

Weekly Update September 17th to 23rd 2017

Even with 3 days of rain that shut down our songbird banding, it has still been a stellar week of fall migration! 417 birds have been captured this week, with 219 being caught in just one morning!!! A new record for the last couple of years in fall migration daily capture totals! Of those 219 birds, 109 of them were Myrtle Warblers and 76 were Orange-crowned Warblers. Both species have been passing through the area in high numbers all week long. Some other highlight species that we caught this week include a Blue Jay, Western Palm Warblers, Brown Creepers and a Blue-headed Vireo.

Lots of Sandhill Cranes, Canada Geese, and Greater White Fronted Geese have been seen and heard migrating through the natural area lately. As well, a flock of Pine Siskins have been hanging out at the feeders for the last little while.



Myrtle Warbler



Blue Jay replacing it's flight and tail feathers!

Owl migration is still doing well with a total of 21 Northern Saw-Whet Owls captured this week. Numbers are slowly on the increase which is always nice to see and already, there have been tons of visitors out to enjoy our nocturnal friends!

A big thank you to all of those who visited and helped out this week. Thank you to Irene, Jeremy, Amanda, Greg, Gerry, Marie and Brittany for helping with banding. It was great to have Dan, Fraser, Natasha, Emily, Jeremiah, Ira, Erin, Ronnie, Jocelyn, Jenna, Taylor, Kaela, Zach and Rachel visit us this week. As well, thanks to Laurie's family, Steve's family and Alyssa's friends plus another group of 5 visitors for coming out for owls and keeping us company. We also want to say a thank you to Chris Olsen's class from Lakeland College for visiting the BBO. It was great having you guys out!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Redstart	2					2
Audubon's Warbler	2					2
Black-capped Chickadee	8	7	1		1	17
Blue-headed Vireo	1					1
Blue Jay	1					1
Brown Creeper	1				1	2
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1					1
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Downy Woodpecker		3				3
Hermit Thrush	1				1	2
Lincoln's Sparrow	1					1
Magnolia Warbler	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	248	11			2	261
Orange-Crowned Warbler	80				2	82
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4					4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4					4
Slate-Coloured Junco	12	1			1	14
Swainson's Thrush	1					1
Swamp Sparrow					1	1
Tennessee Warbler	3					3
Western Palm Warbler	3					3
White-crowned Sparrow	1					1
White-throated Sparrow	3				1	4
Wilson's Warbler	2					2
Yellow Warbler	2					2
Total	384	22	1	0	10	417

Birds Caught 417
Net Hours 284
Capture Rate: 146.8309859

Capture Rate was 146.83 birds/100 Net Hours.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
NSWO	21					21
Total	21	0	0	0	0	21

Net Hours 142
Capture Rate 14.78873239

Capture Rate was 14.79 birds/100 Net Hours