

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 31st - NOVEMBER 6th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Although mild weather and southerly winds made for a fairly quiet time at the Point, a nice variety of migrants continued to filter through the area, with 67 species tallied during the summary period. Highlights this week included the first **Tundra Swans** of the Fall observed on November 1st, a very late **Tennessee Warbler** banded on the 2nd, 5 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** banded on the 4th, and a station-high 190 **Horned Grebes** recorded on census on November 5th.

Blackbirds and other diurnal migrants were active, with more than 2000 **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Common Grackles** noted on November 2nd and 6th, along with smaller groups of **Eastern Bluebird**, **American Pipit**, **Cedar Waxwing** and **Pine Siskin**, among others. Nine sparrow species were counted this week, **American Crows** were active, with 180 birds noted on the 1st, and a small influx of **Purple Finches** included 5 banded birds on the 1st.

A total of 67 species was recorded at the Point during the official count period compared to 60 last week and there were two 'firsts', which brings the Fall species total to 165. In all, 61 birds were banded along with seven recaptures in 155 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .44 birds/net-hour.

Hermit Thrush photo - Claire Sanders

PIBO's next summary will be posted on November 15th.

Birds documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from October 30th - November 6th, 2008

| Date | Oct/Nov | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Species | | | | | | | | |
| Common Loon | | | | | | 1 | 2 | |
| Horned Grebe | | 8 | 40 | 15 | 6 | 27 | 190 | 35 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | 1 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 222 | | |
| Great Blue Heron | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | | | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Tundra Swan | | | 5 | | | | 2 | |

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| Canada Goose | 60 | 39 | 40 | | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| American Black Duck | | | 2 | | | | |
| Mallard | | | 13 | 2 | | | 4 |
| Scaup spp. | | 9 | 15 | 5 | | 33 | |
| Bufflehead | 32 | 21 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 36 | 41 |
| Common Goldeneye | | | 2 | | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 30 | 17 | 33 | 45 | 64 | 28 | 32 |
| Bald Eagle | | | 1 | | | | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 3 | | | | | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 1 | | | | | | |
| Wild Turkey | 3 | 8 | 11 | | | 2 | |
| Killdeer | 2 | 5 | | | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 4 | 6 | 22 | 18 | 7 | 14 | 4 |
| Ring-billed Gull | 6 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Herring Gull | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | | 1 |
| Great Black-backed Gull | 16 | 12 | 17 | 9 | | | 2 |
| Mourning Dove | 2 | 3 | | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | 3 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 3 | 7 | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Northern Flicker | 3 | 8 | 1 | | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| Eastern Phoebe | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Blue Jay | 2 | 13 | 3 | | | 2 | 7 |
| American Crow | | 150 | 88 | | | 1 | |
| Horned Lark | | 1 | | | | 2 | 4 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 12 | | 7 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | | | | | 2 |
| Brown Creeper | 6 | | 6 | 1 | | 2 | 4 |
| Carolina Wren | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Winter Wren | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 10 | 20 | 29 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 42 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | 1 | | | | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Eastern Bluebird | | | | | | 14 | 3 |
| American Robin | 2 | 30 | | | 4 | 8 | 21 |
| Hermit Thrush | 3 | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| European Starling | 805 | 20 | 141 | | 145 | 254 | 486 |
| American Pipit | 1 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 20 | 9 | 15 | | 8 | 28 | 48 |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | | | | | | | 1 |
| Tennessee Warbler | | | 1 | | | | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 11 | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Northern Cardinal | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Eastern Towhee | 2 | | | | | | |
| American Tree Sparrow | | | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Field Sparrow | | 3 | | | | | 1 |
| Savannah Sparrow | | 1 | | | | | |
| White-throated Sparrow | 8 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | | | | | | | 1 |
| Fox Sparrow | 1 | | | | | | |
| Song Sparrow | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Dark-eyed Junco | | 7 | 35 | 12 | 28 | 4 | 41 |
| Snow Bunting | | | | 1 | | | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | | | 20 | | | 2 | 18 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | | 1.3K | 1.1K | | 110 | 170 | 600 |
| Rusty Blackbird | 4 | | 27 | | 25 | 55 | 15 |
| Common Grackle | | 79 | 1.2K | | 740 | 250 | 2K |
| Purple Finch | | 8 | 1 | | 1 | 26 | 3 |
| House Finch | | | | | | 3 | |
| Pine Siskin | | | 4 | | | 18 | 8 |
| American Goldfinch | 7 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 18 | 64 | 96 |
| House Sparrow | | | | | | | 4 |

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| Day | 37 | 40 | 46 | 21 | 30 | 42 | 47 |
| Fall 2008 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 165 | 165 | 165 | 165 |
| This period | 67 | | | Previous period | | | 60 |

