

# MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



The week started off on a busy note and there was lots of activity at the station on September 19<sup>th</sup>, but south winds and warm temperatures set-in and migrants tapered off towards the end of the summary period. There was still a nice variety of birds recorded at the Point from September 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> including seventeen warbler species and increased numbers of late-Fall migrants such as **Golden-crowned Kinglet** and **Winter Wren**. **Sharp-shinned Hawks** were active along with ones-and-twos of **Merlin** and **American Kestrel**. A **Peregrine Falcon** observed on census

on the 22<sup>nd</sup> was new for the Fall.

Thirteen warbler species were recorded on the 19<sup>th</sup> and thrushes remained active, with 18 **Gray-cheeked** and 15 **Swainson's Thrushes** banded on the day. In all, 66 birds of twenty species were captured and 56 species were noted during the 'count' period. Totals dropped off the next morning when just 37 species were recorded and 32 birds were banded of eight species.

The wind shifted to the northeast on the 21<sup>st</sup> but it remained warm, with a dawn temperature of 18 C. Migrants were few-and-far between with the exception of 12 **Sharp-shins** tallied on the census and small numbers of warblers and thrushes captured in the netting area. Activity picked up on the 22<sup>nd</sup> when 51 species were noted including good numbers of **Winter Wrens** (12 DT) and **Magnolia Warblers** (15 banded), among others.

Warm winds continued from the south and migration was generally light during the final three days of the summary period, although small numbers of warblers and thrushes were observed and banded each day. The first **Red-headed Woodpecker** of the Fall was noted on census on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Kinglets and **White-throated Sparrows** were observed in increasing numbers as well.

A total of 81 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 96 last week and there were seven Fall 'firsts', which brings the Fall species total to 136. In all, 229 birds were banded along with four recaptures in 393 net-hours, for an

average catch-rate of .59 birds/net-hour.

**American Redstart** photo - Kerry McGuire

PIBO's next summary will be posted on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Birds documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from September 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Date	September	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		1.1K	17	2.2K	5.6	8K	167	57
Great Blue Heron		2		2	4			
Turkey Vulture								8
Canada Goose		18	1	4	24	37	26	
Wood Duck		9	7		1			1
Mallard					1	2	3	
Red-breasted Merganser								2
Osprey		1						
Bald Eagle		1			1	1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	1	13	4	9	6	4
Cooper's Hawk						1		
American Kestrel				1	1			
Merlin		1		1	2			
Peregrine Falcon					1			
Wild Turkey					1			
Sora					1			
Black-bellied Plover						1		
Killdeer			1					
Sanderling		16		1		1		
Ring-billed Gull		211	4	53	38	90	22	2
Herring Gull		30	7	30	30	27	13	7
Great Black-backed Gull		20	15	9	40	8	25	9
Mourning Dove		3	3	3	4	4	5	2
Great Horned Owl					1			
Eastern Screech-Owl							2	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		3	1	1	1			
Red-headed Woodpecker								1
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1	1	1	1		1	1
Downy Woodpecker		1	2	2	1	2	3	4
Northern Flicker		6	2	3	8	6	4	5
Eastern Wood-Pewee		1						
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		3						1
Least Flycatcher		2						
Eastern Phoebe					2	1		
Red-eyed Vireo		3	1		4	1		
Philadelphia Vireo		2						
Blue-headed Vireo		1			2			1
Blue Jay		13	4	5	8	6	6	128
American Crow		2	2	3	2	4	2	4

Black-capped Chickadee	3	6	5	10	4	9	7
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	3	1	1	1	2
Brown Creeper	1						2
Carolina Wren	2	4	2	3	2	2	2
House Wren	3			1	1	1	1
Winter Wren	1	2	1	12	4	8	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet			2	2	3	7	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	3	2	5	2
American Robin							1
Wood Thrush	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
Veery	1				1		
Swainson's Thrush	15	13	9	5	7	5	5
Gray-cheeked Thrush	20	9	1	9	4	5	4
Gray Catbird		1	2	4	1	1	3
Brown Thrasher	1			1			
European Starling	12	9	3	8	2	5	41
American Pipit			2				
Cedar Waxwing	16	3	5	10		30	16
Northern Parula	1						
Tennessee Warbler							1
Nashville Warbler						2	1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	1					
Magnolia Warbler	5	8	2	16	6	8	3
Cape May Warbler	4						
Black-throated Blue Warbler	4	2	1	5		4	
Black-thr. Green Warbler							1
Palm Warbler	2		1	1			
Pine Warbler	2						
Bay-breasted Warbler			1				
Blackpoll Warbler	5	1	1				1
Black-and-white Warbler	1		1			1	
American Redstart	11	2	1	2		2	2
Ovenbird	1	2	1	4	1		
Northern Waterthrush	1						
Common Yellowthroat	4	3	1	2			1
Northern Cardinal	2	3	2	4	2	6	4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1			
White-throated Sparrow	1	1		10	2		
White-crowned Sparrow					1		
Red-winged Blackbird	17	12	3	48	29	2	28
Common Grackle	1		2			18	4
American Goldfinch	9	4	4	1	15		13

SPECIES

Day	56	37	43	51	38	36	43
Fall 2008	130	130	131	134	135	135	136
This period	81			Previous period			96
September	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

Wind direction/strength1	S2	WSW3	NE3	SE3	SE3	SW4	SSE2
Visibility (km)	30	20	9	6	25	20	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	6	8	2	7	0	1	0
Temperature (o C)	17	18	18	15	19	19	18
Precipitation							
1 Beaufort scale							