

Weekly Update September 10th to September 16th, 2016

The weeks are really flying by! It is hard to believe that we are already half way through September. It's easy to think the summer is already over, but the occasional mosquito tells us not to get too far ahead of ourselves as well still haven't had any serious frosts. Our migrant feeder birds, such as American Goldfinches, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds have either completely left in the past few weeks or are slowly dwindling in numbers. Not to worry our birdwatchers and photographers though, as our resident Nuthatches and Woodpeckers are still hopping around the feeders and are more than happy to oblige a photo-op.

We are still catching lots of migrant songbirds such as Myrtle Warblers, Orange-crowned Warblers, Slate-coloured Juncos, and Hermit Thrushes. We also caught our first American Tree Sparrow of the fall!

Northern Saw-whet Owl migration is finally picking up and we are reliably catching at least one per night as well as the occasional Long-eared Owl in either the Saw-whet or Long-eared Owl targeted nets. We should be catching some good numbers by Steaks & Saw-whets (September 30th and October 1st), so make sure to get a ticket if you haven't yet!



Two birds that can be seen around the lab: A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (left) and a Red-breasted Nuthatch (right).
Photo Credit: E.Cicon

Songbird Migration Monitoring

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	1					1
American Tree Sparrow	1					1
American Robin	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	5	2			8
Blackpoll Warbler	1					1
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Hermit Thrush	5	6				11
House Wren	1	1				2
Lincoln's Sparrow	1					1
Magnolia Warbler	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	74	4			1	79
Nashville Warbler	1					1
Orange-crowned Warbler	36				1	37
Ovenbird	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4					4
Slate-coloured Junco	12	1				13
Swainson's Thrush	2					2
Tennessee Warbler	3					3
Warbling Vireo	1					1
Western Palm Warbler	1					1
White-breasted Nuthatch	2					2
White-crowned Sparrow	3					3
White-throated Sparrow	3					3
Wilson's Warbler	1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2					2
Total	161	17	2	0	2	182

Birds Caught 182

Net Hours 370.5

Capture Rate: 49.12

Capture Rate was 49.12 birds/100 Net Hours.

Owl Monitoring

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	14					14
Long-eared Owl	4					4
Total	18	0	0	0	0	18

Birds Caught 18

Net Hours 163

Capture Rate: 11.04

Capture Rate was 11.04 birds/100 Net Hours.