

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update August 11th -17th

After an exciting week of the Geoff Holroyd's Young Ornithologist Workshop, the BBO has returned back to its usual pace. Staff were busy dismantling tents, and performing chores to restore the lab back to normal, and just in time for migration to pick up! During the last week 100 birds were banded including 17 bird species, and 8 different species of warblers! Fall Migration Monitoring highlights includes the season's first mixed flock of warblers!



A mixed flock of songbirds

Staff performed various tasks, and attended two events this week, including one outreach event with the Battle River Watershed, and a presentation at the Summerwood Village Retirement Home. Emily and Kam set up a two table display providing a colouring activity, banding demo, and of course, Ricky the Northern Saw-whet Owl. At the Summerwood Village, Ray - Great Grey owl, along with Emily, were a hit with the seniors. Ray will surely be popular in the BirdSmart Education Program this winter.

Staff performed variety of tasks this week both indoors and out! Thanks to the beautiful weather, staff were able to spend a couple of hours repairing our migration mist nets. Jeremy has been working on his Northern Saw-whet Owl paper while other staff have been working on climate change blog posts, summer report and editing programs for our winter education program.

The BBO would like to thank all of our volunteers, board members, visitors and interns for their continual support. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers this week, including, Marie-Eve B, Melissa Chisholm, Jon Van Arragon, and Irene Crossland for their hard work!



Ricky at the Battle River Watershed Event

Table 1: Summary of Fall Migration Monitoring for Aug. 11th -17th.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Redstart	1					1
Blackpoll Warbler	2					2
Blk.-capped Chickadee	3	6	2			11
Clay-Colored Sparrow	1					1
Hairy Woodpecker			1			1
House Wren	1				2	3
Least Flycatcher	33	4	4		3	44
Myrtle Warbler	3					3
Ovenbird	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3					3
Song Sparrow	1				1	2
Tennessee Warbler	13					13
Unid. Trail's Flycatcher	5					6
Warbling Vireo	1		1			2
Water Thrush	1					1
Wilson's Warbler	2					2
Yellow Warbler	3				1	4
Total	74	10	8	0	8	100
Net Hours: 442						
Capture Rate: 22.62/100 hrs						

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).