

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 22nd – 28th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migration activity picked up considerably at the Point this week with the arrival of the first significant waves of warblers along with a nice variety of other songbirds. Seventeen warbler species were tallied from the 22nd to 28th. Flycatchers continued to move through in moderate numbers and thrushes and vireos were active as well. Bird numbers peaked on August 25th when 55 species (including twelve warbler spp.) were recorded during the morning count period and 63 birds were banded of seventeen species.

Eight shorebird species were observed during the summary period and gulls and terns were numerous, with

800 **Common Terns** noted on the 26th. An **Osprey** on the 25th was the first this Fall, a small influx of **Veerys** was evident on the 26th, with seven birds tallied, and a whopping 9000 **Double-crested Cormorants** were counted on August 27th.

Hot and humid conditions and southwest winds from August 22nd-24th made for a quiet time at the beginning of the week, but cool temperatures on the 25th produced lots of activity on the day including season 'firsts' for **Veery** and **Nashville Warbler**.

Warblers dominated this week in the netting area, with 177 banded of fifteen species (75% of all banded birds) – including a young male **Brewster's Warbler** (Aug. 27th). **Redstarts** and **Magnolias** led the way, with 39 and 37 banded respectively, but a variety of additional species appeared in fair numbers as well including 9 **Black-throated Blue Warblers** captured on the 27th. The second **Eastern Screech-Owl** of the Fall and a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** were also banded along with small numbers of flycatchers, vireos and others.

A total of 83 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 75 last week and eight Fall 'firsts' were noted, which brings the Fall species total to 92. In all, 235 birds were banded along with five recaptures in 372 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .65 birds/net-hour.

Black-throated Green Warbler photo – Sumiko Onishi

PIBO's next summary will be posted on September 6th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from August 22nd – 28th, 2008

Date	August	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		1.5K	917	180	1.1K	270	9K	510
Great Blue Heron		2		2	3		1	
Turkey Vulture		1	1					
Canada Goose		2	7	11	16	17	49	2
Wood Duck			3			7	3	3
American Black Duck								1
Mallard				1	3	2		6
Red-breasted Merganser							1	
Osprey					1			
Bald Eagle				3	1		1	1
Red-tailed Hawk		1						
Black-bellied Plover		1						
Semipalmated Plover						1		
Killdeer		5	4	5	4	4	4	3
Spotted Sandpiper		5	1	2	4	1	2	3
Ruddy Turnstone		2						2
Sanderling			1	1	8		3	
Semipalmated Sandpiper					1		1	
American Woodcock			1					
Bonaparte's Gull		7	31	63	5	35	76	2
Ring-billed Gull		40	12	37	37	50	78	50
Herring Gull		30	14	33	22	15	29	35
Great Black-backed Gull		21	45	50	30		50	40
Common Tern		600	800	700	700	800	450	100
Mourning Dove		5	8	3		3	1	8
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		2	2	2	1		1	
Black-billed Cuckoo		1		2				
Eastern Screech-Owl			1			2		
Chimney Swift		1				4		
Belted Kingfisher						1		
Red-bellied Woodpecker					1			
Downy Woodpecker		3	3	4	1	1	1	2
Northern Flicker			1	1	2			
Eastern Wood-Pewee		3	3	3	5	3	4	2
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		1	4	2	5	5	4	1
"Traill's" Flycatcher					1			
Least Flycatcher		1	1	3	4	3	2	1
Great Crested Flycatcher		1	1	1				1
Eastern Kingbird		4	2	7	1	2	2	
Red-eyed Vireo		2	2	2	7	4	3	3
Blue Jay		3	2	2	3		1	1
American Crow		2	4	1	2		3	2
Purple Martin		7	4	10				
N. Rough-winged Swallow			3			1		
Bank Swallow			5					
Barn Swallow		11	11	8	9	8	2	7

Black-capped Chickadee	6	12		4	7	4	5
Carolina Wren	5	2	5	4	2	2	3
House Wren	1	2	2	2		2	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		2	4	1		1
American Robin	4	2	4	3	1	2	
Wood Thrush			1				
Veery				3	7	3	1
Swainson's Thrush					1	1	
Gray Catbird			1				
European Starling	2						
Cedar Waxwing	28	20	27	27	21	4	5
Brewster's Warbler						1	
Tennessee Warbler	1		2	6		3	2
Nashville Warbler				2		1	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9			7	3	1	
Magnolia Warbler	13	3	3	13	12	15	3
Cape May Warbler						1	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2	1	2	1	3	10	4
Blackburnian Warbler	3						
Black-thr. Green Warbler	1			2			
Black-and-white Warbler	2		2	3	2	4	2
American Redstart	6		2	17	20	14	5
Ovenbird	2	1		4	1	3	2
Northern Waterthrush	2	5	3	5	4	7	4
Mourning Warbler	1			3		1	
Common Yellowthroat	1						
Wilson's Warbler				1			2
Canada Warbler	1	2		5	1		3
Northern Cardinal	4	7	2	5	4	3	2
Indigo Bunting						1	
Bobolink			2	5	3		
Red-winged Blackbird	43	27	28	21	18	48	40
Common Grackle	5		60	26	18	1	1
Baltimore Oriole	5	6	8	3	4	2	1
Orchard Oriole		1					
House Finch				1			
American Goldfinch	2	6	3	5	3	2	2

SPECIES

Day	54	45	47	55	44	51	44
Fall 2008	87	87	87	90	90	91	92
This period	83		Previous period				75
August	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	S4	SW4	WSW4	NE4	ESE5	ESE4	SSW3
Visibility (km)	8	30	20	30	30	30	25
Cloud cover (0-10)	6	9	3	5	6	3	10
Temperature (o C)	24	23	24	18	19	20	19
Precipitation							RAIN

