

Weekly Update May 28th to June 3rd 2017

Another fun week has come and gone at the BBO. We caught 154 birds this week including two new species, Ovenbird and MacGillivray's warbler! We also had a very exciting recapture. The first of it's kind in BBO history! This week staff recaptured a female Ruby-Throated Hummingbird!!! Banded last year by Geoff Holroyd while out at the BBO during the Young Ornithologist workshop. That was a very exciting recap for everyone involved.

A lot of maintenance was done in the natural area to prepare for the Big Birding Breakfast. Meghan was hard at work painting new signs to put up and replace. As well, many hours were spent by staff and volunteers, to clear, clip and mow the trails and net lanes to make the natural area look as neat and tidy as possible.

The first day of the Big Birding Breakfast was a huge success. Over 30 people attended the breakfast and 30 birds were caught that morning, including the lovely Baltimore Orioles, Yellow Warblers and some interesting Trail's Flycatchers. The kids loved making their owl crafts and people enjoyed David Lawrie's insect collections of pinned butterflies, as well as the live moths he brought with him. Nature walks were led by David Lawrie and Geoff Holroyd, and the mosquitoes, for once, co-operated and were few in number.

Sara and Meghan gave a nature walk, presentation and banding demo to a Girl Guides Group from Sherwood Park who were spending the weekend camping. The girls were super interested and excited to learn about birds and meet Ray, the educational Northern Saw-Whet Owl. They were also very well versed in random bird facts much to Sara and Meghan's surprise and delight!

Thank you to all the visitors and volunteers for coming out this week! It was wonderful to



After-Second-Year Male Baltimore Oriole



Female MacGillivray's Warbler

have Helmi visit us once more over the weekend and Fred was of great help during his time at the BBO. It was wonderful to see many of our regular volunteers like Alyssa, Alyshia, Zach and Shyla come out this week as well Chris, Shannon, Gwen, Olivia, the Metheuns and the Tree Swallow interns. A BIG thank you to Jeremy, Helen, Geoff, Claude, Ariane, Rolly, and Al for helping us out during the first day of Big Birding Breakfast! The event wouldn't have been as successful if it wasn't for you!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	1					1
American Goldfinch	1					1
American Redstart	1					1
American Robin	4	2				6
Baltimore Oriole	3	5				8
Black-capped Chickadee		1	1			2
Brownheaded Cowbird	2	1	1			4
Chipping Sparrow	1					1
Clay-coloured Sparrow	26	16			2	44
Common Yellowthroat	3					3
Hermit Thrush		1				1
House Wren	10	2			1	13
Least Flycatcher	7	7	4		2	20
MacGillvray's Warbler	1					1
Mourning Warbler	4					4
Northern Shoveler					1	1
Ovenbird	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2					2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			1			1
Swainson's Thrush	10					10
Tennessee Warbler	1					1
Trail's Flycatcher	2					2
White-throated Sparrow	2	1				3
Yellow Warbler	10	10	2			22
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1					1
Total	93	46	9	0	6	154

Birds Caught 154
Net Hours 357.5
Capture Rate: 43.07692308

Capture Rate was 43.08 birds/100 Net Hours.