

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update

June 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019



*Baltimore Oriole caught at BLAB  
MAPS Station*

This week at the BBO we rapped up our spring migration monitoring program and starting our MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) monitoring program. Highlight birds from our last few days of spring migration, in between all the rain and snow we had this week, included Red-eyed Vireos, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, and a Common Yellowthroat. With our three banding stations at MAPS this week we caught a lot of Red-winged Blackbirds, Least Flycatchers, a freshly fledged family of Black-capped Chickadees and some handsome Swamp Sparrows.

Due to all the poor weather we had at the start of the week, staff spent a lot of their time, getting caught up on report writing, data entry and double checking our data. When the weather cooperated with us, staff managed to repair the Tree Swallow Grid located on the road, stained the deck structure on our Raven's Roost Bunkhouse so that in a week or two, we can install mosquito netting around the deck and add a screen door, creating an additional barrier between those biting insects and our sleeping quarters. Staff also continued to install the new signs, as it's been

a couple of weeks now, of digging holes using a hand-powered manual auger, but we are almost done! Just a few more left to go!

A big thank you this week to our brave volunteers, Norm and Martine, who withstood the onslaught of mosquitoes in order to come out and help us band at our SOPO MAPS site. Thank you as well to all the interns for working on their surveys, and to all the visitors who joined us at the lab this week; Antonia and Andrew, Helen and Victor, Irene and the many others that passed through the area. We always appreciate seeing others enjoy the natural area as much as we do. Thanks for coming out!



*Karambir and Jeremy processing a Red-winged Blackbird Female at our  
SOPO MAPS Station*

### Spring Migration Monitoring Program

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
American Goldfinch	1					1
American Redstart	1					1
Clay-coloured Sparrow	7				1	8
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
House Wren	1					1
Least Flycatcher	6	5				11
Trail's Flycatcher	3					3
Warbling Vireo			1			1
Yellow Warbler	1	3	1			5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>

	1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO
Net Hours: 152 hrs	2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).
Capture Rate: 21.05 birds/100 net hours	3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

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

### MAPS Banding Program

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
American Robin	6		3			9
Baltimore Oriole	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	4		1			5
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		1			2
Grey Catbird	1					1
House Wren	2					2
Hermit Thrush	1		1			2
Least Flycatcher	13	2	5		2	22
Red-winged Blackbird	13	1	2		3	19
Song Sparrow	5		1			6
Swamp Sparrow	2		1			3
Trail's Flycatcher	3					3
White-throated Sparrow	4					4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2					2
Yellow Warbler	4		1			5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>86</b>

	1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO
Net Hours: 170hrs	2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).
Capture Rate: 50.59birds/100net hours	3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

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