

Weekly Update June 21st to June 30th 2018



A newly hatched Mallard duckling on route to Lister Lake, not far behind mom

Early mornings, hot sunny days, and afternoon thunderstorms are signs that summer is upon us.

This week we did not see a very large number of birds during our three MAPS days however we did catch two birds on opposite and extreme ends of our everyday size spectrum. A tiny male Ruby-throated Hummingbird was caught at SOPO and an impressive Cooper's hawk was caught at LILA. Unfortunately, we were unable to band either of them but the close encounters were nevertheless a treat.

We are beginning to see young birds emerging from nooks and cavities of the natural area as Flycatcher chicks outgrow their nests, the Tree Swallow chicks we have been banding take to the air for the first time, and ducklings follow their mothers as if on a mission.

This week Geoff and I were happy to have Richard Chamberland and his daughter join us as we banded Tree Swallow chicks to gain some more experience handling passerines. After chick banding the four of us inspect an occupied Northern Saw-whet Owl box in the natural area. Inside we found a one-day old owlet and 4 eggs yet to hatch! Hopefully we will be able to band them later on in the summer. We wish you luck little owlets!

A big thank you to Emily Cicon this week for her help banding at LILA and to Cari and Britany for their help at BLAB. We really appreciate your time and enthusiasm to come and join us with researching our birds!



Clouds over the natural area

| Species | Banded | Repeat¹ | Return² | Other | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cooper's Hawk | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Least Flycatcher | 14 | 5 | 7 | | 26 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 3 | | 2 | | 5 |
| American Robin | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Gray Catbird | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Warbling Vireo | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Yellow Warbler | 6 | | 5 | | 11 |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Song Sparrow | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| Swamp Sparrow | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 2 | | | | 2 |
| American Goldfinch | 2 | | | | 2 |
| | 38 | 6 | 19 | 3 | 66 |

Net Hours: 150

Capture Rate: 44.00/100 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).