



## PIBO Migration Summary

August 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Migration activity at Fish Point from August 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> followed a typical pattern for this time of year, with new arrivals showing up almost daily, along with increased numbers of species already present in the area. Thirty-two fall 'firsts' were noted over sixteen days, including seventeen warbler species, which brought the total for PIBO's standardized coverage in August to 107 species. The jump in diversity and abundance over the summary period was evident in the netting area as well – 188 birds were banded in the last week of August compared to just sixty individuals from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. A nice mix was encountered in the nets – from **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds** to **Wood Thrushes** and **Baltimore Orioles** – 36 species in all. Nineteen warbler species were handled and 173 banded, or 70% of the birds captured (248).

It was hot and humid on August 16<sup>th</sup> but there were a few birds on hand, with 41 species recorded in the count area. A hatch-year, male, **Canada Warbler** was the first bird banded this autumn and one of only a few birds captured over the first days of netting. Lots of **Common Terns** continued to frequent the tip – 700 on August 17<sup>th</sup> – along with 500 **cormorants** and 600 **gulls** (mostly **Ring-billed**). Thunderstorms on the 18<sup>th</sup> reduced coverage to just the census – it was quiet in the woods but small groups of **Cedar Waxwings**, **Purple Martins**, and **Barn Swallows** were seen flying south off the tip. More swallows appeared the next day, including 11 **Cliff Swallows**, along with two new fall arrivals – **Cape May** and **Bay-breasted Warbler**.

Rain and strong west winds made for a low-key morning on August 20<sup>th</sup> and just 31 species were documented during four hours of coverage. The 21<sup>st</sup> was a bit busier, with 39 species tallied, including fall firsts for **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**, **Swainson's Thrush**, and **Ovenbird**. Brief northwest winds that night helped generate a modest fallout the next morning – 49 species were recorded, including 13 warbler species and ten new arrivals. A hatch-year **Prothonotary Warbler** was one of six warbler species banded in small numbers, along with a **Blue-winged Warbler**. The Prothonotary was possibly from the local nest that successfully fledged young this summer. A similar morning the next day saw another influx of warblers – twelve species – and a small flurry of activity on a late morning net round when 25 warblers were captured, including 14 **Tennessees**. Sixty **Barn Swallows** and 9 **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** on

August 24<sup>th</sup> were two of 41 species observed that day, along with a **Connecticut Warbler** discovered in the netting area.

It rained on-and-off throughout the day on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the wind swung around again to the northwest, resulting in another buildup of migrants over the next few days. A moderately active morning on August 26<sup>th</sup> saw firsts for **Osprey, Ruddy Turnstone, and Mourning Warbler**, followed by a busy day on the 27<sup>th</sup>, with 55 species reported during the official coverage period, a season-high to date. Just two new species were added for the fall – **Gray-cheeked Thrush** and **Bobolink** – but there were lots of other birds present, including 12 warbler, 6 flycatcher, and 4 thrush species. Warblers dominated again the next day – 14 species were tallied – including 22 banded of ten species.

Diversity dropped off the next morning but the netting area remained active, with 44 birds of fourteen species banded in 41 net-hours (1.07 birds/net-hour), including 9 **Chestnut-sided Warblers**. The final two days of coverage included a rainy and somewhat uneventful morning on the 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by an overcast but busy last day of the month. Fifty-six species were noted on August 31<sup>st</sup> including fifteen warbler species, and 41 birds of fifteen species were banded. **Redstarts, Magnolias, and Black-and-white Warblers** were active, along with a nice variety of others. A **Common Loon** spotted offshore on the east side of the point was a first for the fall.

The table below lists the birds captured at Fish Point from August 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

*PIBO's next migration summary will be posted on September 18<sup>th</sup>.*

Photo: Canada Warbler –Sumiko Onishi

<b>Birds captured at Fish Point from August 16th - 31st, 2015</b>	
<b>Species</b>	<b>Banded</b>
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	3
Downy Woodpecker	7
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	7
Traill's Flycatcher	2
Least Flycatcher	1
Red-eyed Vireo	9
Black-capped Chickadee	5
House Wren	2
American Robin	4
Wood Thrush	1
Veery	11
Swainson's Thrush	8

Gray-cheeked Thrush	1
Tennessee Warbler	31
Blue-winged Warbler	2
Nashville Warbler	4
Chestnut-sided Warbler	12
Magnolia Warbler	25
Cape May Warbler	4
Black-throated Blue Warbler	6
Blackburnian Warbler	6
Bay-breasted Warbler	3
Blackpoll Warbler	1
Black-and-white Warbler	30
American Redstart	22
Prothonotary Warbler	1
Ovenbird	7
Northern Waterthrush	8
Mourning Warbler	2
Common Yellowthroat	1
Wilson's Warbler	2
Canada Warbler	6
Common Grackle	3
Baltimore Oriole	6
Northern Cardinal	4
<b>36 species</b>	<b>248</b>