

**Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update**  
**June 20th - 29th, 2019**

This week staff struggled to get all the MAPS banding done in time due to the continuous rainstorms and high winds that have been plaguing Alberta. With a little bit of luck though, and some help from our volunteers, we managed to get all the banding in!

Highlights from MAPS this week include banding several cedar waxwings and a ruby-crowned kinglet at our SOPO station. When staff weren't banding at MAPS, in the afternoons they were able to band Tree Swallow chicks, between the pockets of thunderstorms, fix nest boxes, patch mist nets and conduct nest searches throughout the natural area. A number of new nests were located including Least Flycatcher nests and American Robin nests. Due to all the wet and windy weather, staff were also able to get caught up on office tasks including; data entry, R coding analysis, creating new promotional posters, and doing band inventory.



*Staff member Jeremy holding the first Cedar Waxwing banded at our SOPO station*



*A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, BBO staff, volunteers, and board member Geoff Holroyd spent the day, working hard to repair the entrance road accessing the BBO. Bob Schwartz came out with his bobcat and together with a truck and man power, a large section of the road going across the pasture was leveled and the large holes along the entirety of the road were filled in. Hopefully this repair will last us a while and will help visitors better enjoy their adventures in coming out to the BBO. A BIG thank you to Bob Schwartz for spending the entire day with his bobcat, leveling the road and filling up our truck with sand!

Thank you as well for the continuous support from all our board members, volunteers, visitors and interns including; Man Yong, Irene Crosland, Geoff Holroyd, Kerry Noman, Helen Trefry and Bob Schwartz. Your time and effort helps to keep the BBO up and running and we sincerely thank you!

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
American Robin	5	2			1	8
Blk-capped Chickadee	6				1	7
Brown-headed Cowbird	2		3			5
Cedar Waxwing	7	1				8
Clay-Coloured Sparrow	1					1
Gray Catbird	2					2
Hairy Woodpecker			1			1
House Wren	2					2
Least Flycatcher	11	6	1		1	19
Northern Oriole	1	1				2
Red-winged Blackbird	13				3	16
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1
Song Sparrow	3	1	1			5
Swamp Sparrow	3	2				5
Unid. Trail's Flycatcher	1				1	2
Warbling Vireo	5		2			7
Yellow Warbler	3		1			4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	5				9
	<b>70</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>104</b>

Net Hours: 189	
Capture Rate: 57.78/100 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).