

Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Weekly Update August 16-22, 2026

It has been a warbler-y week at the Beaverhill Bird Observatory! Fall migration is bringing a variety of species down from their northern breeding grounds and, luckily, into our nets. Amongst others, we have caught Bay-breasted, Black-and-white, Blackpoll, Canada, Mourning, Wilson's, and Orange-crowned Warblers! Fun non-warbler captures this week include a Philadelphia Vireo, a Veery, and a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher! Overall, we caught 265 birds this week, and are very close to hitting 1000 captures for the season (956 as of August 22nd) (Table 1).



Another warbler, the Northern Waterthrush, has been a frequent visitor to our nets this fall!

As the business of breeding season starts to slow, our staff and summer student interns have all been hard at work completing our monitoring project reports. If you're curious to learn more about our Tree Swallow and Purple Martin colonies, elusive marsh birds, our local bats, Northern House Wrens, and much more, check out our website in the coming weeks to read the published reports! Also available on our website are tickets for our upcoming fall songbird and owl banding events! We look forward to sharing in the excitement of fall banding with you!

On August 17th, we re-welcomed long-term volunteer Aaron Gomperts! Aaron spent a month at the BBO last fall, and we are happy to have him back for the next few weeks! Having volunteers can make even our busiest days feel like a breeze, and we send our gratitude to this week's volunteers Stefanie, Bannor, Gabby, and Ava!

<i>Species Name</i>	Banded	Repeat ¹	Return ²	Unbanded ³	Grand Total
Alder Flycatcher	4				4
American Redstart	15	1			16
Bay-breasted Warbler	1				1
Black-and-white Warbler	4				4
Black-capped Chickadee	1	3			4
Blackpoll Warbler	3				3
Canada Warbler	1				1
Clay-colored Sparrow	1				1
Eastern Warbling-Vireo		2			2
Gray Catbird	1				1
Least Flycatcher	54	1	2	5	62
Lincoln's Sparrow	2				2
Magnolia Warbler	7				7
Mourning Warbler	3				3
Northern House Wren	7	2		1	10
Northern Waterthrush	3				3
Orange-crowned Warbler	2				2
Ovenbird	12				12
Philadelphia Vireo	1				1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4				4
Red-eyed Vireo	2				2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1				1
Song Sparrow	3		1	1	5
Swainson's Thrush	1				1
Tennessee Warbler	12	5		2	19
Traill's Flycatcher	13				13
Unidentified Warbling Vireo	3				3
Western Warbling-Vireo	1				1
Wilson's Warbler	3				3
Yellow Warbler	57	13	2	1	73
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1				1
Grand Total	223	27	5	10	265

Table 1. Banding totals for the week.

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: 641.5

41.3 captures/100 net-hours