

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update

May 23-30, 2019

This past week has been very busy, bustling with visitors and volunteers and a few more migrant birds moved through the area as well. Over the last week the highlights birds included a Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Magnolia Warbler, Gray-cheeked Thrush, and a Hairy Woodpecker. We also caught quite a few Northern Orioles which is always fun since they are such flashy birds!



*Two Northern Orioles*

Greg Ottway was out volunteering with us again and during his stay, with the help of BBO staff and board members, we were able to put up a lot of our new Alberta Park Signs! Hopefully with all the new signs up in the natural area visitors and volunteers will have an easier time locating the bird observatory in the future! We also have been fortunate enough to have Sonia Vallocchia stay with the BBO for the past 2 weeks. She has been an excellent volunteer willing to help BBO staff with a host of many tasks! We will be sad to see her leave on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Other tasks that BBO staff completed over the week included lots of data entry and catching up on maintenance tasks including checking the solar batteries and tidying up. We had to conduct more trail upkeep along Flicker Freeway due to the continuous beaver activity. Further, staff have began prep for hosting Big Birding Breakfast this weekend!



*Greg, Emily, Sonia, Karambir and Jeremy installing the new signs!*

Thank you to all our visitors and volunteers who came out over the last week who included: Geoff Holroyd, Greg Ottway, Sonia Vallocchia, Devin and Mellissa, House Wren and Tree Swallow Interns, Karambir Singh, Natasha and Julie.

Table 1: Summary of songbird migration from May 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 30<sup>th</sup>.

| Species                   | Banded     | Repeat <sup>1</sup> | Return <sup>2</sup> | Foreign <sup>3</sup> | Other <sup>4</sup> | Total      |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| American Redstart         | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| American Robin            | 2          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 2          |
| Black-capped Chickadee    |            | 1                   |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Blackpoll Warbler         | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Brown-headed Cowbird      | 4          | 4                   | 2                   |                      |                    | 10         |
| Chipping Sparrow          | 2          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 2          |
| Clay-colored Sparrow      | 31         | 10                  |                     |                      |                    | 41         |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush       | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Hairy Woodpecker          |            | 1                   |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| House Wren                | 9          | 2                   |                     |                      | 2                  | 13         |
| Least Flycatcher          | 31         | 8                   |                     |                      | 5                  | 44         |
| Lincoln Sparrow           | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Magnolia Warbler          | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Myrtle Warbler            | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Northern Oriole           | 5          | 6                   |                     |                      |                    | 11         |
| Orange-crowned Warbler    | 1          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 1          |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird |            |                     |                     |                      | 1                  | 1          |
| Swainson's Thrush         | 9          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 9          |
| Tennessee Warbler         | 2          |                     |                     |                      |                    | 2          |
| Warbling Vireo            | 1          | 1                   |                     |                      |                    | 2          |
| White-throated Sparrow    | 9          |                     |                     |                      | 2                  | 11         |
| Yellow Warbler            | 6          | 7                   | 4                   |                      |                    | 17         |
|                           | <b>118</b> | <b>40</b>           | <b>6</b>            | <b>0</b>             | <b>10</b>          | <b>174</b> |

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|                               |  | 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: 624                |  | 3 Banded at a location other than the BBO                                  |
| Capture Rate: 27.88/100 hours |  | 4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).                  |