

Weekly Update September 24th to 30th 2017

Fall Migration is coming to an end... At the start of the week, we were still catching 133 birds in a morning, but by the end of the week only 2 birds were captured. Granted, the net hours were only 2.5 due to wind, but still, we can see that the end is near...

This week lots of Myrtle Warblers, Orange-crowned Warblers and Slate-coloured Juncos were captured. The American Tree Sparrows are starting to arrive, yet we are still capturing some American Redstarts, Western Palm Warblers, Lincoln's Sparrow and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Lots of Greater-white-fronted Geese have been flying overhead as well as Sandhill Cranes and the Snow Geese are finally coming through in high numbers! Over 1000 Snow Geese were counted this week and they are still flying overhead.



Steaks & Saw-Whets attendees enjoying the buffet of food available to them!

This weekend we hosted our Steaks-and-Saw-Whets Fundraiser and what a success it was!! We sold out both nights, with 50+ people attending each Friday and Saturday evening. All of our volunteers really came through to help make these nights possible and with their help, everyone enjoyed an amazing steak dinner, got to meet Ricki our educational Northern Saw-Whet Owl, and were even able to see some wild owl banding!! So Thanks everyone for your help for making these nights successful and thanks everyone for coming out!!!



Sara & Rickie teaching visitors about Saw-Whet Owls

The Northern Saw-Whet Owl migration is starting to pick up. 76 Northern Saw-Whet Owls were captured this week, with capture rates going from 8 to 28 in two nights!!! Weather fronts could be the cause of this, but either way, the owls are starting to fly!

So once again, a BIG THANK YOU to all of those who visited and volunteered this week. Thank you to; Gerry, Irene, Zach, Natasha, Scott, Emily, Jeremiah, Meghan, Amelia, Janos, Fraser & Rena, Laura, Thea, Steve, Caitlin, Kevin, Darren, Rose, Rolly, Geoff, Helen and Phil!!!! There is no way we could have gotten through this week without you!!!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Goldfinch	4					4
American Redstart	1					1
American Tree Sparrow	10					10
Audubon's Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	12	2			16
Clay-coloured Sparrow	3					3
Downy Woodpecker		1				1
Hermit Thrush	1					1
House Wren	1				1	2
Lincoln's Sparrow	6				2	8
Myrtle Warbler	70	3			5	78
Orange-crowned Warbler	73	3			3	79
Oregon Junco	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	12	1			2	15
Slate-Coloured Junco	48	1			1	50
Swainson's Thrush	1					1
Tennessee Warbler	1					1
Western Palm Warbler	7	1				8
White-breasted Nuthatch	2					2
White-crowned Sparrow	1					1
White-throated Sparrow	6					6
Total	252	22	2	0	14	290

Birds Caught 290
Net Hours 360.75
Capture Rate: 80.38808039

Capture Rate was 80.39 birds/100 Net Hours.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
NSWO	76					76
Total	76	0	0	0	0	76

Birds Caught 76
Net Hours 166
Capture Rate 45.78313253

Capture Rate was 45.78 birds/100 Net Hours