

Weekly Update July 20th to 29th 2017

Round five of MAPS is finished! What a fun time the BBO staff had this past week, even with a couple of smoky days plaguing them. They caught the first Myrtle Warblers of the season (which have shown up super early this year!), as well as lots of Least Flycatchers, Clay-Coloured Sparrows and young Marsh Wrens. They also set a new BBO MAPS record with 87 captures in only 5 hours of banding! That was a very busy day and the staff were running for most of it, but a lot of fun had by all.

One of our regular volunteers, Irene Crosland, shared some thrilling news with the BBO this week. Some Bobolink fledglings were spotted along Rowan's Route!!! This is very exciting to hear as haying occurred a bit earlier than normal this year, but thankfully it would seem the young Bobolinks survived the experience and are happily foraging along the road and fields.



First Myrtle Warbler of the late summer/fall!

Frank, the porcupine, also made an appearance this week. The staff spotted him sleeping in a tree, in the sunshine, on a cool MAPS morning. Sleep well Dear Frank!

Throughout the summer, the staff have been doing nest searches to try to find as many wild bird nests as possible. This week, all the nest were revisited (over 50 nests!) to determine if the nest was successful at producing young or not.

Lots of maintenance was done around the lab this week. The clearing in front of the station and the migration net lanes got mowed, thanks to the lawn mower that Shauna Methuen donated to the BBO. Thank You Shauna! As well, the migration nets have been put up and are ready to be use in just a day's time! A number of trees were cleared off of the trails after a large wind storm came through and the staff have been busy preparing the lab for next week's arrival of Young Ornithologists who will be attending a one week free workshop to learn about birds and bird banding!



Frank, the porcupine, having a snooze in the sunlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that came out this week! Laura and Irene were very helpful as always and Steve came out to survey some butterflies and spoiled the staff with fresh fruit. Thanks Steve! Alyshia, Amelia, Luke and Jeremy helped out loads with banding, which BBO is always very thankful for. Finally, a big thank you to all the interns that come out every week and work so hard collecting the data on the bird, bat, insect, and amphibian projects we have on the go!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	2					2
Cedar Waxwing	3	1				4
Clay-coloured Sparrow	22					22
Common Yellowthroat	1					1
Downy Woodpecker	2					2
Gray Catbird	1					1
Hairy Woodpecker	1					1
Hermit Thrush	3					3
House Wren	2	2				4
Least Flycatcher	57	7	3		6	73
Marsh Wren	4				1	5
Myrtle Warbler	2					2
Ovenbird	1					1
Pine Siskin	2					2
Song Sparrow	6	1	1		1	9
Swamp Sparrow	2					2
Tennessee Warbler	6	1				7
Trail's Flycatcher	5					5
Warbling Vireo	3		1			4
White-throated Sparrow	2					2
Yellow Warbler	9		1			10
Total	136	12	6	0	8	162

Birds Caught 162
Net Hours 170
Capture Rate: 95.29411

Capture Rate was 95.29 birds/100 Net Hours.