

OCTOBER 05, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Merriman Valley, with stops at Trail Mix in Peninsula and Szalay's Sweet Corn Farm & Market.

TIME: 7:30am - 5:50pm TIME AFIELD: 10:20 TEMP.: 63F ~ 80F ~ 74F COND.: Cloudy most of the day, turning overcast.

TRAIL COND.: Good. RIVER COND.: Low - many exposed rockbars and sandbars - and very clear.

FT. MI.: 13.85 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 86 (plus one dead - trail casualty)
2. Woodchuck - 1
3. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 4
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 2
5. Red Squirrel - 11
6. American Beaver - 2 (Second October Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2014, 06/2015, 02/2019 & 04/2023)
7. White-tailed Deer - 5 (8-pt.,8-pt.,6-pt.,4-pt.,1 doe)

II. BIRDS: 62 SPECIES, 2,054 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 87
2. Wood Duck - 14 (5m,9f)
3. Blue-winged Teal - 4 (3m,1f) (Fourth Record on Census, First October Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 04/2021 & 04/2022)
4. Mallard - 1 (?)
5. Common Merganser - 36 (f/immatures) (Third October Record on Census)
6. Pied-billed Grebe - 1 (Third October Record on Census)
7. Rock Pigeon - 4
8. Mourning Dove - 35
9. Chimney Swift - 231 (New Census High - previous was 208 on 09/2014)
10. Killdeer - 17
11. Herring Gull - 1 (Second October Record on Census)
12. Great Blue Heron - 8
13. Green Heron - 2 (Third October Record on Census)
14. Turkey Vulture - 19
15. Cooper's Hawk - 2 (immature m)
16. Bald Eagle - 3 (2 adult,1 immature)
17. Red-tailed Hawk - 2 (one female caught an Eastern Chipmunk)
18. Belted Kingfisher - 4 (3m,1*)
19. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 20 (3m,1f,4?,12*)
20. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2 (?) (Tied Census High from 04/2010, 10/2010 & 10/2013)
21. Downy Woodpecker - 15 (3m,8f,1?,3*)
22. Hairy Woodpecker - 4 (1f,1?,2*)
23. Northern Flicker - 11 (2m,6?,3*)
24. Pileated Woodpecker - 9 (1m,1?,7*)
25. American Kestrel - 2 (1m,1f) (Second October Record on Census)
26. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1m,1f)
27. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1
28. Eastern Phoebe - 4
29. Blue Jay - 87 (New Census High - previous was 59 on 11/2018 & 10/2020)
30. American Crow - 99
31. Black-capped Chickadee - 23
32. Tufted Titmouse - 17
33. Cedar Waxwing - 27
34. White-breasted Nuthatch - 13 (3m,1f,1?,8*)

35. Carolina Wren - 14
36. House Wren - 1 (Fifth October Record on Census)
37. Gray Catbird - 1
38. European Starling - 376
39. Eastern Bluebird - 10 (1f,8?,1*)
40. Swainson's Thrush - 1
41. American Robin - 84
42. House Sparrow - 88
43. House Finch - 3 (1?,2*)
44. American Goldfinch - 9
45. Song Sparrow - 10
46. Lincoln's Sparrow - 1
47. Swamp Sparrow - 11
48. Eastern Towhee - 1 (*)
49. Red-winged Blackbird - 132 (19m,1f,112?)
50. Brown-headed Cowbird - 5 (2m,1f,2?)
51. Common Grackle - 417
52. Tennessee Warbler - 1 (m)
53. Orange-crowned Warbler - 1
54. Common Yellowthroat - 1 (f)
55. Bay-breasted Warbler - 1 (m) (Fourth October Record on Census)
56. Blackburnian Warbler - 1 (m) (Fourth October Record on Census)
57. Blackpoll Warbler - 2
58. Palm Warbler - 9
59. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 18
60. Black-throated Green Warbler - 3 (2m,1f)
61. Scarlet Tanager - 2 (m) (one still singing!)
62. Northern Cardinal - 18 (3m,4f,11*)

Unidentified Warbler Species - 12 (fly-overs)

Unidentified Passerines - 14

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES, 1 DEAD.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 2
2. Red-eared Turtle - 2
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 33
4. Northern Water Snake - 1 (Second October Record on Census)

X. Northern Brown Snake - 2 (dead - trail casualties)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES, 1 DEAD.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 38 (heard)
2. Gray Treefrog - 1 (heard) (First October Record on Census)
3. Bullfrog - 2
4. Green Frog - 14

X. American Toad - 1 (dead - trail casualty)

V. FISHES: 10 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 36
2. Creek Chub - 11
3. Bluntnose Minnow - 236
4. Common White Sucker - 6 (First October Record on Census)

5. Northern Hog Sucker - 1 (Fifth October Record on Census)
6. Largemouth Bass - 1
7. Smallmouth Bass - 7 (First October Record on Census)
8. Bluegill - 2
9. Pumpkinseed - 1
10. Barred Fantail Darter - 1 (First October Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 2 SPECIES.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 2
2. Pearl Crescent - 2 (Second October Record on Census)

VII. MOTHS: 3 SPECIES - 2 CATERPILLARS ONLY.

1. Definite Tussock Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 19 Moth Species since 01/2010)
2. Hickory Tussock Moth - 1 (caterpillar) (New Species on Census - currently at 20 Moth/Caterpillar Species since 01/2010)
3. Cinnabar Moth - 1 (caterpillar) (New Species on Census - currently at 21 Moth/Caterpillar Species since 01/2010)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Shadow Darner - 14 (Fourth October Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 6 on 09/2020)

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