



Baby House Wren

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, July 12-19 and 23, 2011

Round four has been full of challenges! We unfortunately got rained out three times for banding, and so were really happy to see the nicer weather come along at the end of the month. The WEIR station was especially exciting, as a thunderstorm rolled in about an hour after we opened nets! It was very strange having the woods getting darker right at sunrise, and also meant a hurried kayak back to the lab before the lightning came in while we were on the lake...

Though the nets were still fairly quiet, it is interesting to start catching young of the year and unbanded adults as they move off their nests. We caught our first young Least Flycatcher of the year at BLAB; it was nice to have a young bird to compare to, as they are getting hard to age as they start molting. We also enjoyed seeing the young Hairy Woodpecker, as well as two young Downy Woodpeckers this round.

Point counts have been quiet, but it is always amusing to listen to the young chickadees and Warbling Vireos trying to learn their songs. Katie saw a Cooper's Hawk again, this time hunting around near the lab while she was doing the BLAB point counts.



The Hairy Woodpecker



The Downy Woodpecker

Nests checks have also been wrapped up. The Least Flycatcher nest at PARK looks like it was predated, but the Mallard nest by net 9 still has 11 warm eggs! We were able to band the House Wren nests on the swallow grids, as well as the one on the side of the lab.

Unfortunately the end of the summer also means saying goodbye to the Golondrinas crew. Thanks to Maya, Sara and Elsie for a great summer! Thanks also for hosting a delicious breakfast for the Stauffer family, and for sharing the pancakes!

Table 1. Results from MAPS round 4, July 12-19 and 23, 2011.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Robin	1	0	0	0	0	1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	2	0	0	0	0	2
Least Flycatcher	16	10	6	0	2	34
Warbling Vireo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	21	10	6	0	2	39

Net Hours: 180 NH

Capture Rate: 21.67 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).



The 2011 BBO crew BBQ