

MIGRATION SUMMARY – OCTOBER 17th – 23rd, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migrants continued to filter through the area this week yet it remained uncharacteristically quiet at the Point during the summary period, with just moderate numbers of late-Fall species recorded from the 17th-23rd. Strong southwest winds and very warm temperatures seemed once again to play a part. As a result, both species diversity and abundance were down significantly during the week compared to activity in previous years.

October 17th

It was rainy and mild this-morning with winds from the southwest. A few migrants noted on the day included small numbers of **Brown Creepers**, kinglets, **Hermit Thrushes**, and a banded **Fox Sparrow**. Three **Peregrine Falcons** were observed on the census.

October 18th

Lots more rain and 19° C at dawn. Not much activity on census or in the netting area apart from 2000 **Double-crested Cormorants**, a lone **Sanderling**, and ones-and-twos of kinglets, **Yellow-rumped Warblers** and **White-throated Sparrows**.

October 19th

Very similar to the preceding day – rain, southwest winds and 20° C at dawn – with just five birds banded and twenty-nine species recorded in the count area.

October 20th

Not much bird news to report with the exception of a single **Northern Saw-whet Owl** captured and banded in the early evening.

October 21st

There were a few more migrants in the area this-morning including small numbers of four raptor species, 55 **Blue Jays**, 40 **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, and a few **Yellow-rumped Warblers** and sparrows. A late **Barn Swallow** and **Gray-cheeked Thrush** were noted today as well.

October 22nd

Another warm, windy day with just a few birds filtering through the Point including small numbers of **Brown Creepers**, kinglets, **American Robins**, and **White-throated Sparrows**. A **Cackling Goose**

was observed at the tip.

October 23rd

Steady rain all day and just the 90-minute census completed. Nothing of note in the morning, but the rain let off in the late afternoon and a night of owling produced three Northern Saw-whets.

Fifty-nine species were recorded at the Point this week compared to seventy-eight last week and two Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 161. In all, 59 birds were banded and three recaptured during 272 net-hours for a catch-rate of .22 birds/net-hour.

Northern Saw-whet Owl photo – Kerry McGuire

Next week's summary will be posted on November 1st.

Birds Documented at Fish Point October 17th – 23rd, 2007

Date	October	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant	432	2K	140	300	3.8K	3K	200	
Turkey Vulture			22	3				
Cackling Goose							1	
Canada Goose	19	31		25	22	54	20	
Mallard		4			7			
Bald Eagle	1	2	1		3	2		
Northern Harrier	1	1	1	1	4			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		5	1	4	5		
American Kestrel							1	
Merlin		1			1	2		
Peregrine Falcon	3	1	1					
Ring-necked Pheasant		8	1		1			
Wild Turkey			16			12		
Killdeer				1	4			
Sanderling		1		1				
Bonaparte's Gull	1							
Ring-billed Gull	45	7	40	14	18	400	30	
Herring Gull	47	29	24	45	13	13	17	
Great Black-backed Gull	40	28	35	18	40	18	8	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				1				3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1		1	1	1	2		
Downy Woodpecker	1		1			1		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1		
Yellow-shafted Flicker	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	
Eastern Phoebe	2			1				
Blue-headed Vireo	1							1
Blue Jay	8	5	60	3	55	23		
American Crow	4	5		3	7	15		
Barn Swallow					1			
Black-capped Chickadee	5	2	1	11	7	11		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		1			1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	1					1		
Brown Creeper	9	4	4	4	2	5	2	
Carolina Wren					1			
Winter Wren	7	1	3		2	1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	30	18	15	8	40	34	7	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	10		3	4	3	10		
Eastern Bluebird	1							
American Robin	3		4	1	8	18		
Swainson's Thrush					1			
Gray-cheeked Thrush							1	
Hermit Thrush	5	1	5	4	6	2	1	

European Starling	20	65		11	390	91	
American Pipit	3				1		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1					2	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	6		1	9	3	3
Northern Cardinal	2	1	1	3	1		
Field Sparrow	2						
White-throated Sparrow	3	4	4	2	5	6	
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1					1
Fox Sparrow	1				1		
Song Sparrow	1					1	
Swamp Sparrow						2	1
Dark-eyed Junco	3	5	1		5	1	8
Red-winged Blackbird	15	14	19		84	200	30
Rusty Blackbird						3	
Common Grackle	65		5	13	101	136	
Purple Finch						1	
American Goldfinch	2	3	14	3		7	

SPECIES

Day	41	28	29	27	35	39	16
Fall 2007	160	160	160	160	160	161	161
This period	59		Previous period				78
October	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	WSW3	S3	SW4	SW6	WSW6	SW4	NNW2
Visibility (km)	5	15	25	30	30	25	15
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	10	7	0	0	2	10
Temperature ° C)	17	19	20	14	17	16	15
Precipitation		RAIN	RAIN				RAIN

¹ Beaufort scale