

Weekly Update July 1st to July 10th 2018

Round seven of MAPS saw a great number and diversity of birds. At SOPO this round we had an incredible morning. We caught a total of 91 birds from 15 different species. Three very exciting species that we caught were the Le Conte's and Nelson's Sparrows and Sora. We thank Irene and Scott for their help on this busy morning and Irene again for documenting it with photos.

This week we also had a relatively high number of captures at BLAB with a total of 16 birds and a decent number at LILA with a total of 24 birds.

Geoff, Sara, Emily and I also participated this week in a Purple Martin marathon with Glen Hvenegaard where we travelled around central Alberta; target trapping banded Purple Martins to learn more about their movements, dispersal patterns and the age structure within Purple Martin colonies.



Nelson's Sparrow (left) and Le Conte's Sparrow (right)
Photo credit: Irene Crosland



Irene with the Sora

We visited several properties over two days in search of banded adults and while trapping at the Sherwood Park Fish & Game gun range Geoff Holroyd, representing the BBO, was presented with a check from the Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association for \$10,000 to go towards our rebuilding of a BBO bunk houses! So a BIG thank you to Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association for their generous donation and helping to keep our staff warm in a new bunk house this fall!

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Other	Total
Sora	1				1
Downy Woodpecker	1				1
Least Flycatcher	20	6	2		28
Black-capped Chickadee	27	3	1	2	33
House Wren	2			1	3
American Robin	3	1			4
Warbling Vireo	4		2		6
Cedar Waxwing	6				6
Tennessee Warbler	2				2
Common Yellowthroat	3	1			4
Yellow Warbler	16	3	1	1	21
LeConte's Sparrow	1				1
Nelson's Sparrow	1				1
Clay-colored Sparrow	4				4
Song Sparrow	5		1	1	7
Swamp Sparrow	1				1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		1			1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1				1
Red-winged Blackbird	2	1	1	1	5
Baltimore Oriole			1		1
	100	16	9	6	131

Net Hours: 165

Capture Rate: 79.39/100 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).