

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Weekly Update

June 7th to 19th , 2019

Since last week we were able to complete our MAPS banding round quickly, this week staff got to get caught up on other tasks while we wait for the next round of MAPS to begin! So that means staff kept busy working on other tasks. Many nest searches were conducted this week as well as banding of Tree Swallow chicks. Mist nets were repaired, new net sticks were made,



Tree Swallow Nest Box

Natural Area Boundary sings were installed and our staff member, Jeremy, was able to finish double checking all of our spring migration monitoring data. We also got our Raven's Roost bunkhouse stained on 3 of the 4 sides before the rain started and with some help from John, we mosquito proof the decking around the entrance, making it a double door system so hopefully less mosquitoes will be feasting on staff and volunteers during their sleep. Anne also installed some lovely new bird patterned curtains into this bunkhouse which is helping staff to sleep better and to make the whole place feel more at home.

A film crew creating a new tourism video for the Beaverhill District came out this week and Head Biologist, Sara, took them on a tour of the natural area to see the ducks at the weir and the birds at the feeders. Hopefully this new video will help bring in more visitors to the lab!

What with all the rain we've been having staff also spent a lot of time working indoors in the office, working on emails, blog posts, editing presentations and data entry.

A big thank to all the volunteers and visitors who came out this week! Thank you Irene for showing us the nests you had found and marked previously, and thank you to all the dedicated interns that continue to work even when the weather isn't co-operating. BBO wouldn't be the same without you!



Tree Swallow Chick being banded