

MARCH 06, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS. (Census started 01/2010)
ROUTE: Merriman Valley north to Red Lock (reverse of normal route) with a stop at Trail Mix in Peninsula.
TIME: 6:35am - 4:20pm TEMP.: 32F ~ 53F ~ 51F COND.: Chilly and cloudy early, turning partly cloudy;
then back to cloudy with ice pellets falling at 8:55am, but lasting less than five minutes; back to partly cloudy
then cloudy again; sprinkles from 2:45pm to 2:55pm; winds light and variable all day; all water open; no snow cover.
TRAIL COND.: Good; a few usual low spots with some puddling and mud.
RIVER COND.: High, swift, and muddy from heavy all-afternoon rains on 03/03; no rockbars or sandbars showing.
FT. MI.: 13.85 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 1
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
3. Red Squirrel - 11
4. Common Muskrat - 1 (Fifth March Record on Census)
5. Common Raccoon - 1 (Fourth March Record on Census)
6. White-tailed Deer - 4 (does)

II. BIRDS: 50 SPECIES, 805 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 70
2. Wood Duck - 8 (3m,1f,3?,1*)
3. Northern Shoveler - 2 (1m,1f) (A.W.P.C.S. retention pond - Second March Record on Census)
4. American Black Duck - 4 (2m,2f)
5. Mallard - 19 (10m,9f)
6. Ring-necked Duck - 3 (2m,1f) (Dover Pond)
7. Bufflehead - 1 (m) (on Dover Pond - Second March Record on Census)
8. Hooded Merganser - 2 (1m,1f) (together in Cuyahoga River near Lock 25)
9. Common Merganser - 9 (5m,4f)
10. Wild Turkey - 7 (?) (Deep Lock Quarry - Fourth March Record on Census)
11. Rock Pigeon - 3
12. Mourning Dove - 19
13. Killdeer - 6 (Szalay's corn fields)
14. American Woodcock - 1 (north of Szalay's corn fields - First March Record on Census)
15. Great Blue Heron - 9
16. Turkey Vulture - 1
17. Cooper's Hawk - 1 (adult m) (Fifth March Record on Census)
18. Bald Eagle - 4 (2 adult,2 immature) (two adults together on cell tower at old Brandywine Golf Course, 2 immatures soaring together over Hunt Farm)
19. Red-shouldered Hawk - 3
20. Red-tailed Hawk - 9 (1 immature)
21. Eastern Screech-Owl - 3 (1 gray morph,2 red morph)
22. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 10 (4m,1?,5*)
23. Downy Woodpecker - 10 (3m,3f,1?,3*)
24. Hairy Woodpecker - 4 (2m,2f)
25. Northern Flicker - 1 (*)
26. Pileated Woodpecker - 3 (*)
27. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)
28. Blue Jay - 29
29. American Crow - 69
30. Black-capped Chickadee - 26
31. Tufted Titmouse - 23
32. White-breasted Nuthatch - 16 (5m,3f,8*)
33. Brown Creeper - 1

34. Carolina Wren - 16
35. European Starling - 12
36. Eastern Bluebird - 5 (1m,2f,2*)
37. American Robin - 38
38. House Sparrow - 18
39. House Finch - 16 (4m,3f,7?,2*)
40. American Goldfinch - 9
41. American Tree Sparrow - 5
42. Dark-eyed Junco - 1 (m)
43. White-throated Sparrow - 27
44. Song Sparrow - 54
45. Eastern Towhee - 1 (*)
46. Red-winged Blackbird - 52 (m)
47. Brown-headed Cowbird - 1 (m)
48. Rusty Blackbird - 11 (8m,3f)
49. Common Grackle - 104
50. Northern Cardinal - 54 (40m,10f,4*)

???. Unidentified Passerines - 4

III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 32 (Second March Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 5 (calling) (Second March Record on Census)
2. Western Chorus Frog - 6 (calling) (First March Record on Census)
3. Green Frog - 1 (tadpole) (in Deep Lock - First March Record on Census)
4. Wood Frog - many (calling at Red Lock Trailhead parking lot - First March Record on Census)

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 16 (in Deep Lock - Fourth March Record on Census)

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