Bird Field Note
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7/17/15

Common Poorwills.....2-10
Lewis's Woodpeckers...11-13
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Common Poorwills

We tracked the progression of two Common Poorwill nests. On 7/7, Mat found the adult female from one nest dead on the ground, within inches of the young. She had a visible wound on the left side of her face. A necropsy confirmed blunt force trauma to the side of her head, but no other sign of injury.

The male brooded the young for several days after the mortality. Last week we lost his signal and could no longer find the young.. We last saw them on 7/10, on the edge of a rocky game trail. Based on their hatch date of 6/27 or 6/28, we know they were not independent. We suspect they were abandoned and/or predated.

We continue to track one Common Poorwill nest near the Rock Quarry. We've documented almost the entire progression of this nest. Adults consistently brood the young. In most cases, the female broods during the day.

6/26
Female on eggs

6/29
1-2 days old

7/1
3-4 days old

7/3
5-6 days old

7/8
10-11 days old

7/9
11-12 days old

7/10
12-13 days old
Female brooding

7/12
14-15 days old

7/13
15-16 days old

7/14
16-17 days old

7/15
17-18 days old

7/16
18-19 days old

The female brooded the young early on the chilly morning of 7/17. They've been in the shelter of the same sagebrush for four days. Poorwill young fly at approximately 21 days; we suspect they may take their first flights in the next few days.

7/17
19-20 days old

Lewis's Woodpeckers

On 7/15, our woodpecker trapping season ended with the capture of this adult. We deployed our tenth and last PinPoint GPS unit.

Several of our woodpeckers were molting primaries (below) or had a mixture of feather ages in their primary coverts. Molt patterns will help us age the birds.

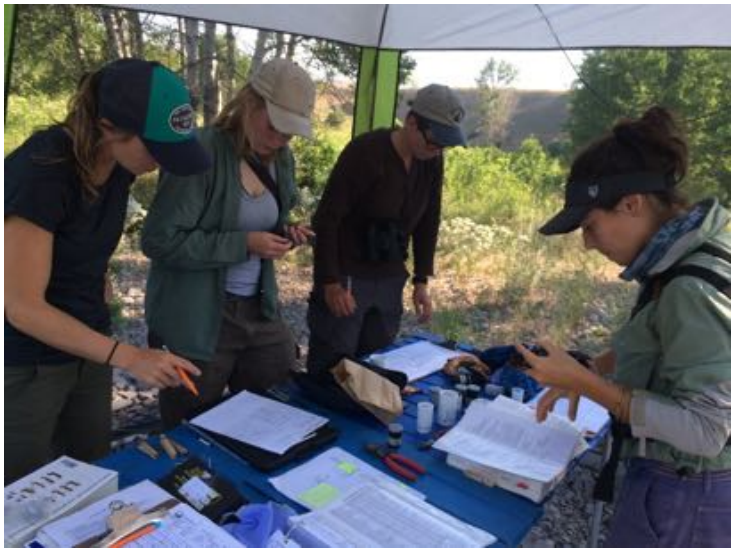
We've observed several of the birds with units at nests or back at the suet feeders. We captured this bird on 7/2 (top) and saw it again at our feeder on 7/15 (bottom).

UM Bird Ecology Lab: Songbird Banding: July 1st

We captured 37 birds of 12 species on our fourth day of summer banding. Nearly half of our captures (18) this period were hatch-year birds, including 12 hatch-year House Wrens.

Bird Species captured and banded during the June 23rd session	
Species Name	**Captures**
House Wren	16
Gray Catbird	5
Black-capped Chickadee	3
Downy Woodpecker	3
Yellow Warbler	2
Calliope Hummingbird	2
Song Sparrow	1
Red-naped Sapsucker	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Bullock's Oriole	1
Common Yellowthroat	1
MacGillivray's Warbler	1
TOTAL	**37**

Bullock's Oriole



Juvenile House Wrens look similar to adults, with the exception of their undertail coverts. The brown, sparsely barbed feathers pictured below contrast with the denser, cream and brown, barred undertail coverts of adult House Wrens.

The plumage of this striking male MacGillivray's Warbler indicates he was born at least two years ago.

We caught a family of Downy Woodpeckers in the same net.