

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, September 24- September 30, 2018

Fall migration is quickly approaching, as staff caught a male Golden-crowned Kinglet and an American Tree Sparrow this past week. We also caught a Brown Creeper which was super exciting! The Edmonton Nature Club also came out one morning and did some birding within the natural area and went on a net check with staff before continuing their travels.



A Brown Creeper!



A Golden-crowned
Kinglet!

Throughout the week staff were busy preparing for Steaks and Saw-whets which was held on September 28th and 29th. We made sure all event dishes were ready to go and staff put up all the event signs and set-up the event tents. We also cleaned all the lawn chairs and picnic tables. Staff also gathered all the necessary supplies for the Snowy Owl craft for kids to make at the event.

The Steaks and Saw-whets event went extremely well! We sold out both nights with 50 people attending each night! Both nights visitors were able to see at least one Northern Saw-whet Owl being banded and processed! All the visitors loved Rickie (Northern Saw-whet education

Owl) who came out for the event. Everyone thought Rickie was adorable and enjoyed taking pictures and petting him. A huge thank you to Geoff who did a lot of the off-site prep work for the event including buying all the groceries, preparing all the potatoes, and bringing out water and propane. BBO staff would also like to thank all our volunteers and board members who were out to help for the event including, Irene, Helen, Laurie, Alyssa, Thea, Andra, Rolly, and Steve. Our owl/songbird interns Johnathon, Stephanie and Jeremy were also a large help with cooking steak and showing off Rickie during the event. It was a fantastic week at the BBO!



The sunrise over Beaverhill
Lake

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Redstart	1					1
American Tree Sparrow	7					7
Black-capped Chickadee	3	14	3		1	21
Brown Creeper	1					1
Downy Woodpecker		1				1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1					1
Hairy Woodpecker		1				1
Hermit Thrush	1				1	2
Lincoln's Sparrow	2					2
Myrtle Warbler	20				1	21
Orange-crowned Warbler	10	1				11
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3					3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5					5
Slate-colored Junco	6					6
Western Palm Warbler	2					2
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	2			1	5
White-throated Sparrow	1					1
Total	65	19	3	0	4	91
Net Hours: 287.95						
Capture Rate: 31.60/100hrs						

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).

3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	38					38
Long-eared Owl	3					3
Total	41	0	0	0	0	41
Net Hours: 210						
Capture Rate: 19.52/100 hrs						

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3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

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