

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly update August 25th to 31st

Fall migration monitoring is fully underway this week, with staff banding 69 birds of 26 species. Diversity of warblers was noteworthy this week, with 12 different species being banded. Highlights include Sharp-shinned hawk, Philadelphia Vireo and Canada Warbler. However, banding has been somewhat slow this week with rain in the later part of the week coming in during banding hours and hanging around all day!



Emily with a calm Sharp-shinned Hawk!

This was the last week of work for our summer staff Stephanie, Jeremy and Karambir. As well, Emily is leaving the BBO team to continue her education and passion of sharing knowledge with others as she returns to school to become a teacher! We will miss them all, wish them good luck in school and look forward to seeing them on occasion in the fall!

Thank you to the visitors and volunteers that came out this week to assist BBO in their banding activities! This week we thank; Tessa, Martine, Sonia, Josue, Gerry, Irene and all our visitors!

BBO staff have been busy preparing for the start of owl banding season, starting the evening of September 1st. Six Northern Saw-whet Owl nets and one Long-eared Owl net have been set up and staff are looking forward to banding owls and welcoming visitors interested in coming by as well! Other tasks completed during rainy days include data entry and proofing of banding data from the recently completed MAPS banding season of this summer.



Wilson's Warbler

Table 1: Summary of Migration Monitoring banding from August 25th to 31st.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Goldfinch			1			1
American Redstart	2				1	3
Black-and-white Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	4	1		1	7
Blackpoll Warbler	3					3
Blue-headed Vireo	1					1
Canada Warbler	2					2
Hairy Woodpecker			1			1
House Wren					1	1
Least Flycatcher	6	3			1	10
Magnolia Warbler	2					2
Myrtle Warbler	3					3
Northern Waterthrush	2					2
Orange-crowned Warbler	2					2
Ovenbird	5					5
Philadelphia Vireo	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1					1
Red-eyed Vireo	2					2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1					1
Song Sparrow	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	14				2	16
Tennessee Warbler	5					5
Trail's Flycatcher	3					3
Warbling Vireo	1					1
Wilson's Warbler	5					5
Yellow Warbler	5					5
TOTALS	69	7	3	0	6	85

1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO

Net Hours: 354.25

2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).

Capture rate: 23.99/ 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).