

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR MAY 22nd - 28th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



It was a busy and productive week of migration coverage at the Point with lots of birds recorded during the count period along with some good activity in the mist netting area. **Shorebird** numbers increased considerably along with a nice variety of flycatchers (9 species) and warblers (23 species). Highlights during the summary period included 160 **Whimbrels** on the 23rd, 19 **warbler spp.** (24th), a **Red Knot** (25th), and a **Western Kingbird, Acadian Flycatcher** and **Summer Tanager** on May 28th.

May 22nd

An active morning on census and in the netting area with 66 birds recorded during the morning count period and 63 birds banded of twenty-one species. **Magnolia Warblers** were numerous, with 23 banded, along with 2 **Black-billed Cuckoos**, 2 **Northern Parulas**, and eleven other **warbler spp.** A **Semipalmated Plover** on census was new for the Spring.

May 23rd

Another busy day with 75 species tallied along with 72 birds captured of twenty-four species. A good variety of migrants including 6 **flycatcher**, 5 **thrush** and 17 **warbler spp.** A **Short-billed Dowitcher** was observed by PIBO staff in the afternoon.

May 24th

A quieter morning in the netting area but still lots of diversity, with 68 species recorded, including a **Hooded Warbler** on census.

May 25th

Small numbers of **American Redstarts**, **Magnolia**, **Canada** and **Wilson's Warblers** about, but not too much else to report.

May 26th

Lots of rain and heavy thunderstorms in the morning and just the census completed along with some additional observations.

May 27th

Cloudy again but a little busier with 61 species tallied on the day and 31 bird banded of fourteen species. An **Alder Flycatcher** and **Philadelphia Vireo** were both new for 2008.

May 28th

It was active again today with good numbers of **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** recorded (11 banded) along with a nice variety of other late-Spring migrants. Highlights on the day included a captured **Acadian Flycatcher** and a **Western Kingbird** (a first for Pelee Island) observed a number of times on the west beach during census. A male **Summer Tanager** was also new for the Spring.

A total of 102 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 103 last week. Eleven Spring-firsts were documented, which brings the season-to-date species total to 174. In all, 263 birds were captured during 345 net-hours for an average catch-rate of .76 birds/net-hour.

Orchard Oriole photo - Julia Marko

PIBO's next summary will be posted on June 6th.

Birds Documented at Fish Point by PIBO Staff from May 22nd - 28th, 2008

Date	May	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Species								
Common Loon			1					
Double-crested Cormorant		220	50	5	21	20	111	150
Great Blue Heron		5	1			3	1	5
Great Egret								3
Turkey Vulture		12	5	1			3	
Canada Goose			2	1	4	28	1	7
Wood Duck		3	2	3	5	1		1
Mallard					4		4	
Red-breasted Merganser		18			3			
Bald Eagle		1		1			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant				1				
Wild Turkey			1	1				
Black-bellied Plover		1						
Semipalmated Plover		1	2					
Killdeer			1					
Spotted Sandpiper			2	4	1		2	
Ruddy Turnstone		6	4		2			
Sanderling			7	1				
Dunlin		2	21	11	35			
Semipalmated Sandpiper					3			
Short-billed Dowitcher				1				

Ring-billed Gull	4	2	3	4	5	4	70
Herring Gull	27	8	28	1	52	21	30
Great Black-backed Gull	3	1				1	
Mourning Dove	2	6	2	4	4		4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Black-billed Cuckoo	4	3	3	4	2	1	1
Great Horned Owl			1	1			1
Chimney Swift						1	7
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		1		1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	1	1	1		1	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	4	3	4	1		4
Northern Flicker	2	3	3		1	1	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	4	5	4	3	8	7
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	2	2			1	13
Acadian Flycatcher							1
Willow Flycatcher	1	1					
Alder Flycatcher						1	
("Traill's" Flycatcher)		3			1	3	1
Least Flycatcher	1	5	4			3	1
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	2	1	2		3	3
Eastern Kingbird	6	5	7	7	6	5	7
<i>Western Kingbird</i>							1
Red-eyed Vireo	4	6	6	6	6	3	3
Warbling Vireo	2	3	2			2	
Philadelphia Vireo						1	
Blue-headed Vireo				1			
Blue Jay	18	30	7	7	8	3	17
American Crow	1	3	2	5	3	2	
Horned Lark		1					
Purple Martin		1					
Tree Swallow	4	4	7	10	4	10	4
Barn Swallow	1	3		3		3	
Black-capped Chickadee	1	2	7	2	3	2	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	1			
Carolina Wren	1	1	2	3		1	1
House Wren	5	2	4	4	4	2	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						1	
American Robin	7	7	6	8	8	4	4
Wood Thrush	2	2	2	3		1	2
Veery	2	4			1		1
Swainson's Thrush	4	8				3	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush		1	1			1	
Gray Catbird	4	8	3	7	1	2	2
European Starling	2	8	7	8	2	1	
Cedar Waxwing		4	4	6	104	51	17

Northern Parula	2	1	2				
Tennessee Warbler	5	4	3	2	1		
Blue-winged Warbler		1					
Nashville Warbler	9	1	2			1	2
Yellow Warbler	17	26	24	15	12	11	18
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4	2	3			1	
Magnolia Warbler	32	28	6	16	2	6	5
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2	2	2	1			
Blackburnian Warbler			1	1		1	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		1				
Black-thr. Green Warbler	3	1	1				2
"Western" Palm Warbler	1						
Bay-breasted Warbler		4		1		1	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	4	2	2	1	2	2
Black-and-white Warbler	1		2			1	
American Redstart	2	16	7	7		4	3
Ovenbird	3	1	1	1	1		
Northern Waterthrush	1	2		1		1	
Mourning Warbler			1			2	2
Common Yellowthroat	3	6	3	8		2	1
Hooded Warbler			1				
Wilson's Warbler		3	1	1		1	8
Canada Warbler	3	4	2	8		7	9
Summer Tanager							1
Scarlet Tanager	1	2	1				
Northern Cardinal	2	5	3	5	4	4	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3		1	3			
Indigo Bunting	2	5	3	7	5	6	5
Savannah Sparrow						1	
Lincoln's Sparrow							1
Swamp Sparrow		1					
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	4	3	4	4		1
Red-winged Blackbird	102	58	67	102	66	69	72
Common Grackle	82	39	39	48	36	49	21
Baltimore Oriole	10	11	15	11	10	7	5
American Goldfinch	3	6	5	6	5	7	2

SPECIES

Day	66	75	68	57	37	61	55
Spring 2008	166	167	168	169	169	171	174
This period	102			Previous period			103
May	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Weather - 1 hr after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	NW2	E2	N2	SE1	SW3	NE3	ENE2
Visibility (km)	20	30	30	30	10	8	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	2	0	0	10	10	1
Temperature ° C)	9	9	7	8	15	12	7
Precipitation					RAIN		

¹ Beaufort scale