

Beaverhill Bird Observatory Update, August 19- August 26, 2018



A Bay-breasted Warbler!

This past week has been amazing at the BBO with the amount of diversity that has been flying through on migration. We have caught some rare birds that have not been captured here at the BBO for at least 4 years or more! These birds included a Cape May Warbler, a Bay-breasted Warbler, and a Nashville Warbler. Plus, on one day during migration, we caught 11 different species of warblers! Fall Migration has been thrilling for the staff, as we have caught 42 different species already and it is

only August!! We cannot wait to see what birds we will catch in September. If you ever find some free time, feel free to stop at the BBO in the morning to hopefully see some of these awesome birds for yourself!

Other awesome sightings around the BBO have been Peregrine Falcons and Merlins near Volunteer Parking. There also have been numerous warblers hanging out in the treetops near the lab. Plus, staff have also seen 3 juvenile Northern Saw-



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whet Owls near the lab perched in spruce trees. These 3 owls fledged from one of our nest boxes earlier this summer and have now been hanging out close to the lab. They are super adorable and just in time for the start of owl monitoring with our first night being September 1st.

Staff also are still busy upgrading Nuthatch Nest with finishing insulation of the cabin and putting up new interior wall finish. Hopefully, by the end of the next week, this project will be completed. Steve Anderson also came out to the BBO for a few days to help with Nuthatch Nest and completed some butterfly surveys throughout the natural area. Further, the BBO staff received a very warm and



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encouraging thank you card from Kenzi Kawalilak (2018 Young Ornithologist). Kenzi was very thrilled with the Young Ornithologist Workshop and thank the BBO staff for all their hard work. She also sent a personalized thank you card to Helen Trefry for organizing the entire workshop and preparing all the meals. Since Kenzi's experience at the BBO, she changed her course of studies from Veterinary Technician to an Environmental Science major.

The BBO staff would like to extend another huge thank you to all our visitors, volunteers and board members this week, as many people have been out this past week assisting staff with multiple maintenance tasks including Geoff, Helen, Phil, Steve, Irene, Greg, Wes, John Scott, Al, Fraser, Joanne, Alyssa, John Van Arragon, and Alexa (2018 young ornithologist) and her parents.

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Goldfinch	1					1
American Redstart	22				2	24
Bay-breasted Warbler	2	1				3
Black-capped Chickadee	4	6	2			12
Blackpoll Warbler	6				1	7
Blue-headed Vireo	1					1
Canada Warbler	2					2
Cape May Warbler	2					2
Clay-colored Sparrow	4	1			1	6
Connecticut Warbler	2					2
Downy Woodpecker	1					1
Gray Catbird	1					1
Hairy Woodpecker		1				1
House Wren	5	9				14
Least Flycatcher	33	10			3	46
MacGillivray's Warbler	1					1
Magnolia Warbler	14	2			1	17
Mourning Warbler	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	2					2
Nashville Warbler	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	1					1
Ovenbird	14					14
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		1				1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1
Swainson's Thrush	13				1	14
Tennessee Warbler	49	9				58
Trail's Flycatcher	4					4
Warbling Vireo	1		1			2
Wilson's Warbler	10					10
Yellow Warbler	33	3			1	37
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					1
	233	43	3	0	11	290

		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).
Net Hours: 546		3 Banded at a location other than the BBO
Capture Rate: 53.11		4 Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped net).