

Weekly Update: July 12-July 22

It has been a busy week. This workweek had been cut short leaving us with four days to pull of three point counts, and 3 days worth of banding. At times, I thought the weather would decide to thwart our plans but in the end, we managed to do everything that needed to be done in those four days. On the 15th we did our last point count while we banded the BLAB MAPS station. It was a little crazy, but was made possible with the help of the newest member of our team Tessa Vesak. Good work Gals!

We had an exciting visit from Ted, a friend out at the Long Point Observatory, and his cousin Pat. We sure do love getting visitors!!

The highlight of this week was getting our first ever Downy Woodpecker in the net. What a Beaut. and quite a pleasant bird to have in the hand...Nothing like the sapsuckers that is for sure!

Well, there isn't too much to report. We are almost finished banding all of the baby swallows out at the grid, and many of them have already fledged. It is an exciting time of year and I feel truly blessed for having the opportunity to witness the many stages of life so close up.

Life is sure Beautiful.

Have a great week

Crystal, Jill and Tessa

SPECIES	BIRDS BANDED	NO. OF REPEATS	RETURNS	OTHER CAPTURES	TOTAL CAUGHT
Least Flycatcher	10	9	1	1	21
Swainson's Thrush	2				2
Downy Woodpecker	1				1
Total Caught	13	9	1	1	24