

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update July 10 - 19, 2010



And there goes round 4 of MAPS, marked by a number of seasonal events. Number one, we have finally started to catch young of the year Flycatchers, so they are leaving the nest and setting out. We also banded hatch year American Robins and House Wrens that we caught in the nets. A Swainson's Thrush was caught out at WEIR as well as a Myrtle Warbler, neither of which have been around all summer so it may be the very beginning of some fall movements.

Weather was a bit of an impediment this round, we were rained out at BLAB on July 10th and had to catch up the hours on the 15th. While banding out at PARK we were surprised by a hard and fast rainfall that interrupted our demonstration to the Stauffers who had come out to see some of the banding and enjoy a breakfast with Justin, Thera and Juan. Hope they can come back on a day when the weather is better!

A few other fun captures included the Downy Woodpecker (this time there were fresh batteries in the camera...) as well as the Veery we had banded in the spring.

In nest monitoring news, we finished banding our nests out at Francis Viewpoint. Most of the birds were banded in the last round, but the House Wrens were too young. We had two wren nests in the boxes, and the Barn Swallow nest on the viewing shelter that had House Wrens in it last year did again, 5 chicks this time, though we were only able to catch 2 of them to band. We now only have four nests left to band, a Mountain Bluebird, two Tree Swallow nests, and a Northern Harrier nest that is just about ready.



We stopped by the Amisk Creek bridge the other day and enjoyed watching the Cliff Swallows feeding their nestlings by swooping up to the small, funnel shaped openings in their mud nests. Just as we were about to leave a Willet decided to fly up to the fence post beside us and scold a bit, we got a great look!



Most of the Tree Swallows have finished up their breeding season. Sadly, this also means it was time to say good bye to Justin, Juan and Thera from the Golondrinas Project. We've had a great summer sharing the cabin with you guys, and are sorry to see you go! Hope to see you back at the BBO in the future.

Table 1. Results from Songbird Banding, July 10 - 19, 2009.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Robin	3	0	0	0	1	4
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	0	0	0	0	1
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hermit Thrush	1	1	1	0	0	3
House Wren	1	1	0	0	1	3
Least Flycatcher	37	12	2	0	3	54
Myrtle Warbler	0	0	0	0	1	1
Swainson's Thrush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Veery	0	1	0	0	0	1
Warbling Vireo	1	0	2	0	0	3
Yellow Warbler	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	47	17	5	0	6	75

Net Hours: 180.00 NH

Capture Rate: 41.67 birds/ 100 NH

- 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).

