

MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 12th - 18th, 2008

Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO)



Two days of steady rain and strong south winds associated with hurricane Ike produced little migration activity at the beginning of the week, but conditions changed dramatically on September 16th and a wonderful variety of birds appeared in significant numbers during the final three days of the summary period. Season-high daily counts were established for many species including 54 **Swainson's Thrushes** (September 16th), 28 **Gray-cheeked Thrushes** (16th), 52 **Magnolia Warblers** (18th), 22 **Ovenbirds** (16th) and 15 **Black-throated Blue Warblers** (16th), among

others.

There were lots of birds recorded on both the census and in the netting area on the 16th and 18th, with 54 species tallied on census on the latter day along with 129 birds banded of twenty-five species. In all, 68 species were recorded in the official count area on September 18th including 19 warbler species and forms. The 16th was even more active in the netting area when 153 birds were captured including 43 **Swainson's** and 29 **Gray-cheeked Thrushes**.

Shorebirds, flycatchers and swallows continued to taper off this week and raptors were few and far between, with just four species observed from the 12th - 18th. At the same time, warblers and thrushes showed a dramatic increase (all but thirty-four of the 357 birds banded this week were from these two families) along with a host of typical September migrants that made their first appearance of the fall on the final morning of the summary period including **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, **Blue-headed Vireo**, **Winter Wren**, **Pine Warbler** and **White-throated Sparrow**.

A total of 96 species was recorded at the Point this week during the official count period compared to 92 last week and ten Fall 'firsts' were noted, which brings the Fall species total to 128. In all, 357 birds were banded along with one recapture in 280 net-hours, for an average catch-rate of 1.28 birds/net-hour.

Blue-headed Vireo - Sumiko Onishi

PIBO's next summary will be posted on September 27th.

Birds documented at Fish Point by PIBO staff from September 12TH - 18TH, 2008

Date	September	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Species & forms								
Double-crested Cormorant		780	3.9K	4K	10K	1.6K	70	8K
Great Blue Heron					1		1	1
Turkey Vulture							1	
Canada Goose		29	19	14	58	26	24	31
Wood Duck		7	13	4				2
Mallard						1	1	1
Redhead			1	1				
Bald Eagle		1		1		1	3	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	1	1	1	1	6
Red-tailed Hawk								1
Merlin							2	
Semipalmated Plover		1						
Spotted Sandpiper				1				
Ruddy Turnstone				2				
Sanderling		9	10	43	19		3	3
Baird's Sandpiper		3		2	2			
Semipalmated Sandpiper				1				
Bonaparte's Gull				19	4			
Ring-billed Gull		55	45	220	1700	3	16	40
Herring Gull		20	33	15	180	5	11	12
Great Black-backed Gull		40	30	30		8	9	30
Common Tern		1	1	10				
Mourning Dove		2	4	4	5	2	2	3
Rock Dove		1						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						2		
Great Horned Owl						1		
Chimney Swift				1		3		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					2	2		3
Belted Kingfisher		1					1	
Red-headed Woodpecker						1		
Red-bellied Woodpecker				1			1	
Downy Woodpecker				3	1	2	3	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1
Northern Flicker				1	1	4	2	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee					1			1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		1		1	2	3	1	
"Traill's" Flycatcher							1	
Least Flycatcher						1		1
Great Crested Flycatcher		1			1	1		
Eastern Kingbird						1		
Red-eyed Vireo		2			1	7	3	5
Philadelphia Vireo							1	2
Blue-headed Vireo								2
Blue Jay		1		1	1	2	4	6
American Crow		1			1	2	4	11
Horned Lark						1		

Barn Swallow	7	1	3			4	
Black-capped Chickadee			9	3	8	19	10
Red-breasted Nuthatch					3	2	4
Carolina Wren	1	1	3	5	4	2	6
House Wren					1		2
Winter Wren							5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					2		5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						1	1
American Robin	1				2	1	1
Wood Thrush					1		1
Veery			1	2	1	1	1
Swainson's Thrush	3	1	2	10	54	17	29
Gray-cheeked Thrush			3	7	28	6	17
Gray Catbird	1				2	3	2
Brown Thrasher					3	2	1
European Starling			6		3		
American Pipit							1
Cedar Waxwing		14	11		15	2	2
Northern Parula					1	1	3
"Brewster's" Warbler							1
Tennessee Warbler						1	2
Nashville Warbler					8	4	8
Chestnut-sided Warbler			1	1	1		2
Magnolia Warbler			3	2	37	11	42
Black-throated Blue Warbler					15	5	6
Blackburnian Warbler					1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler							3
Black-thr. Green Warbler					1		1
Palm Warbler							9
Pine Warbler							1
Bay-breasted Warbler							1
Blackpoll Warbler				7	12	4	10
Black-and-white Warbler				1	8	5	8
American Redstart	2		2	3	10	4	15
Ovenbird				1	22		10
Northern Waterthrush					2		1
Mourning Warbler					1		
Common Yellowthroat					1	1	2
Wilson's Warbler							1
Canada Warbler					2		
Northern Cardinal	2	5	2		2	2	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					3		2
White-throated Sparrow							5
Song Sparrow							1
Lincoln's Sparrow						1	1
Brown-headed Cowbird				4			
Red-winged Blackbird		3		10	43	2	2
Common Grackle			1	15	6		1
House Finch							1
American Goldfinch			11	2	21	4	17

SPECIES & FORMS

Day	26	18	37	34	58	48	68
Fall 2008	118	119	119	120	121	121	128
This period	96		Previous period				92
September	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Weather- 1 hr. after sunrise

Wind direction/strength ¹	SW4	SW3	SW4	WNW3	NNW2	W4	ENE4
Visibility (km)	6	10	20	30	25	30	30
Cloud cover (0-10)	10	10	5	8	8	0	0
Temperature (o C)	21	19	23	17	15	17	16
Precipitation	RAIN	RAIN					

¹ Beaufort scale