

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, April 30- May 7, 2018

Welcome to the 2018 season at the BBO! We have lots of friendly faces around the BBO this year, including myself (Emily Grose), Jeremy Lambe, Kevin Methuen, Sara Pearce Meijerink, and Michelle McKay. We are all excited for the summer of birding ahead.

Irene greeted us on the trail on April 30th, as we were heading into the lab to begin set-up and then she came back out the next day for our first day of banding. The first week of banding has been slow with approximately ten birds a day, but we have caught quite a few different species including many sparrows (White-throated, White-crowned, Lincoln's, and Song sparrows), in addition to Orange-crowned warblers, Myrtle warblers, Hermit thrushes, and Dark-eyed juncos.

The feeders have been busy this past week with Purple Finches, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and a couple different woodpecker species (Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Hairy Woodpecker). The Tree Swallows are also back at their nest boxes enjoying this weather. Further, the staff checked owl nest boxes this past week and unfortunately it does not look like any Saw-whet owls have nested in



Irene's Grandson investigating an Orange-crowned Warbler with Kevin



Jeremy holding an Orange-crowned Warbler

the boxes, however; there has been a male Saw-whet owl hooting loudly every night near the BBO lab. He is desperately searching for a mate!

Additionally, the lab has been very busy this week with visitors and intern orientation! Along with Irene out visiting there was her husband Bob and her grandchildren, as well as, Mark, Jeremiah, Justin, Emily, Marie, Mel, Megan, Steve, and Christa. It has been a treat



to have so many visitors out at the BBO our first week! A huge thank you to Laurie for organizing the intern orientation day; it was a blast to meet everyone who will be with us this summer.

From right to left: Emily, Jeremy, Irene and Kevin meeting along Accipiter Highway.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Robin	4		1			5
American Tree Sparrow	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	8	1			10
Dark-eyed Junco	14	1				15
Eastern Phoebe						0
Hermit Thrush	2					2
Lincoln Sparrow	4					4
Myrtle Warbler	2					2
Orange-crowned Warbler	3					3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1
Savannah Sparrow	1					1
Song Sparrow	4					4
White-crowned Sparrow	1					1
White-throated Sparrow	3				3	6
	41	9	2	0	3	55

Net Hours: 555.75

Capture Rate: 9.98/100 hours

- 1 Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO
- 2 Banded at the BBO >90 days prior to recapture (e.g. in a previous year).
- 3 Banded at a location other than the BBO
- 4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).