

# MIGRATION SUMMARY – APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



There was a nice variety of birds recorded at the Point this week, with 77 species tallied in the official count area, including five woodpecker and warbler species, but migration activity was generally light and it was very quiet in the mist-netting area. Many Spring-firsts were noted including Virginia Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Red-headed Woodpecker, House Wren and four warbler species.

April 17<sup>th</sup>

It was nice and warm at dawn but there was not much activity at the Point compared to the previous few days. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and a banded House Wren were new for 2008, but just one kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler and White-throated Sparrow were observed.

April 18<sup>th</sup>

A similar day to the 17<sup>th</sup> with just a few migrants in the area including one warbler and four sparrow spp. Eight birds were banded and 44 species were observed during the morning coverage period.

April 19<sup>th</sup>

A small influx of birds this morning with six Spring-firsts including Northern Mockingbird, Nashville, Palm and Pine Warbler. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were slightly more active along with increased numbers of Yellow-rumped Warblers and Chipping Sparrows.

April 20<sup>th</sup>

A rainy day with not too much to report from the morning coverage. The skies cleared later in the day and a few Spring-firsts were observed outside the count area including Red-shouldered Hawk, Black-throated Green Warbler and Common Yellowthroat.

April 21<sup>st</sup>



Killdeer			1			2	
Spotted Sandpiper							1
American Woodcock			1				
American Coot							1
Bonaparte's Gull	77	46	33	12	36	31	2
Ring-billed Gull	5	4	30	6	6	5	5
Herring Gull	1	8	11	13	5	13	3
Great Black-backed Gull				2		2	
Caspian Tern		2			1		
Forster's Tern				1			
Mourning Dove	2	7	7	6	8	3	9
Red-headed Woodpecker							2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	4	5	2	4	3	2
Downy Woodpecker	6	6	6	2	4	4	4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2					
Northern Flicker	9	10	6	2	2	5	7
Blue Jay	1	1			1		9
American Crow	5	1	6				
Horned Lark					1	1	
Purple Martin					1		
Tree Swallow	12	9	15	9	11	15	11
Black-capped Chickadee	6	2	2	3	2	2	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		1			1	
Brown Creeper	8	5					
Carolina Wren	5	5	5	2	5	6	7
House Wren	1			2	2	1	1
Winter Wren					1		1
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1	1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1	8	1	4	3	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	3	4	2	1		2
Eastern Bluebird							1
American Robin	19	29	20	6	12	11	17
Hermit Thrush	1		1				
Northern Mockingbird			1				
Brown Thrasher	3			3	1	1	1
European Starling	10	16	13	11	9	10	9
Cedar Waxwing		9					
Nashville Warbler			1				
Yellow Warbler					1	1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	2	12	1	6	3	1
Western Palm Warbler			1				
Pine Warbler			1				
Northern Cardinal	7	9	8	6	10	8	8
Eastern Towhee	1		4	2	1		
Field Sparrow		2	1	1	2	3	1
Chipping Sparrow		3	17	3	4	6	3

White-throated Sparrow	1		4	4	8	3	3
Song Sparrow	1	3	1		2	1	1
Swamp Sparrow			2	2			
Dark-eyed Junco	1	1	7				
Brown-headed Cowbird	12	8	20	9	11	14	14
Red-winged Blackbird	160	168	135	130	138	197	188
Rusty Blackbird	1		4	4	2	2	2
Common Grackle	79	112	120	87	65	97	90
Purple Finch			1		1		
House Finch		1					1
American Goldfinch	1		2	2	2		3

## SPECIES

Day	46	44	48	41	43	40	45
Spring 2008	80	83	89	92	95	95	98
This period	77			Previous period			66
April	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

## Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	SSW2	SSW1	E2	E1	E2	ESE2	SE1
Visibility (km)	25	15	5	5	7	20	20
Cloud cover (0-10)	2	2	8	10	1	0	3
Temperature o C)	7	10	10	10	10	11	15
Precipitation				RAIN			

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale