

MIGRATION SUMMARY FROM AUGUST 8th - 14th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Although it was generally quiet at the Point this week, a small but steady number of migrants were recorded at the station on a daily basis including nine warbler species and a variety of flycatchers and shorebirds. **Double-crested Cormorants** were active, with 4500 birds recorded on census on August 12th, along with **Ring-billed Gulls** and **Common Terns**, with 560 and 400 individuals counted on the 9th, respectively.

Slightly cooler temperatures and light northwest winds from the 8th to 11th produced a variety of firsts for the autumn including **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Black-and-white Warbler** and **Northern Waterthrush**.

Other early-Fall migrants included 5 **Blue-grey Gnatcatchers** on August 12th, **Trail's** and **Least Flycatchers**, a small but steady stream of **Barn Swallows**, and the following additional warbler species: **Tennessee**, **Magnolia**, **American Redstart**, **Ovenbird** and **Canada Warbler**.

A total of 68 species was recorded at Fish Point this week during the official count period compared to 55 last week. Forty birds were banded along with one recapture in 295 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .14 birds/net-hour.

PIBO's next summary will be posted on August 23rd.

Northern Waterthrush photo - Claire Sanders

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from August 8th - 14th, 2008

Date	August	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		84	1.1K	8	586	4.5K	1.7K	1.7K
Great Blue Heron			1			3	1	
Great Egret						1		
Turkey Vulture		6	4	12			8	

Canada Goose		25					
Wood Duck					1		9
Bald Eagle			1				
Red-tailed Hawk							1
Semipalmated Plover			2	1			1
Killdeer	8	6	4	5	4	5	9
Spotted Sandpiper	3	3	3	4	5	3	3
Sanderling	5		7				
Semipalmated Sandpiper						2	
Least Sandpiper			4	3	6	2	4
Bonaparte's Gull	61	18	80	27	38	2	1
Ring-billed Gull	65	560	300	80	17	11	420
Herring Gull	22	28	22	26	15	19	16
Great Black-backed Gull						5	7
Caspian Tern		1					1
Common Tern	280	8	400	210	300	400	70
Mourning Dove	3	3	1		2	5	4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	1		1	4	1	2
Eastern Screech-Owl	1				2		1
Chimney Swift		1					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird							1
Belted Kingfisher		1			1	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1			1	
Downy Woodpecker	3	5	4	6	6	4	4
Northern Flicker	3	2	1	2	2	2	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee	3	6	3	3	3	2	4
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				2	2		1
"Traill's" Flycatcher				1			
Least Flycatcher						1	
Great Crested Flycatcher						1	
Eastern Kingbird	3	2	2		3	2	4
Red-eyed Vireo	1	1	1		1	1	1
Blue Jay	2	1	4	5	3	2	2
American Crow	2	4	2	2			
Purple Martin	1	2		2		1	
N. Rough-winged Swallow						1	
Tree Swallow		2					
Barn Swallow	7	4	7	10	8	13	9
Black-capped Chickadee	3	12	6	4	9	6	3
Carolina Wren	4	5	6	4	6	5	4
House Wren	1	4	4	2	4	2	6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					5	1	
American Robin	8	7	14	4	4	5	6
Wood Thrush	2	1			2		
Swainson's Thrush		1					
Gray Catbird		1					
Cedar Waxwing	5	7	7	2	2	1	9
Tennessee Warbler					1		
Yellow Warbler	4	5	1	1	13	1	2
Magnolia Warbler						1	
Blackburnian Warbler				1			
Black-and-white Warbler	2				3	2	3
American Redstart						1	
Ovenbird					1		
Northern Waterthrush		2		1	2		5
Canada Warbler				1			
Northern Cardinal	3	5	4	4	4	6	8
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1						
Indigo Bunting	2	1		1	1	1	1

Red-winged Blackbird	13	7	27	22	17	6	21
Common Grackle	22	7	9	11	51	15	
Baltimore Oriole	3	2	2	2	9	5	5
House Finch						1	
American Goldfinch	1	3	1	2	5		6

SPECIES

Day	36	41	33	34	42	43	38
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Fall 2008	58	63	63	67	71	75	77
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This period	68	Previous period					55
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Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

Wind direction/strength1	NW5	W5	NW6	NW4	E1	SW4	NE4
Visibility (km)	30	30	25	30	20	20	25
Cloud cover (0-10)	1	1	2	3	2	7	4
Temperature (o C)	19	20	15	16	16	20	19
Precipitation							
1 Beaufort scale							