

# PIBO Migration Summary

August 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013



*Least Sandpiper*

Shorebirds and swallows continued to move through the area in moderate numbers from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> and there was a slight but noticeable increase in migrant songbird activity as well. Nineteen fall ‘firsts’ were noted including ones-and-twos of eight warbler species. Daily species diversity at the station ranged from a low of 29 on August 11<sup>th</sup> to a high of 51 on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Gull numbers reached a near station-high on August 11<sup>th</sup> when almost 5000 birds were estimated at the tip on the morning census – mostly Ring-billed along with small numbers of Bonaparte’s, Herring, and Great Black-backs. Common Terns were numerous on the 14<sup>th</sup>, with 1200 birds noted.

Shorebirds were observed on most days, with five species recorded on the 12<sup>th</sup> including 11 Sanderlings, 3 Semipalmated Plovers, Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers.

An Osprey and six shorebird *spp.* were observed on August 15<sup>th</sup> along with a few songbirds including American Redstart and Northern Waterthrush. A Sora calling at Fox Pond on the 16<sup>th</sup> and a Greater Yellowlegs and Canada Warbler the next day were both fall 'firsts'. August 17<sup>th</sup> was the most active morning at the station since coverage began on the 1<sup>st</sup>, with 51 species noted, including eight warbler species, along with a nice variety of others. Fall 'firsts' included Bobolink, Ovenbird, Blackburnian and Black-and-white Warbler.

The 19<sup>th</sup> was equally active – fifty species were tallied during the morning coverage period. A Chestnut-sided Warbler was new for the season. Other species on the day included small numbers of Least and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Barn and Bank Swallow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, and another eight warbler *spp.* The wind returned to the south on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> and migrant numbers tapered off on the final day of the summary period.

*PIBO's next migration update will be posted on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

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