

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update July 20th - 29th



An American Crow. These familiar city dwellers are a rare catch at the BBO as their size generally prevents them from getting caught in our nets.

Tennessee Warbler, and a Philadelphia Vireo. The interesting captures were not limited to birds caught in our nets however – our head biologist Sara managed to capture a Black Tern and an American Crow by hand!

Staff have been hard at work preparing the site for the Young Ornithologist's workshop, which begins next week. We are excited to be hosting 10 youth this year, they will spend the week living the life of a field biologist as well as receiving presentations from guest speakers on a variety of conservation related topics.

In addition to completing another round of MAPS banding, staff were excited to open migration monitoring nets once again as fall migration begins. While almost all of the birds captured this week were local breeders, we did catch one Ovenbird which is a sign that songbirds are on the move! Songbird migration monitoring will continue until October 20th, which means we'll be catching migration from start to finish!

While migration got off to a slow start, our MAPS stations remain productive as ever. Banding at the SOPO station was particularly exciting – we caught 52 birds which included a Western Wood-pewee, a Black-and-white Warbler, and a pair of Cedar Waxwings. LILA also had some interesting birds including a very scruffy Myrtle Warbler, a



A Black Tern. Closely related to gulls, terns dive for fish while flying bouncily above the surface of a lake.



A Western Wood-pewee. These large flycatchers are an uncommon catch in the natural area as they tend to prefer areas with larger trees.



An Ovenbird. These warblers are named for their domelike ground nests that resemble a Dutch oven.

Table 1. Migration Monitoring Banding Totals

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Least Flycatcher	26	5	1			32
House Wren	1	1				2
Yellow Warbler	5		1			6
American Goldfinch	1					1
Warbling Vireo	3					3
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	5	2	1		1	9
Clay-colored Sparrow					1	1
Ovenbird	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1
TOTALS	43	8	3	0	3	57

554 net-hours

10.3 captures/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).

Table 2. MAPS Banding Totals

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Least Flycatcher	13	3				16
Trail's Flycatcher	2					2
Cedar Waxwing	2					2
Yellow Warbler	19	3	1		1	24
Tennessee Warbler	1					1
Warbling Vireo	2		1			3
Black-and-white Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	10	3	1			14
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	1				2
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	1					1
Song Sparrow	6	1			2	9
Western Wood-pewee	1					1
Philadelphia Vireo	1					1
TOTALS	61	11	3	0	3	78

127 net-hours

61.4 captures/100 net-hours

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