

## PIBO MIGRATION SUMMARY October 21st - 31st, 2011



*Nashville Warbler*

### **October 21st**

There were lots of birds around this morning including 123 **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, 83 **White-throated Sparrows**, 67 **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, and 35 **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**. Five raptor species were noted along with the first **Buffleheads** of the fall.

### **October 22nd**

Another active day with lots of kinglets (87 **Golden** and 42 **Ruby-crowns**), **Yellow-rumps** (100) and Dark-eyed Juncos (51), along with a nice variety of additional species. Almost 4000 blackbirds fly over the count area during the census, heading southwest off the tip (mostly red-wings, grackles, and some **Rusty Blackbirds**). The first **Northern Saw-whet Owl** of the year was captured during PIBO's first of four public owling nights.

### **October 23rd**

It was another busy morning with a similar mix of birds recorded throughout the day including six sparrow species, a couple of **Black-throated Blue**, and a single **Nashville Warbler**. Not as much diurnal migration apart from 44 robins, a few pipits, and up to 800 blackbird species.

### October 24th

Some light but steady rain and not much of note apart from small numbers of phoebes, kinglets, flickers, yellow-rumps, white-throats, and a lone **Tree Swallow**.

### October 25th

Light southwest winds and another busy morning with lots of **Golden-crowned Kinglets** (115) and a nice range of other species including **Sanderling**, the first **Dunlins** and **American Coots** of the fall, **Blue-headed Vireo**, **Winter Wren** and **Brown Creeper**, among others.



*Western Palm Warbler*

### October 26th

Not much to report today apart from an **American Coot** at Fox Pond, ones-and-twos of **Sharp-shinned Hawk** and **Northern Harrier**, and a small batch of **Golden-crowned Kinglets** (50).

### October 27th

Although the nets were quiet this morning there were a fair number of birds observed in the netting area and lots activity on census, including over 120 sparrows of six species feeding along the west beach. **Juncos** (56) and **White-throats** (50) were numerous along with the first fall record for **American Tree Sparrow** (22). In all, 44 species were recorded in the official count area.

### **October 28th**

Another busy day for sparrows with seven species recorded including lots of **Juncos** and **White-throats** and a couple of **Fox Sparrows**. Diurnal migration picked up significantly as well with more than 6000 blackbirds noted flying over the station in mixed flocks (mostly **Redwings** along with **Common Grackles** and some **Rusty Blackbirds**). Three **Horned Grebes** and a single **Snow Bunting** were new for the fall.

### **October 29th**

Not as active this-morning but still a nice variety of species in moderate numbers. A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was new for the fall.

### **October 30th**

A station-high 91 **Horned Grebes** recorded on census along with smaller numbers of **Red-breasted Merganser**, **Mallard**, and **Bufflehead**. Another push of kinglets (111 birds recorded of both species) along with moderate numbers of a nice range of others including **Eastern Bluebird**, **Cedar Waxingk**, and **Purple Finch**, among others.

### **October 31st**

Southwest winds, a mild morning (11° C), and not much bird news. All the sparrows from the previous week up and left except for six individuals of three species, and even the cormorants were few-and-far between, with just 40 birds noted at the tip.

**PIBO's final 2011 migration summary will be posted on November 17th**

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