

Weekly Update July 30th to August 5th, 2016

Wow! The week has flown by. The inaugural Young Ornithologists' workshop still has one day left, but we can definitely call it a success. Eight attendees between the ages of 15-18 were selected to attend the workshop, where they learned to eat, sleep, and think like an ornithologist. Every day was certainly action packed, but some highlights include teaching the workshopppers to handle, extract, and band birds, talks by myself (Emily), Gerald Romanchuk, Geoff Holroyd, Gord Court, butterfly adventuring with Loney and Dave, visting the Trefry's and their Peregrine's, banding Purple Martin chicks and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, and canoeing on Islet Lake followed by a steak dinner (and remember, that's just the highlights!). All in all, the workshop was beneficial to all involved and will hopefully be an annual event. Special thanks to all guest presenters and supervisors (Jeff Manchuk and Daniel Verhoeff), Irene for her baking skills, and especially to Geoff and Helen for their stellar organizational and hosting abilities.

During this workshop, we also continued our migration monitoring program and MAPS. We are just starting to notice the first few true migrants such as Black and White Warbler and Myrtle Warbler. While the volume of birds may not be very high, these few birds remind us that the craziness of fall migration will soon be upon us. Another cool catch from migration was a LeConte's sparrow, which can be heard out in the dry lakebed, but never seem to come close enough to find themselves in a net. MAPS has also yielded some interesting catches including Marsh Wrens, Northern Waterthrush, and a very confused young Grebe who we found on the trail.



The Young Ornithologists crew, BBO staff, and board members - Photo Credit: Geoff Holroyd

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Migration Monitoring

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	5					5
Black and White Warbler	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	3	1			1	5
Chipping Sparrow	2					2
Clay-coloured Sparrow	2	2			1	5
Gray Catbird	1	1				2
House Wren	12	1			1	14
Least Flycatcher	26	10			1	37
LeConte's Sparrow	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1
Song Sparrow	2					2
Tennessee Warbler	8					8
Trail's Flycatcher	1				1	2
Warbling Vireo	6	3			1	10
Yellow Warbler	11	5			1	17
Total	82	23	0	0	8	113

Birds Caught 113
 Net Hours 302.25
 Capture Rate: 37.39

Capture Rate was 37.39 birds/100 Net Hours.

SOPO

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	3					3
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1					1
Least Flycatcher	16	2			1	19
Northern Waterthrush	1					1
Marsh Wren	7				3	10
Song Sparrow	1					1
Tennessee Warbler	1					1
Trail's Flycatcher	2					2
Warbling Vireo	2					2
Yellow Warbler	18					18
Total	52	2	0	0	4	58

Birds Caught 58
Net Hours 60
Capture Rate: 96.67

Capture Rate was 96.67 birds/100 Net Hours.

BLAB

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	1	1				2
Cedar Waxwing	1					1
Least Flycatcher	3	6				9
Total	5	7	0	0	0	12

Birds Caught 12
Net Hours 60
Capture Rate: 20.00

Capture Rate was 20.00 birds/100 Net Hours.

LILA

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	1					1
House Wren	1					1
Least Flycatcher	5	1				6
Song Sparrow		1				1
Tennessee Warbler	1	1				2
Trail's Flycatcher	1					1
Warbling Vireo	3					3
Yellow Warbler	3					3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					1
Total	16	3	0	0	0	19

Birds Caught 19
Net Hours 60
Capture Rate: 31.67

Capture Rate was 31.67 birds/100 Net Hours.