

MIGRATION SUMMARY – OCTOBER 3rd – 9th, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



There were very few migrants recorded at the Point this week with the exception of one or two mornings at the start of the summary period. The station was very quiet compared to previous years – the average catch-rate this week (.31 birds/net-hour) is down 87% compared to the same period in 2006 (579 birds banded in 247 net-hours for a catch-rate of 2.34), and 81% compared to the three-year average (2004-2006). The average dawn temperature from October 3rd-9th was 19 C, which helps explain the lack of bird activity during the course of the summary period.

Six raptor species were tallied this week including three **Peregrine Falcons**, along with five woodpecker, six thrush and thirteen members of

the warbler family. Fall 'firsts' included **Red-breasted Merganser, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Bluebird, Orange-crowned Warbler** and **Eastern White-crowned Sparrow**.

Seventy-four species were recorded at the Point this week compared to eighty-one last week and five Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 154. In all, 116 birds were banded and four recaptured during 370 net-hours for a catch-rate of .31 birds/net-hour.

Due to PIBO staff's attendance at the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network biannual meeting in Slave Lake, Alberta, regular daily reports are not included in this weekly update.

Eastern White-crowned Sparrow photo – Kerry McGuire

Next week's summary will be posted on October 19th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point October 3rd – 9th, 2007

Date	October	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		865	1.2K	2K	402	230	58	300
Turkey Vulture		1			5			
Canada Goose		47	2	32	1	4		10
Red-breasted Merganser								1
Bald Eagle		2	2	1				1
Northern Harrier			1		1		1	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	9	18	6	5	9	4
American Kestrel					1			1
Merlin		1						
Peregrine Falcon		2				1		
Wild Turkey			1	3		2	5	
Killdeer			2	1		2		
Greater Yellowlegs			1					
Sanderling				3		9	5	2

Ring-billed Gull	11	4	8	5	80	26	70
Herring Gull	6	2	11	9	60	18	40
Great Black-backed Gull	22		3		1	19	16
Mourning Dove					2		
Great Horned Owl		1	1	1	1	1	1
Eastern Screech-Owl		1	2	1	1		
Chimney Swift	2		5	1			
Red-headed Woodpecker				1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1		2		1
Downy Woodpecker	2	2	8	6	5	4	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1	2		2	1	
Yellow-shafted Flicker		4	4	4	3	5	3
Eastern Phoebe		2					
Red-eyed Vireo			1			1	
Blue-headed Vireo		1			1		
Blue Jay	22	75	120	150	73	90	95
American Crow		5	1	21	2		7
Black-capped Chickadee		11	10	5	9	4	7
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	15	14	7	5	1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch		2		2	7	8	4
Brown Creeper		8	9	8	3	4	2
Carolina Wren		4	1	2	2	1	
House Wren							1
Winter Wren	1	7	10	7	11	8	7
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	25	18	8	32	27	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		8	8	3	2	2	1
Eastern Bluebird					1		
American Robin		5	4	4	2		1
Wood Thrush		1			1	1	
Swainson's Thrush	2	4	3	7		1	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush		4	3		1		1
Hermit Thrush	1	2	3	3	10	1	2
Gray Catbird		1	2	2			
European Starling		90	251	120	54	92	
American Pipit		2	9		3		
Cedar Waxwing			3				
Orange-crowned Warbler		1					
Nashville Warbler		2	14	2		1	
Magnolia Warbler		2					
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	3		1	1		
Blackburnian Warbler			1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler		32	11		4	1	21
Black-thr. Green Warbler			5		1		
Western Palm Warbler		5	3		5		
Blackpoll Warbler		1	1	1			
American Redstart		1			1		
Ovenbird		1	3				
Common Yellowthroat		1	2	2			
Wilson's Warbler		1					
Northern Cardinal	1	2	1				
Indigo Bunting				1			
Chipping Sparrow		5					
White-throated Sparrow	3	8	13		14	7	4
White-crowned Sparrow		3	1				
Song Sparrow			1				
Dark-eyed Junco		4			3	3	
Red-winged Blackbird	6	4	133	63	14	54	
Common Grackle					3	6	
Purple Finch		2	2		3		1
American Goldfinch		15	10	10	10	4	8

SPECIES

Day	22	54	50	37	46	33	33
Fall 2007	149	152	152	152	153	153	154
This period	74			Previous period			81

October**3 4 5 6 7 8 9****Weather - 1 hr after sunrise**

Wind direction/strength ¹	SW4	ENE1	SW1	SW1	SW1	SW1	NW4
Visibility (km)	20	10	10	15	10	15	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	9	2	0	3	2	9
Temperature ° C)	20	17	19	19	20	21	17
Precipitation							

¹ Beaufort
scale
