

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update June 5-9, 2026

After a short but sweet handful of weeks, our spring Migration Monitoring season has come to a close! Garnering a grand total of 659 individual captures across 44 species, this season was markedly smaller, but no less exciting, than last year's 909 individuals and 46 species.

Throughout June 5th and 9th, the weather was a confused mixture of wind, rain, and sun. Nevertheless, we caught 79 birds (Table 1)! Least Flycatchers (20), Yellow Warblers (16) and Northern House Wrens (10) made up the bulk of our captures.



Northern Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)

With the end of spring migration comes a pause in banding events, our final of which was held on June 7th, which will resume in the fall as our birds head back south. This week, on June 6th, the BBO also hosted its first extraction workshop! Six eager volunteers joined staff for a wonderful morning of banding, where they watched a presentation on the fundamentals of bird extraction and received plenty of hands-on training on how to safely remove birds from our mist nets! We look forward to hosting more of these workshops in the future!

As of June 10th we will be officially entering our summer banding program, M.A.P.S. (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship)! Over the past week, staff and volunteers have been working hard at setting up nets and packing all the tools and supplies we'll need out at our three M.A.P.S. stations, which are known as BLAB, LILA, and SOPO. Stay tuned to see what fun species we catch!

Undoubtedly, our amazing volunteers helped make this spring season so successful! A heartfelt thank-you is extended to this week's volunteers Elsa, Gabby, and Shayda!



Northern House Wren
(*Troglodytes aedon*)

DAILY TOTALS

<i>Species Name</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Unbanded ³	Grand Total
American Goldfinch	1				1
American Robin	1		2	1	4
Cedar Waxwing	2				2
Clay-colored Sparrow	8	1			9
Common Yellowthroat	4			1	5
Hairy Woodpecker		1			1
Least Flycatcher	6	11	3		20
Northern House Wren	6	4			10
Red-eyed Vireo	1				1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				2	2
Song Sparrow	1				1
Swainson's Thrush	1				1
Trail's Flycatcher	6				6
Yellow Warbler	4	10	1	1	16
Grand Total	41	29	5	4	79

Table 1. Banding totals from June 5th to June 9th.

¹Banded 90 or fewer days ago, at the BBO

²Banded over 90 days ago, at the BBO

³Caught but not banded (e.g. escaped)

Total net-hours: 387.5

20.39 captures/100 net-hours