

# Beaverhill Bird Observatory

## Weekly update - June 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

Our second round of MAPS banding brought over 100 captures, nearly all of local breeding birds. BLAB was cut somewhat short by tricky weather conditions, but still posted double-digits. The SOPO and LILA stations both caught around 50 birds, with highlights including only our second Black-and-white Warbler of the year (already molting all it's greater coverts!), as well as a return Yellow Warbler first banded 5 years ago in 2018!

On non-MAPS days, focus at the observatory has turned to some of our other studies as well as banding our hundreds of Tree Swallow chicks. We have around 200 boxes out, and host one of the most productive Tree Swallow colonies in the world - this year, the swallows are averaging 7 chicks per nest.



*A Tree Swallow nestling surveys the outside world for the first time*



*Greater Yellowlegs can be told from Lessers by their large size and bigger bills*

Additional studies are progressing well. We've found 38 Least Flycatcher nests, most with young. Marsh Monitoring surveys wrapped up this week, and the team even managed to include an exploratory survey point on the south side of Lister Lake which added another Virginia Rail and American Bittern to the tally. The most recent shorebird survey has turned up the first south-bound migrants of the fall, with almost 100 Yellowlegs and a small group of Least Sandpipers already beginning the long trek south.

## BLAB (June 19)

SPECIES	BANDED	REPEAT	RETURN	OTHER	TOTAL
Least Flycatcher	8		1	1	10
American Robin	1				1
Yellow Warbler	1				1
Brown-headed Cowbird				1	1
Baltimore Oriole	1		2		3
Red-winged Blackbird	1				1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1				1
<b>TOTALS:</b>	13	0	3	2	18

45 Net-hours

40 birds / 100 net hours

## SOPO (June 22)

SPECIES	BANDED	REPEAT	RETURN	OTHER	TOTAL
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		1		2
Trail's Flycatcher	1	1			2
Least Flycatcher	3		2		5
Black-capped Chickadee	4				4
Warbling Vireo	1				1
Tree Swallow	1		1		2
Grey Catbird	1	1			2
Cedar Waxwing	3				3
Tennessee Warbler	1				1
Common Yellowthroat	1				1
Black-and-white Warbler	1				1
Yellow Warbler	5	1	5		11
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1				1
Song Sparrow		1	1		2
White-throated Sparrow	1				1
Brown-headed Cowbird				1	1
Baltimore Oriole	9				9
Red-winged Blackbird	2			1	3
<b>TOTALS:</b>	36	4	10	2	52

54 Net-hours

96.3 birds / 100 net-hours

## LILA (June 23)

SPECIES	BANDED	REPEAT	RETURN	OTHER	TOTAL
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	2	1		4
Least Flycatcher	11	1			12
Black-capped Chickadee	2	1			3
House Wren	1	3			4
Cedar Waxwing	1				1
American Robin		1			1
Warbling Vireo	2				2
Yellow Warbler	4	2	2		8
Song Sparrow	1				1
White-throated Sparrow	1	1	1		3
Baltimore Oriole	1				1
Red-winged Blackbird	3		1		4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1				1
<b>TOTALS:</b>	29	11	5	0	45

46.5 Net-hours

98.9 birds / 100 net-hours