

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update Aug 22-28, 2006.

As September approaches, the changes of the season are more noticeable, especially the cooler mornings and the shorter hours of daylight. We set mist-nets a half-hour before sunrise, and at the current time of 6:00 a.m. (in contrast to 4:00 a.m. in June) we feel like we are practically sleeping in! And with the earlier sunsets, we're finally awake late enough to see the stars, and the occasional owl. Geese are already flying overhead, and huge (300+) flocks of American Crows gather each evening to roost near the edges of the Natural Area. This ruckus is repeated in the early morning when they all disperse for the day.



Myrtle Warbler

Most of the migrating songbirds we catch are filling up with insects on their journey south, so they aren't likely to appear at backyard bird feeders. However, a few have found our birdbath on their way, and we had an especially cute Magnolia Warbler take what looked like a very enjoyable bath in the yard.

The Edmonton Nature Club visited this week on a late-morning field trip and kept us great company for a few hours. Our captures for the day slowed down before the group arrived, but a Black-and-white Warbler and Downy Woodpecker were banded and admired with everyone present. Red-tailed Hawks soared overhead the whole morning and few Sharp-shinned Hawks were seen as well.



Steak and Saw-whets is coming up soon! This annual event celebrates the migration of the tiny Northern Saw-whet Owl. Last year, both the Friday and Saturday night events were booked solid, so be sure to register early! Each evening begins with a barbeque (steaks, potatoes, corn cob, vegetarian options, desserts), followed by mist-netting for Saw-whets. To register or for more information, contact Chuck at [charles@ualberta.ca](mailto:charles@ualberta.ca) or phone (780) 984-6957.

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Black and White Warbler



Dark-eyed Junco

Table 1. Results from Fall Migration Monitoring August 22-28, 2006.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>	<b>Recapture</b>	<b>Foreign</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alder Flycatcher	1	0	0	0	1
American Goldfinch	2	0	0	0	2
American Robin	0	0	0	1	1
American Redstart	7	0	0	0	7
Black-and-White Warbler	5	0	0	0	5
Black-capped Chickadee	6	4	0	0	10
Blackpoll Warbler	8	0	0	0	8
Canada Warbler	2	0	0	0	2
Clay-colored Sparrow	7	0	0	1	8
Downy Woodpecker	1	0	0	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	0	0	2
Least Flycatcher	13	1	0	0	14
Lincoln's Sparrow	6	0	0	0	6
Magnolia Warbler	2	0	0	1	3
Mourning Warbler	1	0	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	43	0	0	5	48
Northern Waterthrush	3	0	0	0	3
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	0	0	0	1
Ovenbird	9	0	0	1	10
Philadelphia Vireo	3	0	0	0	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	0	0	0	1
Red-eyed Vireo	6	1	0	0	7
Slate-colored Junco	2	0	0	0	2
Song Sparrow	2	0	0	0	2
Swainson's Thrush	5	0	0	0	5
Tennessee Warbler	13	0	0	1	14
Warbling Vireo	1	2	0	0	3
Wilson's Warbler	1	0	0	0	1
White-throated Sparrow	3	0	0	0	3
Yellow Warbler	8	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>182</b>