

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 7th - 15th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)

PIBO's 2008 monitoring season wrapped-up on November 15th after 107 consecutive days of Fall field coverage at the Point. It was blustery and cold during most of the summary period, with strong winds from the west and northwest, along with sub-zero temperatures, showers and snow squalls towards the end of the week.

Migration activity was up and down with the weather and daily coverage was reduced to the morning census and some additional observations on a number of days due to rain and snow. At the same time, a nice variety of species was recorded including season-high counts of 14 **Tundra Swans** (Nov. 11th), 863 **Red-breasted Mergansers** (9th), 102 **Buffleheads** (14th), 5 **Northern Harriers** (11th), 51 **American Pipits** (12th) and 25 **American Tree Sparrows** (15th).

Nine waterfowl species were noted including the first **Hooded Mergansers** of the Fall along with small numbers of **scaup**, **Mallard** and **Common Goldeneye**. Although migrant songbirds were generally scarce, some kinglets, creepers, **Winter Wrens** and **Hermit Thrushes** were recorded on a daily basis and seven sparrow species were tallied from the 7th - 15th. Diurnal migrants were active - 2600 **Common Grackles**, **Rusty**, and **Red-winged Blackbirds** were counted heading south on the 11th as well as smaller groups of **Cedar Waxwings**, **Pine Siskins** and **American Goldfinches**.

A total of 60 species was recorded at the Point during the official count period compared to 67 last week and there was one new arrival, which brings the final Fall species total to 171. In all, 34 birds were banded along with three recaptures in 44 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .84 birds/net-hour.

Another productive and enjoyable year of field research on Pelee was made possible thanks to the critical support of all of PIBO's friends and supporters. Full details and acknowledgements - along with all the exciting new developments at PIBO in 2008 - will be included in the observatory's year-end report. The report will be available online before Christmas. On behalf of the entire field crew, thanks for all your support and best wishes for the Holiday season!

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PIBO's first Spring 2009 summary will be posted on April 9th.

Birds documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from November 7th - 15th, 2008

| Date | November | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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| Species | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Loon | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Horned Grebe | | 6 | | | | | 3 | | 1 | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | |
| Tundra Swan | | | | | | 14 | | | | |
| Canada Goose | | 2 | | | 3 | 95 | 70 | 2 | 79 | 6 |
| American Black Duck | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Mallard | | 4 | 11 | 9 | | 19 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Greater Scaup | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Scaup spp. | | | 18 | 53 | | 42 | | 11 | | |
| Bufflehead | | 97 | 35 | 36 | 49 | 46 | 24 | 71 | 102 | 30 |
| Common Goldeneye | | 7 | | | | | 19 | 7 | 21 | 4 |
| Hooded Merganser | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | | 24 | 1 | 863 | 143 | 103 | 17 | 26 | 28 | 22 |
| Bald Eagle | | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Northern Harrier | | | | | | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Merlin | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Wild Turkey | | 10 | | 8 | 5 | 30 | | | | |
| Killdeer | | | | | | 33 | | | 1 | |
| American Woodcock | | | 1 | | | 5 | | | | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | | 1 | | 24 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 22 | 10 |
| Ring-billed Gull | | 3 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 6 |
| Herring Gull | | | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Great Black-backed Gull | | 17 | 8 | 6 | | 12 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| Mourning Dove | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 1 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Downy Woodpecker | | 3 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Northern Flicker | | 2 | 5 | 1 | | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| American Crow | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Brown Creeper | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 3 | |
| Carolina Wren | | 3 | | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Winter Wren | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | | 8 | 15 | 6 | 18 | 9 | 23 | 22 | 14 | 6 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | 5 | | 1 | 1 | |
| American Robin | | 13 | | | 19 | 6 | 16 | 1 | 3 | |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | 1 | | 4 | | 3 | | |
| European Starling | | 125 | | | | 44 | 9 | 90 | 865 | 40 |
| American Pipit | | 7 | 3 | | | 7 | 51 | 14 | 36 | 6 |
| Cedar Waxwing | | 55 | | | | 1 | 24 | 19 | 12 | 2 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | | | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Northern Cardinal | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| American Tree Sparrow | | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 25 |
| Chipping Sparrow | | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 |
| White-throated Sparrow | | | | 4 | | 9 | 18 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Fox Sparrow | | | | 3 | | 3 | 2 | | 1 | |
| Song Sparrow | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Swamp Sparrow | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | | 34 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 17 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | | | | | | | | 10 | 20 | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | | 392 | | 22 | 18 | 310 | 1 | 140 | 375 | 60 |
| Rusty Blackbird | | 1 | | | 1 | 190 | | | 10 | |
| Common Grackle | | 95 | | | | 2.3K | 4 | 10 | 85 | 5 |
| Purple Finch | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 1 |
| Pine Siskin | | 18 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| American Goldfinch | | 28 | 8 | 27 | 3 | 103 | 22 | 21 | 37 | 45 |

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| Day | 38 | 24 | 28 | 26 | 42 | 33 | 36 | 44 | 28 |
| Fall 2008 | 170 | 170 | 171 | 171 | 171 | 171 | 171 | 171 | 171 |
| This period | 60 | | | Previous period | | | | | 67 |
| November | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

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| Wind direction/strength ¹ | SE1 | SW6 | W7 | W7 | W4 | ESE4 | SW4 | SW4 | NNE7 |
| Visibility (km) | 20 | 25 | 6 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 5 | 15 | 5 |
| Cloud cover (0-10) | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Temperature (C) | 14 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 9 |
| Precipitation | | | RAIN | SNOW | | | RAIN | | RAIN |

¹ Beaufort scale