

Rio Mesa Bird Banding Station

Spring 2022

Summary for Week 8: May 23 – 29

Summary: We have had a few new volunteers join us this week, including Quinn Jennings who will finish the season with us. This has been a steady but tapering week. We are passed the peak of migration. This week we had 136 captures comprised of 105 new banded birds, 23 recaptures, and 8 un-banded birds. We are looking forward to finishing out this season strong.

Monday, May 23rd: Today we had 32 birds (26 new, 4 recap, 2 un-banded). The highlight of the day was a Western Wood-Pewee (photo below).

Tuesday, May 24th: Today we had 27 birds (21 new, 3 recap, 3 un-banded). We captured the first and only columbiform so far this season, a Mourning Dove (photo below).

Wednesday, May 25th: Today we had 17 birds (10 new, 6 recap, 1 un-banded). One of the recaps, a Spotted Towhee, has returned to breed here and likely has a nest near the station.

Thursday, May 26th: Today we had 11 birds (8 new, 3 recap, 0 un-banded). Today was our slowest day this week, but on our last run we did capture our first Northern Mockingbird of the season.

Friday, May 27^h: Today we had 18 birds (15 new, 2 recaps, 1 un-banded). Willow Flycatchers were the most abundant of any of the species captured today.

Saturday, May 28th: Today we had 17 birds (13 new, 4 recap, 0 un-banded). The highlight was a after second year male Indigo Bunting (photo below). This was our 4th Indigo Bunting this season which is quite unusual. The station has only captured 7 individuals of this species previously over ~12 years of operation.

Sunday, May 29th: Today we had 14 birds (12 new, 1 recap, 1 un-banded). We had a Lucy's Warbler today that has a receding brood patch which means she has likely had eggs that have hatched nearby.

Weekly Counts

Mourning Dove	1
Black-chinned Hummingbird	2
Dusky Flycatcher	3
Willow Flycatcher	13
Hammond's Flycatcher	1
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1
Western-Wood Pewee	1
Gray Catbird	2
Northern Mockingbird	1
Hermit Thrush	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1
Warbling Vireo	6
Yellow Warbler	22
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	1
Wilson's Warbler	13
MacGillivray's Warbler	8
Common Yellowthroat	5
Lucy's Warbler	2
Yellow-breasted Chat	8
Brewer's Sparrow	1
White-crowned Sparrow (Mountain)	3
Dark-eyed Junco (Pink Sided)	1
Spotted Towhee	2
House Finch	9
Lazuli Bunting	16
Indigo Bunting	3
Black-headed Grosbeak	1
Blue Grosbeak	1
Western Tanager	7

