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Point Pelee National Park Migration Update for May 6, 2010:

Clear skies and relatively brisk winds from the west greeted birders this morning. A small “reverse migration” was noted with many birds flying sideways off the tip. Included were several RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS, ORIOLES, and other small songbirds.

Nearby a male PROTHONOTARY WARBLER put on quite a show foraging along the beach on the east side. Also noted there were several other species of warbler including YELLOW-RUMPED, PALM, and other common species.

The Tip itself produced a spectacular display of COMMON TERNS and BONAPARTE’S GULLS early in the morning, with hundreds of each off the tip. Also noted within this large group were A LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, a LITTLE GULL, and several BLACK TERNS.

Many migrants remain (from the surge noted yesterday) within the Park but they are more widely scattered resulting in the birding being more slow and steady. A bit north of the tip, but just south of the old Sparrow Field, several WHITE-EYED VIREOS were reported. As well, CAPE MAY, NORTHERN PARULA, BLUE-WINGED WARBLER, and a CANADA WARBLER were found. Also in the same area along the beach, an early GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH was located.

Not too many reports have come in yet from other areas in the Park, but at the south end of the Woodland Nature Trail, there was a HOODED WARBLER. Along the west beach trail, a GRASSHOPPER SPARROW was discovered.

Tilden Woods had a BLUE-WINGED WARBLER and several NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH, as well as about a dozen other warbler species.

Also reported yesterday from the Park was WORM-EATING WARBLER from Blue Heron, found about 5 pm. Just north a BLACKPOLL WARBLER also showed.

Outside the Park along the E concession, just outside the Park, behind the horse paddock, just east of the Park, multiple species of shorebirds still are congregating, including both YELLOWLEGS, DUNLIN, a SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, and a single PECTORAL SANDPIPER.

Nothing reported yet from Hillman Marsh.

Good Birding,

Hike Leaders Pete, Karl, Todd, Justin, Marianne, John and Jeremy

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