

## Weekly Update September 24<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

This week we have not been seeing any large volumes of songbirds, but we have sure had fun with the species that are going through. We caught nine Golden-crowned Kinglets, most of those in the same day, as well as several Brown Creepers. These birds are both rare at BBO because they prefer primarily coniferous habitat. During migration, they cannot always find their ideal habitat during their journey. Overhead, migration continues with multitudes of Sandhill Cranes and many species of geese.



An American Tree Sparrow, a late migrant.

This week included the preparation for and the first night of our big event Steaks and Saw-whets! This event was successful with 50 guests per night, a full house! Weather was a bit worse than usual, but we still caught a few owls and we brought our Educational Saw-whet Owl Ray as well. She was very popular and our guests learned a lot about owls!



A Northern Saw-whet Owl.

In other owl news, we had possibly the most exciting capture of the season this week... a foreign recapture from a banding station in Minnesota! This owl was banded last year as an after second year bird, making it an after third year bird this year. These adorable owls have a lot of young but also a fairly high mortality rate, so it is exciting to see an older bird. As well, catching birds from other stations is the primary reason for banding as it allows us to learn about bird migration. We know from recaptures like this that our birds fly South-east in winter, and many of them winter near the Great Lakes. This kind of information helps us to recognize where problems are if this species declines in the future. Good luck little guy!

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>	<b>Repeat<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Foreign<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Hairy Woodpecker	0	0	1	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	0	0	0	2
Black-capped Chickadee	5	7	0	0	0	12
Hermit Thrush	4	2	0	0	0	6
Swainsons Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brown Creeper	4	0	0	0	0	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	0	0	0	0	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	0	0	0	0	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9	0	0	0	0	9
White-breasted Nuthatch	0	0	0	0	1	1
Song Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	4	0	0	0	0	4
Myrtle Warbler	17	2	0	0	0	19
American Tree Sparrow	30	1	0	0	1	32
Slate-coloured Junco	31	12	0	0	1	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140</b>

Birds Caught                    140  
Net Hours                        334.75  
Capture Rate:                    41.82

Capture Rate was 41.82 birds/100 Net Hours.

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Northern Saw-whet Owl	77	2	0	1	0	80
Long-eared Owl	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82</b>

Birds Caught                    82  
Net Hours                        186  
Capture Rate:                    44.09

Capture Rate was 44.09 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).