

PIBO MIGRATION SUMMARY September 21st - 30th, 2011



American Redstart

Here is a brief summary of migration activity at Fish Point from September 21st - 30th including some excerpts from PIBO's daily log.

September 21st

A quiet census and not much activity in the netting area. It was warm at dawn (21° C) with light southeast winds and steady rain starting around 9 a.m. A **Peregrine Falcon** was new for the fall.

September 22nd

Cooler this morning but winds still from the south. Not much to report apart from 16 **Sanderlings** at the tip, a few banded thrushes, four warbler species, 3 **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** and some catbirds.

September 23rd

Lots of rain but a few more birds including over 1000 **Common Terns** at the tip, 70 **Bonaparte's Gulls**, a **Red-eyed Vireo**, and nine warbler spp.

September 24th

Intense thunderstorms last night but still warm, with a dawn temperature of 23° C. More activity this morning including nine warbler species banded in small numbers along with some thrushes and kinglets. Another female **Peregrine** on census along with a **Merlin** and 12 **Sharp-shins**. There was a small increase in diurnal migration including about 200 blackbirds and 61 **Blue Jays**.



Red-breasted Nuthatch

September 25th

Ones-and-twos of a nice range of species - **Philadelphia Vireo**, **Swainson's** and **Gray-cheeked Thrush**, the first **pipits** of the fall, a banded **Northern Parula**, along with eleven other warbler species.

September 26th

It was generally quiet with the exception of the first **Green-winged Teal** of the season and a season-high 11,500 **cormorants** at the tip.

September 27th

Some **Sharp-shins** and 3 **Bald Eagles** were noted on the census along with 46 **Canada Geese** and 72 **Blue Jays**.

September 28th

A similar day to the 27th with 67 **Blue Jays** along with a couple of **Wood Thrushes**, a banded **Bay-breasted Warbler** and **Ovenbird**, and ones-and-two of a variety of others.

September 29th

Prolonged south winds and warm temperatures brought things to a near standstill, with few migrants around except for a handful of thrushes and warblers.

September 30th

A steady gale from the west and lots of rain on the last day of the month made for a quiet time, with only seventeen species tallied on the census, and just five songbird species. A few raptors of five species were noted including three falcon spp. - **kestrel**, **merlin**, and **peregrine**. Four high-flying Chimney Swifts were observed departing south from the point.

PIBO's migration summary for the period October 1st - 15th will be posted shortly.

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