

MIGRATION SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 26th – OCTOBER 2nd, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



A few days of northerly winds made for a busy time at the Point from September 27th - 29th, but south winds and warm temperatures returned to the area towards the end of the summary period and migration activity tapered off considerably. Dawn temperatures at Fish Point this autumn have not dropped below 10° C, with only four readings below 15° C, which is unusual at this late date in the season. Highlights this week included **Lesser Black-backed Gull** on September 27th, **Connecticut Warbler** (28th) and **Peregrine Falcon** (29th –

30th).

September 26th

Very warm and overcast and not many birds in the area today – a few **Sharp-shinned Hawks** and two **Bald Eagles** were recorded on census along with 50 **Blue Jays**.

September 27th

Although it was 18° C at dawn, a weak cold front moved through the area last night with accompanying rain, and this prompted a good push of migrants. Fifty-eight species were counted on the day and 75 birds of twenty-six species were banded in sixty net-hours (1.25 birds/net-hour). Sixteen warbler species were counted along with a nice variety of birds including **Black-bellied Plover**, **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**, **Red-eyed** and **Philadelphia Vireo**, **House** and **Marsh Wren**, **Scarlet Tanager** and **Purple Finch**.

September 28th

Less active today but still a good number and variety of migrants at the Point – thirteen warbler species including a banded **Connecticut Warbler** along with ones-and-twos of **Blue-headed Vireo**, **Wood Thrush**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** and **White-throated Sparrow**.

September 29th

Not as many warblers today but quite a lot of activity including 123 **Blue Jays**, 40 **White-throated Sparrows**, 17 **Yellow-rumped Warblers** and a **Peregrine Falcon**. A good variety of thrushes in the netting area with five species recorded including three banded **Wood Thrushes**.

September 30th

Activity dropped off considerably on the final day of the month and just a few birds were noted including small numbers of **Brown Creepers, Winter Wrens, Red** and **White-breasted Nuthatches, Ruby-crowned Kinglets** and a variety of thrush species.

October 1st

It was quiet this-morning and very few migrants were recorded on the day. **Blue Jays** were active, however, with 198 birds counted on census, but just two warblers were tallied – a **Black-throated Blue Warbler** and **Ovenbird** – and thrushes and sparrows were noticeably absent as well.

October 2nd

Another balmy overcast day with not much bird news to report – 3 **Bald Eagles** were among four raptor species recorded on the census along with 10 **Sanderlings** and a pair of **Chimney Swifts**.

Eighty-one species were documented at the Point this week compared to eighty-six last week and three Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 147. In all, 175 birds were banded and four recaptured during 343 net-hours for a catch-rate of .51 birds/net-hour.

Red-breasted Nuthatch photo – Claire Sanders

Next week's summary will be posted on October 11th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point September 26th – October 2nd, 2007

| Date | Sep/Oct | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
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| Species | | | | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | 14 | 58 | 64 | 10K | 10K | 539 | 530 |
| Great Blue Heron | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Canada Goose | | 49 | 45 | 37 | 29 | 14 | | |
| Osprey | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Bald Eagle | | 2 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Northern Harrier | | | | 1 | 3 | | | 1 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | 5 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Merlin | | 2 | | | | | 1 | |
| Peregrine Falcon | | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Wild Turkey | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 12 |
| Black-bellied Plover | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Sanderling | | | 3 | | | | | 10 |
| Ring-billed Gull | | 51 | 45 | 4 | 180 | 90 | 58 | 23 |
| Herring Gull | | 59 | 25 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 80 | 8 |
| Great Black-backed Gull | | 63 | 30 | 1 | 38 | 30 | 40 | 25 |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Mourning Dove | | | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Great Horned Owl | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | | 1 | | 3 | 2 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Downy Woodpecker | | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 1 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Red-eyed Vireo | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Philadelphia Vireo | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Blue-headed Vireo | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Blue Jay | | 57 | 76 | 7 | 123 | 92 | 198 | 43 |
| American Crow | | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 1 | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | | 7 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 13 |

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| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 1 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 6 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Brown Creeper | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Carolina Wren | | 1 | | 3 | | 2 | 1 |
| House Wren | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Winter Wren | | | | 3 | 4 | | 3 |
| Marsh Wren | | 1 | | | | | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| American Robin | | 2 | | 1 | | | |
| Wood Thrush | | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Swainson's Thrush | 1 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Hermit Thrush | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Gray Catbird | | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | 1 | | | |
| European Starling | | | | 17 | | | 8 |
| American Pipit | | | | 12 | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | 4 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Northern Parula | | 1 | | | | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| Nashville Warbler | | 5 | 7 | | | | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | | 2 | | | | | |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | 21 | 6 | 1 | | | |
| Cape May Warbler | | 1 | | | | | |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | | 10 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | 1 | 6 | 17 | 1 | | 1 |
| Black-thr. Green Warbler | | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| Western Palm Warbler | | 3 | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | | 6 | 2 | | | | |
| American Redstart | | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| Ovenbird | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| Connecticut Warbler | | | 1 | | | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | |
| Wilson's Warbler | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Scarlet Tanager | | 2 | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 3 | 2 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| Indigo Bunting | | | | 1 | | | |
| Chipping Sparrow | | 1 | | | | | |
| White-throated Sparrow | | 4 | 6 | 40 | 9 | 3 | 7 |
| Song Sparrow | | | | 3 | | 1 | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | 1 | | | | | |
| Swamp Sparrow | | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bobolink | | 2 | | | | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | | 36 | 1 | 65 | | | |
| Common Grackle | 4 | 8 | | 5 | | | 25 |
| Purple Finch | | 1 | | 2 | | | |
| American Goldfinch | 4 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |

SPECIES

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| Day | 22 | 58 | 45 | 53 | 33 | 28 | 35 |
| Fall 2007 | 144 | 146 | 147 | 147 | 147 | 147 | 147 |
| This period | 81 | | | | | | 86 |
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| September/October | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

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| Wind direction/strength ¹ | WSW3 | N2 | NW4 | S3 | SW2 | SSE4 | SW3 |
| Visibility (km) | 20 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 10 |
| Cloud cover (0-10) | | | | | | | |

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| | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 10 |
| Temperature °C) | 21 | 18 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 17 |
| Precipitation | | | | | | | |
| ¹ Beaufort scale | | | | | | | |
