

MIGRATION SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 19th – 25th, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



There were lots of new arrivals this week and migrants were reasonably active despite average dawn temperatures of 19° C and just one day of north winds. Ten Fall 'firsts' were recorded on the 20th including **Golden-crowned Kinglet, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler** and **Dark-eyed Junco**. Seven raptor species were tallied this week and sparrows were a little more active as well. Overall, migration was generally slow-but-steady during the summary period.

September 19th

Warm weather, southwest winds and very few migrants in the area – thirty species tallied on the day and seven birds captured during thirty-five net-hours (.20 birds/net-hour).

September 20th

A considerable increase in activity with fifty species recorded during the morning count period and forty-six birds banded of thirteen species. Many new Fall 'firsts' and a season-high to-date of 415 **Blue Jays**. Eleven warbler species noted including the first **Northern Parula** of the Fall.

September 21st

Not as many birds this-morning but a nice variety including four raptor, five thrush and seven warbler *spp.* The first **American Pipit** of the Fall was noted on the census.

September 22nd

A similar day to the 21st although quiet for the most-part with the exception of small numbers of **Sharp-shinned Hawks** (3 banded), a banded **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**, and Fall-firsts for **Lesser Scaup, Peregrine Falcon** and **Greater Yellowlegs**.

September 23rd

Migrants were active this-morning with fifty species recorded and thirty-seven birds banded of thirteen species (.62 birds/net-hour). **Blue Jays** and **Gray-cheeked Thrushes** were numerous along with ones-and-twos of eight warbler *spp.* New arrivals

for the Fall included **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-headed Vireo** and **Brown Creeper**.

September 24th

There were fewer birds in the area today with forty-four species counted and twenty birds banded – thrushes made up most of the captures along with four warbler *spp.*

September 25th

It was 22° C before dawn which, along with warm southwest winds, made for a quiet morning. Migrants were few-and-far between apart from some **Chimney Swifts, Blue Jays, Swainson's** and **Gray-cheeked Thrushes**.

Eighty-six species were recorded at the Point this week compared to seventy-six last week and twenty Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 144. In all, 186 birds were banded and two recaptured during 360 net-hours for a catch-rate of .52 birds/net-hour.

Sharp-shinned Hawk photo – Claire Sanders

Next week's summary will be posted on October 4th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point September 19th – 25th, 2007

Date	September	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Species								
Double-crested Cormorant		40	27	43		2K	4.2K	26
Great Blue Heron		1	1			1		
Canada Goose			8		18	14	36	29
Lesser Scaup					2			
Redhead							4	
Osprey							1	
Bald Eagle					1			1
Northern Harrier			1	1		1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		5	13	12	10	12	5	5
American Kestrel		1	2	1		1		
Merlin			1	2	1	1	1	1
Peregrine Falcon					1			
Wild Turkey		11						
Killdeer								3
Greater Yellowlegs					1			
Solitary Sandpiper						1	1	
Spotted Sandpiper		1						
Ring-billed Gull		32	20	8	22	42	42	60
Herring Gull		29	24	6	40	35	5	35
Great Black-backed Gull		50	40	1	40	30	25	20
Mourning Dove			1			1	1	
Great Horned Owl			1	1		1	1	
Chimney Swift								5
Ruby-throated Hummingbird						1		
Belted Kingfisher							1	2
Red-headed Woodpecker		1						
Red-bellied Woodpecker				1				
Downy Woodpecker		2	4	3	1	3	2	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1	1	

Yellow-shafted Flicker	4	15	5		3	6	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee		1					
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		1		1			
Red-eyed Vireo	1		1				
Blue-headed Vireo					1		
Blue Jay	45	415	141	96	116	71	132
American Crow	3	7	4	3	1	2	1
Horned Lark						1	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	3						
Barn Swallow	11						
Black-capped Chickadee	2	1	5	1	2	2	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	10	5	2	6	5	3
White-breasted Nuthatch		1				1	1
Brown Creeper					1	1	
Carolina Wren		1			1		
House Wren			1		1		
Winter Wren		2		2	1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2	2		1	1	1
American Robin			2		2	2	1
Wood Thrush	1		3	2		1	
Veery	1						
Swainson's Thrush	2	14	12	10	13	9	5
Gray-cheeked Thrush		11	2	3	13	7	8
Hermit Thrush		2	1		1		1
Gray Catbird		1	2	2			
Brown Thrasher			1		1	1	
European Starling	9	33	14		2	49	
American Pipit			1			3	
Cedar Waxwing	4	3		2	2	2	
Northern Parula		1					
Nashville Warbler	1			1	1	1	
Magnolia Warbler		7	6		3	1	
Black-throated Blue Warbler		5	4	2	2		2
Yellow-rumped Warbler					3	6	
Black-thr. Green Warbler			1	1			
Western Palm Warbler		2			1		1
Bay-breasted Warbler		1					
Blackpoll Warbler	1	1	2				
Black-and-white Warbler		2					
American Redstart		5	2	2	2		
Ovenbird		5	1	1	2	2	3
Northern Waterthrush			1		1		
Common Yellowthroat		1					
Wilson's Warbler						1	
Northern Cardinal	2	2		1	2	2	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak						2	
Savannah Sparrow					1		
White-throated Sparrow		3	1		2	6	
Lincoln's Sparrow					1		
Swamp Sparrow		1					
Dark-eyed Junco		4			3		
Red-winged Blackbird	43	59	9		23	10	
Common Grackle	17	10			6		
Purple Finch		1					
House Finch			1			1	
American Goldfinch	14	26	10	2	14	7	3

SPECIES

Day	30	50	39	29	50	44	27
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