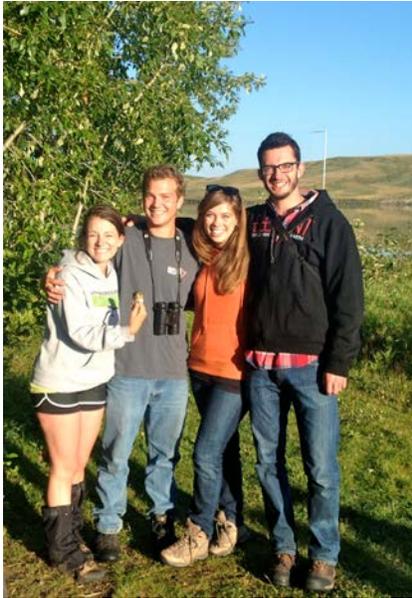


## Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, August 11-31, 2013

Some how it's the end of August, and the end of summer, already! It's amazing how quickly time goes by! Kevin is leaving the BBO to return to the University of Alberta to complete his degree in



Kevin and Amélie with their Southern counterparts, Morganne and Colton, at the Cypress Hills Banding Station

Environmental and Conservation Sciences. His help over the summer was greatly appreciated as he was an invaluable part of the BBO team. For the fall banding season, Amélie will be joined on site by Sara Pearce Meijerink, who spent last fall at the BBO and is returning again this year, and by an intern, Sian Ford, who will spending the month of September on site.

The last few weeks, as per usual, have been very busy for the staff. The staff were fortunate enough to go to Cypress Hills for a banding workshop from August 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. This gave the staff the opportunity to see another banding station, review the theory of songbird aging, meet several other banders and network. The staff really enjoyed going, meeting the Cypress Hills banding station staff was really neat, they were essentially the Southern version of BBO staff!

The maintenance of the lab is coming along well. Along with daily chores, the trim was painted in the kitchen and in the lab and the area in front of the lab was cleared and cleaned up. The next step will

be fixing up the Nuthatch Nest; cleaning it out and giving a fresh coat of paint!

Fall migration is well under way. Several new species of warblers are now coming through. Lots of American Redstarts, Magnolia Warblers, Wilson's Warblers, and even a Canada Warbler! It's been fantastic catching such warbler diversity! The staff cleared and started running two new net lanes, A and B, North of 8, 9, and 9X. So far these new net lanes have been wildly successful! A total of 164 birds have been caught from August 11-31! The staff are hoping that the fall migration is significantly busier than the spring migration was this year, and with such a strong start to the season it doesn't seem unrealistic!



Canada Warbler that was banded on site

Thanks to everyone who has been on site and who has been lending a hand! The staff has been very fortunate to have several interns come on site: Steve Andersen, Erin Campbell, Meagan Butler, Emily Cicon, Norma Young, Nicole Boucher, and Michelle Zarowny. Several volunteers have also come out, thanks to Neil Foley, Melissa Chisolm, Meaghan Jacklin, Rachel Keglowitsch and Irene Crosland! Thanks also to all of the board members that have been helping with maintenance and operations at the lab, including Al Degroot, Jim Beck, Thea Carpenter, Lisa Priestley, and Geoff Holroyd.

Table 1. Results from migration monitoring, August 11-31, 2013.

Species	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Foreign <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	Total
Alder Flycatcher	1	0	0	0	0	1
American Redstart	19	1	0	0	0	20
Black-and-White Warbler	4	0	0	0	0	4
Black-capped Chickadee	12	6	0	0	4	22
Blackpoll Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Canada Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cedar Waxwing	8	0	0	0	0	8
Clay-colored Sparrow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Common Yellowthroat	1	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gray Catbird	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hermit Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
House Wren	2	1	0	0		3
Least Flycatcher	24	2	1	0	3	30
Magnolia Warbler	3	0	0	0	0	3
Myrtle Warbler	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ovenbird	1	0	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia Vireo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tennessee Warbler	14	8	0	0	0	22
Warbling Vireo	20	1	0	0	0	21
Wilson's Warbler	3	0	0	0	0	3
Yellow Warbler	12	0	0	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>164</b>

Net Hours: NH

Capture Rate: 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).