

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update June 10 – June 19, 2011



MAPS started out with me banding solo at WIER on June 14th, catching a total of 9 birds. Only Least Flycatchers, Song Sparrows and one American Robin made it into the nets, but it was also an easily manageable day for me to be banding on my own. It was a nice day out, good weather, and a little fawn was settled down along the net path, so I walked past it every net check. It was really cute, and it is pretty amazing how still it can be when there is something nearby. It did move a bit

between net checks, but only once, and just to turn over! After going into Tofield the same day to wash bird bags at the Laundromat, I saw another fawn near the lab as I drove into the clearing. Quite a few fawns for just one day!

The next few days were a bit less productive due to the rain. I was able to do Point Counts at the Wier station on the 15th, but when Lisa and I tried to band at Park on the 16th, we only got one hour in before it really started to rain and we were forced to close the nets. Lisa did manage to find a Mallard nest before the rain started though!

Banding at Blab went well with Meaghan and I catching 19 birds, including Least Flycatchers, House Wrens, American Robins, a Brown-headed Cowbird, and some Black-capped Chickadees. Really nice to see chickadees again, and it was extra fun to catch a chick from this year that was still growing its tail and had really fluffy juvenile body plumage.



On the 22nd we were able to get out to Park to band again, this time getting in all the net hours that we needed. That day we managed to catch 11 birds, including Least Flycatchers, and happily two Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers! They were both females, so looks like we probably have two nests in the area? When Sapsuckers have young they tend to beg quite loudly from inside the cavity, making the nests relatively easy to find.

And that wraps up round 1 of 5 for MAPS at the BBO!

Table 1. Results from MAPS Program June 10 – June 19, 2011

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Robin	2	0	0	0	0	2
Black-capped Chickadee	1	1	0	0	0	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	0	1	0	0	0	1
House Wren	1	0	0	0	0	1
Least Flycatcher	11	14	0	0	6	31
Song Sparrow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	19	16	0	0	6	41

Net Hours: 180 NH

Capture Rate: 22.78 birds/ 100 NH

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).

