

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update – May 22-28, 2025



Baltimore Oriole

Migration Monitoring really picked up this week. Least Flycatchers, Yellow Warblers, and Clay-coloured Sparrows were the most frequently captured species, as they move into the breeding season. This week also saw an increase in captured Baltimore Orioles, which is always a welcome sight! Fun captures included a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, a Philadelphia Vireo, and a Sharp-shinned Hawk.

Spring migration so far has been building slowly and steadily, with 34 total species captured so far. We accomplished our highest captures this week, with 52 birds on May 23rd.

While most of our captures have been local breeding birds, busy days are still exciting. In total this week, we caught 255 birds in 605 net hours.

Staff this week completed surveys, including Marsh Monitoring and Least Flycatcher nest monitoring surveys. They also continued trail maintenance and repairs on nets and other equipment.

Staff and volunteers welcomed two school groups and hosted two songbird banding events, making the week busy for both events and banding!



Yellow Warbler

Banding totals for May 22-28

<i>Species Name (Autofills)</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Grand Total
American Goldfinch	2			2
American Robin	3	1		4
Baltimore Oriole	14	6	3	23
Black-capped Chickadee		1	1	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1	1	4
Chipping Sparrow	4			4
Clay-colored Sparrow	48	12	1	61
Common Yellowthroat	2			2
Gray Catbird	2			2
Least Flycatcher	32	9	8	49
Lincoln's Sparrow	1			1
Northern House Wren	5	1	1	7
Orange-crowned Warbler	1			1
Philadelphia Vireo	1			1
Red-winged Blackbird	1			1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1			1
Savannah Sparrow	2			2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1
Swainson's Thrush	11			11
Tennessee Warbler	1			1
Tree Swallow	1			1
Warbling Vireo	2		3	5
White-throated Sparrow		2		2
Yellow Warbler	41	14	10	65
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		1	2
Grand Total	179	47	29	255

605 net-hours

42.15 captures/100 net-hours

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

2 - banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO