

## MIGRATION SUMMARY – OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



North winds and cooler temperatures during the week made for an active time at the Point towards the end of the summary period. There were lots of **Hermit Thrushes** and **Yellow-rumped Warblers** in the area along with moderate numbers of kinglets and **White-throated Sparrows**. Fall 'firsts' from the 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> include

**Common Loon, Fox Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Rusty Blackbird** and **Pine Siskin**. A **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** was observed by staff near the PIBO cottage on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### October 10<sup>th</sup>

Strong northwest winds but not many birds in the area apart from small numbers of nuthatches, thrushes, kinglets and sparrows. **Yellow-rumped Warblers** and **White-throated Sparrows** were somewhat active. Still very quiet on the lake – just two waterfowl species were tallied all week – and generally very little diurnal migration in the mornings (i.e. robins, pipits, blackbirds, etc.).

#### October 11<sup>th</sup>

Lots of rain this-morning and just the 90-minute census completed. Similar activity to the preceding day but with a few more sparrows recorded in the area (six species). A variety of birds were reported outside the official count area once the rain stopped in the afternoon including **Baird's Sandpiper**, a late **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**, and three **Pine Warblers**.

#### October 12<sup>th</sup>

It was a busy morning with lots of migrants recorded both on the census and in the netting area. Good numbers of **Blue Jays, Tree Swallows**, kinglets, **Hermit Thrushes, Yellow-rumped Warblers** and **White-throated Sparrows** along with a nice variety of other species.

#### October 13<sup>th</sup>

Another active day for **Hermit Thrushes** and **Yellow-rumped Warblers** with 28 and 32 birds banded of each species, respectively, along with smaller numbers of kinglets and sparrows. A few lingering warblers remain in the area – eight species were tallied this week – including **Black-throated Blue, Nashville** and **Common Yellowthroat**.

#### October 14<sup>th</sup>

The dawn temperature at the Point was below 10° C this-morning for only the third time this autumn,

which made for another busy bird day. **Hermits Thrushes** and **Yellow-rumped Warblers** continued to dominate in the netting area. A nice variety of other species were captured in small numbers including four **Blue-headed Vireos**, a few **Winter Wrens**, an **Orange-crowned Warbler**, and the season's first **Fox Sparrow**. In keeping with the overall trend in Southern Ontario, both **Red-breasted** and **White-breasted Nuthatches** have been very active at the field station this Fall as well, with a station-high ten **White-breasted Nuthatches** recorded today during the official count period.

### October 15<sup>th</sup>

Activity dropped off dramatically this-morning and there was not much bird news to report with the exception of a **Bald Eagle** recorded on census and ones-and-twos of creepers, kinglets and thrushes in the netting area.

### October 16<sup>th</sup>

The temperature was up again (17° C at dawn) and the wind was from the southeast, which made for a fairly quiet morning apart from a few creepers, wrens and kinglets. Thrushes, warblers and sparrows were also few-and-far between, with only 2 **Hermit Thrushes**, 3 **Yellow-rumped Warblers** and 7 **White-throated Sparrows** counted on the day.

Seventy-eight species were recorded at the Point this week compared to seventy-four last week and five Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 159. In all, 258 birds were banded and six recaptured during 301 net-hours for a catch-rate of .86 birds/net-hour.

**Winter Wren** photo – Claire Sanders

Next week's summary will be posted on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Birds Documented at Fish Point October 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Date	October	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Species</b>								
Common Loon						1		
Double-crested Cormorant	700	4K	4K	4K	2K	190	1.5K	
Great Blue Heron	1							
Canada Goose	3	45	45	45	9	27	26	
Wood Duck			5					
Osprey	1							
Bald Eagle				1	3	1		
Northern Harrier	1	1	1					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4		4	3	2			2
Cooper's Hawk								1
Red-tailed Hawk				1				
Merlin		1						1
Wild Turkey				23	18			
Black-bellied Plover				1				
Bonaparte's Gull				37				
Ring-billed Gull	80	80	60	500	700	350	31	
Herring Gull	65	51	30	9	30	17	29	
Great Black-backed Gull	18	22	8	9	10	9	33	
Great Horned Owl					2		1	
Belted Kingfisher		1	1	1				
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1					1
Downy Woodpecker	1		1	1	1	3	1	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					4			
Yellow-shafted Flicker	3	1	3	3	1	4	2	

Olive-sided Flycatcher					4		
Eastern Phoebe			2	2	1		
Blue-headed Vireo		1	1	2	4		1
Blue Jay	12		66	15	31	42	
American Crow	2	2	9	4	10	1	3
Horned Lark					1		
Tree Swallow			38				
Black-capped Chickadee	6	4	7	11	9	3	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		1	4	8	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	4	4	5	5	10	1	
Brown Creeper	1		7	4	11	4	5
Carolina Wren	1				2		1
House Wren	1			1			
Winter Wren	5	6	14	11	16	2	8
Marsh Wren							
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	17	25	13	28	6	16
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	4	11	29	50	4	6
Eastern Bluebird		1					
American Robin	1		7	3	4		
Swainson's Thrush	1		1	4	2		1
Gray-cheeked Thrush			1	1	1		
Hermit Thrush	5		28	34	36	8	2
Gray Catbird	3	3	10		2		
European Starling		15	19		94	18	78
American Pipit							1
Cedar Waxwing					4	1	
Orange-crowned Warbler			1		1		
Nashville Warbler	1						
Black-throated Blue Warbler			2	1	1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	25	39	44	78	79	7	3
Black-thr. Green Warbler		1					
Western Palm Warbler	1	3	3				1
Blackpoll Warbler			1	1			
Common Yellowthroat			3				
Northern Cardinal				1	1	1	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1						
Indigo Bunting	1						
Eastern Towhee		1			2		1
Field Sparrow							3
Chipping Sparrow		4	8				
Savannah Sparrow	1						
White-throated Sparrow	24	51	70	13	8	6	7
White-crowned Sparrow		1	6	11			3
Fox Sparrow					1		
Song Sparrow		1	4	1	2		
Swamp Sparrow	2	4	3		1		
Dark-eyed Junco	1		22		10		5
Eastern Meadowlark		1					
Red-winged Blackbird		56	8	9	45	17	23
Rusty Blackbird					7		
Common Grackle			55	12	6		8
Purple Finch	1	2	1		3		
Pine Siskin					7		
American Goldfinch	7		5		32	1	

## SPECIES

<b>Day</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Fall 2007</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>This period</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>Previous period</b>				<b>74</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

**Weather** - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	NW5	NW3	NW4	WNW4	NW3	SE3	ESE4
Visibility (km)	30	30	25	30	30	25	20
Cloud cover (0-10)	7	10	9	9	1	2	10
Temperature ° C)	12	10	9	9	9	14	17
Precipitation	RAIN						

<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale

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