

APRIL 01, 2022 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Merriman Valley. TIME: 7:20am - 4:00pm TEMP.: 34F ~ 41F ~ 38F

COND.: Overcast and gray with winds from the west; intermittent snow flurry fall-outs throughout the day with no accumulation;

very gray at 11:40am and 12:25pm with ice pellet fall-outs lasting less than five minutes each; occasional ten minute breaks of

partly sunny, only to give way to more overcast conditions from the west winds.

TRAIL COND.: Fair with some puddling and muddy sections in the usual low spots; a couple sections where the crushed limestone

got washed away from overflowing river from heavy rains a couple weeks ago.

RIVER COND.: Above normal and muddy - few rockbars or sandbars showing.

FT. MI.: 14.75 OBS.: John Henry (Red Lock to Bolanz Rd.) and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 8 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 2 (Fourth April Record on Census)
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 2
3. Woodchuck - 3 (Fifth April Record on Census)
4. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 8
5. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 7
6. Red Squirrel - 23
7. Common Muskrat - 2
8. White-tailed Deer - 7 (does)

II. BIRDS: 52 SPECIES, 748 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 64 (3 nests)
2. Wood Duck - 24 (14m,10f)
3. American Black Duck - 14 (7m,7f)
4. Mallard - 10 (5m,5f)
5. Common Merganser - 7 (4m,3f)
6. Pied-billed Grebe - 1 (on Brandywine Pond)
7. Rock Pigeon - 5
8. Mourning Dove - 17
9. Ring-billed Gull - 1
10. Herring Gull - 1
11. Great Blue Heron - 22
12. Turkey Vulture - 16
13. Osprey - 1 (First April Record on Census)
14. Bald Eagle - 2 (1 adult, 1 immature)
15. Red-tailed Hawk - 5 (bird sitting on "Yellow Creek Nest" in a red oak)
16. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (gray morph - Second April Record on Census)
17. Belted Kingfisher - 3 (2m,1?)
18. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 20 (6m,7f,2?,5*)
19. Downy Woodpecker - 22 (8m,7f,1?,6*)
20. Hairy Woodpecker - 8 (2m,2f,4*)
21. Northern Flicker - 4 (1m,1f,2*)
22. Pileated Woodpecker - 8 (2m,1f,2?,3*)
23. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)

24. Eastern Phoebe - 4
 25. Blue Jay - 35
 26. American Crow - 68
 27. Fish Crow - 1 (perched on electric wire at Szalay's barn and calling constantly - Second Record on Census & First April Record on Census)
 28. Tree Swallow - 18
 29. Black-capped Chickadee - 15
 30. Tufted Titmouse - 18
 31. White-breasted Nuthatch - 17 (6m,2f,3?,6*) (one female entering a knothole in a black cherry tree while male perched nearby)
 32. Winter Wren - 1 (in full song near Brandywine Creek)
 33. Carolina Wren - 13
 34. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 12 (3m,3f,6?)
 35. Eastern Bluebird - 1 (*)
 36. American Robin - 19
 37. European Starling - 6
 38. House Sparrow - 12
 39. House Finch - 5 (2m,1f,2?)
 40. American Goldfinch - 12 (7m,3f,2*)
 41. Fox Sparrow - 3
 42. American Tree Sparrow - 1
 43. Dark-eyed Junco - 8 (3m,1f,4?)
 44. White-throated Sparrow - 10
 45. Song Sparrow - 37
 46. Swamp Sparrow - 1
 47. Eastern Towhee - 7 (1m,1f,5*)
 48. Red-winged Blackbird - 34 (33m,1f)
 49. Brown-headed Cowbird - 5 (4m,1f)
 50. Rusty Blackbird - 29 (24m,5f)
 51. Common Grackle - 55
 52. Northern Cardinal - 39 (30m,6f,3*)
- Unidentified Passerines - 5

III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 1

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 26 (heard only)
2. Western Chorus Frog - 1 (calling at Lock 32 in Boston)

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 11 (in Lock 28 - a.k.a. "Deep Lock" - Third April Record on Census)

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