

MIGRATION SUMMARY
AUGUST 29th to SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2007
Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Not many birds were encountered at the station this week yet migrants were still reasonably active despite just two days of north winds and generally warm temperatures. **Swainson's Thrushes** and **Veery's** were abundant – 120 of 268 captures this week were members of the thrush family – but flycatchers, vireos and warblers were also present in good numbers in the final days of August. A young male **Kentucky Warbler** banded on the 31st was a surprise and an unusual Fall record.

August 29th

South winds and warm temperatures made for a fairly quiet morning. There were ones-and-twos of a nice variety of species but just eight warbler *spp.* recorded on the day. A banded **Wood Thrush** was new for the Fall and fairly late compared to previous years. Gulls and shorebirds were scarce although a season-high 800 **Common Terns** were counted on census.

August 30th

A few more birds in the area today with the following species recorded in moderate numbers – **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Magnolia Warbler**, **American Redstart** and **Ovenbird**, along with a nice variety of other migrants. Fifty-eight species were tallied on the day including thirteen warbler *spp.*

August 31st

Northeast winds and a cool 15° C at dawn made for a busier morning at the station both on the census and in the netting area. Sixty-three species were recorded during the morning count period and 66 birds of twenty-one species were banded, including a **Kentucky Warbler** and **Yellow-breasted Chat**. A **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** was noted at the Tip during non-standard coverage.

September 1st

Another active morning but with less diversity than the 31st – fifty-four species were counted and fifty-three birds of thirteen species were banded. Lots of **Swainson's Thrushes** (Daily Total 34/banded 23), **Veerys** and **Red-eyed Vireos** but not as many flycatchers and warblers. The first **Lincoln's Sparrow** of the Fall was observed in the netting area.

September 2nd

A very similar day with **Magnolia Warblers**, thrushes and an array of other September migrants filtering through the area in moderate numbers. All of the terns have departed

from the Tip and there were no shorebirds among the fifty species recorded during the morning count period. The first **Gray-cheeked Thrush** of the season was observed on census.

September 3rd

It was quieter this-morning – just forty species were observed and twelve birds of six species were captured. A lone **Sanderling** and fewer than one-hundred gulls were observed at the Tip, and songbirds were scarce as well – just six warbler *spp.* and less than a dozen thrushes were counted during the official coverage period.

September 4th

Migrants continue to arrive at Fish Point even though the wind is from the east and the weather is hot and humid. A **Baird's Sandpiper** was one of three waders recorded on the census. The first **Merlin** and **Common Yellowthroat** of the Fall were two of forty-seven species counted on the day.

Ninety species were recorded at the Point this week compared to eighty-two last week and nine Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 117. In all, 268 birds were banded and seven recaptured during 403 net-hours for a catch-rate of .67 birds/net-hour.

Kentucky Warbler photo (hatch-year male/August 31) – PIBO

Next week's summary will be posted on September 13th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point August 29th – September 4th, 2007

Date	Aug/Sep	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		40	400	2K	4K	3K	130	740
Great Blue Heron			1		2		1	2
Turkey Vulture		5	3					4
Canada Goose			21	23	28	23	8	
Mallard		8			2			
Bald Eagle				1				
Northern Harrier				1	1			1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1						2
Merlin								1
Wild Turkey						12		2
Semipalmated Plover			1	1				
Killdeer			1	1	1			
Spotted Sandpiper				1				
Ruddy Turnstone								1
Sanderling				3			1	1
Baird's Sandpiper								1
Bonaparte's Gull			4	3	22			
Ring-billed Gull		40	50	500	160	350	50	18
Herring Gull		25	23	60	25	12	8	11
Great Black-backed Gull		35	30	50	25	35	40	35
Caspian Tern		2						
Common Tern		800	600	40				

Mourning Dove	7	4	5		7	4	5
Rock Dove	25			11			
Great Horned Owl		1			1		1
Eastern Screech-Owl			1				
Chimney Swift	1			2	1		3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				1	3	1	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	1	2	3	1	3	1
Downy Woodpecker	3	5	5	5	6	3	3
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	2	1	1			1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	2	3	4	3	4	3	4
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		2	2	2	2	2	
"Traill's" Flycatcher		2	1				
Least Flycatcher	3	2	8	2	1	1	
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	1	1	2			1
Eastern Kingbird	4		1				
Red-eyed Vireo	10	13	13	15	8	6	5
Warbling Vireo	1	3		2	1	1	
Philadelphia Vireo			2		2	1	
Blue Jay	7	4	5	8	10	6	5
American Crow	1	2	1	2	4	1	2
Purple Martin	3	5	1		2		
N. Rough-winged Swallow					4		
Bank Swallow			3	1	5		
Tree Swallow			2				
Barn Swallow	7	7	1		6	4	
Black-capped Chickadee	7	4	4	5	5	4	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	6	11	7	4	3	4
Carolina Wren	3	2	3		5		
House Wren	1	1				1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2				1	
American Robin	1	1		1	1	2	2
Wood Thrush	1				1		
Veery	4	4	12	12	13	3	3
Swainson's Thrush	3	10	14	34	29	7	29
Gray-cheeked Thrush					1		
Gray Catbird			1		1		
European Starling		1	1	4			
Cedar Waxwing	12	7	12	12	15	9	5
Tennessee Warbler		1					
Nashville Warbler	1	1					
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	7	5	1			
Magnolia Warbler	15	17	22	6	16		3
Cape May Warbler		2					1
Black-throated Blue Warbler		1	1	2	3	1	
Blackburnian Warbler		1	1	1		1	1
Black-thr. Green Warbler			2				
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	2	1			1	
Blackpoll Warbler			3	1	2		
Black-and-white Warbler	1	4	2	2	3	2	
American Redstart	4	7	6	4	3	2	4
Ovenbird	1	8	4	4	4		4
Northern Waterthrush	1	2		1	3	1	4
Kentucky Warbler			1	1			
Common Yellowthroat							1
Wilson's Warbler		3	4	3	3		1
Canada Warbler			1	1			1
Yellow-breasted Chat			1				
Northern Cardinal	2	4	5	4	4	3	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	3	4	3	5	1	2
Indigo Bunting	1	2	1	3	1	1	
Song Sparrow				1			
Lincoln's Sparrow				1			

