

Weekly Update July 2nd to July 8th, 2016

We have officially completed 50% of our MAPS rounds! Our new stations are better than we could have expected in terms of diversity and numbers and they were definitely worth the hard work to create. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been cooperating with our schedule, with on and off rain / thunderstorms forcing us to shift around our MAPS days; however, we made it through round 3 thanks to some stellar volunteers and clever schedule shifting! The Cedar Waxwings are definitely out and about. We caught nine at our SOPO site, which is even more impressive because nets could only be opened for three hours. We also caught a high number of Tennessee Warblers at our LILA site, catching eight throughout the full morning of banding.



One of our many Cedar Waxwings – Photo Credit: Alyssa Bohart

We've had some fun visitors this week. St. Paul's United Church's "Church in the Woods" group came out to observe some nestling banding and feeder net banding. They also got to become junior bird banders and try banding, measuring, and sketching some fake birds. We also had a visit from the Edmonton Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, who had some House Wren nestlings to be fostered into our existing nests. The rehab chicks are placed in nests based on age (so they don't out/under compete their new siblings) and the number of chicks added is based on the

existing number of chicks in the host nest, so we don't overwhelm the parents. We hope these chicks will have success in their new homes!

Meghan was able to start her Least Flycatcher project this week, where she will be photographically documenting the growth of the nestlings. The BBO population of Least Flycatchers appears to be thriving, however, this may not be the case elsewhere, making research on this species a growing priority for our organization. Least Flycatchers also happen to be a personal favorite of Meghan's, so she is more than willing to spend the time on this important study!

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Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher					1	1
American Goldfinch	3					3
Baltimore Oriole	1		1			2
Black-capped Chickadee	3	1			1	5
Brown-headed Cowbird		1			1	2
Cedar Waxwing	12		1			13
Chipping Sparrow					1	1
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Downy Woodpecker	3					3
Hairy Woodpecker		1				1
Hermit Thrush		1				1
House Wren	1				1	2
Least Flycatcher	17	11	1		1	30
Red-winged Blackbird	1				1	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1					1
Song Sparrow	7					7
Swainson's Thrush					1	1
Tennessee Warbler	9					9
Warbling Vireo	2	1				3
White-throated Sparrow	1					1
Yellow Warbler	4	4	1			9
Total	66	20	4	0	8	98

Birds Caught 98
 Net Hours 155
 Capture Rate: 63.23

Capture Rate was 63.23 birds/100 Net Hours.