

# MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



There were no large 'fall-outs' at the Point this week and rainy weather affected coverage at the start of the summary period, but there were still lots of migrants recorded at the station from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and the PIBO crew kept busy both on the census and in the netting area.

Shorebirds continued to move through the area in small numbers, with eleven species noted including the first **Black-bellied Plovers** and **Baird's Sandpipers** of the

Fall. Hawks and waterfowl were scarce, however, with the exception of ones-and-twos of **Osprey**, **American Kestrel**, **Northern Shoveler** and **Redhead**.

The first significant waves of autumn thrushes arrived this week when hundreds of birds were heard migrating overhead on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> followed by lots of activity at the Point on the morning of September 6<sup>th</sup>. Forty-five thrushes were banded on the day and **Swainson's Thrushes**, especially, continued to arrive on-and-off throughout the week. In all, 122 *Catharus* thrushes were banded from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> (89 **Swainson's**, 20 **Gray-cheeked** and 13 **Veerys**). In keeping with the rapid turnover of songbirds at the Fish Point study site, just one on these birds was recaptured at the station in the days following its initial capture.

**Magnolia Warblers** and **American Redstarts** were the most common of twenty warbler species tallied during the week along with good numbers of **Black-throated Blues** and **Northern Waterthrushes**. Two banded **Northern Parulas** and a young, male, **Hooded Warbler** were both 'firsts' for the Fall. In addition to the warblers, a nice variety of other songbirds were recorded including the first **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, **Philadelphia Vireo** and **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** of the season. A **Rock Dove** recorded on September 10<sup>th</sup> was new for 2008!

A total of 92 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 91 last week and thirteen Fall 'firsts' were noted, which brings the Fall species total to 118. In all, 245 birds were banded along with five recaptures in 294 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .85 birds/net-hour.

**Sanderlings** photo – Adam Pinch

PIBO's next summary will be posted on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Birds documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from September 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Date	September	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		320	756	2	355	460	3K	380
Great Blue Heron		2	1			1	1	1
Canada Goose		39	69	17	12	31	38	16
Wood Duck		4	9		16	4	12	6
Mallard		5						
Northern Shoveler		3						
Redhead								1
Red-breasted Merganser			1		1	1	1	
Osprey			1					
Bald Eagle					1	1	1	
American Kestrel								1
Wild Turkey		2						
Black-bellied Plover			2	1	1			
Semipalmated Plover				1			1	
Killdeer					1			2
Lesser Yellowlegs		1						
Solitary Sandpiper							2	
Spotted Sandpiper			2	1	2			
Ruddy Turnstone				2				
Sanderling		16	8	14	3	2	1	13
Baird's Sandpiper		1		2	2		1	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				7		2		
American Woodcock					1		1	1
Bonaparte's Gull			7					11
Ring-billed Gull		36	20	30	10	3	1	56
Herring Gull		49	18	30	19	3	5	36
Great Black-backed Gull		40	40	70	27	20	27	30
Caspian Tern			1		1		1	
Common Tern				8				
Mourning Dove		1	3	3	3	1		2
Rock Dove							1	1
Common Nighthawk		1						
Chimney Swift		1					3	
Belted Kingfisher					1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1			1	2		
Downy Woodpecker		1	2	1	4	2	3	5
Northern Flicker					1	1	1	3
Olive-sided Flycatcher								1
Eastern Wood-Pewee		1	1			1	1	1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			1				3	
"Traill's" Flycatcher			1					
Least Flycatcher		1					1	3
Great Crested Flycatcher					1		1	

Red-eyed Vireo	1	4		6		4	2
Warbling Vireo		1					
Philadelphia Vireo						1	
Blue Jay	3	7		3		4	6
American Crow	2			8	4	1	1
Purple Martin					1	7	
Bank Swallow				2			
Cliff Swallow	1						
Barn Swallow	9			1	1	3	
Black-capped Chickadee	4	2		16	11	21	5
Red-breasted Nuthatch					3	1	
Carolina Wren	3	3	1	2	2	4	6
House Wren							2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1	
American Robin	2	3					2
Wood Thrush							2
Veery		9	1		1	2	3
Swainson's Thrush	3	40		6	8	29	29
Gray-cheeked Thrush		3		1	1	6	9
Gray Catbird		1					2
European Starling				2			8
Cedar Waxwing	21	6		28	1	12	15
Northern Parula						1	1
Tennessee Warbler				1			1
Nashville Warbler				1		1	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				1		2	
Magnolia Warbler		1		7	3	14	18
Black-throated Blue Warbler		7	1	3	1	3	4
Blackburnian Warbler	1				1		
Black-thr. Green Warbler						1	
Palm Warbler						2	1
Bay-breasted Warbler							2
Blackpoll Warbler		1				4	4
Black-and-white Warbler				1			4
American Redstart	1	8		10	4	17	9
Ovenbird		2		2		1	3
Northern Waterthrush	1	5		1	1	1	2
Mourning Warbler				1			
Common Yellowthroat						2	2
Hooded Warbler		1					
Wilson's Warbler				1	1	1	1
Canada Warbler				2			1
Northern Cardinal	2	3		3	3	1	5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					1	3	1
Bobolink	5			1			1
Red-winged Blackbird	1	5		12		10	22
Common Grackle	4	1	1	18	3	12	
House Finch						1	
American Goldfinch	1	5		2	3	5	11

SPECIES

Day 38 41 19 49 36 56 53

Fall 2008

This period	92	Previous period					91
September	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise							
Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	SW7	NE3	W5	W4	NNW3	E3	SE2
Visibility (km)	20	30	8	30	25	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	4	10	0	8	4	3
Temperature (o C)	19	18	20	18	15	14	15
Precipitation	RAIN		RAIN				

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale