

# Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update June 10 – June 19, 2022



*The Veery is a Veery uncommon species for the natural area, so staff were Veery excited to band it!*

With the days of spring migration behind us, staff began the first round of MAPS banding this week. MAPS (short for **M**onitoring **A**vian **P**roductivity and **S**urvivorship) is a banding protocol that aims to learn more about our local breeding birds: when they are breeding, how many young they are having, and how many of those young are surviving to adulthood. Staff operated all three MAPS stations in the natural area this week, highlight captures included several Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, a pair of Philadelphia Vireos, and a Veery!

In between running the MAPS stations, staff and our long-term volunteer Myrthe have been hard at work searching for Least Flycatcher nests. We have found 13 nests to date and hope this data will help further our understanding of one of the BBO's most common summer residents.



*The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker drills sap wells in trees and then feeds on insects that the sap attracts!*

The weather this week was hardly cooperative – it rained, it rained, and it poured. While this made MAPS banding and finding Least Flycatcher nests more difficult, it did give staff the opportunity to get caught up on data entry and report writing. With the help of many a caffeinated beverage, all of the data from spring migration monitoring has been entered into our database so it can be accessed easily in the future.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>	<b>Repeat<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Foreign<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Least Flycatcher	8	1	3			12
Brown-headed Cowbird			2		2	4
Red-winged Blackbird	9				9	18
Hairy Woodpecker			1			1
Trail's Flycatcher	2					2
American Robin	5		1			6
Warbling Vireo	4					4
Yellow Warbler	7		2			9
Clay-colored Sparrow	6		1		1	8
Common Yellowthroat	2				1	3
Swamp Sparrow	1					1
Veery	1					1
Downy Woodpecker	1					1
House Wren	2	1			1	4
Cedar Waxwing	1					1
Song Sparrow	3					3
White-throated Sparrow	1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	1				5
Philadelphia Vireo	2					2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>

135 net-hours

63.7 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).