

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, June 21-25, 2013

Round 2 of MAPS was an extraordinary one. Species caught during this period include American Robin, Brown-Headed Cowbird, Least Flycatcher, Northern Oriole, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, Ruffed Grouse, Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, and Yellow Warbler.



Tree Swallow with Geolocator

One of our board members, Geoff Holroyd, stayed with us during this shift to help band Tree Swallow chicks and adults. Geoff also helped us place a total of 40 geolocators on adult Tree Swallows. These devices will allow us to track the migration patterns of selected birds using the position of the sun. Approximately 200 Tree Swallow chicks were banded this shift.

Along with Geoff and his lovely dog Gemma, we were fortunate to share our lab with many volunteers and interns this shift. On top of all the Tree Swallows that were banded, plenty of old data entry was completed along with other chores. As a result we are much further ahead now, so many thanks go out to all who helped us this round of MAPS!! Lisa also came out and helped us band Long-eared Owl chicks at the nest, which was a lot of fun.



A pile of great folks

We had a couple of fun surprises on the first day of this shift. While banding at BLAB, we managed to catch a Ruffed Grouse and a Ruby-Throated Hummingbird on the same net check! It was phenomenal. Am and I definitely surprised each other. Irene and Onyx came to visit with



A Grouse!

gifts of mushrooms and strawberries that were picked in the natural area. Irene is quite the authority on mushrooms. She has taught us a fair bit. One thing I learned during this round of MAPS is to never let a woodpecker wind up when you've got one in hand! Those sapsuckers pack a punch! Donna and Ted joined us on our last day banding at WEIR. They always spoil us with homemade baked goods.

Table 1. Results from MAPS round 2, June 21-25, 2013.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Robin	4	0	0	0	0	4
Brown Headed Cowbird	1	0	0	0	1	2
Least Flycatcher	7	0	8	0	1	16
Northern Oriole	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ruffed Grouse	0	0	0	0	1	1
Yellow Bellied Sapsucker	1	0	0	0	0	1
Yellow Warbler	1	0	1	0	1	3
Total	16	0	9	0	5	30

Net Hours: 180 NH

Capture Rate: 16.67 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).