

Summary of Migration May 16th - May 31st

The trees were in full leaf. The sparrows have finished coming through. There were tons of **Tennessee warblers** and **Cedar waxwings** for most of this period. The temperature was very up and down, especially as the winds switched. Warbler migration came down from its peak and slowed to a halt by the end of May. Many of our flycatchers started arriving and vireos were still coming through. Most local birds were busy territory and nest building, brooding, and feeding young.

May 16th

With many warblers and thrushes coming through, the nets were busy. An abundance of **Yellow Warblers** and **Tennessee Warblers** as well as **Swainson's Thrush**, **Bay-breasted Warblers** and **Chestnut-sided Warblers** were here with their colourful streaked sides. A Plethora of shorebirds ran along the shore of Fish Point, including several of the very colourful **Ruddy Turnstones** (there were frequently close to 20 of them on the beach this season). A **Black-billed Cuckoo** arrived at the banding lab. We had several cuckoos every day over the next two weeks.

May 18th

Warbler migration was starting to slow down but there was still plenty of diversity. We saw many of our skulky warblers like **Canada Warbler**, **Mourning Warbler**, and **Wilson's Warbler**. Flycatchers were definitely on the move with several Empidonax **flycatchers**, **Great Crested Flycatchers**, and **Eastern Wood-Pewees** observed.

May 19th

More flycatchers started to arrive with a couple of **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** and a very sweet **Acadian Flycatcher**, one of a handful to come through this season.

A cold front and a switch in wind direction on May 21st meant some quiet and chilly days but some local birds were starting to nest. A couple of late **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** showed up. On May 22nd, with the cold front continuing, there were highlights of a **Peregrine Falcon** at the marsh, a **Common Loon** on the lake, and a **Northern Mockingbird** on the east shore (despite the pouring rain). With a significant drop in warbler movement, our main warbler switched from an abundance of **Tennessee Warblers** to **Yellow Warblers** being the most plentiful.

May 24th

It was a pleasant sight to see a last push of warbler migration still going strong with a good push of new passerines. A new **Prothonotary Warbler** showed up at the tip. Several more **Least Flycatchers** showed up.

May 25th

Several new shorebirds showed up, including a flock of over 40 **Black-bellied Plovers** in a field near Fish Point. There were plenty of **American White Pelicans** across the south shore every day now. The first **American Robin** chicks were starting to fledge. Banding was busy with the colourful **American Redstarts**, **Blackburnian Warblers**, and **Magnolia Warblers**.

May 26th

Standing out among the roughly 50 shorebirds at the tip of Fish Point was a stunning **Whimbrel**.

May 27th

It quieted down significantly, although partially due to a storm front, it seemed that most of the warblers had made their way through. Several shorebirds were present at Fish Point and **Green Herons** seemed to be making themselves at home by Fox Pond.

May 30th

The vast majority of migrants have moved through, but shorebirds are still migrating through in modest numbers, with a great diversity of them on the beach every day. **Great Crested Flycatchers** were nest-building. **Eastern Kingbirds** were displaying. **Tree Swallows** were brooding their young. Many other local birds were singing, nest-building, brooding eggs, and feeding young.

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