

## MIGRATION SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Migration activity was generally light at Fish Point during the summary period and species diversity remained surprisingly low for mid-September – seventy-six species were recorded at the station from the 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> compared to ninety-one during the same period in 2006. This has been an overall trend this Fall, i.e. 124 species have been recorded this Fall to September 18<sup>th</sup> compared to 141 on this date last year. Despite the relatively quiet time, a nice

variety of migrants were observed in moderate numbers including a steady supply of thrushes, the first **Red-headed Woodpeckers** and **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** of the Fall, and a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**.

#### September 12<sup>th</sup>

A little breezy and cooler this-morning with forty-six species recorded during the morning count period. **Swainson's Thrushes** were active – eighteen birds were banded along with 3 **Wood Thrushes**, 2 **Veerys** and a **Gray-cheeked Thrush**. A few shorebirds were noted on the census including small groups of **Semipalmated Plovers**, **Sanderlings**, **Ruddy Turnstones** and a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**.

#### September 13<sup>th</sup>

Similar conditions to the 12<sup>th</sup> but with fewer migrants recorded both on the census and in the netting area. Just two flycatchers were tallied this-morning – an **Eastern Wood Pewee** and **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** – along with ones-and-twos of nine warbler *spp.*

#### September 14<sup>th</sup>

Strong southwest, 19° C at dawn, and very little activity to report. There were no members of the blackbird family (or **European Starlings**) counted during six hours of morning coverage – surely a station first!

#### September 15<sup>th</sup>

A few more species noted today but still fairly quiet for mid-September. Forty-two species recorded on the day and fifteen birds banded during sixty net-hours of operation.

#### September 16<sup>th</sup>

There was slightly more activity at the Point this-morning including ones-and-twos of **Red-eyed Vireos**, thrush *spp.*, **Gray Catbirds**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** and eleven warbler *spp.*

## September 17<sup>th</sup>

Clear skies, southwest winds, and not many birds recorded on census or in the netting area.

## September 18<sup>th</sup>

Migrants were noticeably absent this-morning with the exception of a few **Sharp-shinned Hawks**, a **Merlin**, two **Red-headed Woodpeckers** and seventy-two **Blue Jays**. Even the thrushes were low key, with just seven **Swainson's** and two **Gray-cheeked** noted on the day.

Seventy-six species were recorded at the Point this week compared to seventy-one last week and four Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 124. In all, 129 birds were banded and four recaptured during 420 net-hours for a catch-rate of .31 birds/net-hour. To September 18<sup>th</sup> this Fall, 808 birds have been banded in 2041 net-hours for a catch-rate of .40 birds/net-hour, compared to 1788 birds banded by this date in Fall 2006 in 1610 net-hours, for a catch-rate of 1.11 birds/net-hour.

**Wood Thrush** photo – Claire Sanders

Next week's summary will be posted on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Birds Documented at Fish Point September 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Date	September	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Species</b>								
Double-crested Cormorant		910	60	230	1.4K	700	89	8
Great Blue Heron			1					1
Canada Goose		13	5		2		3	3
Mallard		1						
Bald Eagle		1				1		2
Northern Harrier		1				1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		6	6	3	3		3	4
Merlin				2		1		1
Wild Turkey		2						
Semipalmated Plover		3						
Spotted Sandpiper			1					1
Ruddy Turnstone		1						
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		1						
Sanderling		5	11			14	1	
American Woodcock							1	
Bonaparte's Gull		6						
Ring-billed Gull		28	1	55	300	3	37	2
Herring Gull		30	3	34	17	9	41	8
Great Black-backed Gull		1	19	60	11	18	48	35
Mourning Dove			3	1	1	1	1	
Great Horned Owl		1				1		
Eastern Screech-Owl		1						
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					1	1	1	1
Belted Kingfisher		1						
Red-headed Woodpecker								2
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1				1		
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	1	2	4		2

Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	1	1	2	8	5	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		1	2	1			
Least Flycatcher					2		
Great Crested Flycatcher					1		
Red-eyed Vireo		3		1	3		1
Philadelphia Vireo							1
Blue Jay	3	4		3	6	7	72
American Crow	3	1	2		5	1	1
N. Rough-winged Swallow				1			
Bank Swallow							2
Tree Swallow	17			4		4	
Barn Swallow	3		1	9		12	
Black-capped Chickadee	5	6		9	4	6	4
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	3	2	4	6	3	2
Carolina Wren				1	1		
House Wren	1			1		1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					2		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1			3			
American Robin				1	4		5
Wood Thrush	4	5	1		2	2	
Veery	2		1			1	
Swainson's Thrush	29	18	3	6	8	5	7
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	3		1	1	3	2
Gray Catbird	1		1	3	7	1	4
Brown Thrasher				1	1		
European Starling		1				3	13
Cedar Waxwing	4	3	2	3			9
Nashville Warbler		2		3	3		
Chestnut-sided Warbler		1			1		
Magnolia Warbler	1	1	1	2	10	2	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	2			1		
Bay-breasted Warbler							1
Blackpoll Warbler	3	1	1	8	6	1	1
Black-and-white Warbler	2			2	2		
American Redstart	2	1	1	4	3	2	
Ovenbird	1	2		1	3		
Northern Waterthrush		1					
Common Yellowthroat		1		2	1	2	
Wilson's Warbler					1		1
Canada Warbler				1	1		
Northern Cardinal	3	3	2	2	3	2	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				2	5		2
Indigo Bunting					1		
Bobolink					1		
Red-winged Blackbird	2			7	22		2
Common Grackle	3	3		1	7	20	1
House Finch		2					
American Goldfinch	5	3	1	5	11	14	10

**SPECIES**

<b>Day</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Fall 2007</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>This period</b>	<b>76</b>			<b>Previous period</b>			<b>71</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

**Weather** - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength <sup>1</sup>	NNW4	SE3	SW4	NNE3	NW2	SSW3	S2
Visibility (km)	30	30	25	30	30	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	2	0	2	5	2	0	1
Temperature °C)	14	15	19	11	11	15	16
Precipitation							
<sup>1</sup> Beaufort scale							

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