

## **Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update June 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

This marks the first week this field season with no banding at the BBO, as we are on break from MAPS; however, there are still quite a few projects happening on site to keep us all busy! We've been working on fixing up one of the barbed-wire fences that surrounds the natural area, to help prevent any of the pesky cattle from sneaking in (with lots of help from some fantastic volunteers and board members). We also hosted two school groups this week that came out to learn about us, as well as do some scientific sampling in the natural area.

In addition to all our side projects this week, Meghan and I took a quick field trip out to the Cypress Hills banding station to help out with their MAPS program. Besides learning some new banding tips and tricks, we also got to band a lot of new species (some of which are even fairly uncommon to the Cypress Hills station). Some of our highlight birds include a Brown Thrasher, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Cedar Waxwings. The first net check of our stay was also exciting, as we managed to catch a Broad-winged Hawk, who was frankly less than impressed about the whole experience. Overall, it was a fantastic trip and hopefully we can host the Cypress Hills banders at the BBO in the future!



**Broad-winged Hawk - Photo Credit E. Cicon**



**Emily and Meghan with a pair of Black-headed Grosbeaks  
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Thanks to all the interns, volunteers, and board members who took the time to come out and contribute to the BBO's work.