

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, October 8 - October 14, 2018

At the beginning of this week, the BBO was hit with a huge snow storm. The snow was approximately 30cm deep on the morning of October 8<sup>th</sup>. It was crazy! Due to the poor weather conditions and all the snow we were unable to open the songbird mist nets for the rest of the week. During the day on October 8<sup>th</sup>, Kevin and Emily spent a couple hours shoveling snow from underneath the owl nets to allow Kevin to band Northern Saw-whet Owls and Long-eared Owls that night.



Snow!



More Snow!

Owl migration slowed down after the snow storm we had, as we only caught 3 to 4 Northern Saw-whet Owls a night. Thankfully by the end of the week, staff began catching more owls each night including one Long-eared Owl on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. We had lots of visitors out over the past week for owl banding including Glen Hvenegaard's AUENV 252 class, Julia, Brett, Natasha, the U of A Chapter of the Wildlife Society Club, Geoff and his family, Martijn, and Meghan.

Meanwhile, Alyssa a BBO board member kindly made a beautiful Northern Saw-whet Owl information poster for all the visitors. The poster has lots of interesting facts about one of our favourite feathery friends. When you come into the banding lab be sure to check it out on the wall.

BBO staff would like to extend a huge thank you to all our visitors and volunteers for their continued support.



And More SNOW!

<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>
Northern Saw-whet Owl	37	2				39
Long-eared Owl	1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>

Net Hours: 187.5
Capture Rate: 21.33/100hrs

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).