Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update - June 30 - July 9, 2024



Hatch year Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)

completed this week, despite windy conditions. The station at SOPO was a little slower than normal, due to the wind, only capturing 15 birds. BLAB was similarly slow, with a total of 5 birds caught. Fortunately, the LILA station was a bit busier, totalling 46 birds caught.

The third round of MAPS at the BBO was

While MAPS was slow this week, it was still exciting! Baby birds have started arriving frequently in our nets, including Yellow Warblers, Black-capped Chickadees, Clay-coloured Sparrows, Baltimore Orioles, and a Downy Woodpecker. Overall, our MAPS nets are capturing a variety of species, making for interesting summer banding.



Hatch year Yellow Warbler (Setophaga petechia)

Tree Swallow nestling banding is still in progress, though it's slowing down significantly. This week, staff banded one box of five nestlings.

Despite the wind and heat, other surveys were also completed this week. Shorebird surveys, Breeding Bird surveys, Least Flycatcher surveys, and Marsh Monitoring surveys were all accomplished, working around the windy conditions and hot weather. Overall, a successful week at the BBO!

Table 1. Summary of MAPS banding at BLAB (July 2)

SPECIES	BANDED	REPEAT ¹	RETURN ²	FOREIGN ³	OTHER4	TOTAL
Least Flycatcher	2	2				4
American Robin	1					1
TOTAL:	3	2	0	0	0	5

40 net-hours 12.5 captures/100 net-hours

- 1 banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO
- 2 banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO
- 3 banded at a location other than the BBO
- 4 caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

Table 2. Summary of MAPS banding at SOPO (July 4)

SPECIES	BANDED	REPEAT 1	RETURN ²	FOREIGN ³	OTHER ⁴	TOTAL
Least Flycatcher	2		1			3
Black-capped Chickadee	2					2
House Wren			1			1
Swainson's Thrush	1					1
American Robin		1				1
Yellow Warbler	1		1			2
Song Sparrow	1					1
Red-winged Blackbird	1	1				2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		1			2
TOTAL:	9	2	4	0	0	15

31 net-hours

48.4 captures/100 net-hours

1 - banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO

2 - banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO3 - banded at a location other than the BBO4 - caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

Table 3. Summary of MAPS banding at LILA (July 7)

SPECIES	BANDED	REPEAT ¹	RETURN ²	FOREIGN ³	OTHER4	TOTAL
Downy Woodpecker	1					1
Least Flycatcher	7	1				8
Black-capped Chickadee	6					6
House Wren	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	1					1
Cedar Waxwing	4					4
Warbling Vireo	1					1
Yellow Warbler	6	1			1	8
Clay-coloured Sparrow	2					2
Song Sparrow	2	2				4
Baltimore Oriole	2	1				3
American Goldfinch	2					2
Red-winged Blackbird	1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		3				3
TOTAL:	36	9	0	0	1	46

49 net-hours 93.9 captures/100 net-hours

^{1 -} banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO

^{2 -} banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO

^{3 -} banded at a location other than the BBO

^{4 -} caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)