

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update - October 10 - October 16, 2025

This week at the BBO, songbird banding was hindered by cold temperatures, making the tail end of Migration Monitoring slow and quiet. In total, we captured 18 songbirds total, with the most common species being Black-capped Chickadees.

Owls were busier this week, with 38 Northern Saw-whet Owl captures. Excitingly, a Long-eared Owl was banded this week, making the grand total of captures 39 owls. After an abnormally slow season so far, the slight uptick in captures is exciting, especially for visitors attending owl banding events. With a busy Thanksgiving weekend this week, the BBO saw many visitors and welcomed them along with Tansi the education ambassador Great-horned Owl.



Black-capped Chickadee



Long-eared Owl

Staff worked on data entry this week, as well as the beginning stages of winterizing the lab. As the weather gets cooler, the imminent winter and education season feels closer than ever.

Overall, a busy and productive week for the BBO, despite the slower banding numbers, and a happy Thanksgiving from us to you!

Migration Monitoring banding totals:

	Banded	Repeat ¹	Unbanded ²	Grand Total
American Tree Sparrow	2			2
Black-capped Chickadee	4	6		10
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		2
Hairy Woodpecker			1	1
Slate-colored Junco	2			2
White-breasted Nuthatch	1			1
Grand Total	10	7	1	18

189.5 net-hours

9.5 captures/100 net-hours

1 - banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO

2 - caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

Owl banding totals:

	Banded	Foreign ¹	Grand Total
Long-eared Owl	1		1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	36	2	38
Grand Total	37	2	39

628 net-hours

1 - banded at a location other than BBO

NSWO Male (34 captures)

78.5 playback hours

43 captures/100 playback hours

NSWO Female (0 captures)

36 playback hours

0 captures/100 playback hours

Long-eared Owl (1 captures)

40.5 playback hours

2.5 captures/100 playback hours

Boreal Owl (4 captures)

40.5 playback hours

9.9 captures/100 playback hours