

# MIGRATION SUMMARY FROM MAY 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migration activity at Fish Point remained surprisingly light during the second week of May and there were no significant fall-outs compared to years past. Flycatchers, vireos, and thrushes, along with a nice variety of other species, appeared in small numbers but warblers were few-and-far between, with just twenty species recorded this week and no more than ten species observed on any given day during the official count period. Despite the paucity of birds, it was a busy week for visitors, including a hearty troop of bird spotters who all vied for the illustrious Botham Cup during Pelee Island's annual Spring Song Festival. The weekend was

another great success.

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

There were a few birds in the netting area this-morning with 25 individuals captured during 60 net-hours. Mostly White-throated Sparrows banded along with ones-and-twos of 4 thrush species, 2 Least Flycatchers and a Blue-winged Warbler. There were a few hummingbirds noted today and a Northern Mockingbird was recorded on census.

### May 9<sup>th</sup>

Not many birds but lots of birders and visitors at the station today. North winds made for a generally quiet morning and few migrants were recorded on census or in the netting area. The all 'green' bird race got underway at noon and it was a tough slog for seven enthusiastic teams – including the "Finch and Chips"! A Sedge Wren heard singing near the PIBO cottage the previous day was still about today.

### May 10<sup>th</sup>

A similar morning to the 9<sup>th</sup> with just eight warbler species tallied and fifty species recorded during the count period.

### May 11<sup>th</sup>

An Orange-crowned Warbler was one of eight warbler spp. observed on the day along with the first

## Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and American Redstarts of the Spring.

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Lots of rain last night and into the morning and not much to report apart from a few thrushes, swallows and warblers recorded on census.

May 13<sup>th</sup>

A nice variety of birds noted in small numbers today including the first Yellow-throated Vireo and Bay-breasted Warblers of 2008. Sixty-five species were recorded during the morning count period.

May 14<sup>th</sup>

The winds returned to the south but steady rain set-in mid-morning and carried on throughout the day. Small numbers of vireos, Wood Thrushes, Common Yellowthroats, and Indigo Buntings were recorded on census along with an influx of Yellow Warblers, with 17 individuals counted on the day. A Canada Warbler was new for the Spring.

A total of 103 species was recorded at the Point this week compared to 103 last week. Just seven Spring-firsts were documented, which brings the season-to-date species total to 152. Eighty-nine birds were banded and five recaptured during 259 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .34 birds/net-hour.

Ovenbird photo – Claire Sanders

PIBO's next summary will be posted on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO Staff from May 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Date	May	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Species								
Common Loon							2	
Double-crested Cormorant		47	180	550	106	105	33	48
Great Blue Heron		3	2	6	3	2	2	1
Turkey Vulture		1	2					
Canada Goose		7	9	3	3	4	8	5
Wood Duck		4	1	2		1		
Blue-winged Teal					1			
Mallard		1		4	5		1	2
Lesser Scaup		1						
Red-breasted Merganser		61	21	40	43	6	47	38
Red-tailed Hawk				1			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1					
Wild Turkey				1			1	

Killdeer	1					2	
Solitary Sandpiper	1	1				1	
Spotted Sandpiper		2	1		1	2	
American Coot						1	1
Bonaparte's Gull			6		30		
Ring-billed Gull	5	15	30	13	2	4	5
Herring Gull	15	13	8	19	5	22	8
Great Black-backed Gull	5	12	3	4	1	1	3
Caspian Tern					1		
Common Tern					6		
Forster's Tern	6	4					
Mourning Dove	3		2		4	3	3
Rock Dove			2				
Great Horned Owl						2	
Chimney Swift	2			1			10
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5	2					
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	1				1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	2	2		2	2	
Downy Woodpecker	4	2	5	4	3	3	1
Northern Flicker	3	2	2		1	2	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				1			
Least Flycatcher	3		1		1	4	4
Eastern Kingbird		2				2	2
Red-eyed Vireo	1						1
Warbling Vireo			1			1	1
Yellow-throated Vireo						1	1
Blue-headed Vireo	2					1	
Blue Jay	40	15	10	2	3	9	1
American Crow	5	3	2	6		5	3
Purple Martin						1	1
N. Rough-winged Swallow		2		2		1	1
Bank Swallow	1	5	4	3	2	4	
Tree Swallow	8	9	23	15	9	13	9
Barn Swallow	11	7	4	15	9	7	4
Black-capped Chickadee	6	2	7	3	1	3	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	4	1			1
Brown Creeper						1	
Carolina Wren	3		3	3	2	3	2
House Wren	6	3	4	6	3	8	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3	6	1		2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	6	8	2			1
Eastern Bluebird	1						
American Robin	10	6	5	5	7	11	8
Wood Thrush	1			2	1	3	4
Veery	1		2			1	3
Swainson's Thrush					1		

Gray-cheeked Thrush	1						
Hermit Thrush	2						
Gray Catbird			1			2	4
Brown Thrasher	4	1					
Northern Mockingbird	1			1		1	
European Starling	1	3	13		5	8	2
American Pipit			2				
Cedar Waxwing	1						3
Northern Parula		1				1	
Orange-crowned Warbler				1			
Tennessee Warbler	1					1	2
Nashville Warbler	6	4	8	5	2	4	2
Yellow Warbler	12	10	11	11	13	25	17
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1						
Magnolia Warbler		1	4			4	
Cape May Warbler		2	1				
Black-throated Blue Warbler		2		1	1		
Blackburnian Warbler			1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	14	7	15	9		2	3
Black-thr. Green Warbler			1	1		1	
"Western" Palm Warbler	1				2	1	
Bay-breasted Warbler						1	1
Blackpoll Warbler		1					
Black-and-white Warbler	1	2		1	4		
American Redstart				1			3
Ovenbird	2				3	5	
Northern Waterthrush					1		2
Common Yellowthroat	1	1	1		1		5
Canada Warbler							1
Northern Cardinal	10	4	3	7	1	5	4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3			4	1	2	4
Indigo Bunting				1		2	4
Chipping Sparrow				4		1	
White-throated Sparrow	9		1	5			
White-crowned Sparrow	1	4		1	2	8	1
Swamp Sparrow					1	1	
Bobolink	3						
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	9	6	7	5	6	1
Red-winged Blackbird	140	82	96	75	64	104	91
Rusty Blackbird	1						
Common Grackle	55	35	33	48	37	55	38
Baltimore Oriole	9	4	13	8	9	13	17
Orchard Oriole				1			
American Goldfinch	6	2	5	26	3	10	4

SPECIES

Day	63	50	50	46	45	65	51
Spring 2008	145	147	146	148	148	150	152
This period	103			Previous period			103
May	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	N2	E3	NW4	E5	NW3	NE1	SW2
Visibility (km)	25	15	30	20	10	30	15
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	10	1	10	10	1	10
Temperature o C)	10	10	9	13	10	9	15
Precipitation					RAIN		RAIN

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale