

# OCTOBER 04, 2024 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Merriman Valley to Red Lock (reverse of normal route), with a stop at the Winking Lizard in Peninsula for lunch.

TIME: 7:05am - 4:35pm TIME AFIELD: 9:00 TEMP.: 50F ~ 75F ~ 73F

COND.: Cool early, slowly warming throughout the morning, sunny and blue skies; turning mostly sunny to partly sunny

by 2:00pm; then cloudy with N/NW breezes from 2:30pm until end of census.

TRAIL COND.: Great - National Park Service leaf-blowing the trail in preparation for the annual Towpath Marathon.

RIVER COND.: Still very low and clear with many rockbars and sandbars showing.

FT. MI.: 13.85 OBS.: Douglas W. Vogus.

## I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES, 142 TOTAL.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 3 (Third October Record on Census)
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 112
3. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 7 (2 black morph)
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
5. Red Squirrel - 19

## II. BIRDS: 70 SPECIES, 1,335 TOTAL.

(NOTE: m = male; f = female; ? = bird was seen but not sexed; \* = bird was heard calling but not sexed)

1. Canada Goose - 28
2. Wood Duck - 14 (7m,7f)
3. American Black Duck - 4 (2m,2f)
4. Mallard - 10 (6m,4f)
5. Common Merganser - 11 (f/immature) (Fourth October Record on Census)
6. Pied-billed Grebe - 2 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Fourth October Record on Census)
7. Rock Pigeon - 5
8. Mourning Dove - 14

9. Chimney Swift - 25
10. Killdeer - 9
11. Solitary Sandpiper - 1 (Second October Record on Census)
12. Double-crested Cormorant - 1
13. Great Blue Heron - 4
14. Turkey Vulture - 35
15. Osprey - 2 (Fourth October Record on Census)
16. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1 (adult m) (Second October Record on Census)
17. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1 (Fifth October Record on Census)
18. Red-tailed Hawk - 5 (1 immature)
19. Belted Kingfisher - 1 (?)
20. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 (adult) (Fourth October Record on Census)
21. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 29 (5m,5f,2?,17\*) (Tied Census High from 11/2014)
22. Downy Woodpecker - 14 (5m,2f,2?,5\*)
23. Hairy Woodpecker - 8 (3m,2f,2?,1\*)
24. Northern Flicker - 8 (1m,1f,1?,5\*)
25. Pileated Woodpecker - 2 (1?,1\*)
26. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1m,1 immature f) (immature female over Akron Compost Facility and resident adult male at Ohio Turnpike bridge)
27. Eastern Phoebe - 3
28. White-eyed Vireo - 1 (still singing a half-hearted song - Second October Record on Census)
29. Warbling Vireo - 1 (First October Record on Census)
30. Blue Jay - 66
31. American Crow - 45
32. Black-capped Chickadee - 27
33. Tufted Titmouse - 8
34. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 4 (1f,3?)
35. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3 (1f,2?)
36. Cedar Waxwing - 98
37. White-breasted Nuthatch - 19 (4m,2f,1?,12\*)
38. Carolina Wren - 37 (New Census High - previous was 35 on 03/2024)
39. Gray Catbird - 10
40. European Starling - 167
41. Eastern Bluebird - 12 (3m,6f,3?)
42. Gray-cheeked Thrush - 3 (Third October Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 05/2014, 05/2015, 10/2015 & 10/2016)
43. Swainson's Thrush - 2
44. American Robin - 109
45. House Sparrow - 38
46. House Finch - 26 (2f,20?,4\*)
47. American Goldfinch - 22
48. Chipping Sparrow - 3
49. White-throated Sparrow - 18
50. Song Sparrow - 35
51. Swamp Sparrow - 4
52. Eastern Towhee - 2 (\*)
53. Red-winged Blackbird - 234 (38m,10f,185 mixed flocks,1\*)
54. Brown-headed Cowbird - 1 (m) (Fifth October Record on Census)

- 55. Rusty Blackbird - 2 (1m,1 immature m) (Fifth October Record on Census)
- 56. Common Grackle - 2
- 57. Ovenbird - 1 (First October Record on Census)
- 58. Northern Waterthrush - 1 (Second October Record on Census)
- 59. Tennessee Warbler - 3 (2m,1?)
- 60. Orange-crowned Warbler - 1
- 61. Nashville Warbler - 1 (m)
- 62. Bay-breasted Warbler - 1 (m) (Fifth October Record on Census)
- 63. Blackburnian Warbler - 1 (f) (Fifth October Record on Census)
- 64. Blackpoll Warbler - 1 (f)
- 65. Black-throated Blue Warbler - 1 (f) (Second October Record on Census)
- 66. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 26
- 67. Black-throated Green Warbler - 2 (1m,1f)
- 68. Northern Cardinal - 33 (9m,12f,11\*,2 immature\*)
- 69. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 6 (4f,2\*)
- 70. Indigo Bunting - 2 (f/immature)
- ?? Unidentified Warbler Species - 3 (fly-overs)
- ?? Unidentified Passerines - 13 (one was a possible Wood Thrush)

### **III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES, 109 TOTAL.**

- 1. Common Snapping Turtle - 2
- 2. Red-eared Turtle - 4
- 3. Midland Painted Turtle - 103

### **IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES, 22 TOTAL.**

- 1. Northern Spring Peeper - 12 (heard only)
- 2. Western Chorus Frog - 1 (heard) (First October Record on Census)
- 3. American Bullfrog - 1
- 4. Green Frog - 8

### **V. FISHES: 8 SPECIES, 291 TOTAL.**

- 1. Central Mudminnow - 12
- 2. Grass Pickerel - 2 (Third Record on Census, First October Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 07/2023 & 09/2024)
- 3. Creek Chub - 16
- 4. Bluntnose Minnow - 247 (Fifth October Record on Census)
- 5. Rock Bass - 1 (Second October Record on Census)
- 6. Largemouth Bass - 1
- 7. Bluegill - 4

8. Pumpkinseed - 8 (Fifth October Record on Census)

## **VI. BUTTERFLIES: 6 SPECIES, 9 TOTAL.**

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 2
2. Clouded Sulphur - 1
3. Pearl Crescent - 1 (Third October Record on Census)
4. Eastern Comma - 2 (Third October Record on Census)
5. Mourning Cloak - 2 (Second October Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 from 11 other occasions)
6. Monarch - 1

## **VII. MOTHS & CATERPILLARS: 2 SPECIES (1 NEW TO CENSUS), 2 TOTAL.**

1. Large Wainscot - 1 (First October Record on Census & Tied Census High from 09/2024)
2. Isabella Tiger Moth - 1 (caterpillar) (New Moth/Caterpillar Species on Census - currently at 45 Species since 01/2010)

## **VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 3 SPECIES, 6 TOTAL.**

1. Shadow Darner - 4 (Fifth October Record on Census)
2. Autumn Meadowhawk - 1 (Fifth October Record on Census)
3. Ebony Jewelwing - 1 (First October Record on Census)

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