

# Rio Mesa Banding Station

Fall 2017

Summary for Week 1: August 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

The first week of banding was a short week. Although daily numbers of birds caught remained fairly low, it benefited the volunteers, Greg and AJ, allowing them to ease into the process and gave them time to practice their handling and banding skills. Although temperatures are still high in the later hours of the morning, the weather has been clear and calm.

We extracted a total of 54 birds with 52 newly banded birds, 1 recap, and one wily Lincoln's Sparrow who managed to escape before being banded. In total, we had 19 species.

**Sunday-Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>:** The season had not begun yet due to solar eclipse activities.

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>:** A cloudy morning, but that didn't seem to deter the birds. Our 21 new birds and 1 recap came in a steady stream throughout the day that kept us busy. There was a total of 11 species for the day including an *Empid.* sp which has proven to be unidentifiable even with the extra measurements taken for identification.

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>:** Breezy throughout the day. Both Greg and AJ, who are catching on very quickly, had ample opportunities to practice their extracting, handling, and banding skills today as our total count came to 15 new birds and added 5 new species to the season; our favorite catch of the day being a Canyon Wren.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>:** The morning started off windy but died down as soon as the sun came up. Another quiet day; slow and steady which allowed Greg and AJ to continue to practice their banding skills. We caught a total of 17 new birds while adding 3 new species to the season: Lazuli Bunting, Gray Vireo, and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>#</b>
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	BGGN	7
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP	7
Canyon Wren	CANW	1
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	1
<i>Empid. sp</i>	-	1
Gray Vireo	GRVI	1
Lazuli Bunting	LAZB	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	LISP	1
MacGillivray's Warbler	MGWA	3
Mourning Dove	MODO	1
Nashville Warbler	NAWA	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	1
Spotted Towhee	SPTO	8
Vesper Sparrow	VESP	1
Woodhouse Scrub Jay	WESJ	3
Western Tanager	WETA	1
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	3
Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH	10
Yellow Warbler	YEWA	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>