

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, May 21- May 28, 2018



The Birdathon Team (missing Emily)

This week at the banding lab has been quite eventful! We started the week off with our Birdathon which included a team of 8 people and it was a blast! We started the Birdathon with banding and then after lunch, we proceeded to the Llama pond and we were able to see many shorebirds. Following our visit to the Llama pond, we headed to Elk Island National Park to continue birding with the highlight sighting being a Cooper's hawk. From our Birdathon, we got a total of 121 species. It was a fantastic day of birding on Victoria Day.

This past week we added eight new species to our list which included: Common

Yellowthroat, Warbling Vireo, Gadwall (the duck just flew right into the net), Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Magnolia Warbler. The huge highlight of the week was catching a Canada Warbler. Normally, we do not catch very many of this species, so it was nice to be able to band one during spring migration. We also had some of our busiest days this past week with a max of 38 birds banded.



A Canada Warbler



Geoff's Birthday Cake

Other exciting events that took place at the BBO this week included Geoff Holroyd's Birthday (Chair of the BBO). Amelie baked a cake for the occasion and we presented the cake to



Geoff's Granddaughter with
Rickie from the Nature Alberta
Event

him when we had a group out with Nature Kids from Nature Alberta. The kids absolutely enjoyed the morning of banding, Rickie the owl, and the cake to finish the day with. Further, we had a Scouts Canada group out the BBO over this past weekend consisting of teens ranging in age from 16-19. Even though the mosquitoes were out in full force while they were here everyone was able to see a few birds being banded and released. Other visitors out the BBO lab included Greg Ottway who stayed with us at the lab for about a week. It was amazing to have him out at the BBO helping with banding and other projects around the lab! We greatly appreciate all the work he does for us! We also had two visitors out at the lab last week who were from Mississippi which was fantastic!

Overall, it was an absolutely great week at the BBO! Further, our Big Birding Breakfast is next weekend! If you would like to come out for breakfast and songbird banding, you can register online for the event through the Beaverhill Bird Observatory website at <http://www.beaverhillbirds.com/>.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	1					
American Robin	1				1	
Black-capped Chickadee		1				
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1				
Canada Warbler	1					
Chipping Sparrow	2					
Clay-colored Sparrow	41	13			2	
Common Yellowthroat	1				1	
Gadwall					1	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1					
House Wren	10				2	
Least Flycatcher	37	9	8		2	
Lincoln Sparrow	1					
Mourning Warbler	8					
Baltimore Oriole	7	10				
Orange-crowned Warbler	1					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1			
Song Sparrow	1					
Swainson's Thrush	3					
Tennessee Warbler	1					
Trail's Flycatcher	4					
Tree Swallow	2					
Warbling Vireo	3		2			
White-throated Sparrow	1					
Yellow Warbler	14	5	5		2	
	143	39	16	0	11	209

Net Hours: 486.25

Capture Rate: 42.982

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).