

MIGRATION SUMMARY – OCTOBER 24th TO 30th, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



There were lots of migrants in the area this week compared to the previous seven-day period – eight-one species were recorded between October 24th – 30th compared to fifty-nine from the 17th – 23rd. While there were no dramatic fall-outs, kinglets and other late-autumn migrants were

numerous at the start of the summary period and remained active through much of the week. **Northern Saw-whet Owls** were captured on five evenings as well, with twenty-two birds banded (including two foreign encounters), along with an **Eastern Screech Owl**.

October 24th

It was active at the Point this-morning with a variety of species noted including five raptor *spp.*, **Eastern Phoebes**, **Blue-headed Vireos**, kinglets, an **Orange-crowned Warbler**, **Purple Finches**, and six sparrow *spp.* Forty-eight species were recorded and 64 birds of fifteen species were banded – mostly **Ruby** and **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, **Hermit Thrushes** and **Yellow-rumped Warblers**. The first **Bufflehead** of the Fall was recorded and a late **Indigo Bunting** was banded.

October 25th

Another busy day at the Point with good numbers of **Golden-crowned Kinglets** (42 banded) and still lots of **Ruby-crowns**, with twenty-three captured. Other migrants on the day included **Common Loons**, **Brown Creepers**, **Palm Warblers** and lots of **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Common Grackles**.

October 26th

Although light rain and east winds affected the morning coverage, kinglets were numerous on the census and in the netting area, along with moderate numbers of **Yellow-rumps** and **White-throats**. Two **Horned Grebes** and six **Dunlins** at the tip were new for the Fall.

October 27th

More rain with strong west winds throughout the day. Not many birds in the area with the exception of two **Black-bellied Plovers**, a trio of **Sanderlings**, some kinglets, small numbers of sparrows, and the first **Ruddy Ducks** of the season.

October 28th

It cooled off overnight and a season-low dawn temperature of 3° C helped make for an active morning. Forty-nine species were tallied including good numbers of **Blue-headed Vireos**, **American Crows**, **Cedar Waxwings**, **Rusty Blackbirds** and **Purple Finches**. A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was new for 2007. Eight **Northern Saw-whets** and an **Eastern Screech Owl** were banded in the evening.

October 29th

Migrants were active again this-morning with forty-one species recorded including lots of **American Robins** and **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, smaller numbers of kinglets, **White-throated Sparrows** and blackbird *spp.*, and a late **Red-eyed Vireo**. While waterfowl have been late arriving this Fall, **Double-crested Cormorant** numbers have remained unseasonably high – 4000 birds were counted on census.

October 30th

A nice variety of species were noted today in small numbers including **Peregrine Falcon**, both nuthatch *spp.*, **Winter Wren**, **Eastern Bluebird** and **Fox Sparrow**. A **Whip-poor-will** was observed on the road first thing this-morning. While today's cormorant count was just 47 birds, **European Starlings** made-up for this shortfall, with more than 3000 individuals reported during the count period!

Eighty-one species were recorded at the Point this week compared to fifty-nine last week and six Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 167. In all, 263 birds were banded (not including 23 owls) and three recaptured during 312 net-hours for a catch-rate of .84 birds/net-hour.

Cedar Waxwing photo – Claire Sanders - PIBO

Next week's summary will be posted on November 8th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point October 24th – 30th, 2007

Date	October	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Species								
Common Loon		1	2	3	1			1
Horned Grebe				2				
Double-crested Cormorant		4.2K	150	55	45	64	4K	47
Great Egret		1						
Turkey Vulture			5			2		1
Canada Goose		71	60	44	78	60	40	50

Mallard		9	7	7			
Scaup <i>spp.</i>							30
Bufflehead	7	4	1		3		
Red-breasted Merganser	4	19		3	21		19
Ruddy Duck				2			
Bald Eagle	2	3				1	2
Northern Harrier	1		1			4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	2	1		2	1	2
Cooper's Hawk	1	1			1		
Red-shouldered Hawk					1		
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1			1		
Peregrine Falcon							1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	5	2				
Wild Turkey		4	2		6		7
Black-bellied Plover			1	2		1	1
Killdeer	1	2				1	
Sanderling				3			
Dunlin			6				
Bonaparte's Gull					1	1	6
Ring-billed Gull	40	50	18	2	14	9	24
Herring Gull	4	30	60	14	13	7	24
Great Black-backed Gull	7	15	19	16	11	3	8
Mourning Dove		2	1				
Great Horned Owl					1		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	5	5	2		8	2	
Eastern Screech-Owl					1		
Whip-poor-will							1
Belted Kingfisher							1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	2	2	1	1	3	3
Downy Woodpecker	1		2		3	2	3
Yellow-shafted Flicker	3	3	2	2	5	4	4
Eastern Phoebe	2	2	1		2	1	
Red-eyed Vireo						1	
Blue-headed Vireo	2	1			5		
Blue Jay	1				1	6	1
American Crow	60	120	6		170	36	8
Black-capped Chickadee	5	7	5	1	14	10	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		2		3	1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	3		3	3	2
Brown Creeper	4	19	3		1		1
Carolina Wren						1	2
Winter Wren	12	8	6	3	3	3	4
Marsh Wren					1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	40	100	85	27	39	20	23
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	18	37	12	1	32	9	6
Eastern Bluebird					8	6	1
American Robin	6	10	3	1	11	184	51
Hermit Thrush	10	6	9	1	4	1	3
European Starling	5	17	20	9	100	110	3K
American Pipit		3	1		5	3	
Cedar Waxwing	4				28	25	10
Orange-crowned Warbler	1						
Nashville Warbler					1		
Black-throated Blue Warbler					1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	37	27	20	1	50	46	28
Western Palm Warbler		1				1	
Blackpoll Warbler		1	1				
Northern Cardinal	2		2	1	4	3	3
Indigo Bunting	1						
Eastern Towhee	1	1					
Chipping Sparrow	6	11					
White-throated Sparrow	17	10	11	6	38	20	8
White-crowned Sparrow		6					
Fox Sparrow	2						1
Song Sparrow	2	2	1	1	5		1
Swamp Sparrow			1				
Dark-eyed Junco	21	23	11	4	21	19	3
Brown-headed Cowbird					4		2

Red-winged Blackbird	140	890	170	29	195	350	130
Rusty Blackbird			17	8	45	14	
Common Grackle	69	810	45	60	129	32	15
Purple Finch	12	3		1	7	2	
House Finch		2					
Pine Siskin					2		
American Goldfinch	22	3	1		18	19	13

SPECIES

Day	48	47	43	29	49	41	45
Fall 2007	162	162	164	165	166	166	167
This period	81		Previous period				59
October	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	NW3	E5	E2	W6	WNW2	W3	WSW2
Visibility (km)	30	30	10	25	30	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	9	8	10	10	1	5	0
Temperature °C)	10	10	12	12	3	7	8
Precipitation			RAIN	RAIN			

¹ Beaufort scale
