

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update - August 31 - September 6, 2024

Despite slower banding days, the BBO is seeing a wide diversity of birds that's on par for fall migration. With 168 captures in total between standard and experimental nets, there were 37 different species. The experimental nets caught 30 different species, while the standard nets caught 20— very impressive despite the low numbers!



Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle subspecies)



Cape May Warbler

Fun mixed flocks are moving through the natural area, featuring warblers such as American Redstarts, a Cape May Warbler, Blackpoll Warblers, Bay-breasted Warblers, Orange-crowned warblers, and others! While our local breeders have largely moved on for migration, these new species are welcome visitors. This week also brought the first flocks of Myrtle Warblers, which always arrive in high volume during the fall banding season.

September 1st also marked the beginning of owl migration monitoring, with four audio lures to target Northern Saw-whet Owls and Long-eared owls. So far, there have been three Northern Saw-whets in our nets, and we're looking forward to higher volume once the night-time temperatures cool off!

STANDARD NET TOTALS:

<i>Species Code</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Grand Total
AMRE	3		3
BAWW	1		1
BCCH	2	2	4
BLPW	4		4
DOWO	1		1
GCTH	1		1
HOWR	2	1	3
LEFL	2		2
LISP	1		1
MAWA	1		1
MYWA	20		20
NOWA	1		1
OVEN	3		3
RBNU	1		1
RCKI	1		1
SSHA	1		1
SWTH	3		3
WBNU		1	1
YEWA	1		1
YSFL	1		1
Grand Total	50	4	54

538 net-hours

10.0 captures/100 net-hours

1 - banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO

EXPERIMENTAL NET TOTALS

<i>Species Code</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Unbanded ²	Grand Total
AMRE	4			4
BBWA			1	1
BCCH	2	1		3
BHVI	1			1
BLPW	7	1		8
CCSP	6			6
CHSP	1			1
CMWA	1			1
COYE	1			1
GWCS	1			1
HOWR	3	2	1	6
LEFL	6	1		7
LISP	3			3
MAWA	3			3
MAWR	1			1
MYWA	11			11
NOWA	1			1
OCWA	5			5
OVEN	1			1
PHVI	1			1
RBNU	2			2
RCKI	2			2
REVI	2	1		3
SCJU	1			1
TEWA	9		1	10
TRFL	2			2
WAVI	2			2
WIWA	10			10
WPWA	1			1
YEWA	15			15
Grand Total	105	6	3	114

133.5 net-hours

85.4 captures/100 net-hours

1 - banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO

2 - caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

OWL NET TOTALS

Species Code	# of Captures		
	Banded	Return ¹	Grand Total
NSWO	2	1	3
Grand Total	2	1	3

1 - banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO

NSWO Male (3 captures)

59.5 playback hours

5.04 captures/100 playback hours

NSWO Female (0 captures)

34.5 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours

Long-eared Owl (0 captures)

26 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours