Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update – September 12 – 18, 2025

This week at the BBO, our Yellow-rumped Warbler rush continued. Our 1000th Yellow-rumped Warbler of this season was caught and banded on September 16th. Orange-crowned Warblers are also moving through in higher numbers, at 57 captures this week.



Myrtle subspecies of Yellow-rumped Warbler

Owl capture rates have been slow, only

banding 3 owls during this week. However, the staff welcomed visitors back for the first owl events of the season! Despite no owls

caught during their visit, visitors got to enjoy star gazing, aurora borealis watching, and informational talks by staff and volunteers.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Almost all staff projects have wrapped up, and reports are on their way through editing to the website. Staff also kept busy with event preparation and site maintenance. Tansi the ambassador Great-horned Owl returned to the BBO this week, ready to entertain guests during owl events. Welcome back Tansi!



Tansi the Great-horned Owl

Songbird Banding Totals:

Species Name (Autofills)	Banded ¹	Repeat ²	Unbanded	Grand Total
Black-capped Chickadee	4	8		12
Blackpoll Warbler	1			1
Brown Creeper	1			1
Clay-colored Sparrow	4			4
Common Yellowthroat	1			1
Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow	2			2
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1			1
Hermit Thrush	4	1		5
Magnolia Warbler	1		1	2
Myrtle Warbler	270	14	2	286
Nashville Warbler	1			1
Orange-crowned Warbler	53	3	1	57
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5			5
Savannah Sparrow	1			1
Slate-colored Junco	2			2
Swainson's Thrush	4			4
Tennessee Warbler	2			2
Traill's Flycatcher	1			1
Western Palm Warbler	8			8
White-throated Sparrow	9			9
Yellow Warbler	3			3
Grand Total	378	26	4	408

628 net-hours 64.97 captures/100 net-hours

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

^{2 -} 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)

Owl Banding Totals:

Species Name	Banded	Grand Total
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	3
Grand Total	3	3

NSWO Male (3 captures)

58 playback hours 5 captures/100 playback hours

NSWO Female (0 captures)

26 playback hours 0 captures/100 playback hours

Long-eared Owl (0 captures)

38 playback hours 0 captures/100 playback hours

Boreal Owl (0 captures)

28.5 playback hours0 captures/100 playback hours