

## Weekly Update September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

What an interesting week! We started off the week by moving the throne. For many long-time visitors of the BBO, the throne (our open-air outhouse), is well, shall we say a landmark, and has been in the same location for 10 years or more. When the time came to finally move the throne to a new location we came across the problem of moving the structure, as it is truly very sturdy. Finally, we came across a day with enough volunteers to attempt to move it. In total, 9 people were needed to lift the throne and clear away debris to bring it to its new home. Thanks to all volunteers who helped us do this less than glamorous, but very necessary, job.

Throne moving aside, we've also been busy bird banding. Fall migrants such as Nashville Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Fox Sparrow, and Slate-coloured Junco are all trickling in, truly signalling the end of summer; however, it doesn't truly feel like fall yet, as our Northern Saw-whet Owl nets have yielded no catches besides one curious Long-eared Owl. Not too worry too much about the no-shows, as we are just testing to see if the Saw-whets are moving earlier than our typical start date of September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are all ready to start catching and banding our very popular little owls, but we'll just have to wait!



Amélie holds up our first owl catch of the year, a Long-eared Owl.

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Thanks to all our fantastic visitors and volunteers this week: Amélie, Allyn, Alyssa, Jerry, Zach, Alyshia, Irene, Caitlin, Sydney, Nikki, Logan, Laurie and her NAIT group, Al, and Doug.

## Songbird Migration Monitoring

<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>
Alder Flycatcher	1					1
American Redstart	1					1
Black and White Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	4	1			7
Blackpoll Warbler	2					2
Chipping Sparrow	2					2
Clay-coloured Sparrow	2					2
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Fox Sparrow	1					1
Gray Catbird		1				1
Hairy Woodpecker		1				1
Hermit Thrush	1	2				3
House Wren	2	3				5
Least Flycatcher	8	2				10
Myrtle Warbler	81	9			2	92
Nashville Warbler	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	1					1
Orange-crowned Warbler	11					11
Ovenbird	4					4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1
Slate-coloured Junco	4					4
Swainson's Thrush	12					12
Tennessee Warbler	3					3
Trail's Flycatcher	1					1
Warbling Vireo	2	1				3
Western Palm Warbler	2					2
White-throated Sparrow	1					1
Wilson's Warbler	4					4
Yellow Warbler	1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>

Birds Caught                    180  
 Net Hours                        507  
 Capture Rate:                 35.50

Capture Rate was 35.50 birds/100 Net Hours.