

# MIGRATION SUMMARY – AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007

## Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migration activity was up-and-down at the Point this week and once again the weather played a significant part. Northeast winds and a low of 14° C on August 18<sup>th</sup> produced a season-high sixty-two species on the day, followed by forty-eight hours of rain and a decline in bird numbers. By way of further contrast – 267 birds were banded in 299 net-hours (.89 birds/net-hour) in 2006 from August 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> compared to forty-one birds in 248 net-hours this Fall (.17 birds/net-hour). Despite the conditions, there were a number of new arrivals and interesting bird encounters during the summary period.

### August 15<sup>th</sup>

It was generally quiet today with not much to report from the census or in the netting area. While **Semipalmated Sandpipers** have been observed on the island for some time, the first individual of this species was 'officially' recorded in the count area during the morning census. Good numbers of gulls and terns continue to loaf on the Point. There were a few migrant songbirds about including ones-and-twos of **Red-breasted Nuthatch**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Black-and-white Warbler** and **Northern Waterthrush**.

### August 16<sup>th</sup>

Similar activity to August 15<sup>th</sup> with forty-nine species tallied on the day including the first **Black-bellied Plover** and **Bobolink** of the Fall. A few more **Least Flycatchers** and six warbler species observed in small numbers. A young **Black-crowned Night Heron** flew over the Point in the early morning.

### August 17<sup>th</sup>

More birds in the area this-morning including the first **Magnolia Warbler** of the Fall and the first **Rock Doves** of 2007! Four **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** were banded and fifty-five species were tallied during the morning coverage period.

### August 18<sup>th</sup>

It was noticeably cooler today and there were quite a few migrants about including six shorebirds species, ten warbler species and five Fall 'firsts' – **Baird's Sandpiper**, **Veery**, **Nashville Warbler**, **Ovenbird** and **Song Sparrow**. All told there were sixty-two species counted – a nice variety of Fall migrants in small numbers.

### August 19<sup>th</sup>

The rain started at dawn and continued steadily through-out the day. The census was completed under poor conditions and there was no mist-netting. Not much to report apart from a few waders and the usual contingent of gulls and terns at the tip.

### August 20<sup>th</sup>

Today was a repeat of the previous twenty-four hours – lots of rain and strong west winds and very few migrants in the area. Fifty **Purple Martins** recorded on census was the only news of note.

## August 21<sup>st</sup>

The weather improved somewhat but there wasn't much activity on census or in the netting area – just four birds were captured and forty-one species were recorded on the day. Two **Northern Harriers** and a singing **Olive-sided Flycatcher** on census were new for the Fall.

Seventy-five species were recorded at the Point this week compared to seventy-three last week and thirteen Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to ninety-three.

**Black-and-white Warbler** photo – Kerry McGuire

Next week's summary will be posted on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Birds Documented at Fish Point August 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007

Date	August	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Species</b>								
Double-crested Cormorant		2K	30	90	2.4K	2K	60	140
Great Blue Heron		1		1				1
Turkey Vulture		1	2		1			
Canada Goose		2						15
Bald Eagle		1						
Northern Harrier								2
Ring-necked Pheasant					1			
Wild Turkey		3			1			
Black-bellied Plover			1					
Semipalmated Plover						2		3
Killdeer		4	1	2	5	2		
Spotted Sandpiper		5	4	4	2	2	4	
Sanderling				4	2	5		2
Baird's Sandpiper					1			
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1			1	3	2	
Least Sandpiper		3	3	1	2	5	6	1
Bonaparte's Gull		13	18	17	80	30	20	15
Ring-billed Gull		350	250	300	200	300	8	80
Herring Gull		39	33	30	30	40	40	40
Great Black-backed Gull			9	6	30	5	1	40
Caspian Tern				2	2	1		
Common Tern		400	400	500	30	300	50	250
Mourning Dove		2	2	4	4	2	5	5
Rock Dove				15				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		2	1	3	1			1
Black-billed Cuckoo				1	1			
Chimney Swift		1						
Belted Kingfisher			1	1				
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1	1	1	1			
Downy Woodpecker		6	5	5	6			3
Northern Flicker		1	1	1	1			2
Olive-sided Flycatcher								1
Eastern Wood-Pewee		5	2	2	3			4
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				4	1			2
"Traill's" Flycatcher			1					
Least Flycatcher		2	5	4	4			
Great Crested Flycatcher		1	1	1	1			1
Eastern Kingbird		4	2	2	6	3	1	
Red-eyed Vireo		4	3	4	3			4
Blue Jay		6	3	4	6			4

American Crow	5	1	2	2			1
Purple Martin	9	12	3	4		50	11
N. Rough-winged Swallow				6			
Bank Swallow		1	2				
Tree Swallow			4	1			
Barn Swallow	10	13	11	11	6	16	12
Black-capped Chickadee	7	11	15	9			6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	2	4	6			2
Carolina Wren	2	2	4	3	1		
House Wren		1	3	2			1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				2			
American Robin	3	4	5	2	1		2
Veery				1			
Swainson's Thrush	1		1				
European Starling	2	2	2	4		1	1
Cedar Waxwing	11	8	11	20	1		6
Tennessee Warbler		1		2			
Nashville Warbler				2			
Yellow Warbler	4	2	3	2			
Magnolia Warbler			1	3			1
Blackburnian Warbler		2	1	2			1
Black-and-white Warbler	2	4	2	6			
American Redstart	1	2	3	1			
Ovenbird				2			
Northern Waterthrush	3		1	1			1
Canada Warbler		2	1	2			
Northern Cardinal	8	6	5	7	4	3	7
Indigo Bunting		3	4	2	2		3
Song Sparrow				1			
Bobolink		1		2			2
Red-winged Blackbird	37	38	8	13	5	4	15
Common Grackle	67	9	47	24	30	40	154
Baltimore Oriole	9	8	11	10	1		3
House Finch	2	1	2	1			3
American Goldfinch	5	1	7	6	1		7

## SPECIES

**Day** 46 49 55 62 25 17 41

**Fall 2007** 81 84 86 91 91 91 93

**This period** 75 **Previous period** 73

**August** 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

## Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	E2	W2	W4	NE3	NE1	ESE2	N2
Visibility (km)	25	20	30	30	20	20	20
Cloud cover (0-10)	2	6	0	8	10	10	10
Temperature ° C)	22	22	18	14	16	19	19
Precipitation					RAIN	RAIN	

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale