

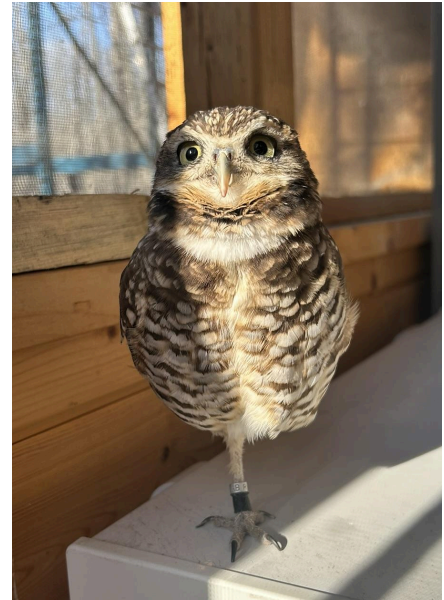
# Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update May 8-14, 2026

Despite some bouts of rough weather, this past week was wonderful! May 9<sup>th</sup> was a very important day, since it was World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) as well as Nina's third hatchday! An event was held at the station to celebrate both of these things, and guests were taken on a guided walk to the weir by Xavier, given feathers to toss to nesting Tree Swallows, given a presentation on wetlands by Willow, and were able to meet Nina and wish her a happy birthday! Songbird banding events formally began the following day, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and have continued to provide guests with opportunities to engage with bird banding and the Beaverhill Natural Area as a whole.



*Stunning Chipping Sparrows have been filling our nets this week!*



*Birthday girl Nina showing off her balancing skills!*

Regarding bird banding, many BBO staples were caught for the first time this week, including Least Flycatchers, Yellow Warblers, and Clay-coloured Sparrows! A Ruffed Grouse also wanted to join the party, hopping into a net on May 9<sup>th</sup>! Overall, we had 80 captures this week, with the most abundant birds being Chipping Sparrows (Table 1).

Keith made a long-awaited return to the BBO, where he resumed his usual position as the apple of everyone's eye.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the station welcomed the year's second long-term volunteer - Ryan Robison, who comes all the way from Maryland! The BBO is fortunate to be ripe with amazing volunteers, and our gratitude goes out to those who lent us a hand this week: Sian, Bannor, Carmen, Irene, and Nash!

## DAILY TOTALS

<i>Species Name</i>	Banded	Repeat <sup>1</sup>	Return <sup>2</sup>	Unbanded <sup>3</sup>	Grand Total
American Robin	2			1	4
Black-capped Chickadee			3	3	6
Chipping Sparrow	22				22
Clay-colored Sparrow	11			1	12
Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow	2				2
Hermit Thrush	1				1
Least Flycatcher	3				3
Lincoln's Sparrow	3				3
Myrtle Warbler	6				6
Orange-crowned Warbler	2				2
Ruffed Grouse				1	1
Slate-colored Junco	1				1
Song Sparrow	1				1
Swainson's Thrush	3				3
Tree Swallow	3				3
Unspecified Yellow-rumped Warbler	1				1
White-throated Sparrow	5				5
Yellow Warbler	1				1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		2		3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>68</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>

<sup>1</sup>Banded recently (within 90 days) at the BBO.

<sup>2</sup>Banded  $\geq$ 90 days ago at the BBO.

<sup>3</sup>Caught in a mist-net but not banded (e.g. escaped at net).

Total net hours: 455.5

17.6 birds/100 net hours