Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update – July 20-29, 2025

Fall migration is officially upon the BBO, kicking off on July 20th. 367 birds were caught during migration banding, with a majority of birds captured being Least Flycatchers (137) and Yellow Warblers (105). Interesting captures included a Marsh Wren, three Ovenbirds, and a Northern Flicker.



Ovenbird

MAPS banding overlaps with Migration Monitoring this time of year, and all three stations were run this week. BBO Lab (BLAB) was operated on July 22nd, catching 14 birds in total. Sora Pond (SOPO) was run on July 23rd, catching 48 birds in total. Finally, Lister Lake (LILA) was run on July 24th, catching 37 birds total. Overall, the most common birds caught on MAPS are still Least Flycatchers and Yellow Warblers. Migrants are starting to arrive in our nets, like Black-and-white Warblers and Tennessee Warblers, promising an exciting fall migration season!



Black-and-white Warbler

Staff worked on maintenance around the lab, worked on surveys and reports, and completed some net repair. Overall, a very productive and busy first week of fall migration banding!



Yellow Warbler

Migration Monitoring banding totals:

Species Name	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Unbanded ⁴	Grand Total
American Goldfinch	3				3
American Robin		1			1
Black-capped Chickadee	7	1			8
Cedar Waxwing	3				3
Clay-colored Sparrow	25			1	26
Common Yellowthroat	1				1
Downy Woodpecker	2				2
Gray Catbird	1	1	1		3
Hairy Woodpecker	1				1
Least Flycatcher	99	33	2	3	137
Marsh Wren	1				1
Northern House Wren	30	3		1	34
Ovenbird	3				3
Red-eyed Vireo	1				1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1				1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				2	2
Savannah Sparrow	1				1
Song Sparrow	2				2
Swainson's Thrush	1				1
Tennessee Warbler	12				12
Traill's Flycatcher	4				4
Warbling Vireo	6	1	1		8
White-throated Sparrow	1			2	3
Yellow Warbler	83	19	3		105
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	2			3
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1				1
Grand Total	290	61	7	9	367

700 net-hours 52.4 captures/100 net-hours

^{1 -} banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO2 - banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO

^{3 -} banded at a location other than the BBO

^{4 -} caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

BBO Lab (BLAB) banding totals:

SPECIES	Banded	Recaptured ¹	Unbanded ²	Total
American Robin		1		1
Least Flycatcher	3	4		7
Northern House				
Wren	1			1
Ruby-throated				
Hummingbird			1	1
Swainson's Thrush	1			1
Warbling Vireo		1		1
Yellow Warbler	2			2
Grand Total	7	6	1	14

⁴⁰ net-hours

³⁵ captures/100 net-hours

^{1 -} banded previously at the BBO2 - Caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

Sora Pond (SOPO) banding totals:

SPECIES	Banded	Recaptured ¹	Total
Black-and-white Warbler	1		1
Downy Woodpecker		1	1
Grey Catbird	1	1	2
Least Flycatcher	16	7	23
Northern House Wren	1		1
Song Sparrow	1		1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	1	2
Yellow Warbler	9	6	15
Grand Total	30	16	46

60 net-hours

76.7 captures/100 net-hours

1 - banded previously at the BBO

Lister Lake (LILA) banding totals:

SPECIES	Banded	Recaptured ¹	Total
Black-capped Chickadee	4	. 2	6
Cedar Waxwing	2		2
Grey Catbird	1	1	2
Least Flycatcher	10	1	11
Northern House Wren	1		1
Song Sparrow	2		2
Tennessee Warbler	2		2
Traill's Flycatcher	1		1
Warbling Vireo	2		2
Yellow Warbler	7	1	8
Grand Total	32	5	37

⁵¹ net-hours

^{1 -} banded previously at the BBO

^{72.5} captures/100 net-hours