

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, September 3- September 9, 2018



A Pileated Woodpecker!

This past week was fabulous for fall migration. We only had one weather day and caught a total of 76 birds another day which is our highest number of captures for fall migration! There have also been more and more Myrtle Warblers coming through the area. In addition to catching numerous birds this past week, we also caught a couple awesome species. The highlights include a Northern Flicker, Western Palm Warbler and a Pileated Woodpecker!!!

Over the last week, Laurie Hunt's students from NAIT came out for a morning of songbird banding. They were able to see numerous species of warblers, as this was the morning we caught 76 birds during migration. The students seemed to really enjoy all the birds they got to see and release. It was awesome to have such an eager group out for the morning of banding.



A Western Palm Warbler



A Red-breasted Nuthatch

Owl migration has started!! We have caught a couple of Long-eared Owls and a handful of Northern Saw-whet owls over the last nine days! The BBO staff are very excited to be catching Long-eared Owls this year, as we are piloting a new monitoring project for Long-eared owls.

We have had numerous visitors out this past week and it was great to see so many new and familiar faces around the BBO. One of our visitors included Kenzi Kawaliak who was a Young Ornithologist this year and is local to the area. She absolutely loved the workshop and has



A Long-eared Owl

now decided to become a BBO volunteer. I imagine we will see her out more often for songbird banding in the morning and maybe even for owls in the evening. Another one of our visitors was Pat Nolan, who brought out a fresh jar of honey for the BBO staff to enjoy!

Marie, one of our volunteers, stayed with us for four days to help with both songbird migration and owl migration. The extra pair of hands on site was fantastic. The two new owl interns and the songbird intern were also out for banding this past week to lend a hand to staff. The owl interns this year are Jeremy and John and the songbird intern is Stephanie.

The BBO staff would like to extend another huge thank you to all our visitors, volunteers and board members (Irene and Bob Crosland, Helen and Phil Trefry, John Scott, Al DeGroot, and Geoff Holroyd) who were out over the week, as your help is always greatly appreciated.



A Northern Saw-whet Owl

Table 1: Summary of songbird migration from September 3rd to September 9th.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Goldfinch	1					1
American Redstart	3				2	5
Black-capped Chickadee	1	5	1			7
Blackpoll Warbler	3					3
Hermit Thrush	2					2
House Wren		2				2
Lincoln's Sparrow	2					2
Least Flycatcher	8				4	12
Magnolia Warbler	4				1	5
Myrtle Warbler	73	1			6	80
Nashville Warbler	1					1
Northern Flicker	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	2				1	3
Orange-crowned Warbler	25	1				26
Ovenbird	5					5
Pileated Woodpecker	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2					2
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3					3
Swainson's Thrush	3					3
Tennessee Warbler	4				1	5
Trail's Flycatcher	2					2
Warbling Vireo	1					1
Western Palm Warbler	4					4
White-breasted Nuthatch	1					1
White-throated Sparrow	5					5
Wilson's Warbler	9	2				11
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1				1
Yellow Warbler	3			1		4
Total	169	12	1	1	15	198

		1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO
Net Hours: 409.5		2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).
Capture Rate: 48.35		3 Banded at a location other than the BBO
		4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).

Table 2: Summary of owl migration from September 1st to September 9th.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	1				4
Long-eared Owl	3					3
Total	6	1	0	0	0	7
Net Hours: 177.45	1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO					
Capture Rate: 3.94	2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).					
	3 Banded at a location other than the BBO					
	4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).					