

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 15th – 21st, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migration activity continued to increase at the Point this week, with ones-and-twos of fourteen warbler species recorded during the summary period along with seven Fall 'firsts'. The weather remained warm – dawn temperatures ranged from 16-21 ° C – winds were variable, and precipitation was recorded on one morning.

Although shorebird numbers were down, cormorants, gulls and terns were abundant this week, with 8000 cormorants recorded on the 15th along with almost 1000 **Ring-billed**

Gulls (Aug. 18) and 600 **Common Terns** (Aug. 20 & 21).

A mild cold front and northwest winds at the beginning of the week prompted some migrant songbird activity including the first **Mourning** and **Cape May Warblers** of the Fall on the 16th and 17th, respectively. Forty-six species were tallied on August 17th during the official count period, including ten warbler spp., and fourteen warblers of nine species were banded.

The wind returned to the south on the 18th and it was generally quiet for a couple of days, but birds were active again on the final two days of the summary period. A nice variety of flycatchers and warblers were observed on August 20th including nine banded **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** and the first **Wilson's Warblers** and **Bobolinks** of the Fall. Forty-nine species were tallied on the morning of the 21st, including 'firsts' for **Chestnut-sided** and **Black-throated Blue Warblers**, along with small numbers of flycatchers and eight other warbler spp.

A total of 75 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 68 last week, which brings the Fall species total to 84. Eighty birds were banded along with six recaptures during 357 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .22 birds/net-hour.

Tennessee Warbler photo – Chris Dunn

PIBO's next summary will be posted on August 30th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from August 15th – 21st, 2008

Date	August	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		8K	735	249	851	1.2K	130	150
Great Blue Heron		1						1
Canada Goose						2		
Wood Duck			6	3			2	
Red-breasted Merganser								1
Bald Eagle		1		1			1	1
Red-tailed Hawk				1				
Killdeer		1	2	2	3	2	1	2
Spotted Sandpiper		5		3	2		2	3
Sanderling			7	2	1			
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1	2					1
Least Sandpiper		3	4			2	2	2
American Woodcock				1				
Bonaparte's Gull		19	30	31	13	45	21	18
Ring-billed Gull		230	300	75	800	130	40	50
Herring Gull		45	42	37	40	19	14	30
Great Black-backed Gull				16	37	40	5	40
Caspian Tern					1	1	1	
Common Tern		472	150	500	300	200	600	600
Forster's Tern						2		
Mourning Dove		3	2	4				5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		1	3	2	1	1	2	2
Black-billed Cuckoo		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chimney Swift		1	1					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				2				
Belted Kingfisher				1				
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1	1					
Downy Woodpecker		3	5	5	1	3	2	1
Northern Flicker		2	2	2	2	1	2	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee		3	4	3	4	2	4	3
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		2					9	4
"Traill's" Flycatcher							2	
Least Flycatcher		3	1	2	1	1	5	4
Eastern Phoebe						1		
Great Crested Flycatcher		2			1	1		1
Eastern Kingbird		3	2	1	1		3	4
Red-eyed Vireo		2	3	1		1	1	3
Blue Jay		3	1	1	2			3
American Crow		3		1		1		
Purple Martin		1				1		7
N. Rough-winged Swallow								1
Bank Swallow						17		
Tree Swallow							3	
Barn Swallow		9	5	3	8		11	8
Black-capped Chickadee		11	5	10	3	5	7	4
Carolina Wren		6	7	4	4	4	6	5
House Wren		4	5		1	2	1	2

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1			1		1
American Robin	4	6	5	3	1	2	2
Wood Thrush		1	1	2			
Gray Catbird	1	1					
European Starling		1					
Cedar Waxwing	2	9	12	7	7	8	9
Tennessee Warbler			1				
Yellow Warbler	2	1	2				1
Chestnut-sided Warbler							4
Magnolia Warbler		1	2			8	4
Cape May Warbler			1				
Black-throated Blue Warbler							1
Blackburnian Warbler	1		2				1
Black-and-white Warbler	3	1	1	1			3
American Redstart			2			3	4
Ovenbird		2	1			1	1
Northern Waterthrush	5	3	2	1	4		2
Mourning Warbler		1					
Wilson's Warbler						2	
Canada Warbler		1	3				
Northern Cardinal	4	4	6	3	4	7	6
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1						
Indigo Bunting		2					
Bobolink						1	1
Red-winged Blackbird	26	34		1	9	34	21
Common Grackle	4	8	6	16	2	7	4
Baltimore Oriole	6	6	6	4	2	6	10
American Goldfinch	3	9	3	4	2	4	1

SPECIES

Day	44	45	46	33	35	39	49
Fall 2008	77	78	79	79	80	81	84
This period	75		Previous period				68
August	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	N4	NW4	W4	WSW5	NNE4	E4	SE3
Visibility (km)	30	30	30	30	20	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	1	1	5	4	9	1	2
Temperature (o C)	17	16	20	21	21	19	20
Precipitation					RAIN		

¹ Beaufort scale