

### **Weekly Update: August 21-31**

Hello again folks. The BBO is just hopping with activity! Once again our week started off very slow ... actually we could not band at all on August 21, 22 or 23<sup>rd</sup> because of the rain. Temperatures also dropped during this time with daytime highs around 10°C (if we were lucky). It was a wee bit chilly out at the BBO, but despite the soggy weather, we had visitors on Sunday. Thanks for braving the wind and the rain and coming out to visit; we always enjoy the company!

After the 3 days of bad weather, the birds became active again. Just as expected August 24<sup>th</sup>, the first day without rain, was very busy. We banded 42 birds and handled 59 in total. Some highlights: one Connecticut Warbler, two MacGillivray's Warblers and a total of sixteen species banded. The following day was not as busy, but it was not without excitement.

Northern saw-whet owl banding was also put on hold for a few days due to the crummy weather. However, we didn't have to wait long for the second owl of the season to be caught. On the evening of August 26<sup>th</sup> Chuck and Lisa caught a hatch year female Saw-whet owl at 12:15 a.m. Unfortunately, Tessa and I couldn't share in their excitement as we were nestled comfortably in our beds dreaming of all the songbirds we would catch the next day.

The next three days was a raptor blitz. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we banded a Great Horned Owl, which we caught in one of the raptor traps. I was able to release this amazing bird and my heart pounded so fast as I tossed the owl into the night sky. Unbelievable. It was a moment I will never forget. August 28<sup>th</sup> proved to be even more successful: a Red tailed hawk and a Cooper's hawk. Finally the ultimate capture occurred on August 29<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in BBO history, since raptor traps have been set, a Short eared owl was caught and banded! What a glorious day!

This will be the last update you will receive from me. My time at Beaverhill Bird Observatory has come to an end, but don't fret, I am leaving you in the very capable hands of Matt Hanneman.

Cheers,  
Jill and Tessa

Species	# New	# Recaptured	# Recovered	Total
American Redstart	36	3	0	39
American Robin	1	0	0	1
Baltimore Oriole	1	0	0	1
Black-and-white Warbler	2	0	0	2
Black-capped Chickadee	4	3	0	7
Blackpoll Warbler	5	0	0	5
Canada Warbler	5	0	0	5
Clay-colored Sparrow	5	1	0	6
Connecticut Warbler	1	0	0	1
House Wren	3	0	0	3
Least Flycatcher	16	0	0	16
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	0	0	1
Magnolia Warbler	9	1	0	10
MacGillivray's Warbler	3	0	0	3
Mourning Warbler	1	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	2	0	0	2
Northern Waterthrush	4	0	0	4
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	0	0	1
Ovenbird	12	1	0	13
Red-eyed Vireo	0	1	0	1
Song Sparrow	1	1	0	2
Swainson's Thrush	4	1	0	5
Tennessee Warbler	12	0	0	12
Traill's Flycatcher	1	0	0	1
Warbling Vireo	1	4	0	5
Wilson's Warbler	4	1	0	5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	1	0	1
Yellow Warbler	9	2	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>