

# MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



It was a busy and productive week of migration coverage at the Point with lots of birds recorded during the count period along with some good activity in the mist netting area. **Shorebird** numbers increased considerably along with a nice variety of flycatchers (9 species) and warblers (23 species). Highlights during the summary period included 160 **Whimbrels** on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 19 **warbler spp.** (24<sup>th</sup>), a **Red Knot** (25<sup>th</sup>), and a **Western Kingbird, Acadian Flycatcher** and **Summer Tanager** on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### May 22<sup>nd</sup>

An active morning on census and in the netting area with 66 birds recorded during the morning count period and 63 birds banded of twenty-one species. **Magnolia Warblers** were numerous, with 23 banded, along with 2 **Black-billed Cuckoos**, 2 **Northern Parulas**, and eleven other **warbler spp.** A **Semipalmated Plover** on census was new for the Spring.

### May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Another busy day with 75 species tallied along with 72 birds captured of twenty-four species. A good variety of migrants including 6 **flycatcher**, 5 **thrush** and 17 **warbler spp.** A **Short-billed Dowitcher** was observed by PIBO staff in the afternoon.

### May 24<sup>th</sup>

A quieter morning in the netting area but still lots of diversity, with 68 species recorded, including a **Hooded Warbler** on census.

### May 25<sup>th</sup>

Small numbers of **American Redstarts**, **Magnolia**, **Canada** and **Wilson's Warblers** about, but not too much else to report.

### May 26<sup>th</sup>

Lots of rain and heavy thunderstorms in the morning and just the census completed along with some additional observations.

### May 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy again but a little busier with 61 species tallied on the day and 31 bird banded of fourteen species. An **Alder Flycatcher** and **Philadelphia Vireo** were both new for 2008.

## May 28<sup>th</sup>

It was active again today with good numbers of **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** recorded (11 banded) along with a nice variety of other late-Spring migrants. Highlights on the day included a captured **Acadian Flycatcher** and a **Western Kingbird** (a first for Pelee Island) observed a number of times on the west beach during census. A male **Summer Tanager** was also new for the Spring.

A total of 102 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 174. In all, 263 birds were captured during 345 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .76 birds/net-hour.

Orchard Oriole photo - Julia Marko

PIBO's next summary will be posted on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO Staff from May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Date	May	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Species</b>								
Common Loon			1					
Double-crested Cormorant		220	50	5	21	20	111	150
Great Blue Heron		5	1			3	1	5
Great Egret								3
Turkey Vulture		12	5	1			3	
Canada Goose			2	1	4	28	1	7
Wood Duck		3	2	3	5	1		1
Mallard					4		4	
Red-breasted Merganser		18			3			
Bald Eagle		1		1			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant				1				
Wild Turkey			1	1				
Black-bellied Plover		1						
Semipalmated Plover		1	2					
Killdeer			1					
Spotted Sandpiper			2	4	1		2	
Ruddy Turnstone		6	4		2			
Sanderling			7	1				
Dunlin		2	21	11	35			
Semipalmated Sandpiper					3			
Short-billed Dowitcher				1				

Ring-billed Gull	4	2	3	4	5	4	70
Herring Gull	27	8	28	1	52	21	30
Great Black-backed Gull	3	1				1	
Mourning Dove	2	6	2	4	4		4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Black-billed Cuckoo	4	3	3	4	2	1	1
Great Horned Owl			1	1			1
Chimney Swift						1	7
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		1		1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	1	1	1		1	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	4	3	4	1		4
Northern Flicker	2	3	3		1	1	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	4	5	4	3	8	7
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	2	2			1	13
Acadian Flycatcher							1
Willow Flycatcher	1	1					
Alder Flycatcher						1	
("Traill's" Flycatcher)		3			1	3	1
Least Flycatcher	1	5	4			3	1
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	2	1	2		3	3
Eastern Kingbird	6	5	7	7	6	5	7
<i>Western Kingbird</i>							1
Red-eyed Vireo	4	6	6	6	6	3	3
Warbling Vireo	2	3	2			2	
Philadelphia Vireo						1	
Blue-headed Vireo				1			
Blue Jay	18	30	7	7	8	3	17
American Crow	1	3	2	5	3	2	
Horned Lark		1					
Purple Martin		1					
Tree Swallow	4	4	7	10	4	10	4
Barn Swallow	1	3		3		3	
Black-capped Chickadee	1	2	7	2	3	2	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	1			
Carolina Wren	1	1	2	3		1	1
House Wren	5	2	4	4	4	2	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						1	
American Robin	7	7	6	8	8	4	4
Wood Thrush	2	2	2	3		1	2
Veery	2	4			1		1
Swainson's Thrush	4	8				3	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush		1	1			1	
Gray Catbird	4	8	3	7	1	2	2
European Starling	2	8	7	8	2	1	
Cedar Waxwing		4	4	6	104	51	17

Northern Parula	2	1	2				
Tennessee Warbler	5	4	3	2	1		
Blue-winged Warbler		1					
Nashville Warbler	9	1	2			1	2
Yellow Warbler	17	26	24	15	12	11	18
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4	2	3			1	
Magnolia Warbler	32	28	6	16	2	6	5
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2	2	2	1			
Blackburnian Warbler			1	1		1	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		1				
Black-thr. Green Warbler	3	1	1				2
"Western" Palm Warbler	1						
Bay-breasted Warbler		4		1		1	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	4	2	2	1	2	2
Black-and-white Warbler	1		2			1	
American Redstart	2	16	7	7		4	3
Ovenbird	3	1	1	1	1		
Northern Waterthrush	1	2		1		1	
Mourning Warbler			1			2	2
Common Yellowthroat	3	6	3	8		2	1
Hooded Warbler			1				
Wilson's Warbler		3	1	1		1	8
Canada Warbler	3	4	2	8		7	9
Summer Tanager							1
Scarlet Tanager	1	2	1				
Northern Cardinal	2	5	3	5	4	4	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3		1	3			
Indigo Bunting	2	5	3	7	5	6	5
Savannah Sparrow						1	
Lincoln's Sparrow							1
Swamp Sparrow		1					
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	4	3	4	4		1
Red-winged Blackbird	102	58	67	102	66	69	72
Common Grackle	82	39	39	48	36	49	21
Baltimore Oriole	10	11	15	11	10	7	5
American Goldfinch	3	6	5	6	5	7	2

## SPECIES

<b>Day</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Spring 2008</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>This period</b>	<b>102</b>			<b>Previous period</b>			<b>103</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	NW2	E2	N2	SE1	SW3	NE3	ENE2
Visibility (km)	20	30	30	30	10	8	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	2	0	0	10	10	1
Temperature ° C)	9	9	7	8	15	12	7
Precipitation					RAIN		

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale