

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update October 19-29, 2023

The last day of Fall Migration Banding was Oct 20. The last two days were slow for songbird captures. We caught a repeat Downy Woodpecker, Hair Woodpecker and Black-Capped Chickadee. Things slowed down with owl banding as well at BBO these last two weeks. We caught a total of 15 owls. To everyone's excitement, we caught our first Boreal Owl since 2019.



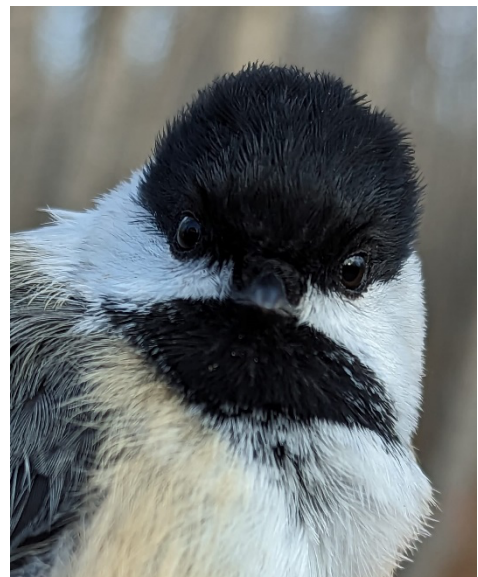
Our first Boreal Owl in four years!

Thank you to our volunteers Patrick, Nicholas, Kylii, and Rachel over these last couple of weeks! Your help was hugely appreciated.



Northern lights over the BBO lab

The last week of October resulted in zero captures. Consequently, nets were taken down and the Fall field season came to a close. Thank you BBO and to all our supporters for a wonderful Fall Field Season!



Our final songbird of Fall Migration

Table 1. Standard Migration Monitoring Tools

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Hairy Woodpecker		1				1
Downy Woodpecker		1				1
Black-Capped Chickadee		1				1
TOTALS		3				3

72 net hours

4.2 captures /100 net hours

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. Experimental Nets Banding Totals

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
						0
						0
TOTALS	0	0	0		0	0

20 net hours

0 captures/100 net hours

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 3. Owl Monitoring Banding Totals

Species	Banded	Repeat	Return	Foreign	Other	Total
Northern Sawhet Owl	14					12
Long-eared Owl						0
Boreal Owl	1					1
TOTALS:	15	0	0	0	0	15

NSWO Male (13 captures)

46.75 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours

NSWO Female (1 captures)

53 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours

Long-eared Owl (0 captures)

43.5 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours

Boreal Owl (2 captures)

46 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours