

MIGRATION SUMMARY FROM AUGUST 1st - 7th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



After a busy and productive summer and a bit of a break in July, the PIBO team started-up our 6th Fall migration coverage season at Fish Point on August 1st. The following is a brief synopsis of bird activity during the summary period.

In keeping with the time of year, most of the birds recorded at the Point this week were locally-fledged young and moulting adults, including small numbers of **Yellow-billed Cuckoos**, **Eastern Wood Pewees**, **House Wrens**, **Yellow Warblers** and **Indigo Buntings**, among others. It was warm and somewhat humid, with dawn temperatures reaching 24° C on the 1st and 5th, winds were variable, and there was little precipitation. An average daily total of thirty-six species was recorded at the station from the 1st - 7th and 55 species were tallied during the week.

In addition to the local activity, a small number of early migrants were observed on a daily basis. Nine shorebird species were recorded during the summary period ranging from a few dozen **Sanderlings** to ones-and-twos of **Semipalmated Plover**, **Least** and **Semipalmated Sandpipers**. Three **American Avocets** on census on the 5th were a treat, and a first for the station. While migrant songbird activity was limited, a few individuals were noted moving south, including small numbers of a variety of swallow species.

A total of 55 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period. Fourteen birds were banded of seven species during 175 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .08 birds/net-hour.

PIBO's next summary will be posted on August 16th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from August 1st - 7th, 2008

Date	August	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		3	13	52	260	180	110	94
Great Blue Heron		3		1			2	
Turkey Vulture			5	2		23	1	
Canada Goose						3		
Mallard					2			2
Bald Eagle		1			1	1		1
Northern Harrier								1
Semipalmated Plover			1					
Killdeer		6	4	5	3	3	4	5
American Avocet						3		
Spotted Sandpiper		1	3	2	2	3	2	7
Ruddy Turnstone		1		1	2			
Sanderling		4	4	4	9	19	7	4
Semipalmated Sandpiper					1			
Least Sandpiper					1			
American Woodcock					1			
Bonaparte's Gull		30	30	18	25		1	1
Ring-billed Gull		3	27	70	70	111	11	730
Herring Gull		40	80	29	12	94	18	27
Great Black-backed Gull		1	8			12		
Caspian Tern						1	1	
Common Tern		254	260	330	300	150	35	200
Mourning Dove		2	4	1	6	1	2	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			1	2	1	1	3	1
Black-billed Cuckoo		1	1				1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1	1	1	1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker		3		4	3	4	6	3
Northern Flicker		4	3	3	1	2	3	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee		1	4	2	3	3	4	4
Great Crested Flycatcher				1	2			
Eastern Kingbird		4	4	4		5	9	3
Red-eyed Vireo			2	2	1	1	1	
Blue Jay		1	3	2	2	5	2	4
American Crow			1	4		3	2	
Purple Martin		1	3	3	2		1	3
N. Rough-winged Swallow		1			2		2	2
Bank Swallow					1			
Tree Swallow		2			1		1	3
Barn Swallow		11	8	9	4	4	5	12
Black-capped Chickadee		4	4	7	6	2	7	6
Carolina Wren		5	4	4	4	4	5	6
House Wren		5	5	3	3	3	2	4
American Robin		16	29	33	24	8	17	11
Wood Thrush					1	1		
European Starling				8	2		2	
Cedar Waxwing		14	12	9	8	8	10	5
Yellow Warbler		5	4	5	4		5	3
Northern Cardinal		8	4	3	4	1	7	4
Indigo Bunting		1		2	3	2	2	1
Red-winged Blackbird		15	41	36	14	6	68	8
Common Grackle		11	18	15	17	7	17	7
Baltimore Oriole		3	2	2	1	1	1	3
Orchard Oriole		1						
American Goldfinch		2	1		4		5	4

SPECIES

Day	36	35	36	42	35	39	35
Fall 2008	36	42	45	51	54	54	55
August	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	NW2	W1	N2	SW3	W5	W2	NW5
Visibility (km)	30	25	30	30	15	25	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	1	2	1	8	9	2	8
Temperature (o C)	24	21	19	22	24	22	22
Precipitation							

¹ Beaufort scale