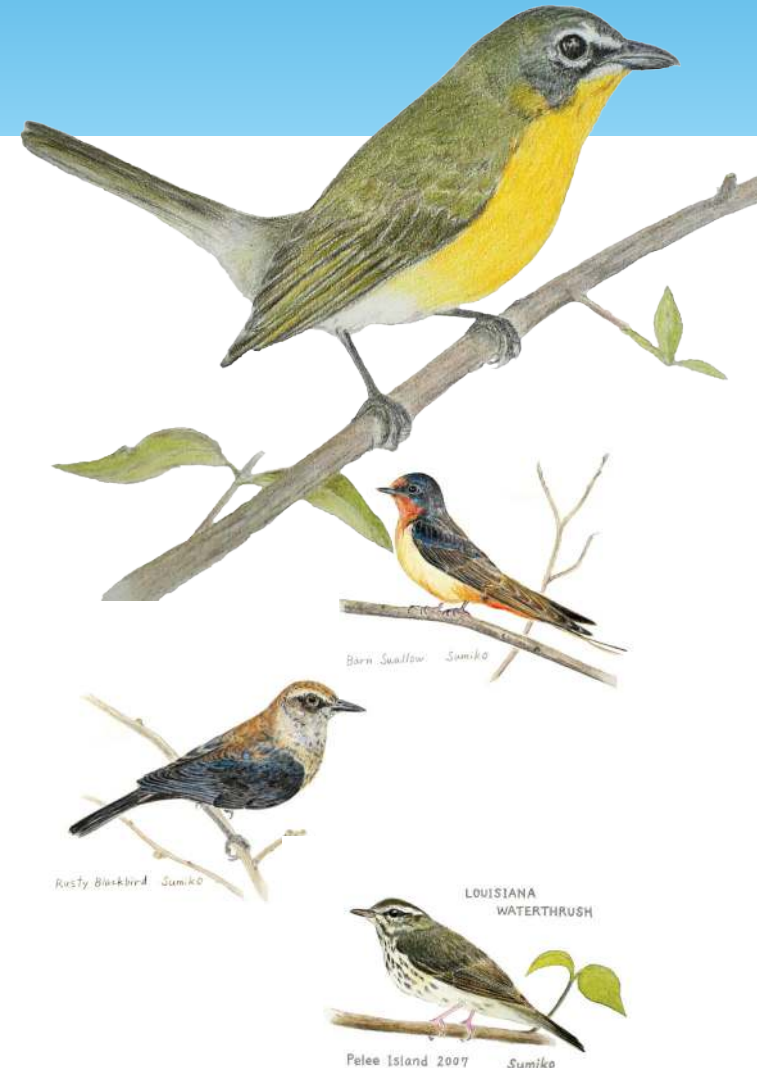


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Pelee Island Bird Observatory

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About Pelee Island Bird Observatory

The Pelee Island Bird Observatory (PIBO) is a non-profit charitable organisation devoted to the study and conservation of birds. Our field station, located in Fish Point Provincial Nature Reserve, is open to the public each spring and autumn.

PIBO's Mandate

Conduct long-term migration monitoring research on Pelee Island as a member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network (CMMN).

Conduct long-term studies of Pelee's significant breeding bird communities.

Serve as an educational centre for the public, school groups, and the community, and promote volunteer participation in local conservation projects.

Highlight the importance of Pelee Island's unique natural heritage.



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PIBO Educational Programs

A significant part of PIBO's mission is to educate and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards. To fit the needs of each class, PIBO's educational programs can be presented in the classroom, on Pelee Island, or via video-conferencing. The programs are free and available for Grades 1-12. In-class and video-conferencing programs are available in the Fall, and on-island programs can be arranged in the Spring and Fall.

Collectively, our educational programs were recognized by the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) in 2012 when PIBO was presented with ERCA's Conservation Education Award for Organisations.

“Terrific – attracted and retained audience's attention and presented engaging information – really sparked interest in my students”
– Teacher, Tecumseh, ON.

In-class Programming

PIBO staff visit classrooms across Southwestern Ontario with curriculum-linked presentations and activities. Using local species as case studies, students learn about habitat requirements, biodiversity, and impacts of humans and technology on the environment. Students also learn about PIBO's work monitoring migratory songbirds and our Species at Risk studies on Pelee.

“Pelee has a very special place
in our hearts! We know that our students always benefit greatly from visits from PIBO staff!”
– Teacher, London, ON.

On-island Programs

Come visit us on beautiful Pelee Island! Classes can see songbird banding demonstrations, talk with PIBO staff and volunteers about migration monitoring and conservation, and take part in guided nature hikes through the Carolinian forest of Fish Point Provincial Nature Reserve.

Video-conferencing Program

New in 2012, students and PIBO staff can now connect via a video-conference link-up in the classroom. This program is available to any class, near or far, and can often be combined with our in-class programming. During the video-conference, students interact with PIBO biologists as we capture and band birds live from Pelee Island!



“Students were engaged and challenged by topics presented – two things we look for in presentations we take part in...We look forward to having PIBO back in the future!”
– Teacher, Leamington, ON.

