

Weekly Update August 20th to 26th 2017

Another week has come and gone at the BBO. This week we saw our first Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Myrtle Warblers and Magnolia Warbler come through on fall migration. We also caught a MacGillivray's Warbler, some American Redstarts, and a surprising 23 Wilson's Warblers! It would seem they have had a good year. As have our Canada Warblers, which we caught another 4 more this week. In the last couple of years we've only caught 1 Canada Warbler every other year, but so far this fall, we've caught an amazing 9 birds!!! What a wonderful year they must be having as well!

Five Turkey Vultures were seen flying over the natural area this week, which was a surprise! As well, a juvenile Northern Goshawk has been hanging around, as has a Broad-winged Hawk which the staff and visitors were excited to see.

We have been busy with a number of different maintenance tasks at the BBO these last couple of days. Separators were inserted into some of the old bat boxes that were starting to warp and new numbers were painted onto the Tree Swallow nest boxes that can be seen along Rowan's Route (the gravel road leading to the turn off for the BBO). Helmi helped inventory our entire mist net collection and has started repairing some of the older nets. As well, with the end of the month approaching, the BBO staff have been busy getting reports and grant summaries completed, editing intern reports and finally getting caught up on data entry.

We had two full afternoons of fence-bees, for removing the old barbed wire fences on the other side of the weir. The first day Natalia, Annalena and Helmi joined us with removing the fence and they all did a wonderful job, working hard in the sun and heat. On the second day, Kevin and Helmi were tanks and completed the removal of the remaining barbed wire as well as discovering and removing another fence line from the natural area. It was hard work, but with the completion of these removals, the BBO no longer has any barbed wire fences inside the natural area, which makes the habitat so much safer for all the wildlife that lives here!



Myrtle Warbler



Magnolia Warbler

Thank you to all visitors and volunteers that came out this week! It was great having Emily, Amelia, Greg, Irene, Robin, Natalia, Annalena and Alyshia's help with banding! A big thank you to Amelia's dad, brother and sister for driving her in and out of the BBO and for visiting the lab. It was wonderful having Steve out again while he conducted his butterfly surveys and it was great to see Tom, Clinto, Scot, Elen and Catriona come out to get some experience with banding, as well as Geoff bringing his friends out for a visit. So thank you everyone for your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm! We love having you out and we appreciate all the assistance and company!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Redstart	4					4
Black-capped Chickadee	4	14				18
Blackpoll Warbler	1					1
Blue-headed Vireo	1					1
Canada Warbler	4					4
Cedar Waxwing	1	1				2
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1					1
Downy Woodpecker	1					1
House Wren	3	4			1	8
Least Flycatcher	14					14
Lincoln's Sparrow	4				1	5
MacGillvray's Warbler	1					1
Magnolia Warbler	1					1
Mourning Warbler					1	1
Myrtle Warbler	3					3
Northern Waterthrush	2					2
Ovenbird	3					3
Red-Eyed Vireo	1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1
Slate-Coloured Junco	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	4					4
Tennessee Warbler	4	3			1	8
Trail's Flycatcher	1					1
Warbling Vireo	3	2				5
Western Palm Warbler	1					1
Wilson's Warbler	23	1				24
Yellow Warbler	4	1			1	6
Total	91	26	0	0	6	123

Birds Caught 123
Net Hours 496.5
Capture Rate: 24.7734139

Capture Rate was 24.77 birds/100 Net Hours.