

MIGRATION SUMMARY – AUGUST 8th TO 14th, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Lots of warm weather and variable light winds made for a generally quiet time at the Point this week and migrants were fairly scarce throughout the summary period. At the same time, a nice variety of birds arrived in small numbers from the 8th-14th and species diversity picked up noticeably.

Cormorants, gulls and terns were active on the lake – a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** was observed on August 8th – and eight shorebird species were tallied. A **Broad-winged Hawk** and **Whimbrel** were documented on August 8th and 11th respectively, the latter being an unusual autumn record.

Songbird migration this week included ones-and-twos of **Least** and **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**, increased numbers of **Barn Swallows**, a few **Swainson's Thrushes** and eight warbler species. **Tennessee**, **Chestnuts-sided**, **Blackburnian**, **Black-and-white**, **Canada**, and **American Redstart** were new for the Fall.

It was cooler on the morning of August 11th and there were more birds about, with fifty-one species tallied during the count period. While it remained fairly quiet the next day, an **Eastern Screech Owl** captured before dawn was a treat and just the third individual of this species banded at the station. Isolated thunderstorms and southerly winds produced little activity during the final two days of the summary period.

Seventy-three species were recorded at the Point this week compared to sixty last week and twenty Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to eighty. Twenty-two birds were captured during 241 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .09 birds/net-hour.

American Redstart photo – Kerry McGuire

Next week's summary will be posted on August 23rd.

Birds Documented at Fish Point

August 8th-14th, 2007

Date	August	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant	550	550	580	4K	130	3K	300	
Great Blue Heron	4	3			1	1	2	2
Green Heron	1							
Great Egret	1				1	1		
Turkey Vulture					1		2	
Canada Goose	26	10						
Wood Duck	1							
Mallard		5				1		
Osprey				1				
Bald Eagle					2			1
Ring-necked Pheasant				1	1			
Semipalmated Plover					1		1	
Killdeer	1	1			3		1	1
Lesser Yellowlegs				2				
Spotted Sandpiper	6	7	4	5	4	3	1	
Ruddy Turnstone			1					1
Sanderling			3	2				

Least Sandpiper					1	1	
American Woodcock	2			1	1		
Bonaparte's Gull	60	40	65	45	2	47	4
Ring-billed Gull	500	600	400	400	400	400	90
Herring Gull	60	40	30	40	45	50	13
Great Black-backed Gull	8	1	14	8	7		12
Caspian Tern			1		1	1	
Common Tern	450	70	400	250	280	200	80
Mourning Dove	5	5	8	10	9	4	7
Black-billed Cuckoo			1				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	2	1	4	1		1
Eastern Screech-Owl					1		
Chimney Swift					1		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	1	1	2	1		
Downy Woodpecker	4	4	6	6	1	2	5
Yellow-shafted Flicker	3	4	3	3	3	1	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5	6	5	4	3		3
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				1		1	
Least Flycatcher	2	2	2	2	3		
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	2	1	1	2		1
Eastern Kingbird	6	5	6	6	2	2	5
Red-eyed Vireo	2	1	2	2	3	1	1
Warbling Vireo			1				
Blue Jay	4	1	3	6	3	1	3
American Crow	1	2	3	3		4	4
Purple Martin	3	3	6	3	4	3	2
N. Rough-winged Swallow	1		1		2		
Bank Swallow					6		
Tree Swallow					2		
Barn Swallow	8	12	14	11	23	18	23
Black-capped Chickadee	7	7	7	6	2	2	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		1	2	1	1	
Carolina Wren	4	3	2	3	2	2	4
House Wren	4	2	2	4	2		1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1						
American Robin	3	2	3	6	4		2
Swainson's Thrush	1			1			
Gray Catbird				1			
European Starling	3		2	2			3
Cedar Waxwing	11	26	12	24	6	2	12
Tennessee Warbler						1	
Yellow Warbler	8	1	4	6			
Chestnut-sided Warbler						1	
Blackburnian Warbler				2		1	
Black-and-white Warbler				1			1
American Redstart					1		
Northern Waterthrush							1
Canada Warbler				2			
Northern Cardinal	8	3	5	6	6	4	6
Indigo Bunting	3	3	3	3	2	1	2
Eastern Towhee				1			
Red-winged Blackbird	32	42	80	48	30	12	21
Common Grackle	22	13	28	22	15	3	39
Baltimore Oriole	4	4	5	6	6	2	6
House Finch		1		2			
American Goldfinch	6	5	8	8	1	2	6

SPECIES

Day	45	40	43	51	44	35	38
Fall 2007	65	66	69	74	78	80	80
This period	73				Previous period		60
August	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	W2	SE3	NE1	ENE2	SWS3	NE2	SW2
Visibility (km)	15	15	25	30	30	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	6	9	10	2	9	1	10
Temperature ° C)	26	24	22	18	22	20	18
Precipitation							

¹ Beaufort
scale