

Rio Mesa Bird Banding Station

Spring 2022

Summary for Week 7: May 16 – 22

Summary: This week was another great week with 211 captures of 28 different species. The species composition has changed somewhat, and our capture rate has increased. All the nets are in operable condition and our morale is high.

Monday, May 16th: Today was the biggest day so far with over a hundred birds. We came close to beating the station record set back in 2018. Some of the highlights were our first Black-headed Grosbeaks of the season, a second year Indigo Bunting, and a Clay-colored Sparrow (image below).

Tuesday, May 17th: Today we had 34 birds including some Gray Catbirds (image below).

Wednesday, May 18th: Today we had 35 birds. We have been hearing Rock Wrens all season and we finally captured two of them including a female with a receding brood patch.

Thursday, May 19th: Today we had 18 birds. We had to close a little early due to high winds, but on our last run we captured a second year male Sharp-shinned Hawk (image below).

Friday, May 20th: Today we captured 23 birds. The highlight of the day was an Olive-sided Flycatcher (image below). It is only the 4th individual of this species banded at our station.

Saturday, May 21st: Our day off.

Sunday, May 22nd: Our day off.

Weekly Counts

Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
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Black-chinned Hummingbird	1
Dusky Flycatcher	3
Willow Flycatcher	17
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1
Gray Catbird	3
Hermit Thrush	1
Rock Wren	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1
Warbling Vireo	4
Yellow Warbler	23
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	1
Wilson's Warbler	66
MacGillivray's Warbler	11
Common Yellowthroat	10
Lucy's Warbler	2
Common Yellowthroat	4
Northern Waterthrush	1
Yellow-breasted Chat	20
Brewer's Sparrow	2
White-crowned Sparrow (Mountain)	10
Green-tailed Towhee	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	1
Clay-colored Sparrow	1
House Finch	5
Lazuli Bunting	10
Black-headed Grosbeak	4
Blue Grosbeak	7
Indigo Bunting	1

