

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, August 27- September 2, 2018



Irene's Grandson with
Jeremy releasing a bird.

This past week, we caught a couple more awesome birds which included a Philadelphia Vireo, and a Gray-cheeked Thrush. We have now caught 46 different species during Fall Migration this year which is incredible! Unfortunately, our net hours were lower this past week due to rainy and windy weather, but so far during Fall Migration, we have caught over 1100 birds with still 5 weeks of banding left to go!! We have already doubled the number of captures compared to last year at this time.

which included erecting 5 more maternity bat boxes throughout the natural area, cleaning out the shed and further optimizing the banding lab ahead of owl season to make more room for interpretation. Sara also prepared everything for the beginning of owl monitoring by inventorying all the nets and setting them up

BBO staff worked on numerous tasks this past week (the first night was Sept.1).



Jeremy!

Other tasks BBO staff worked on included, data entry, editing intern reports, writing an interim report for ACA, and education emails. BBO staff also took down the bee trap which had been set-up at the BBO the entire summer to provide data to Alberta Parks regarding bee populations within the province.

Additionally, this was Jeremy's last week working with us, as he is returning to King's University for his second year of university. The BBO staff will miss having him around full-time and his hard-working attitude. Given it was



A Gray-cheeked Thrush.

Jeremy's last week, Irene and Bob Crosland hosted a supper for the BBO staff. They made a beautiful roast beef supper for the staff to enjoy. It was a lovely evening and the staff are so grateful for the wonderful home-cooked meal.

Visitors and Volunteers who were out assisting the BBO staff this week included, Irene and her grandchildren, Al, John, Rose, Alyssa, Geoff, Helen, Bryan, Martijn, Steve, and Meghan.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Redstart	4					4
Black-capped Chickadee	5	6	3			14
Blackpoll Warbler	3					3
Downy Woodpecker	1	1				2
Gray Catbird		1				1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1					1
Hermit Thrush	1					1
House Wren	1	1				2
Lincoln's Sparrow	2					2
Least Flycatcher	12	1			1	14
Magnolia Warbler	2					2
Myrtle Warbler	9					9
Northern Waterthrush	3					3
Orange-crowned Warbler	1					1
Ovenbird	5					5
Philadelphia Vireo	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1					1
Song Sparrow	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	8				1	9
Tennessee Warbler	10	1				11
Trail's Flycatcher	2					2
White-throated Sparrow	1					1
Wilson's Warbler	2					2
Yellow Warbler	1					1
	77	11	3	0	2	93

		1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO
		2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).
Net Hours: 326.95		3 Banded at a location other than the BBO
Capture Rate: 28.44		4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).