

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update – September 6-12, 2026

This week at the BBO was a fun week for songbird and owl migration banding! Songbird diversity was great, with 23 species over 116 captures. Highlights included a Blue-headed Vireo, a Swamp Sparrow, and a handful of Palm Warblers. Excitingly, our fall warblers are moving through, including many Myrtle Warblers and Orange-crowned Warblers.



Orange-crowned Warbler



Myrtle (Yellow-rumped) Warbler

Owl banding was successful this week, with 20 Northern Saw-whet Owl captures. We hosted our first owl event of the year on Saturday September 12— welcome back visitors! Event activities included banding, crosswords and word searches, exploring the specimen display, and sky gazing.

Staff continued working on reports, data entry of owl effort data, and miscellaneous stewardship work ahead of the busy event season! Songbird events are continuing, with the addition of owl events from Thursday to Sunday every week.



Northern Saw-whet Owl

Migration Monitoring banding totals:

<i>Species Name (Autofills)</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Unbanded ³	Grand Total
Black-capped Chickadee	1	4		1	6
Blue-headed Vireo	1				1
Canada Warbler	1				1
Clay-colored Sparrow	3				3
Common Yellowthroat	5				5
Eastern Warbling-Vireo	1				1
Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow	2	2			4
Least Flycatcher	6				6
Lincoln's Sparrow	1				1
Magnolia Warbler	1				1
Mourning Warbler	1				1
Myrtle Warbler	44				44
Northern House Wren		2	1		3
Orange-crowned Warbler	14				14
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4				4
Savannah Sparrow	1				1
Slate-colored Junco	1				1
Swainson's Thrush	7				7
Swamp Sparrow	1				1
Unidentified Warbling Vireo	2		1		3
Western Palm Warbler	5				5
White-throated Sparrow	2				2
Yellow Shafted Flicker	1				1
Grand Total	105	8	2	1	116

497.25 net-hours

23.3 captures/100 net-hours

1 - banded less than 90 days ago, at the BBO

2 – banded more than 90 days ago, at the BBO

3 - caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

Owl banding totals:

	Banded	Repeat ¹	Grand Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	19	1	20
Grand Total	19	1	20

118 net-hours

1 - banded less than 90 days ago, at the BBO

NSWO Male (19 captures)

64 playback hours

captures/100 playback hours

NSWO Female (1 captures)

27.5 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours

Long-eared Owl (0 captures)

26.5 playback hours

2.5 captures/100 playback hours