

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update August 8-15, 2023



An adorable Yellow-shafted Northern Flicker.

Fall migration has been pushing through in full force this week with many migrant species from the boreal forest making their way through the natural area. Our favourite captures for the week were several Canada Warblers, a Black-throated Green Warbler, and a Northern Flicker! Migration has also been a bit ahead of the typical schedule this year, as some of our later migrating warblers like Wilson's Warblers and Nashville Warblers have already made appearances in the nets.

After the conclusion of the Young Ornithologists' Workshop, staff spent a lot of time wrapping up summer programming and getting prepared for the remainder of the fall season. We are all hard at work preparing reports for our individual summer projects while also getting things ready for fall songbird banding events. Even though it

feels like summer just began, we are rapidly approaching the peak of songbird migration and the start of our owl monitoring programs. Seriously, how did that happen?!



A very striking Canada Warbler, one of many boreal species caught this week.



Thanks to all our volunteers this week: Hyerin, Gabby, Ezekiel, Leslie, and David. An extra-special thank you to Braxton Igne, who has been out at the BBO volunteering since July 16th and this week boarded her flight back home to Hawaii. We really appreciated all your help during this busy period and it was awesome getting to know you!

This female Black-throated Green Warbler is the first one we've caught all year!

Table 1. Standard Migration Monitoring Banding Totals

Species	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Foreign ³	Other ⁴	Total
American Redstart	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee		5				5
Black-throated Green Warbler	1					1
Canada Warbler	1					1
House Wren	1					1
Least Flycatcher	19	5			2	26
Magnolia Warbler	1					1
Myrtle Warbler	4					4
Ovenbird	6					6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3					3
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1					1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		1			4	5
Swainson's Thrush	1				1	2
Tennessee Warbler	8	1	1			10
Traill's Flycatcher	2					2
Warbling Vireo	2	1				3
Yellow Warbler	5	2	1			8
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1					1
TOTALS	58	15	2	0	7	82

545 net-hours

15.0 captures/100 net-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).

Table 2. Experimental Nets Banding Totals

Species	Banded	Repeat¹	Return²	Foreign³	Other⁴	Total
Alder Flycatcher	3					3
American Goldfinch	1					1
American Redstart	13					13
Baltimore Oriole	1					1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	2				3
Blackpoll Warbler	1					1
Canada Warbler	1					1
Clay-colored Sparrow	7					7
Common Yellowthroat	2					2
House Wren	8	3			2	13
Least Flycatcher	54	8				62
Magnolia Warbler	3					3
Mourning Warbler	2					2
Myrtle Warbler	38	6				44
Nashville Warbler	1					1
Northern Waterthrush	1					1
Ovenbird	2					2
Philadelphia Vireo	1					1
Purple Finch	2					2
Red-eyed Vireo	2					2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2					2
Savannah Sparrow	1					1
Tennessee Warbler	84	19	1		1	105
Traill's Flycatcher	2					2
Warbling Vireo	6	1				7
Wilson's Warbler	2					2
Yellow Warbler	112	31	3		2	148
TOTALS	353	70	4	0	5	432

110 net-hours

392.7 captures/100 net-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).