

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, July 11-15, 2013

This last shift was great! We completed round 4 of MAPS, netting a total of 6 species. Overall we caught 26 birds which was not a whole lot. Despite this we had a blast and got plenty of work, as well as birdin' done.

Besides banding and point counts, we completed the following tasks: wrote updates, migration data entry, painting, banded House Wren chicks, washed bags, bought seeds for birds and popsicles for interns, and patched nets. It was a very productive shift for us.



The real highlights came towards the end of the shift.....Northern Saw-whet Owl and American Kestrel chicks!!! I headed out to B.C. with my family after doing point counts and ended up missing all the fun. On Sunday morning Am drove out to Opal and banded a total of 14 Saw-whet Owl chicks with Ray Crombie!! Birds do not get much cuter than this believe me. These chicks could halt an army. That night Am took Steve and Cassandra raptor banding with Al Degrouit. They managed

to catch a Red-Tailed Hawk, which was Am's first. Certainly one of the most exciting days in her banding career.



The next day after completing BLAB point counts and cleaning the lab, Am went raptor banding with Janos Kovacs and Hardy Pletz. She managed to band 5 American Kestrel chicks! Am was also joined by her friend Renee Howard. As always, the work we completed would not have been possible without the help of all of the volunteers, board members, interns, and others whose time has been invaluable. During this shift we were joined by Shane, Michelle, Sara, Alexandria, Sian, Neil, Carly, Irene, Norma, Steve, Alec, Cassandra, Hardy, Janos, Ray, and Al. Thank you all so much!

Table 1. Results from MAPS round 4, July 11-15, 2013.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
American Goldfinch	1	0	0	0	0	1
Least Flycatcher	13	0	7	0	0	20
House Wren	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	2	0	0	0	0	2
Warbling Vireo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	18	0	8	0	0	26

Net Hours: 180 NH

Capture Rate: 14.44 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).