

PIBO MIGRATION SUMMARY

August 11th - 20th, 2010



American Redstart

Although a nice variety of migrants moved through the area in small numbers during the summary period, a hot and humid mid-month made for a fairly quiet time at Fish Point from August 11th - 20th. But despite the balmy conditions, there was some active diurnal migration on a number of mornings, with a steady stream of kingbirds, swallows, waxwings, bobolinks, red-wings, and orioles, observed flying south from the tip. Interestingly, these movements occurred only on days with south and southwest winds. But with dawn temperatures as high as 25° C, along with predominately east and southwest winds, songbird activity was generally light in mid-August compared to previous years, which was likely due to the warm weather.

Seventeen Fall 'firsts' were recorded from August 11th - 20th including **Ruddy Turnstone** (Aug 14th), **Peregrine Falcon** (Aug 12th), **Magnolia Warbler** (Aug 16th), **Ovenbird** (Aug 19th), **Mourning Warbler** (Aug 11th), and **Cape May Warbler** (Aug 20th), among others. The highlight of the week was a **Prothonotary Warbler** noted on census on August 13th.

Ones-and-twos of a variety of species were banded earlier in the summary period, including **Least** and **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Northern Waterthrush**, and **Canada Warbler**, but activity picked-up on the 17th and continued until the 20th. **American Redstarts** were abundant, with 14 individuals banded on the 20th, followed by smaller numbers of **Black-and-white**, **Tennessee**, **Chestnut-sided** and **Magnolia Warbler**. In all, eleven warbler species were captured during the ten-day period.

While the **Common Terns** noted in the last migration summary (August 1st - 10th) were absent this week, cormorant and gull totals increased considerably after the 15th, with 3600 **Double-crested Cormorants** and 1200 gulls of four species recorded on August 17th. Shorebirds were more in evidence as well, with a group of 8 **Sanderlings**, a few turnstones, and the season's first **Semipalmated Plover** noted on August 18th.

PIBO's next migration summary will be posted on September 2nd.

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