

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 31st - NOVEMBER 6th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Although mild weather and southerly winds made for a fairly quiet time at the Point, a nice variety of migrants continued to filter through the area, with 67 species tallied during the summary period. Highlights this week included the first **Tundra Swans** of the Fall observed on November 1st, a very late **Tennessee Warbler** banded on the 2nd, 5 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** banded on the 4th, and a station-high 190 **Horned Grebes** recorded on census on November 5th.

Blackbirds and other diurnal migrants were active, with more than 2000 **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Common Grackles** noted on November 2nd and 6th, along with smaller groups of **Eastern Bluebird**, **American Pipit**, **Cedar Waxwing** and **Pine Siskin**, among others. Nine sparrow species were counted this week, **American Crows** were active, with 180 birds noted on the 1st, and a small influx of **Purple Finches** included 5 banded birds on the 1st.

A total of 67 species was recorded at the Point during the official count period compared to 60 last week and there were two 'firsts', which brings the Fall species total to 165. In all, 61 birds were banded along with seven recaptures in 155 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of .44 birds/net-hour.

Hermit Thrush photo - Claire Sanders

PIBO's next summary will be posted on November 15th.

Birds documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from October 30th - November 6th, 2008

Date	Oct/Nov	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Species								
Common Loon						1	2	
Horned Grebe		8	40	15	6	27	190	35
Double-crested Cormorant		1	6	1	7	222		
Great Blue Heron			1	1				
Turkey Vulture				2				2
Tundra Swan			5				2	

Canada Goose	60	39	40		4	2	50
American Black Duck			2				
Mallard			13	2			4
Scaup spp.		9	15	5		33	
Bufflehead	32	21	1	17	6	36	41
Common Goldeneye			2			1	6
Red-breasted Merganser	30	17	33	45	64	28	32
Bald Eagle			1				
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				1
Red-tailed Hawk	3						
Ring-necked Pheasant	1						
Wild Turkey	3	8	11			2	
Killdeer	2	5			3	4	2
Bonaparte's Gull	4	6	22	18	7	14	4
Ring-billed Gull	6	9	12	3	4	2	1
Herring Gull	4	2	2	7	1		1
Great Black-backed Gull	16	12	17	9			2
Mourning Dove	2	3		6	5	5	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	3	1			2	3
Downy Woodpecker	3	7	2		2	4	3
Northern Flicker	3	8	1		5	8	6
Eastern Phoebe	1		1				1
Blue Jay	2	13	3			2	7
American Crow		150	88			1	
Horned Lark		1				2	4
Black-capped Chickadee	12		7	1	5	5	14
Red-breasted Nuthatch							2
Brown Creeper	6		6	1		2	4
Carolina Wren	3	3	1		1	3	5
Winter Wren		1	3	1	1	2	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	10	20	29	3	11	12	42
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1				6	2	1
Eastern Bluebird						14	3
American Robin	2	30			4	8	21
Hermit Thrush	3	4	2				
European Starling	805	20	141		145	254	486
American Pipit	1	7	5	8	2	6	7
Cedar Waxwing	20	9	15		8	28	48
Orange-crowned Warbler							1
Tennessee Warbler			1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	11	6	1			1	2
Northern Cardinal		1			1	2	5
Eastern Towhee	2						
American Tree Sparrow			5	1			
Field Sparrow		3					1
Savannah Sparrow		1					
White-throated Sparrow	8	3	1				
White-crowned Sparrow							1
Fox Sparrow	1						
Song Sparrow	1	7	6	1		1	1
Dark-eyed Junco		7	35	12	28	4	41
Snow Bunting				1			
Brown-headed Cowbird			20			2	18
Red-winged Blackbird		1.3K	1.1K		110	170	600
Rusty Blackbird	4		27		25	55	15
Common Grackle		79	1.2K		740	250	2K
Purple Finch		8	1		1	26	3
House Finch						3	
Pine Siskin			4			18	8
American Goldfinch	7	17	5	4	18	64	96
House Sparrow							4

SPECIES

Day	37	40	46	21	30	42	47
Fall 2008	163	164	165	165	165	165	165
This period	67		Previous period				60

