



The Minnesota Ornithological Union (MOU), was so generous to award Wood Lake Nature Center the Savaloja Grant in the amount of \$400. The monies were put towards the 2016 Friends of Wood Lake Big Day Birdathon Live Owl Show. We invited the Audubon Center of the Northwoods to present; approximately 112 people enjoyed the live owl show. In attendance were numerous families with children of all ages. A Barrel Owl and Eastern Screech Owl were part of the show along with many interactive activities. Other event activities included: 3 guided bird hikes, live bird-banding presentation, prize giveaways, breakfast and a Bird Photography session with live owls. We had 37 birders registered and 66 species observed including 7 warblers, 6 woodpecker and 5 sparrow species. The highlight was finding a regionally rare Common Moorhen which drew in additional birders from the area. We did not see a record number of species (#107 is the record), but I reiterated to the birders that all observations are important as over the years they may depict a trend in weather and number of species observed. Anecdotally, I observed several Spanish speaking families at the Live Owl Show and we had one family from Colombia and another from Japan registered for the full-day.



1. Guided Bird Hike
2. Bird banding
3. Eastern Screech Owl-Live Owl Show



4. Live Bird Banding-Ovenbird
5. Bird Banding
6. Live Owl Show



7. Prizes
8. Live Owl Show
9. Live Owl Show- Barred Owl