

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, July 20- July 30, 2018



A juvenile American Robin

This week we started fall Migration on July 20th! The very first day of fall migration we caught a total of 62 birds! It was a crazy start to fall migration with catching all the local breeding birds in the area, as 36 of the 62 birds we caught were Least Flycatchers. The second day of migration was a lot slower, only catching a total of 32 birds which has been the average total of birds caught during migration since. However, during migration, we did catch a juvenile American Robin! During MAPS, we caught our first juvenile Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, a couple Gray Catbirds, and two LeConte's Sparrows.

The BBO staff over the week were busy repairing bird bags, Tree Swallow nest boxes, fixing the volunteer parking gate, destroying multiple wasp hives within the natural area and repairing MAPS mist nets. The BBO staff also spent an entire afternoon repairing the road from the entrance gate all the way to visitor parking. Throughout the week, Jeremy worked on his species at risk report, Emily worked on writing a summer article for the Tofield Mercury and Sara worked on her site supervisor report and her Northern Saw-whet Owl report.



A hatch year Least Flycatcher

Over the past week with the help of volunteers (Graeme MacLellan and Greg Ottoway), the BBO staff were able to finish scraping the lab deck and re-staining the deck along with the new picnic tables before Kevin's return from his vacation. Other volunteers throughout the week included Meghan Jacklin, Emily Upham-Mills, Jerimiah, Justin, Nat, Julia, Natasha, Emily Cicon and her Mom (Susan) who all helped BBO staff with running MAPS and migration over the week. Thank you to all our other visitors and volunteers who came out to visit us at the BBO, as it is always a pleasure to see everyone.

We are also very excited to welcome back Kevin (Head Biologist) to the BBO on August 1st!

Table 1: Summary of all the birds caught during fall migration over the last ten days.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher						0
American Robin	1	1			1	3
Black-capped Chickadee	7	1	1			9
Brown-headed Cowbird						0
Cedar Waxwing	1					1
Clay-colored Sparrow		1				1
Common Yellowthroat						0
Downy Woodpecker						0
Hermit Thrush	1					1
House Wren	13	4			2	19
Least Flycatcher	92	9	1		2	104
Marsh Wren						0
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1
Red-winged Blackbird	3				3	6
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1			
Song Sparrow	4				1	5
Swainson's Thrush	1					
Tennessee Warbler	6	3				9
Trail's Flycatcher	5					5
Warbling Vireo	2					2
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						0
Yellow Warbler	21	3	2			26
	159	22	5	0	9	195

Net Hours: 559
Capture Rate =34.884

- 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).

Table 2: Summary of all the birds caught during MAPS over the last ten days.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Goldfinch			2			2
Black-capped Chickadee	1				1	2
Clay-colored Sparrow	2					2
Common Yellowthroat	4				1	5
Downy Woodpecker	1	1				2
Gray Catbird	2	1				3
Hermit Thrush	1					1
House Wren	2					2
Least Flycatcher	25	4	2			31
LeConte's Sparrow	2					2
Marsh Wren	2				1	3
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	1					1
Song Sparrow	1	4			2	7
Tennessee Warbler	2					2
Trail's Flycatcher	3					3
Warbling Vireo	10	1			1	12
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					1
Yellow Warbler	17				3	20
	77	11	4	0	9	101
Net Hours: 180						
Capture Rate: 56.11						

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3 Banded at a location other than the BBO

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