

## PIBO MIGRATION SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 11th - 20th



*Golden-winged Warbler*

It was a busy and exciting time for birds during the summary period and lots of Spring migrants stopped over on Pelee from May 11th - 20th en route to their summering grounds. Diversity at the station peaked on May 12th when 78 species were recorded in PIBO's standard 'count' area during six hours of morning coverage, including nineteen warbler species. Warblers were also abundant on May 16th, with twenty-two species noted on the day.

Although rain affected the mist-netting operation, a total of 308 birds were captured from the 11th - 20th including good numbers of **Ovenbirds** (29 banded), **Magnolia Warblers** (24), **Common Yellowthroats** (18), and **Northern Waterthrushes** (18), along with a nice variety of flycatchers, vireos and thrushes, among others. Diversity at the nets peaked on May 16th when 45 birds of twenty-six species were banded, including fourteen warbler *spp.*

While there were no dramatic fall-outs, a steady pulse of migrant songbirds moved through the area on a daily basis along with increased numbers of shorebirds and other non-passerines, and staff and volunteers kept busy both on the census and in the mist-netting area. Waterfowl were few and far between, but good numbers of terns were tallied on May 14th when 350+ **Common Terns** were recorded at the Tip, along with a station-high 44 **Caspian Terns** on the 18th.

A number of unusual species were observed during the summary period by PIBO staff and volunteers including a singing **Western Wood-Pewee** on May 18th and a **Lark Sparrow** noted the following day. Both birds were discovered at Fish Point by Ken Burrell from the University of Waterloo. The pewee is possibly just the third record for the province and likely a first for Southern Ontario. Other noteworthy species included a **Louisiana Waterthrush** on the 12th, a **Golden-winged Warbler**

banded on the 13th, **Yellow-throated Vireo** (15th), **Summer Tanager** (17th), and a **Cerulean Warbler** and banded **Acadian Flycatcher** (20th).

PIBO's 2010 Birdathon fundraiser took place on May 14th and thanks to Ken Burrell - our honorary Birdathon leader - a total of 123 species was recorded on the island during a 24-hour period. Highlights from the day included **Wilson's Phalarope**, **White-rumped Sandpiper**, **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, **Kentucky** and **Hooded Warbler**, along with a nice variety of other May migrants. The results were particularly impressive given the relatively low number of waterfowl and shorebirds that frequent the island in mid-May. PIBO wishes to thank everyone for all their support and encouragement, along with a special thanks to Ken.

PIBO's next summary will be posted on June 1st

Photo: Claire Sanders

Below is a complete list of the birds recorded on May 14th

### **PIBO Birdathon Species Summary**

Horned Grebe  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Turkey Vulture  
Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Bald Eagle  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Wild Turkey  
Black-bellied Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Sanderling  
Dunlin  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
American Woodcock  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Ring-billed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Great Black-backed Gull  
Caspian Tern

Common Tern  
Forster's Tern  
Mourning Dove  
Great Horned Owl  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Willow Flycatcher  
Least Flycatcher  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Yellow-throated Vireo  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Horned Lark  
Purple Martin  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Tree Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
Wood Thrush  
Veery  
Swainson's Thrush  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
Gray Catbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
American Pipit  
Cedar Waxwing  
Northern Parula  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Nashville Warbler

Yellow Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
American Redstart  
Ovenbird  
Northern Waterthrush  
Mourning Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Wilson's Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Hooded Warbler  
Scarlet Tanager  
Northern Cardinal  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
Bobolink  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Baltimore Oriole  
Orchard Oriole  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow

123 species