

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update
September 29th to October 5th 2019

The cold, wet and windy weather continues again this week and we've now had our first bit of snow for the season! This week was our lowest week for songbird migration with 22 banded but our biggest so far for owl migration with 92 banded! Highlights this week include a Palm Warbler and two Long-eared Owls!



Northern Saw-whet Owl

This week has been very exciting for our owl migration. We welcomed many visitors who have come by to see us and we await to find out where a foreign recaptured Saw-whet owl came from!

BBO staff continue to enter banding and observation data as the season winds down. We are also starting to prepare for the dropping temperatures with small tasks to winterise our cabin!

We were excited to welcome many visitors and volunteers to BBO this week including; Martijn, Greg, Irene, Natasha, Brett, the Tofield Library group and the NAIT Bio Sci Club!

Despite the poor weather, staff has been continuing to make observations of some great migration through the Beaverhill Lake area. We have been seeing migration of Long-billed Dowitchers, Lapland Longspurs, Northern Shrike, Short-eared Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, a Golden Eagle, and Greater white-fronted, Snow, Ross's, Canada and Cackling Geese!



A very frosty bird observatory!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	1	5	1			7
Downy Woodpecker	1	2				3
Myrtle Warbler	10					10
Orange-crowned Warbler	3					3
Palm Warbler	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	1				6
Swainson's Thrush	1					1
White-breasted Nuthatch		1				1
TOTALS	22	9	1	0	0	32

Net Hours: 130

Capture rate: 24.61 birds/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	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	90			1		91
Long-eared Owl	2					2
TOTALS	92	0	0	1	0	93

Net Hours: 299

Capture rate: 30.43 birds/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).