

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update, April 29- May 8, 2019

Welcome to the 2019 season at the BBO! We have lots of friendly faces around the BBO this year, including myself (Emily Grose), Sara Pearce Meijerink, Jeremy Lambe, Stephanie Thunberg, and Karambir Singh. Stephanie and Karambir are our newest staff members who will be working from the city on the education program until the end of June before joining the rest of staff in the field. We are all excited for the season of banding ahead!



Savannah Sparrow

Sara, Geoff Holroyd, and Jeremy all worked hard to get the lab set-up in preparation for the start of spring migration monitoring on May 1st. The first week of banding has been slow due to some snowy/cold weather. However, we have already caught 13 different species which includes a Myrtle/Audubon hybrid Warbler, many sparrows (White-throated, Lincoln's, Savannah, and Song Sparrows), Orange-crowned Warblers, Hermit Thrushes, and Dark-eyed Juncos are among the variety.

Over the past week, staff, volunteers, and board members have been busy checking our Northern Saw-whet Owl boxes for nesting owls, repairing Tree Swallow nest boxes, re-painting numbers on Tree Swallow nest boxes, cleaning/organizing the lab, constructing new bunkbeds for Raven's Roost, and clearing trails. Needless to say we had a busy first week out at the BBO.

Further, with the help of Laurie Hunt; BBO hosted intern orientation day on May 5th. We are excited to have 11 student interns join us for the summer working on a range of projects from Bats, Tree Swallows, House Wrens, Butterflies, and Breeding Bird Surveys.



Western Palm Warbler

Additionally, the lab has been very busy this week with visitors! On May 4th, Steve Andersen, Kevin Methuen, and Amélie Roberto-Charron all came to the BBO for a short visit. It was fabulous to catch up with former BBO staff members and board member Steve. Other visitors who came out over the past week include Irene Crosland, Megan Westervelt, Josue Arteaga-Torres, Megan Jacklin, and Jon Vanarragon. It has been fantastic to have so many visitors out at the BBO our first week! A huge thank you to Laurie for organizing the intern orientation day and to Geoff for helping with the set-up of the lab and other logistics!

| Species | Banded | Repeat ¹ | Return ² | Foreign ³ | Other ⁴ | Total |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Black-capped Chickadee | 1 | 3 | 6 | | 1 | 11 |
| American Robin | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Hermit Thrush | 4 | | 1 | | | 5 |
| Hybrid (Myrtle/Audubon warbler) | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Lincoln Sparrow | 5 | | | | | 5 |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Slate-colored Junco | 8 | | | | | 8 |
| Savannah Sparrow | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Song Sparrow | 3 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Swainson's Thrush | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| Tree Swallow | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| | 31 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| | 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: 334.1 | 3 Banded at a location other than the BBO | | | | | |
| Capture Rate: 13.17/100 hours | 4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net). | | | | | |