

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update: August 8 to 14, 2005

The fall continues to progress at the Bird Observatory. We have noticed yellow leaves starting to fall to the ground . . . scary thought. But, the later the fall the more diversity of species being captured in the nets. There were 154 birds representing 22 species captured during week 2 of fall migration. The Least Flycatcher and Yellow Warbler continue to lead the numbers. New species include the Canada, Black-and-White, and Myrtle Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, and Common Yellowthroat. We've also captured 5 more Cedar Waxwings, including one with a brood patch still. A Hermit Thrush that had a band on was captured, and we found that it was actually banded here in 2003, but not caught last year. We have banded most of the chickadees now, and are just recapturing the same ones over again, however I like to look at where they are moving through the netting region.



Table 1. Results from fall migration mist netting August 8 through 14, 2005.

Species	Banded	Recapture	Other	TOTAL
Trail's Flycatcher	2	0	0	2
Least Flycatcher	53	10	0	63
Black-capped Chickadee	3	12	0	15
House Wren	1	0	0	1
Hermit Thrush	1	1	0	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	0	0	1
Cedar Waxwing	5	0	0	5
Warbling Vireo	4	0	0	4
Tennessee Warbler	6	0	0	6
Yellow Warbler	34	2	0	36
Myrtle Warbler	1	0	0	1
Black and White Warbler	3	0	0	3
Common Yellowthroat	1	0	0	1
Canada Warbler	1	0	0	1
Ovenbird	2	0	0	2
Northern Waterthrush	2	0	0	2
American Redstart	1	0	0	1
Chipping Sparrow	1	0	0	1
Clay-colored Sparrow	3	0	0	3
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	0	0	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	0	0	1
American Goldfinch	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	129	25	0	154

Pelicans are common now at Lister Lake and Amisk Creek. Ducks and Canada Geese continue to congregate in larger numbers also. The Black Terns and Hummingbirds have left for the season. It is always nice to see the changes in species as we move through the fall. New species arrive, others leave. A few more weeks and we will be starting the saw-whet owl monitoring, keep your eyes open for the Steaks and Saw-whets announcement on the BBO website!!

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