

# MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 29th TO SEPTEMBER 4th, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migrants were active at the Point during most of the summary period and a moderate but steady stream of birds was recorded moving through the count area on a daily basis. The wind went south on September 1<sup>st</sup> and activity eventually tapered off towards the end of the week, but 91 species were tallied over seven days – a season-high to date – including nineteen warbler species.

PIBO staff were kept busy in the final days of August with 124 birds banded from the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> including 92 warblers of twelve species. **Magnolias** and **American Redstarts** were active along with good numbers of **Chestnut-sided** and **Black-throated Blue Warblers**. Other species appearing in increasing numbers included **Least Flycatcher**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Veery**, **Swainson's Thrush**

and **Bobolink**, with 33 of the latter species recorded on August 31<sup>st</sup>. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** observed on census on the 30<sup>th</sup> was new for the Fall. The first **Merlin** of the season and 'firsts' for **Bay-breasted** and **Palm Warbler** were also noted during this time.

A similar mix of species arrived on September 1<sup>st</sup> when 51 birds were banded and 47 species were recorded during the count period. Warm temperatures and south winds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> produced a quieter morning although thirteen warbler species were noted on the day and **Red-eyed Vireos** were active, with ten recorded. The final two days of the summary period saw a further drop in numbers and there were no new arrivals with the exception of a **Baird's Sandpiper** on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Just seven birds were captured on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 42 species were tallied the next day compared to 61 a few days earlier on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

A total of 91 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 83 last week and ten Fall 'firsts' were noted, which brings the Fall species total to 102. In all, 232 birds were banded along with five recaptures in 370 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .64 birds/net-hour.

**Tennessee Warbler** photo – Sumiko Onishi

PIBO's next summary will be posted on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Date	Aug/Sep	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		10K	818	10	460	90	3	3K
Great Blue Heron			2	1			1	2
Turkey Vulture				1		1		
Canada Goose				35	5	8	2	39
Wood Duck		2		1	1	2	11	5
American Black Duck		1	1					
Mallard		8	5				1	6
Red-breasted Merganser							1	1
Osprey						1	1	
Bald Eagle		1	1	1				
Red-tailed Hawk					1	1	1	1
Merlin			1					
Wild Turkey						1	2	
Semipalmated Plover				1				
Killdeer		5	3	4				1
Greater Yellowlegs				1				
Lesser Yellowlegs							1	
Spotted Sandpiper		3	2	2	5	1	1	2
Sanderling			7					
Baird's Sandpiper								1
Least Sandpiper		1	1					
American Woodcock								1
Bonaparte's Gull			5				1	
Ring-billed Gull		90	22	8	17	30	5	40
Herring Gull		50	8	21	25	30	16	30
Great Black-backed Gull		50	30	20	35	35	18	35
Caspian Tern			1					1
Common Tern					8		7	
Mourning Dove		3	4	6	3	9	5	3
Rock Dove				1				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		1	1				2	1
Black-billed Cuckoo						1		
Eastern Screech-Owl							1	
Chimney Swift		1		3				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		1			1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1					
Downy Woodpecker		4	4	4	1	5	5	2
Northern Flicker		2	3	2		1	2	
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1					
Eastern Wood-Pewee		3	5	4	5	5	2	1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			3	5	1	4	2	1
Least Flycatcher		1	7	2		1	1	
Great Crested Flycatcher		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eastern Kingbird			2	2	1			
Red-eyed Vireo		5	7	11	4	10	5	3
Warbling Vireo			1			1	1	

Blue Jay	1	3	5	2	3	3	2
American Crow	5	1	1	3	1	4	1
Purple Martin	23	3	4	7	3	2	11
Barn Swallow	16	22	11	6		4	13
Black-capped Chickadee	3	21	11	3	14	8	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	1			2		
Brown Creeper	4						
Carolina Wren	2	6	6	5	3	4	3
House Wren		4	2	3	3	1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2	3		1	1	
American Robin	1	7	3	4	4	2	1
Wood Thrush	2	1				1	
Veery	2	4	8	4	4	4	2
Swainson's Thrush	1	3	4	7	4		9
Gray Catbird		1	1	1			
European Starling		7	21			12	
Cedar Waxwing	22	22	45	23	60	11	24
Tennessee Warbler	5			3	1		
Nashville Warbler	2		2	7			
Yellow Warbler				1			
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6	2	3		4	1	
Magnolia Warbler	13	9	7	12	9		4
Cape May Warbler				1			
Black-throated Blue Warbler	14	5	6	1	1	1	2
Blackburnian Warbler				1	2		
Black-thr. Green Warbler	1	3					
Palm Warbler			1				
Bay-breasted Warbler			1		1		
Black-and-white Warbler	5	1	5	4	1	1	
American Redstart	13	11	5	6	11	3	2
Ovenbird	6	3	7	4	2	2	2
Northern Waterthrush	1	4	1	2	4		1
Mourning Warbler					1		
Common Yellowthroat	1		1		1		
Wilson's Warbler	1			1	1	1	
Canada Warbler		1	3			1	
Northern Cardinal	5	5	3	2	3	4	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1					2	
Indigo Bunting		1				1	
Bobolink		10	33	4	5	6	5
Red-winged Blackbird	34	25	46	9	42	42	1
Common Grackle	204	18	8	46	80	18	5
Baltimore Oriole	1	3	3		1	1	
House Finch		3	2	2	2	1	1
American Goldfinch	4	6	6	5	6	23	4

SPECIES

Day	52	61	57	47	53	56	42
Fall 2008	93	96	100	100	100	101	102
This period	91			Previous period			83

August/September	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise							
Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	SSW3	NW1	NW1	SE5	SSE2	S2	E6
Visibility (km)	15	15	30	30	30	20	25
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	1	0	0	4	0	8
Temperature (o C)	20	17	20	21	20	19	20
Precipitation							

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale