

## Weekly Update May 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

This week has been filled with lots of birding successes! Monday of the Victoria Day long weekend was selected as our Baillie Birdathon day, where we would attempt to find and record as many bird species as possible. Our birdathon team consisted of not only the official 9 members this year, who birded throughout the Tofield, Edmonton, and BBO area, but we also had others join along for a fantastic day of birding. All together, we recorded 133 species and raised \$900. This year we had team members take shifts beginning at midnight to catch our night species and lasting all the way to our owling team who continued late into the night. A portion of this money will be parcelled out to the BBO (good work everyone!).

Following the birdathon, we had the banding day we'd all been waiting for: a 90 bird morning full of diverse species including a Swamp Sparrow, American Redstarts, Mourning Warblers, Ovenbirds, and a Western Palm Warbler. This large volume was likely due to the much needed rain we'd been getting over the past while, which had prevented the birds from really moving through on their migration routes. Thankfully, we had a couple awesome volunteers around to help us cope with such an influx.



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<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>	<b>Repeat<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Foreign<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Least Flycatcher	32	2	9		2	45
Black-capped Chickadee		2				2
House Wren	6		1			7
Swainson's Thrush	7					7
American Robin	1	1				2
Warbling Vireo	3					3
Tennessee Warbler	2					2
Yellow Warbler	10	1	3		2	16
Myrtle Warbler	1					1
Blackpoll Warbler	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	2					2
Black and White Warbler	1					1
American Redstart	10				2	12
Ovenbird	4					4
Chipping Sparrow	3					3
Clay-coloured Sparrow	20	1	1		1	23
White-throated Sparrow	8					8
Brown-headed Cowbird	2					2
American Goldfinch	1					1
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Mourning Warbler	4					4
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1		1			2
Western Palm Warbler	1					1
Swamp Sparrow	2					2
Gray Catbird	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2					2
Grey-cheeked Thrush	1					1
Baltimore Oriole	1					1
Tree Swallow	1					1
Song Sparrow	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1
Magnolia Warbler	2					2
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>162</b>

Birds Caught                    162  
Net Hours                        211.25  
Capture Rate:                    76.69

Capture Rate was 76.69 birds/100 Net Hours.