

NOVEMBER 03, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Merriman Valley, with a stop at Trail Mix in Peninsula.

TIME: 7:50am - 5:20pm TEMP.: 36F ~ 60F ~ 57F COND.: Brisk early with full sun and blue skies, breezy all day with winds from the south; turning partly cloudy from 2:20pm until end of census.

TRAIL COND.: Recently leaf-blown and good with a few wet and muddy spots in the usual low areas; Freshly laid crushed limestone from Botzum Trailhead south to Merriman Valley (Summit Metro Parks section).

RIVER COND.: Normal and very clear.

FT. MI.: 13.55 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 44
2. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 6 (1 black morph)
3. Red Squirrel - 15
4. Common Raccoon - 1 (Second November Record on Census)
5. White-tailed Deer - 8 (10-pt. buck, 9-point buck, 5-point buck, half a 4-point buck - the other antler was sheared off, 4 does)

II. BIRDS: 53 SPECIES, 1,854 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 61
2. Wood Duck - 13 (7m, 6f)
3. American Black Duck - 40
4. Mallard - 36 (25m, 11f)
5. Ruddy Duck - 1 (f) (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Second Record on Census, Second November Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11/2019)
6. Pied-billed Grebe - 1 (Ira Beaver Marsh)
7. Rock Pigeon - 8
8. Mourning Dove - 14
9. Killdeer - 3
10. Ring-billed Gull - 2
11. Great Blue Heron - 6
12. Cooper's Hawk - 3 (1 immature m, 1f, 1 immature f)
13. Bald Eagle - 6 (4 adult, 2 immature)
14. Red-tailed Hawk - 14
15. Eastern Screech-Owl - 2 (gray morph)
16. Belted Kingfisher - 3 (2m, 1*)
17. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 (along Stumpy Basin boardwalk - Second November Record on Census)
18. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 18 (8m, 3f, 1?, 6*)
19. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 (f) (Third November Record on Census)
20. Downy Woodpecker - 9 (4m, 4?, 1*)
21. Hairy Woodpecker - 3 (?)
22. Northern Flicker - 6 (1m, 1f, 1?, 3*)
23. Pileated Woodpecker - 5 (2m, 1f, 2*)
24. Merlin - 2 (m) (Fourth November Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 19 other occasions)
25. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1m, 1f)
26. Eastern Phoebe - 1 (Fifth November Record on Census)
27. Blue Jay - 35
28. American Crow - 712 (two flocks of 635 birds total heading to roost at end of census)
29. Black-capped Chickadee - 21
30. Tufted Titmouse - 5
31. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 (?) (Fifth November Record on Census)
32. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1 (f)
33. Cedar Waxwing - 67
34. White-breasted Nuthatch - 13 (1m, 1f, 11*)

35. Carolina Wren - 9
36. Winter Wren - 1
37. European Starling - 311
38. Eastern Bluebird - 41 (6m,4f,29?,1*)
39. American Robin - 130
40. House Sparrow - 68
41. House Finch - 8 (3m,1f,4?)
42. Purple Finch - 3 (f) (feeding on berries along Stumpy Basin boardwalk - Third November Record on Census)
43. American Goldfinch - 15
44. American Tree Sparrow - 2
45. Dark-eyed Junco - 2 (1m,1f)
46. White-throated Sparrow - 42
47. Song Sparrow - 8
48. Swamp Sparrow - 3
49. Eastern Towhee - 1 (*)
50. Red-winged Blackbird - 27 (21m,6f)
51. Rusty Blackbird - 35 (1m,34 mixed flock)
52. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 11
53. Northern Cardinal - 17 (8m,5f,4*)

???. Unidentified Passerines - 4

III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 15

IV. FISHES: 3 SPECIES.

1. Creek Chub - 4
2. Bluntnose Minnow - 27 (Fourth November Record on Census)
3. Northern Hog Sucker - 1 (Third November Record on Census)

V. DRAGONFLIES: 2 SPECIES.

1. Shadow Darter - 1 (Third November Record on Census)
2. Autumn Meadowhawk - 4 (Fourth November Record on Census)

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