

## Weekly Update June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

Spring migration is over! This week, the BBO staff finished the last of spring migration with a bang! We caught 2 new species this week which were the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and a Cedar Waxwing. This brought up our number of species captured during migration to a whopping 50 species! As well, on the last day of spring migration banding, the staff worked their magic, convinced the rain gods to remain at bay and managed to capture another 19 birds which brought this year's spring migration total to 1005 birds!!! A record number that hasn't been seen at the BBO in over 20 years!!!!

This past Sunday was the second day of the Big Birding Breakfast, and just like the day before, it was another great hit! We had 41 adults plus children attend the event and 19 birds were caught throughout the morning. The highlight birds of the day were a pair of Philadelphia Vireos. Geoff Holroyd led the nature walk and the knowledgeable Rene Belland gave an interpretive walk on mosses.

Now that spring migration is over, the staff have been working hard this week to get the MAPS net lanes cleared and ready for use. All three MAPS sites have been cleared of fallen branches and are almost ready for next week's banding.

A badger has been spotted in the area this week! Twice now he has been seen, or left signs of his presence. He attempted to start a burrow along BBO Boulevard and then a couple days later was spotted along Harrier Highway. Deer and moose have also been seen within the forest and a handsome Long-Tailed Weasel with a bright orange belly was seen over by our nets. Lastly, our first Red Squirrel in over 4 years has been spotted at the bird feeders twice! Since there are very few conifers in the natural area, we don't often get them so it was a nice surprise for the staff to see.



*Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker*



*First Cedar Waxwing of the year!*

This week lots of visitors and volunteers came out to the BBO. A big thank you to all of those who helped out with the Big Birding Breakfast including; Helen, Hazel, Emma and Jackie Trefry, Geoff and Gemma Holroyd, Jeremy, Janos, and Rene. Also thank you to our dedicated volunteers who come out on a regular basis. This week they were; Shyla, her mother and brother, Meaghan O'Neil, Jamie, Shannon, Kelsey, Irene, Jon and Maya. This week George and two other visitors from Washington came to the BBO, which was fun.

<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>
American Goldfinch			1			1
Brown-headed Cowbird		3				3
Cedar Waxwing	2					2
Clay-coloured Sparrow	11	5	1		1	18
Common Yellowthroat	3					3
Downy Woodpecker		1				1
Gray Catbird	4					4
House Wren	2	6	1		1	10
Least Flycatcher	18	7	4			29
Lincoln's Sparrow		1				1
MacGillivray's Warbler	3					3
Philadelphia Vireo	2					2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					3	3
Song Sparrow	1					1
Trail's Flycatcher	3					3
Warbling Vireo	2					2
Yellow Warbler	2	6	2			10
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>

Birds Caught                    98  
Net Hours                        377  
Capture Rate:                    25.99469496

Capture Rate was 25.99 birds/100 Net Hours.