

## Weekly Update April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The field team is finally complete! Emily, one of our returning Assistant Biologists, rejoined the BBO crew this week. Because we aren't in the full swing of migration, we've had plenty of time to cross many things off the to-do list, such as lab and net repair and maintenance. Tearing down some pesky barbed wire fencing running through the natural area and Lister Lake, reducing the hazard of person or wildlife injury and leaving fantastic raptor perches from the remaining posts, was helped along by the fantastic group of volunteers who came out to our two-day fence bee.

As the whole field team is made up of previous employees, we are starting to recognize some of the familiar faces, or should I say feathers, of our regular BBO migrants such as White-throated Sparrows and Lincoln Sparrows. The often controversial Brown-headed Cowbirds have also returned, but despite anyone's opinions, are a reminder that migration is headed our way.

The most notable catch of the week was most definitely a Red-tailed Hawk, who was luckily well-behaved.



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<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>	<b>Repeat<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Foreign<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Black-capped Chickadee	0	2	0	0	0	2
American Robin	3	2	0	0	0	5
Hermit Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
White-throated Sparrow	7	0	0	0	0	7
Song Sparrow	3	0	0	0	0	3
White-crowned Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Red-tailed Hawk	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>

Birds Caught                    23  
Net Hours                        403  
Capture Rate:                    5.71

Capture Rate was 5.71 birds/100 Net Hours.