

Weekly Update June 10th to June 20th 2018

Our first week of MAPS was a great change in pace and scenery from migration monitoring. June 10th was a quiet morning when we were banding at BLAB. The rain was on and off so we did not attain the full 6 hours and only 5 Least Flycatcher were captured.

This week the weather was quite unpredictable forcing us to roll with the ever-evolving forecast.

Thanks to Kevin keeping a vigilant eye on the weather we were able to slot two full mornings of banding at SOPO and LILA in-between the wind and rain. We caught 37 birds at SOPO and some of the highlights included a Swamp Sparrow, a Green-winged Teal, and a number of

Common Yellowthroats. The next day at LILA we caught 52 birds. 16 of the 52

birds caught were Red-winged Blackbirds making them the most caught species that morning. Captures at LILA also included some Cedar Waxwings, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, a Baltimore Oriole, and a variety of other species. A number of duck nests have been found in the past week around the lab and our MAPS sites. They are well hidden in the tall grass and in the shade of a lush canopy. It is a beautiful time of year full of life.



A Mallard Nest

Kevin's last day before he leaves for his travels was this week. He will be gone exploring the world for the next month and a half, the lucky man. Emily will also be away from the BBO



A Tree Swallow Chick

for a time as she works on a project involving Purple Martins in Central Alberta. Jeremy was able to accompany Al DeGroot as he banded a couple of Northern Goshawk chicks which was super cool! This week Jeremy also started banding the Tree Swallow chicks and their attentive parents at BBO's swallow grids.

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Other⁴	Total
Green-winged Teal				1	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		1		
Unid. Trail's Flycatcher	3	1			
Least Flycatcher	13	3	4		6
Blk.-capped Chickadee			1		
House Wren	2				
American Robin	3				
Cedar Waxwing	8		1		
Common Yellowthroat	4	1			
Yellow Warbler	3				
Clay-colored Sparrow	1				1
Song Sparrow	5	2			
Swamp Sparrow	1				
Red-winged Blackbird	18		1		2
Brown-headed Cowbird	2				
Baltimore Oriole	1				
American Goldfinch			3		
	66	7	11	10	94

Net Hours: 155

Capture Rate: 60.65/100 hours

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).