

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update September 1st to 7th

Fall migration monitoring is fully underway this week, with staff banding 126 birds of 24 species. We have been catching mixed warbler flocks more frequently this week, mainly consisting of Myrtle and Orange-crowned Warblers. Highlights of the week include a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Grey-cheeked Thrush, Connecticut Warbler and a Bay-breasted Warbler! However, this week was fairly slow, with bad weather looming over us while banding most days.



Long-eared Owl

With the onset of cool temperatures this week, we have seen the departures of some birds including Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, and arrivals of others including Snow Geese and Owls! Owl banding started this week and so far, we have caught three Long-eared Owls and four Northern Saw-whet Owls! The start of the month is typically slow while migration begins to pick up, but we are very excited with the first week of owl migration.



Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

BBO staff has been busy with odds and ends around the bird observatory. In the past week, we have repaired a fence around the natural area, refilling bird feeders, and installing fencing around the new staff bunkhouse, Raven's Roost.

Thanks to the visitors and volunteers that came out this week assisting BBO including; John, Jerry, Melissa, Shauna, Jana, Steve and the Girl Guides!

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Redstart	3					3
Bay-breasted Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	6	5	1			12
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Connecticut Warbler	1					1
Downy Woodpecker			1			1
Grey-cheeked Thrush	1					1
House Wren	1					1
Least Flycatcher	5					5
Lincoln Sparrow	2					2
Magnolia Warbler	3					3
Myrtle Warbler	48				1	49
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4					4
Orange-crowned Warbler	23					23
Ovenbird	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3					3
Slate-colored Junco	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	13					13
Tennessee Warbler	1					1
Traill's Flycatcher	1					1
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		1			3
White-throated Sparrow	3					3
Wilson's Warbler	3					3
Yellow Warbler	2					2
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1					1
TOTALS	126	5	3	0	1	135

1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO

Net Hours: 517

2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).

Capture rate: 26.11/ 100 net hours

3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Long-eared Owl	3					3
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4					4
TOTALS	7					7

1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO

Net Hours: 130.5

2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).

Capture rate: 5.34/ 100 net hours

3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).