

NOVEMBER 05, 2022 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 7:55am - 5:10pm TEMP.: 63F ~ 77F ~ 76F COND.: Sunny with blue skies early, turning breezy with S/SW winds; turning partly cloudy at 9:30am, then cloudy with winds increasing, some gusts at 20-plus mph; unseasonably warm; turning back to mostly sunny from 3:15pm until end of census. As the winds increased - the birds decreased.

TRAIL COND.: Good at start, but trail became increasing littered with fallen branches and debris; heard two large trees fall and witnessed another lose a 15-foot limb; one dead ash tree had fallen across trail south of Ira Rd. Heads up!

RIVER COND.: Low and mostly clear.

FT. MI.: 14.00 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

#### I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 2
2. Woodchuck - 1 (Fourth November Record on Census)
3. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 7 (2 black morph)
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
5. Red Squirrel - 20
6. Common Raccoon - 1 (in a tree cavity - First November Record on Census)
7. White-tailed Deer - 1 (doe)

#### II. BIRDS: 46 SPECIES, 1 HYBRID, 1,109 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 39
2. Wood Duck - 4 (2m,2f)
3. American Black Duck - 38 (19m,19f)
4. Mallard - 26 (17m,9f)
5. Northern Pintail - 1 (m) (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Second November Record on Census)
6. Green-winged Teal - 1 (f) (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Third Record on Census, Second November Record on Census & Tied Census High from 10/2010 & 11/2021)
7. Rock Pigeon - 8
8. Mourning Dove - 49
9. Great Blue Heron - 3
10. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2 (1 immature m,1 immature f) (Fourth November Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11/2014)
11. Cooper's Hawk - 2 (1m,1f)
12. Bald Eagle - 7 (5 adult,2 immature)
13. Red-tailed Hawk - 5
14. Eastern Screech-Owl - 4 (all gray morphs - three in sycamore cavities and one in a sugar maple cavity)
15. Belted Kingfisher - 3 (2m,1f)
16. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9 (3m,1f,5\*)
17. Downy Woodpecker - 13 (1m,2f,3?,7\*)
18. Hairy Woodpecker - 5 (1m,2?,2\*)
19. Pileated Woodpecker - 3 (2m,1f)
20. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m) (at Ohio Turnpike bridge and later soaring over Lock 29 in Peninsula)
21. Blue Jay - 36
22. American Crow - 22
23. Black-capped Chickadee - 21
24. Tufted Titmouse - 14
25. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3 (1m,2f)
26. Cedar Waxwing - 19
27. White-breasted Nuthatch - 24 (8m,6f,2?,8\*)
28. Carolina Wren - 19
29. European Starling - 10
30. Eastern Bluebird - 23 (7m,6f,5?,5\*)
31. American Robin - 118

32. House Sparrow - 29
33. House Finch - 30 (4m,11f,12?,3\*) (New Census High - previous was 20 on 01/2012)
34. American Goldfinch - 30
35. Fox Sparrow - 2
36. Dark-eyed Junco - 3 (1m,1f,1\*)
37. White-crowned Sparrow - 1 (Fifth November Record on Census)
38. White-throated Sparrow - 21
39. Song Sparrow - 6
40. Swamp Sparrow - 4
41. Eastern Towhee - 1 (\*)
42. Red-winged Blackbird - 291 (158m,122f,11?)
43. Brown-headed Cowbird - 32 (21m,11f)
44. Rusty Blackbird - 58 (19m,39f)
45. Common Grackle - 7
46. Northern Cardinal - 34 (13m,7f,1 juvenile f,13\*)

HYBRID - American Black Duck X Mallard - 1 (m) (eleventh record on census - all at Ira Beaver Marsh)

?? Unidentified Blackbirds - 20

?? Unidentified Passerines - 7

### III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 1 (Third November Record on Census)
2. Red-eared Turtle - 1 (Third November Record on Census)
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 9
4. Eastern Garter Snake - 2 (First November Record on Census)

### IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 20 (heard only)
2. Western Chorus Frog - 1 (heard only - First November Record on Census)
3. Bullfrog - 1 (Fourth November Record on Census)
4. Green Frog - 11 (Third November Record on Census)

### V. FISHES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Gizzard Shad - 1 (Second November Record on Census)
2. Central Mudminnow - 2 (Second November Record on Census)
3. Bluntnose Minnow - 132 (Third November Record on Census)
4. Northern Hog Sucker - 2 (Second November Record on Census)

### VI. BUTTERFLIES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 1 (Fourth November Record on Census)

### VII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 2 SPECIES.

1. Shadow Darner - 6 (Second November Record on Census & Tied Census High from 09/2020)
2. Autumn Meadowhawk - 2 (Third November Record on Census)

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