

Weekly Update August 28th to September 2nd, 2016

Can you believe it's September already? It seemed migration was off to a slow start until all of a sudden we hit a couple busy days, allowing us to surpass a fall banding total of 1000 birds! Our first busy day was 57 birds, which is a nice pace for the morning. The following day was more hectic with a staggering 128 birds! Luckily, we had former Lead Biologist & Executive Director Amélie to give us a hand with the rush, which included 86 Myrtle Warblers and a couple of our first Slate-coloured Juncos of fall. We also added another species to our list for fall earlier this week with a Nashville Warbler.

We're also gearing up for this season of owl banding. Although we were hoping to start both Northern Saw-whet Owl and Long Eared Owl banding on September 2nd, the pesky fall weather put a damper on our plans. Hopefully we can get going on banding those owls soon! The Long Eared Owl program is a bit of trial project this year (it was also attempted once in a previous year) that we will be running until we start targeting for Boreal Owls later in the fall. Fingers crossed that we gain another great monitoring program.

The bats have also decided that our lab is just as cozy as one of the many bat houses we have placed around the natural area. Assistant Biologist Meghan was caught off guard when she found bats outside the lab in the cracks of our windows, between where the window frame meets the wall of the building. Our goal with putting up bat boxes is to not only monitor them, but also to create habitat...so we're also pretty pleased that it seems the lab itself may be creating nice resting spots for our mammalian flying friends, as well as being an important spot for researching the avian ones.



One of our many Myrtle Warblers – this one replacing some of his flight feathers (new feathers are black and old feathers are brown). Photo Credit: A. Roberto-Charron

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Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	1					1
American Goldfinch	1					1
American Redstart	12					12
Black-capped Chickadee	4	15				19
Blackpoll Warbler	4					4
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1					1
Downy Woodpecker	1	1				2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1					1
House Wren	2	2				4
Least Flycatcher	22	1			2	25
Lincoln's Sparrow	2					2
Magnolia Warbler	9					9
Myrtle Warbler	119	1			3	123
Nashville Warbler	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	1					1
Orange-crowned Warbler	11					11
Ovenbird	3					3
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1
Slate-coloured Junco	2					2
Swainson's Thrush	3					3
Tennessee Warbler	21	1				22
Trail's Flycatcher					1	1
Warbling Vireo	8		3		1	12
Western Palm Warbler	2					2
White-throated Sparrow	2					2
Wilson's Warbler	1					1
Yellow Warbler	8					8
Total	243	21	3	0	7	274

Birds Caught 274
 Net Hours 338
 Capture Rate: 81.07

Capture Rate was 81.07 birds/100 Net Hours.

