

## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, June 1 - 9, 2011



Big Birding breakfast group

Just a little bit of June left to wrap up Spring Migration Monitoring at the BBO, then it will be on to MAPS. Spring is always a fun season, never knowing which migrants may end up in the nets, but I do look forward to nests and nest monitoring now! There are some Mountain Bluebird chicks that are almost ready for banding.

In this first bit of June, we recaptured an interesting Brown-headed Cowbird. It was originally banded in 2007 by Matt, but hatched in 2005 or earlier so it was at least 6 years old! The recaptures are always fun to investigate and adds a bit of excitement to data entry.

One thing I have noticed this spring is there seems to be more Baltimore Orioles in the Natural Area. We have had a few net checks where we catch more than one, and one time we found 3 orioles in a single net! The female orioles have been observed coming to the lab and stealing strips of the tarp covering the deck. I am sure they are using it to build their hanging nests, so we will try to find some white oriole nests in the forest this year!

The Big Birding Breakfast was a great event once again, with approximately 35 attendees the staff and volunteers were kept busy ensuring everyone had a good time and got to experience songbird banding. It is always such a great day to get to see old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a delicious hot breakfast. You can't go wrong with bacon and crepes! Many thanks to all those that helped make the event possible.



Birds, bacon, and crepes



The majority of my time not banding has been spent setting up our MAPS stations. We have 10 nets at each site, so it is a fair bit of rope, net and poles to manage, as well as clearing all the debris that fell on the trails over the winter. While setting up the WIER site with the help of Sara, Maya, and Erin, we were lucky to find a fawn huddled in the grass. It was very neat to see, but we left it alone quickly so as not to disturb it, and continue on with our work. Looking forward to starting our summer programs now!

Table 1. Results from Spring Migration Monitoring, June 1 - June 9, 2011.

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
Alder Flycatcher	2	0	0	0	0	2
American Goldfinch	0	0	1	0	0	1
American Redstart	1	0	0	0	0	1
American Robin	10	0	0	0	1	11
Baltimore Oriole	5	7	1	0	0	13
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1	1	0	1	5
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1	1	0	0	1	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gray Catbird	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hermit Thrush	2	0	0	0	0	2
House Wren	4	3	0	0	3	10
Least Flycatcher	20	21	1	0	4	46
Mourning Warbler	2	0	0	0	0	2
Swainson's Thrush	3	0	0	0	0	3
Tennessee Warbler	2	0	0	0	0	2
Veery	1	0	0	0	0	1
Warbling Vireo	1	0	2	0	0	3
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2	0	0	0	0	2
Yellow Warbler	1	15	1	0	2	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>129</b>

Net Hours: 484 NH

Capture Rate: 26.65 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).



Table 2. Results from Spring Migration Monitoring, May 1 - June 9, 2011.

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
Alder Flycatcher	2	0	0	0	0	2
American Goldfinch	1	0	1	0	0	2
American Redstart	2	0	0	0	0	2
American Robin	14	0	0	0	1	15
American Tree Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Baltimore Oriole	6	9	3	0	2	20
Black-capped Chickadee	6	0	0	0	3	9
Blackpoll Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brown Creeper	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	3	3	0	2	14
Chipping Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Clay-coloured Sparrow	38	6	0	0	5	49
Eastern Phoebe	2	0	0	0	1	3
Gray Catbird	2	0	0	0	0	2
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	0	0	0	2
Hermit Thrush	3	0	0	0	0	3
House Wren	17	4	0	0	5	26
Least Flycatcher	59	36	13	0	9	117
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Magnolia Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mourning Warbler	3	0	0	0	0	3
Myrtle Warbler	7	0	0	0	0	7
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	0	0	0	0	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ruffed Grouse	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	0	0	0	1	1
Slate-colored Junco	2	0	0	0	0	2
Song Sparrow	4	3	0	0	5	12
Swainson's Thrush	21	0	0	0	1	22
Tennessee Warbler	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tree Swallow	1	0	2	0	0	3
Veery	2	0	1	0	0	3
Warbling Vireo	1	0	2	0	0	3
White-crowned Sparrow	10	0	0	0	3	13
Willow Flycatcher	2	0	0	0	0	2
Yellow Warbler	12	27	13	0	5	57
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	4	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>412</b>