

FEBRUARY 03, 2024 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 7:30am - 5:20pm TEMP.: 29F ~ 44F ~ 40F COND.: Gray until 10:10am, then turning partly sunny; full sun by 11:15am and warming with few clouds; unseasonably pleasant!

TRAIL COND.: Good; no snow cover.

RIVER COND.: High and muddy from four days of rain and snow melt last week; no rockbars or sandbars showing; all water open.

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

#### I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES, 43 TOTAL.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 5 (Third February Record on Census)
2. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 2
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
4. Red Squirrel - 34
5. American Beaver - 1 (Second February Record on Census)

#### II. BIRDS: 48 SPECIES, 1 HYBRID, 2,345 TOTAL.

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

1. Canada Goose - 107
2. American Black Duck - 13 (7m,6f)
3. Mallard - 19 (12m,7f)
4. Common Merganser - 1 (m)
5. Wild Turkey - 21 (?) (on distant hillside at Brandywine Ski Resort - New Census High - previous was 17 on 03/2011)
6. Rock Pigeon - 2
7. Mourning Dove - 38
8. American Coot - 1 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Second February Record on Census)
9. Ring-billed Gull - 127 (all in one large V-formation headed north near end of census)
10. Herring Gull - 3 (2 adults,1 immature headed north early in the morning)
11. Great Blue Heron - 3
12. Bald Eagle - 4 (3 adult,1 immature)
13. Red-shouldered Hawk - 4 (all together soaring and calling south of Peninsula - Tied Census High from 11/2012, 01/2014 & 04/2015)
14. Red-tailed Hawk - 6
15. Belted Kingfisher - 4 (2m,2\*)
16. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 19 (6m,5f,4?,4\*)
17. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 (m) (First February Record on Census)
18. Downy Woodpecker - 18 (9m,5f,1?,3\*)
19. Hairy Woodpecker - 4 (1f,1?,2\*)
20. Northern Flicker - 3 (1m,1f,1\*)
21. Pileated Woodpecker - 1 (\*)
22. American Kestrel - 1 (m) (south end of Stanford Swamp - First February Record on Census)
23. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)
24. Blue Jay - 30
25. American Crow - 889 (all counted heading to roost near end of census)
26. Black-capped Chickadee - 32
27. Tufted Titmouse - 8
28. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3 (?)
29. White-breasted Nuthatch - 18 (4m,2f,5?,7\*)
30. Brown Creeper - 1
31. Carolina Wren - 19
32. Winter Wren - 1 (Fourth February Record on Census)
33. European Starling - 48
34. Eastern Bluebird - 8 (4m,4f)
35. American Robin - 36

36. House Sparrow - 51
37. House Finch - 18 (7m,5f,6?)
38. American Goldfinch - 36
39. American Tree Sparrow - 9
40. Dark-eyed Junco - 2 (f)
41. White-throated Sparrow - 9
42. Song Sparrow - 6
43. Eastern Towhee - 1 (m)
44. Red-winged Blackbird - 324 (3m,1f,320 mixed flock)
45. Brown-headed Cowbird - 13 (8m,5f) (Fifth February Record on Census)
46. Rusty Blackbird - 160 (mixed flock)
47. Common Grackle - 192 (Fourth February Record on Census)
48. Northern Cardinal - 28 (15m,11f,2\*)

H. American Black Duck X Mallard - 1 (m) (Second February Record on Census & Tied Census High from 16 other occasions - all at Ira Beaver Marsh)

???. Unidentified Passerines - 1

### III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES, 1 TOTAL.

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 1 (First February Record on Census)

### IV. FISHES: 2 SPECIES, 81 TOTAL.

1. Central Mudminnow - 26 (First February Record on Census)
2. Bluntnose Minnow - 55 (First February Record on Census)

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