

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update

July 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The past ten days at the BBO have been bustling and busy! There are lots of fledgling birds in the Natural Area being caught in our nets and around our feeder! Staff have been re-filling the feeders daily to keep up to the high demand! Plus, another great round of MAPS has been completed and the highlight captures have been a Red-eyed Vireo, Nelson's Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat, Swamp Sparrow and a Common Grackle! Emily Cicon and her mom Suzanne were able to come out and volunteer for banding at SOPO, while Helen Trefry and Irene Crosland volunteered for LILA banding later in the week. It was amazing to have so much help with banding, as we are beginning to catch all the hatch-year birds!



*Common Grackle*

Staff have been keeping busy with office tasks as well, since there were many rain days!! Jeremy has been working hard with R-coding statistics for a Northern Saw-whet Owl paper he is currently writing. Other staff members have been busy with answering emails, writing annual reports, grant applications, entering data, climate change blog posts and editing our winter education program.



*Hatch-Year Yellow Warbler*

There has also been more beaver activity along Harrier Highway, so staff have been actively trying to keep up to the beavers' work by keeping the trail clear. Further, staff have kept busy with banding the last of the Tree Swallow chicks for the season.

Sara and Karambir attended an education outreach event hosted by Alberta Parks at Islet lake to welcome about 100 people to Canada and the outdoors.

They went with the display board and had other interactive displays for the visitors. Even though it rained during the entire event everyone had a great time and fun was had by all.

**Table 1:** Summary of MAPS banding from July 10<sup>th</sup>-July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
American Goldfinch	1					<b>1</b>
American Robin	1	2				<b>3</b>
Black-capped Chickadee	8	2			2	<b>12</b>
Cedar Waxwing	1					<b>1</b>
Common Grackle	1					<b>1</b>
Common Yellowthroat	1					<b>1</b>
Downy Woodpecker	3					<b>3</b>
House Wren	3					<b>3</b>
Least Flycatcher	45	12	4		8	<b>69</b>
Nelson's Sparrow	1					<b>1</b>
Ovenbird	1					<b>1</b>
Red-eyed Vireo	1					<b>1</b>
Red-winged Blackbird	5				1	<b>6</b>
Song Sparrow	1	1	2			<b>4</b>
Swamp Sparrow	1					<b>1</b>
Trail's Flycatcher	6	3				<b>9</b>
Warbling Vireo	1					<b>1</b>
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1				<b>1</b>
Yellow Warbler	6	2				<b>8</b>
	<b>87</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>127</b>

		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).
Net Hours: 180		3 Banded at a location other than the BBO
Capture Rate: 70.55/100 hours		4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).