

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update – August 22 - August 28, 2024

This week at the BBO, there was high diversity despite slower days overall. The heat cut banding hours short at the end of the week, making every capture count for staff and volunteers. Some exciting species moved through in higher numbers included three Eastern Phoebees, nine Wilson's Warblers, and four Yellow-bellied Flycatchers. Yellow Warblers and Least Flycatchers remained our most-caught species, accounting for a third of our total captures this week.



Eastern Phoebe



Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Staff also welcomed two post-secondary school groups, Red Deer Polytechnic, and University of Alberta. In total, 40 students got to see banding up close, as well as a tour of the natural area around the lab!

Staff worked on site maintenance, took down summer net lanes, and trudged through data entry and reports as the summer winds down.



Wilson's Warbler

Many visitors came through on the weekend, enjoying the warm weather before it's gone. Overall, a successful and productive week at the BBO, despite the hot weather!

<i>Species Name (Autofills)</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Unbanded ³	Grand Total
Alder Flycatcher	3				3
American Redstart	9				9
Black-and-white Warbler	1				1
Black-capped Chickadee		8	2	1	11
Blackpoll Warbler	2				2
Blue-headed Vireo	3				3
Clay-colored Sparrow	3				3
Common Yellowthroat	3				3
Eastern Phoebe	3				3
Least Flycatcher	26				26
Lincoln's Sparrow	1				1
Magnolia Warbler	5				5
Myrtle Warbler	1				1
Northern House Wren	6	4		2	12
Northern Waterthrush	1				1
Ovenbird	11				11
Red-eyed Vireo	3				3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1				1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				1	1
Savannah Sparrow	2				2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				1
Song Sparrow	1				1
Swainson's Thrush	1				1
Tennessee Warbler	2				2
Traill's Flycatcher	16	2		1	19
Warbling Vireo	2	2			4
Wilson's Warbler	9				9
Yellow Warbler	33			1	34
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	4				4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1				1
Grand Total	154	16	2	6	178

663 net-hours

26.85 captures/100 net-hours

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

2 - banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO

3 - captured but not banded, ie. escaped