

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update: August 15 to 21, 2005

Week three, and the Warblers are really starting to come through. Just ask the group of people that came out on August 20th from the Edmonton Nature Club plus another lady that came out that day also. They were seeing Ovenbirds, Magnolia Warblers, Northern Waterthrush, and Tennessee's close-up. This week was even busier in nets with 217 birds captured. A top still is the Least Flycatcher, but the Yellow Warbler has dropped to second place behind the Tennessee. Nice to see Black-and-White and Blackpoll's, and the Purple Finches and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, and Black-throated Green Warbler were pretty sweet.



Table 1. Results from fall migration mist netting August 15 to 21, 2005.

| Species | Banded | Recapture | Other | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Trail's Flycatcher | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Least Flycatcher | 37 | 7 | 0 | 44 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 10 | 10 | 0 | 20 |
| House Wren | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Swainson's Thrush | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Warbling Vireo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tennessee Warbler | 28 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Yellow Warbler | 11 | 5 | 0 | 16 |
| Black and White Warbler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Common Yellowthroat | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Canada Warbler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Wilson's Warbler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Magnolia Warbler | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Blackpoll Warbler | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Ovenbird | 8 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Northern Waterthrush | 10 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| American Redstart | 35 | 1 | 0 | 36 |
| Song Sparrow | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Purple Finch | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 187 | 30 | 0 | 217 |

Rich Krikun from Slave Lake was bragging about the numbers of birds they've captured, and he was surprised at how low our numbers were. Well, I looked back through the data and found that last year at this time, we had captured only 266 birds, whereas this year we are at 532, exactly double last year. I looked at some individual species and found we've captured 180 Least Flycatchers this year (65 last year), 43 Tennessee Warblers (7 last year), 85 Yellow Warblers (27 last year), and 38 American Redstarts (37 last year). So it will be interesting to see how the numbers play out as the season continues. We have to thank Martina Frey for coming out to volunteer on our busiest day of the fall so far. We expect her to come back again soon!!

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