

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory

### Weekly update September 8th to 14th

Fall migration continues this week with the rumblings of big days of mixed warbler flocks just starting! Weather this week started cool and cloudy, turning clear and sunny and ideal for songbird migration. Staff banded 150 birds of 20 species, with highlights being a Canada Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo, Palm Warbler and Swamp sparrow. We are also excited to see the beginning of some later migrations starting this week including Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-throated Sparrow and Fox Sparrow!

This second week of owl banding has continued to be slow, as staff banded only 4 Saw-whet owls on their journey to their wintering grounds. However, Long-eared Owl banding was particularly exciting this week with 5 individuals banded!

BBO staff has made good use of the cool and wet weather, entering and reviewing data from the summer MAPS program and keeping our daily eBird observations up to date! We also continuously observe birds throughout the Beaverhill Natural Area and are impressed by the initial numbers of Snow Geese, Greater-white fronted Geese, Sandhill Cranes and Ducks moving through the area!



*Northern Waterthrush*



*Fox Sparrow*

Thanks to visitors and volunteers out this week assisting BBO banding including; Melissa, Irene, Stephanie, Mike, Ashlea, Julianne, Steve, Laurie and Logan!

Species	Banded	Repeat <sub>1</sub>	Return <sub>2</sub>	Foreign <sub>3</sub>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	4	5				9
Blue-headed Vireo	1					1
Canada Warbler	1					1
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Fox Sparrow	1					1
Hermit Thrush	1					1
House Wren		1				1
Least Flycatcher	2					2
Lincoln's Sparrow	3					3
Magnolia Warbler	3	1				4
Myrtle Warbler	85					85
Northern Waterthrush	1					1
Orange-crowned Warbler	27					27
Ovenbird	1					1
Palm Warbler	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	9					9
Swainson's Thrush	2					2
Swamp Sparrow	1					1
Tennessee Warbler	1					1
Trail's Flycatcher	1					1
White-throated Sparrow	4					4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>

Net Hours: 461

Capture rate: 34.06/ 100 net hours

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 <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
Long-eared Owl	5					5
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4					4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

Net Hours: 224.5

Capture rate: 4.00/ 100 net hours

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3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

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