

Rio Mesa Bird Banding Station

Spring 2022

Summary for Week 6: May 9 – 15

Summary: Activity exploded this week. We have captured 142 birds of 28 species (117 new, 17 recaptures, 8 un-banded). Kyle Kittelberger joined us on Friday and Jennifer Bridgeman joined us on Saturday.

Monday, May 9th: Today we had 14 birds. We got our first MacGillivray's Warbler for the season. We had one recapture that was a Spotted Towhee from banded last fall as a "Hatch Year" bird. We had heavy winds, but we were able to manage staying open for the full six hour sampling window by sequentially closing nets as the wind got progressively worse into the early afternoon.

Tuesday, May 10th: We had 35 birds today (28 new, 3 recaps, and 4 un-banded). The highlights of the day included a Northern Waterthrush and a Black-throated Gray Warbler. We caught our first Willow Flycatcher and orioles (Bullock's) of the season today as well.

Wednesday, May 11th: Our day off.

Thursday, May 12th: Our day off.

Friday, May 13th: We had our highest count for a single day since 2018 with 56 birds (48 new, 6 recaps, 2 un-banded). There were a lot of warblers, buntings, and we got a pair of Dusky Flycatchers.

Saturday, May 14th: Today tapered down to 21 birds (17 new, 3 recaps, 1 un-banded).

Sunday, May 15th: Today we had 16 birds (11 new, 4 recaps, 1 un-banded)

Weekly Counts

Black-chinned Hummingbird	2
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1
Willow Flycatcher	1
Dusky Flycatcher	2
Western Kingbird	2
Northern Mockingbird	1
Mountain Bluebird	5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1
Warbling Vireo	4
Yellow Warbler	28
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	6
Wilson's Warbler	18
MacGillivray's Warbler	4
Virginia's Warbler	1
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1
Common Yellowthroat	4
Northern Waterthrush	1
Yellow-breasted Chat	13
Spotted Towhee	2
White-crowned Sparrow (Mountain)	2
Green-tailed Towhee	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	5
House Finch	8
Lesser Goldfinch	1
Lazuli Bunting	21
Western Tanager	1
Blue Grosbeak	2
Bullock's Oriole	4





