	9	2				11
White-throated Sparrow	1					1
Wilson's Warbler	6					6
Yellow Warbler	18	3				21
Total	150	40	5	5	4	204

Birds Caught 204
 Net Hours 760.5
 Capture Rate: 26.82445759

Capture Rate was 95.29 birds/100 Net Hours.