

PIBO MIGRATION SUMMARY

October 1st - 10th, 2011



Yellow-rumped Warbler

Migration continued apace into the first week of October although it was generally quiet throughout most of the coverage period with the exception of a few active mornings at the start of the month. Typically one of the busiest times of the season, migration at the Point from the 1st – 10th was casual compared to previous years. Here's a brief summary of events:

October 1st

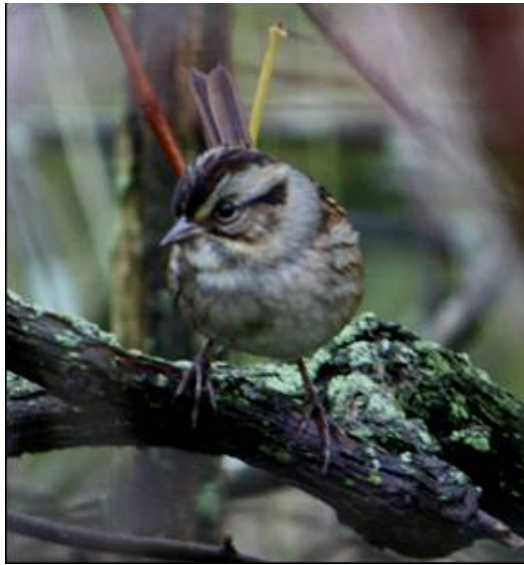
There was a noticeable increase in activity on the census with 30 *catharus thrushes* recorded along with a variety of other species in small numbers - **Blackpoll, Palm,, and Yellow-rumped Warblers, Swamp and Song Sparrows**, some high-flying **Tree Swallows**, and a few **Hawks and Falcons**. Intermittent rain kept the nets closed.

October 2nd

Lots of birds in the area this morning and a nice variety of early and late migrants including **eight warbler spp.**, a few lingering **Red-eyed Vireos**, six **sparrows** species, and increased numbers of **kinglets** (47 **Golden-crowns** and 25 **Ruby crowns**), 34 **catharus thrushes** (**Swainson's, Gray-cheeked and Hermit**, including 19 banded **Gray-cheeks**), 39 **Yellow-rumped Sparrows**, and 48 **White-throated Sparrows**. Nine fall "firsts" were tallied including a banded **Orange-crowned Warblers**.

October 3rd

A wet and windy morning with just the census and some additional observations completed. Lots of **Blue Jays** (168) departing in groups from the tip and some **kinglets, Yellow-rumps, and White-throats** in the netting area, but not a lot of additional activity, with just twenty-eight species recorded by three staff and volunteers in 90-minutes of coverage.



Swamp Sparrow

October 4th

Another substantial fall-out last night and a wide range of species (57) reported on the day including 4 **raptor** spp., a banded **Eastern Wood-Pewee**, 3 **Blue-headed Vireos**, both species of **nuthatches**, lots of **kinglets** (73 **Golden-crowns**), **thrushes** (22 banded), and eight **warbler** species, among others. A captured **Fox Sparrow** was new for the fall.

October 5th

It was active again this morning on census but there were fewer birds in the netting area. Totals on the day included 15 **Yellow-rumps** and 3 **Black-throated Blue Warblers** observed along with ones-and-twos of five **woodpecker** species (including **Red-headed**), **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, **creepers**, **Winter Wrens**, **kinglets**, and a few **thrushes**. Five **raptor** spp. including a **Peregrine**.

October 6th

It was warm (15° C) and calm this morning with not much bird news apart from a small contingent of **Blue Jays**, **kinglets**, some more **thrushes**, a few **Yellow-rumps**, and 2 **Blue-headed Vireos**. **Cormorant** numbers on census were down to sixty, but up to 500 **gulls** were found at the tip - mostly **Ring-bills** along with **Herring** and **Great Black-backed**.

October 7th

Just four birds captured today in four hours and not many migrants on census or in the netting area. Some **Blue Jays** (84) and **Winter Wrens** (9) along with small numbers of others - **Hermit Thrush** and **Wood Thrush**, **waxwings** and **pipits**, and a few **sparrows** - but generally not much activity on the day.

October 8th

A mostly uneventful morning and not much to report - 34 species noted on the day during four hours of coverage.

October 9th

A large group of **Blue Jays** (721) observed heading southwest off the tip during census and "official" fall-firsts for **Horned Lark** and **Purple Finch**.



Dark-eyed Junco

October 10th

Light southeast winds, 17° C at dawn, and a quiet morning after a festive PIBO Thanksgiving dinner with eighteen friends and family the night before. Although there were no **Wild Turkey**, 56 **Canada Geese** were noted on census along with small numbers of the following species: **Sharp-shinned** and **Red-tailed Hawk**, **Killdeer**, **Blue Jay**, both **kinglet** spp., **robins** and **waxwings**, and a few **sparrows**...

PIBO's next migration summary will be posted shortly.

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