

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update: August 29 to September 4, 2005

It has been another busy week at the BBO. With Sara our summer staff person finishing on the 31st I was concerned I would be all alone running the nets for both owls and songbirds. This however has not been the case. I've had lots of volunteers help from Martina Frey, Cory Olsen, Chuck and Gill Priestley, as well as visitors coming to check out what birds are migrating through. We had another solid week of banding, good numbers of birds each day. To compare to last year at this time, we had 937 birds since August 1 and in 2004 we had only 550. Our Myrtle and Tennessee Warblers are way up from last years totals at this time, while our Redstarts are still down. Our busiest day was August 29 when we captured 86 birds!



Table 1. Results from fall migration netting August 29 to September 4, 2005.

Species	Banded	Recapture	*Other	TOTAL
Hairy Woodpecker	1	0	0	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	0	0	2
Western Wood-pewee	1	0	0	1
Trail's Flycatcher	4	0	0	4
Least Flycatcher	19	1	0	20
Black-capped Chickadee	9	5	0	14
House Wren	1	0	0	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	0	0	2
Swainson's Thrush	3	0	0	3
American Robin	1	0	0	1
Cedar Waxwing	1	0	0	1
Red-eyed Vireo	2	0	0	2
Philadelphia Vireo	0	3	0	3
Tennessee Warbler	18	2	0	20
Orange-crowned Warbler	4	0	0	4
Yellow Warbler	6	1	0	7
Black and White Warbler	2	0	0	2
Western Palm Warbler	1	0	0	1
Mourning Warbler	2	0	0	2
Myrtle Warbler	101	4	1	106
Wilson's Warbler	4	0	0	4
Magnolia Warbler	6	0	1	7
Blackpoll Warbler	9	0	0	9
Northern Waterthrush	1	0	0	1
Ovenbird	12	0	0	12
American Redstart	7	1	0	8
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	0	0	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	0	0	1
White-throated Sparrow	4	0	0	4
Slate-colored Junco	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	226	17	2	245

*escaped from nets

Exciting birds seen around the Natural Area include Nuthatches, both Red and White-breasted, and the Accipiters are plentiful now. We even caught a young Northern Goshawk in the one trap we had running this past week!! Saw-whet migration monitoring started this week, but as yet no owls have been captured. We expect to capture our first saw-whets this coming week. The insects are almost gone, and the fall weather has been beautiful, hope you can make it out for a visit.

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