MIGRATION SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 5th – 11th, 2007

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)

A mixture of rain, warm temperatures and southerly winds made for a quiet time at the Point this week. There were few migrants about with the exception of **Swainson's Thrushes** and small numbers of vireos and warblers. Seventy-one species were tallied during the summary period, for instance, compared to ninety species during the same period last Fall – just twelve warbler *spp.* were recorded verses twenty-two in 2006.

September 5th

South winds, 22° C at dawn, and not much activity apart from a group of **Sanderlings** at the Tip and a few **Swainson's Thrushes** in the netting area. Most of the local breeding birds have departed and there was not much to take their place – just twenty-nine species were recorded in the count area.

September 6th

Similar conditions to the preceding day with even less activity – nine birds captured during sixty net-hours of operation and only twenty-seven species noted on the day.

September 7th

Strong southwest winds this-morning with little bird news to report.

September 8th

Another warm, quiet morning with very little activity – a **'Western' Palm Warbler** observed on census was new for the Fall along with 'firsts' for **Northern Pintail** and **American Kestrel**. While there were no birds for the banding demonstration, a jolly group of forty visitors enjoyed bbq'd Mennonite sausages and a visit to the netting area as part of the Pelee Island Heritage Weekend event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the day a big success, even without the birds!

September 9th

Lots of rain this-morning and not much to report apart from 3000 **Double-crested Cormorants** counted on census along with small numbers of four raptor species.

September 10th

It was more active today, with forty-five species recorded and sixty-three birds banded during the morning count period – thrushes accounted for two-thirds of the banded birds. At the same time, the quiet pace this Fall continues when compared to previous coverage seasons – last year, for instance, sixty-four species were tallied on September

10th, including nineteen warbler *spp.*, compared to forty-five species and eight warbler *spp*. noted this September.

September 11th

It was raining this-morning and there were just a few thrushes and warblers in the area. The wind picked-up in the afternoon and was very strong from the northwest by dusk. Twenty birds of four species were captured during sixty net-hours of operation.

Seventy-one species were recorded at the Point this week compared to ninety last week and three Fall 'firsts' were tallied, which brings the season species count to 120. In all, 109 birds were banded and three recaptured during 187 net-hours for a catch-rate of .58 birds/net-hour.

Tennessee Warbler photo – Christopher Dunn

Next week's summary will be posted on September 20th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point September 5th – 11th, 2007

Date September	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**
Species							
Double-crested Cormorant	70	127	250	4.8K	3K	6K	3.2K
Turkey Vulture		3	4				
Canada Goose	19	29	61	3	19	14	18
Mallard				7	1		
Northern Pintail				3			
Osprey				1	1		
Bald Eagle					2		
Northern Harrier						1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	4	1	6	1
American Kestrel				1	1		
Merlin				1			
Wild Turkey						9	
Semipalmated Plover							3
Killdeer						1	
Spotted Sandpiper	4		2		2	2	
Sanderling	33		2		2		4
Baird's Sandpiper	4						1
Semipalmated Sandpiper							1
Least Sandpiper	1						
Ring-billed Gull	9	40	120	500	250	200	140
Herring Gull	14	45	45	12	35	30	10
Great Black-backed Gull	22	20	35	40	35	30	24
Common Tern					1	1	
Mourning Dove	3	2	1		3	2	3
Great Horned Owl	1						
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					3		2
Downy Woodpecker			1			1	1
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1					1	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	3	3	1	1	1		2
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1					
Great Crested Flycatcher						1	
Eastern Kingbird					1		
Red-eyed Vireo		1				4	
Philadelphia Vireo						3	

Blue Jay	6	3				7	3
American Crow	1		3			3	2
Purple Martin		1		4			
N. Rough-winged Swallow		5					
Bank Swallow				1	1		
Barn Swallow	5	5			2	18	
Black-capped Chickadee	4	5	1	3	3	5	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3					4	2
Carolina Wren					2	1	2
House Wren						1	
American Robin	1	1				1	
Wood Thrush						1	
Veery	2					3	1
Swainson's Thrush	16	7		3		44	22
Gray-cheeked Thrush						6	2
Gray Catbird						1	
European Starling		1	2				
Cedar Waxwing	1	2	4	4	35	11	1
Magnolia Warbler			1		2	5	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				1		1	2
Black-thr. Green Warbler						3	1
Western Palm Warbler				1			
Bay-breasted Warbler				1			
Blackpoll Warbler				4	5	6	
American Redstart	1			1	2	1	
Ovenbird	1	1			1	3	3
Northern Waterthrush	2	1					
Mourning Warbler							1
Common Yellowthroat					3	2	1
Wilson's Warbler				1	1	1	1
Northern Cardinal	1	1	3	3	2	2	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1		2	
Indigo Bunting	3	1	2		1	1	3
Red-winged Blackbird				11		13	
Common Grackle		2		24		28	
House Finch		8		1	1		
American Goldfinch	3	4	2	6	4	9	1
SPECIES							
Day	**29**	**27**	**21**	**29**	**32**	**45**	**33**
Fall 2007	**117**	**117**	**120**	**120**	**120**	**120**	**120**
This period	**71**		**Previous period**				**90**
September	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**
Weather - 1 hr after sunrise							
Wind direction/strength[1]	SW2	SW4	SSW6	NE4	SE2	NE2	NW3
Visibility (km)	15	25	10	25	20	30	25
Cloud cover (0-10)	0	0	0	9	10	9	10
Temperature ^{o} C)	22	22	21	22	20	18	18
Precipitation					RAIN		RAIN

[1] Beaufort scale