

# PIBO Migration Summary

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012



*Worm-eating Warbler*

Migration activity was fairly low-key early in the week due in part to some cool weather and strong north winds, although there was a noticeable upswing towards the end of the summary period. Seventeen spring 'firsts' were recorded from April 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> along with increased totals for a range of familiar species including Hermit Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and White-throated Sparrow. New arrivals for the Spring included Virginia Rail, Greater Yellowlegs, Gray Catbird, Wood Thrush, Black-throated Green Warbler and Ovenbird, among others.

Water birds numbers have been down this spring compared to previous Aprils, although Horned Grebes made a good showing on April 18<sup>th</sup>, with 45 individuals noted on the census, along with 190 Red-breasted Mergansers. A Sora and Virginia Rail were calling from Fox Pond from the 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> and a few dabbling ducks remained in the area including small groups of Blue-winged Teal and Mallard.

Diversity increased steadily from the 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> and 43 species were recorded on April 21<sup>st</sup> in PIBO's official count area including Blue-headed Vireo, 51 Tree Swallows, Eastern Bluebird, 10 Hermit Thrushes, Pine and Black-throated Green Warblers, and 58 White-throated Sparrows. Forty-seven species were tallied on the final day of the summary period including a banded **Worm-eating Warbler**. A nice range of other neotropical migrants were also observed that day including four additional warbler *spp.* - Yellow-rumped, Palm, Pine, and Ovenbird.

*PIBO's next summary will be posted on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

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