

# MIGRATION SUMMARY – APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



The week started off on an active note but then migrants tapered off towards the end of the summary period. Although northeast and west winds from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> gave way to a light southerly flow and milder temperatures on the final day of the count period, it was quiet on the 16<sup>th</sup>, with 41 species tallied and 12 birds banded of four species.

April 10<sup>th</sup>

A cool clear morning with quite a few birds about including moderate numbers of kinglets and creepers along with ones-and-twos of Yellow-rumped Warbler, Fox, Song and Swamp Sparrow. Ten Brown Creepers banded (22 DT) as well as 3 Hermit Thrushes (8 DT) and a Winter Wren (8 DT). Three Sandhill Cranes were observed flying over the netting area.

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Lots of rain last night and this-morning and not much activity on census or in the netting area. A few Yellow-rumps and sparrow *spp* along with ten waterfowl species.

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Two American Coots at Fox Pond and 3 Barn Swallows on census were both new for 2008.

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Another rainy morning with just the census and some additional observations but no mist-netting. Forty-two species recorded on the day.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

It was 0° C at dawn but the weather warmed up throughout the day. Still generally quiet with the exception of Brown Creepers (30 DT) and small numbers of kinglets.

April 15<sup>th</sup>

A similar morning compared to the last few days with not much activity in the netting area or on census. A single Tundra Swan was one of four Spring-firsts on the day.

April 16<sup>th</sup>

The wind was from the southwest this-morning and it was a warmer start to the day, but migrants remained fairly scarce, with just small numbers of creepers, kinglets, Yellow-rumps and sparrows observed in the count area.

Sixty-six species were recorded at the Point this week compared to sixty-five last week and twelve Spring-firsts were recorded, which brings the season-to-date species total to 77. In all, seventy-eight birds were banded and four recaptured during 250 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .31 birds/net-hour.

PIBO's next summary will be posted on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO Staff from April 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Date	April	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Species								
Common Loon		1	2	1				1
Horned Grebe		1	1	2		2		2
Double-crested Cormorant		40	105	112	11	20	90	35
Great Blue Heron			1	4	1	1		4
Tundra Swan							1	
Canada Goose		7	5	6	8	17	8	
Wood Duck		4	9		3	4	2	3
Blue-winged Teal			3	6	6	4	6	11
Mallard		7	9	8	10	1	6	8
Green-winged Teal			1					
Northern Shoveler				3				
Gadwall			2					
Greater Scaup					5	3		
Lesser Scaup		2	14	1	25	16	5	2
(Scaup spp.)					45	12	23	
Bufflehead		22	36	23	23	32	19	20
Common Goldeneye		2	1	1	1	3	5	
Red-breasted Merganser		9	83	38	18	25	11	141
Bald Eagle		1						
American Kestrel		1						
Ring-necked Pheasant		1				2	1	2
Wild Turkey		4	11		4	3	3	3
Sandhill Crane		3						
American Coot				2	2			
Killdeer		3						

American Woodcock							1
Common Snipe						1	
Bonaparte's Gull	45	8	9	1	7	14	71
Ring-billed Gull	3	2	13			2	6
Herring Gull	5	7	38	10	4	3	10
Great Black-backed Gull	2		1				
Mourning Dove	4	12	4	4	3	3	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3		1	1	2	3	3
Downy Woodpecker	3	5	4	5	4	9	6
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	1	1	1	2	1	1
Northern Flicker	11	4	3	4	6	9	8
Eastern Phoebe	3	3	1	2	2	3	
American Crow	5		1	1	3	5	4
Tree Swallow	9	7	16	4	14	8	9
Barn Swallow			3				
Black-capped Chickadee	7	1	3	3	3	4	4
White-breasted Nuthatch					1	1	
Brown Creeper	22	6	9	4	30	13	21
Carolina Wren	4	1	1	3	5	5	4
Winter Wren	8	4	2	4	3	2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	32	21	14	5	16	6	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	17	4	4	2	7	4	1
Eastern Bluebird							11
American Robin	16	15	12	12	20	23	8
Hermit Thrush	8	2			2		
Brown Thrasher	1			1	1		
European Starling	14	12	11	23	15	14	16
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	10	5	2	2	1	1
Northern Cardinal	8	7	7	4	6	8	7
Eastern Towhee	2	1		2	1		3
American Tree Sparrow			1				
Field Sparrow		1					
Chipping Sparrow						2	
Fox Sparrow	2						
Song Sparrow	1	3	1	1	3	4	4
Swamp Sparrow	1		1	3	1	1	
Dark-eyed Junco	4	2					2
Brown-headed Cowbird	11	15		13	11	17	7
Red-winged Blackbird	105	168	130	155	124	115	195
Rusty Blackbird	19	14	8	16	6	5	3
Common Grackle	122	84	75	73	120	85	110
American Goldfinch						1	2

## SPECIES

Day	49	43	42	42	45	44	41
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Fall 2007	69	70	73	73	73	77	77
This period	66			Previous period			65
April	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	NE4	NE3	W3	W1	N1	0	SW3
Visibility (km)	30	5	30	15	30	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	3	10	9	10	9	0	1
Temperature o C)	4	8	11	5	0	0	7
Precipitation		RAIN		RAIN			

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale