

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update – June 10-19, 2025

This week at the BBO, Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) banding officially started. MAPS banding occurs once per field station every ten days. June 10th was the beginning of the BBO's first "round" of MAPS for this year. All three of our field stations: Sora Pond (SOPO), Lister Lake (LILA), and BBO Lab (BLAB) were successful. The most abundant species at SOPO and LILA was the Yellow Warbler, closely followed by the Least Flycatcher. The most abundant species at BLAB was the Least Flycatcher.



Mourning Warbler

Once banding wrapped up for the MAPS round, staff and volunteers worked on banding the first of the Tree Swallow nestlings, putting away migration monitoring equipment, and data entry. Staff field projects have continued, completing several surveys, as well as site and trail maintenance.

Across all three stations, 153 birds were banded in total in 180 net hours. Interesting captures included a Mourning Warbler each at Sora Pond and Lister Lake, and a Gray-cheeked Thrush at BLAB. Baby birds are starting to appear in our nets, starting with Black-capped Chickadee fledgling. These early nesters promise many more baby birds to come! LILA was the busiest station with 75 captured, followed by SOPO with 63, and BLAB with 15.



Gray-cheeked Thrush

Sora Pond (SOPO) banding totals:

SOPO – Round 1				
<i>Species</i>	New bands	Recaptures	Unbanded	Grand Total
American Redstart	1			1
American Robin	1	1		2
Black-capped Chickadee	6	5		11
Brown-headed Cowbird	1			1
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1			1
Common Yellowthroat	2			2
Gray Catbird	1	2		3
Least Flycatcher	5	6		11
Mourning Warbler	1			1
Northern House Wren	2	1		3
Red-winged Blackbird	2	3		5
Trail's Flycatcher	2			2
Warbling Vireo	1			1
Yellow Warbler	10	9		19
Grand Total	36	27		63

60 net-hours

105 captures/100 net-hours

Lister Lake (LILA) banding totals:

LILA – Round 1				
<i>Species</i>	New bands	Recaptures	Unbanded	Grand Total
American Goldfinch	2			2
Baltimore Oriole	1			1
Black-capped Chickadee		1		1
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1		3
Clay-coloured Sparrow	1	1		2
Cedar Waxwing	2			2
Common Yellowthroat	1	1		2
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		2
Least Flycatcher	7	7		14
Mourning Warbler	1			1
Red-winged Blackbird	10	1		11
Song Sparrow	4	1		5
Trail's Flycatcher	9	1	1	11

Warbling Vireo	1	1		2
Yellow-bellied				
Sapsucker		2		2
Yellow Warbler	11	3		14
Grand Total	53	21	1	75

60 net-hours

125 captures/100 net-hours

BBO Lab (BLAB) banding totals:

BLAB – Round 1				
<i>Species</i>	New bands	Recaptures	Unbanded	Grand Total
American Robin	2			2
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1			1
Least Flycatcher	6	1	1	8
Red-winged Blackbird	1			1
Warbling Vireo	2			2
Yellow Warbler	1			1
Grand Total	13	1	1	15

60 net-hours

25 captures/100 net-hours