

Rio Mesa Bird Banding Station

Spring 2022

Summary for Week 9: May 30 – June 4

Summary: We finished our last week of the season with 79 captures comprised of 22 species. Willow flycatchers were the single most abundant single species with 17 individuals. I will compile an overview of the season.

Monday, May 30th: Today we had 19 birds (18 new, 0 recap, 1 un-banded). We had heavy rain yesterday and into the morning, which delayed our opening by half an hour. We had a surprising number of Western Wood-Pewees with 5 captured today.

Tuesday, May 31st: Today we had 14 birds (9 new, 5 recap, 0 un-banded). We had a female Sagebrush Sparrow with a brood patch that likely has a nest in the area (photo below).

Wednesday, June 1st: Today we had 13 birds (9 new, 4 recap, 0 un-banded). The very last net run of the day we captured a fledgling Lucy's warbler with a female adult (photo below).

Thursday, June 2nd: Today we had 10 birds (9 new, 1 recap, 0 un-banded). Seven of the ten birds we captured today have been Willow Flycatchers.

Friday, June 3rd: Today we had 14 birds (9 new, 4 recap, 1 un-banded). The highlight of the day was three new Lucy's Warblers including one fledgling.

Saturday, June 4th: We closed the station today with 9 birds (9 new, 0 recap, 0 un-banded). Today's highlight was a Juniper Titmouse (photo below). I have been hoping we would get one all season and we did on one of the last runs of the season.

Weekly Counts

Black-chinned Hummingbird	1
Mourning Dove	1
Western Wood-Pewee	9
Willow Flycatcher	17
Dusky Flycatcher	1
Ash-Throated Flycatcher	3
Bushtit	2
Juniper Titmouse	1
Bewick's Wren	1
Warbling Vireo	4
Yellow Warbler	2
Wilson's Warbler	2
Lucy's Warbler	5
Yellow-breasted Chat	13
Lincoln's Sparrow	1
White-crowned Sparrow	1
Spotted Towhee	1
Sagebrush Sparrow	1
House Finch	3
Western Tanager	3
Blue Grosbeak	3
Lazuli Bunting	4

