

# MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR MAY 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migrants were active at the start of the summary period then tapered off mid-week before increasing again from the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. A nice variety of warblers were recorded in small numbers during the coverage period, with eighteen species tallied at Fish Point on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Shorebirds, flycatchers, vireos and thrushes were quite active as well. New arrivals this week included Whimbrel, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Willow Flycatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrush and Mourning Warbler.

May 15<sup>th</sup>

A busy morning with lots of birds recorded on census and in the netting area. Seventy species on the day including Spring-firsts for Great Crested Flycatcher and Wilson's Warbler.

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Small numbers of flycatchers and vireos in the area along with 5 Wood Thrushes and 11 warbler species, but not as much activity as the previous day. A Northern Mockingbird continues to be seen at the Tip.

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Strong west winds this-morning made for a fairly quiet day but there was some activity in the netting area. Species captured included Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Gray-cheeked Thrush and Indigo Bunting, among others.

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Steady rain last night and into the morning and not much to report on census or in the netting area. Just forty-two species recorded on the day.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Lots of activity today including Spring-firsts for Ruddy Turnstone and Whimbrel along with moderate numbers of flycatchers, vireos, and 18 warbler species.

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Another busy morning with 64 species recorded during the count period along with 41 birds banded of sixteen species. A Sora was new for 2008. Other sightings on the day included 120 Black-bellied Plovers, 3 American Golden Plovers, a Peregrine Falcon and 2 White-eyed Vireos.

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Despite three days of northwest winds and cool temperatures, migrants continued to filter through the area this-morning in good numbers. Sixty-three species were tallied during the morning coverage period including the first Mourning Warblers of the Spring.

A total of 103 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 103 last week. Eleven Spring-firsts were documented, which brings the season-to-date species total to 163. One-hundred-and-ninety-one birds were captured during 344 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .56 birds/net-hour.

Black-billed Cuckoo photo – Sumiko Onishi

PIBO's next summary will be posted on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO Staff from May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Date	May	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		83	12	64	200	39	48	45
Great Blue Heron		2	1	1		1	2	3
Great Egret			1					
Turkey Vulture		1			9	4		2
Canada Goose		7	6	2	4		4	3
Wood Duck		1	3	4		3		2
Mallard				3		1		2
Red-breasted Merganser		40	21	7	36	59	5	1
Bald Eagle			2	1	2	1		
Red-tailed Hawk		1						
Ring-necked Pheasant		2	1				1	
Wild Turkey			1					1
Sora							1	
Killdeer			2		1			
Solitary Sandpiper		1						
Spotted Sandpiper		2	3	1				1
Whimbrel						2		
Ruddy Turnstone						1		
Bonaparte's Gull		38	23			7		
Ring-billed Gull		1	2	6	32	19	16	1
Herring Gull		34	5	9	3	8		3

Great Black-backed Gull	1	2	2		1		1
Caspian Tern				1			
Common Tern	150				18		
American Coot	1						
Mourning Dove	3	1				1	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1	1	1	1
Black-billed Cuckoo					1	2	2
Great Horned Owl	1					1	
Chimney Swift	2					1	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			1	1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	2		1		1	1
Downy Woodpecker	3	2		2	5	1	1
Northern Flicker	4	2	2	1	1	1	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee			1		1	3	1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher							1
Willow Flycatcher	1						
"Traill's" Flycatcher						1	1
Least Flycatcher	4	7			3	2	
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Eastern Kingbird	4	10	3	2	4	8	7
Red-eyed Vireo	5	1	1		2	4	2
Warbling Vireo	3	3	2		2	1	1
Blue-headed Vireo					1		
Blue Jay	6	2	1	5	4	5	10
American Crow	9		3	2	2	4	1
Purple Martin	1					1	
Bank Swallow	25	8				6	
Tree Swallow	14	12	5	5	7	10	10
Cliff Swallow						1	
Barn Swallow	11	10	1		3	12	1
Black-capped Chickadee	3	2	3	2	4	2	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	2	1
Brown Creeper				1			
Carolina Wren	3	4	2	2	2		1
House Wren	4	4	3	3	5	4	3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	1	2	1	1	1	
American Robin	7	9	7	6	10	10	9
Wood Thrush	2	5	2	1		1	1
Veery	2	2		1	3	4	3
Swainson's Thrush	4	1			1	1	2
Gray-cheeked Thrush			1			3	
Gray Catbird	3	6	4	1	2	6	5
Brown Thrasher		1					
Northern Mockingbird		1					
European Starling	4	4	5	3		1	5
Cedar Waxwing	1				2		

Northern Parula	3		2		3	2	1
Tennessee Warbler	1	1	3		2	1	3
Nashville Warbler	7	4	2	2	2	1	6
Yellow Warbler	28	17	16	11	16	24	15
Chestnut-sided Warbler					1		2
Magnolia Warbler	3	2	8	3	4	5	18
Cape May Warbler	1	1					
Black-throated Blue Warbler					2	1	
Blackburnian Warbler	2				1		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5	2	3	1	4	1	1
Black-thr. Green Warbler	2	2			1		3
Palm Warbler	1						
Bay-breasted Warbler					1		1
Blackpoll Warbler		1			1	2	2
Black-and-white Warbler	3				5	3	
American Redstart	5	1	2	4	6	5	2
Ovenbird	3	3	1		2	1	
Northern Waterthrush			1	1			
Mourning Warbler							2
Common Yellowthroat	4	4			1	5	2
Wilson's Warbler	1				1		2
Canada Warbler					2	4	
Scarlet Tanager		2					
Northern Cardinal	9	4	2	1	4	5	4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4	3	2		1	2	4
Indigo Bunting	1		2	1	3	6	2
White-throated Sparrow						3	1
White-crowned Sparrow	4		1				
Lincoln's Sparrow			1	1			
Swamp Sparrow						2	
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	8	6		8	7	5
Red-winged Blackbird	86	75	60	80	90	79	80
Common Grackle	62	59	45	47	76	48	70
Baltimore Oriole	14	11	7	14	10	13	13
Orchard Oriole	1		1		3	1	
American Goldfinch	5	4		2	2	3	2

## SPECIES

Day	70	59	50	42	67	64	63
Spring 2008	155	155	157	158	161	162	163
This period	103			Previous period			103
May	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	E1	N2	W5	W3	NW4	NNW2	NW2
Visibility (km)	30	25	20	25	30	25	20
Cloud cover (0-10)	2	10	10	8	2	10	9
Temperature o C)	9	10	14	13	7	11	8
Precipitation				RAIN			

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale