

Weekly Update May 28th to June 3rd, 2016

Countdown to Big Birding Breakfast 2016! The Big Birding Breakfast, to be held on June 4th, is an excellent opportunity for the public to visit the lab and observe banding, while enjoying a crepe breakfast and raising money to help support our operations. That said, it also requires lots of prepping and planning ahead by staff and board members. We have been busy preparing the site for our estimated 70 visitors.

Unsurprisingly, bird diversity is starting to dwindle - Least Flycatcher and House Wren can be heard constantly on site, and are frequently visiting our nets; however, we still do catch some surprises. This week we were lucky to have some Connecticut Warblers, as well as finally catching one of those elusive Pine Siskins that love our bird feeders, but never seem to come near our nets.

Some of our resident birds are beginning to nest and lay eggs (including Tree Swallows and House Wrens), so our interns have been busy checking nest boxes and learning the ins and outs of field biology. All of our interns are Post-Secondary students, who are looking to increase their knowledge of ornithology and gain some experience out in the field. We are looking forward to seeing their progress over the rest of the summer.



Connecticut Warbler
Photo Credit: Irene Crosland

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Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	4					4
American Goldfinch			1			1
American Robin		1			1	2
Baltimore Oriole	4		1			5
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	1				2
Clay-coloured Sparrow	9	2				11
Connecticut Warbler	2					2
Grey-cheeked Thrush	1					1
House Wren	10	4				14
Least Flycatcher	37	10	1			48
Magnolia Warbler	2					2
Mourning Warbler	3					3
Pine Siskin	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		2				2
Song Sparrow	1					1
Swainson's Thrush	3					3
Tennessee Warbler	3					3
Warbling Vireo	3		2			5
White-throated Sparrow	2				1	3
Yellow Warbler	8	3				11
Total	94	23	5	0	2	124

Birds Caught	124
Net Hours	295.75
Capture Rate:	41.93

Capture Rate was 41.93 birds/100 Net Hours.