

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, October 16th to 31st, 2013

With the end of October comes the beginning of Boreal Owl netting at the Beaverhill Bird Observatory! As of October 20th we have had the nets up and running every other night and even though no Boreal Owls have been caught yet, the staff here are still hopeful that one will eventually make an appearance.

In the last two weeks we have caught 101 Northern Saw-Whet Owls. This brings our grand total up to 178 owls for the season. We also caught our second Long-Eared Owl of the year and on October 25th we had 16 Northern Saw-Whet Owls in one night! So all in all, it's been a great couple of weeks!

Between the 16th to 21st of the month we had two international volunteers staying at the Beaverhill Bird Observatory. Claudia Fleuter from Germany and Rachel Davenport from the United Kingdom were phenomenal additions to the BBO team and helped us out a lot with different tasks around the station. They quickly became part of the family here at the station and we were all sad to see them leave.



A shocked Northern Saw-Whet Owl!



Claudia with a Long-Eared Owl

We want to say thank you once again to all of our visitors and volunteers that kept us company throughout the long nights and helped us out with data entry! You are always appreciated! So thank you to; Scott Doken, the Junior Foresters and parents, Julia Shonfield, Jessica Haines, Josh Miller, Susan, Caryl and boyfriend, Allyn Esau, Rowan French, Val, Amanda, Claudia Lipski and of course Connie Herman.

As always, a big thank you goes out to Geoff Holroyd, Chuck Priestley, Lisa Priestley and Jim Beck for helping to run the owl nets. We always appreciate the time and effort that you contribute to the Beaverhill Bird Observatory.