

Rio Mesa Banding Station

Fall 2017

Summary for Week 6: September 24th- September 30th

What a busy week! The fall season was in full force this week: Temperatures have dropped and captures have increased dramatically! Although we had to close early or start late due to thunderstorms, we still managed to have a record week for captures.

This week we had a total of 175 birds caught. Broken down it came to: 159 newly banded birds, 4 unbanded due to a rainstorm that rolled in rather quickly, and 12 recaps.

So far, we have caught a total of 485 birds and 54 species.

Sunday, 24th: *Station closed.*

Monday, 25th: A cold but average day with 15 captures to give us an easy start to the week.

Tuesday, 26th: Another cold morning with temperatures below freezing. We had a record total of 39 captures today! There was never a dull moment and we had a few new species including a few Mountain Chickadees and a Hermit Thrush.

Wednesday, 27th: Today didn't slow down and was a close second at 38 birds captured even though we closed early, a loss of 30.9 net hours, due to a rainstorm that rolled in with some high winds. New species for today included a Brown Creeper and an Audubon's Yellow-rumped Warbler, and after pondering over measurements and pictures... a Western Flycatcher!

Thursday, 28th: A full day today with warmer temperatures brought us 36 captures and our first batch of Dark-eyed Juncos including both Grey-headed and Oregon subspecies, as well as a Chipping Sparrow.

Friday, 29th: Thunderstorms early in the morning prevented us from opening nets until 9:30. Even with close to 45 net hours lost we still had 23 captures.

Saturday 30th: This morning was a bit slower but still steady. The morning was cloudy and overcast, perhaps hinting at the insane thunderstorm that rolled in within minutes! We quickly closed nets as rain came down in sheets. With 28 net hours lost we still managed to snag 24 captures and a new species: a Williamson's Sapsucker that we had seen flying around earlier in the morning!

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Species	Code	#
Audubon's Yellow-rumped Warbler	AUWA	2
Bewick's Wren	BEWR	24
Black-capped Chickadee	BCCH	3
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	BGGN	15
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP	6
Brown Creeper	BRCR	1
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	1
Common Yellowthroat	COYE	1
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	1
Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow	GWCS	3
Green-tailed Towhee	GTTO	2
Grey Flycatcher	GRFL	2
Grey Headed Dark-eyed Junco	GHJU	1
Grey Vireo	GRVI	1
Hermit Thrush	HETH	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	LISP	7
Mountain Chickadee	MOCH	2
Mountain White-crowned Sparrow	MWCS	2
Orange-crowned Warbler	OCWA	4
Oregon Dark-eyed Junco	ORJU	3
Red-naped Sapsucker	RNSA	2
Red-shafted Flicker	RSFL	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	12
Sage Sparrow	SAGS	3
Song Sparrow	SOSP	19
Spotted Towhee	SPTO	12
Unknown juvenile sparrow	N/A	1
Western Flycatcher	WEFL	1
Western Wood Pewee	WEWP	1
White-crowned Sparrow	WCS	19
Williamson's Sapsucker	WISA	2
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	18
Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH	2
Total		175