

Weekly Update October 1st to October 7th 2016

Songbird catches have significantly slowed this week, making way for owl banding to finish off the season. A few neat catches include a few more Golden-crowned Kinglets and a Fox Sparrow! We have mostly late migrants and resident birds left now. It has been nice to see our Rough-legged Hawks starting to appear, however. These hawks are one of our latest migrating raptors.



A Red-breasted Nuthatch, a bird that can be found year-round here, but rarely caught.

Owl banding has been going well this week, with captures as high as 28 in one night! There have been only a few small hiccups, primarily that we seem to be catching a number of Northern Flying Squirrels this year. While they seem cute, they can do quite a bit of damage to the mist nets, and I have had to repair four shelf lines this week. At least it has not stopped us from catching lots of owls!

This week we had the first solid frost after a night of -9 degrees Celsius. Frost was thick on every branch and on the thick spider webs covering every tree. It may indeed turn out to be a very cold winter.



Frost thick on the branches and spider webs after a cold night.

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Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	0	5	0	0	0	5
American Robin	1	0	0	0	0	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	1	0	0	0	4
Fox Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	2	0	0	0	0	2
American Tree Sparrow	12	4	0	0	1	17
Slate-coloured Junco	2	7	0	0	0	9
Total	21	17	0	0	1	39

Birds Caught 39
Net Hours 117
Capture Rate: 33.33

Capture Rate was 33.33 birds/100 Net Hours.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	95	1	0	3	0	99
Northern Flying Squirrel	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	95	1	0	3	1	100

Birds Caught 100
Net Hours 167
Capture Rate: 59.88

Capture Rate was 59.88 birds/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).