

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

HIKE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Ira Trailhead* - with a stop for lunch at the Peninsula Coffee Co.

(* = Census route cut short due to time restraints/previous engagements)

TIME: 6:20am - 4:30pm TIME AFIELD: 10:10 TEMP.: 60F ~ 75F ~ 70F ~ 72F

COND.: Cloudy and calm; dark clouds at 10:10am with a thunderstorm/downburst at 10:25am, ending at 11:00am; light sprinkles from 12:55pm to 1:00pm; rain from 1:35pm to 2:00pm, with temperatures dropping, then rising again.

TRAIL COND.: Good early, wet and puddled after the rain.

RIVER COND.: Slightly below normal with plenty of rockbars and sandbars showing.

FT. MI.: 9.30 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 10 SPECIES, 59 TOTAL.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 1
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 29
3. Woodchuck - 1
4. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 3 (2 black morph)
5. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 4
6. Red Squirrel - 13
7. American Beaver - 2 (Fifth May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2014, 06/2015, 02/2019, 04/2023 & 10/2023)
8. Common Muskrat - 2
9. Coyote - 1 (Third May Record on Census)
10. White-tailed Deer - 3 (one buck in velvet & 2 does)

II. BIRDS: 93 SPECIES, 953 TOTAL.

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

1. Canada Goose - 96 (15 goslings in groups of 2, 3, 4 & 6; one nest on a muskrat house and another in a cottonwood tree depression about 45 feet high)
2. Wood Duck - 22 (10m,7f,5 ducklings)
3. Mallard - 13 (9m,4f)
4. Common Merganser - 5 (f) (Fifth May Record on Census)
5. Wild Turkey - 1 (m) (heard gobbling)
6. Mourning Dove - 26
7. Chimney Swift - 8
8. Virginia Rail - 1 (calling at Ira Beaver Marsh)
9. Sora - 3 (one calling at west side of Stanford Swamp and two at Ira Beaver Marsh - Fourth Record on Census, Third May Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 05/2022)
10. Killdeer - 3
11. Wilson's Snipe - 1 (two time fly-by at Stanford Swamp - Third Record on Census & Second May Record on Census)
12. Spotted Sandpiper - 6
13. Solitary Sandpiper - 3
14. Great Blue Heron - 18
15. Green Heron - 1

16. Turkey Vulture - 16
17. Osprey - 2 (together over the Cuyahoga River at Stumpy Basin)
18. Cooper's Hawk - 1 (m)
19. Bald Eagle - 5 (4 adult,1 immature)
20. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
21. Broad-winged Hawk - 1
22. Red-tailed Hawk - 4
23. Belted Kingfisher - 3 (2m,1*)
24. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2 (one at Red Lock and one at "Johnnycake Lock" in Everett)
25. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6 (2m,1?,3*)
26. Downy Woodpecker - 7 (2m,3f,1?,1*)
27. Hairy Woodpecker - 2 (1f,1*)
28. Northern Flicker - 11 (5m,1f,2?,3*) (one nest in a sycamore tree snag)
29. Pileated Woodpecker - 5 (1m,4*)
30. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1m,1f)
31. Great Crested Flycatcher - 5
32. Eastern Kingbird - 2
33. Least Flycatcher - 1
34. Eastern Phoebe - 6
35. White-eyed Vireo - 2
36. Yellow-throated Vireo - 5
37. Warbling Vireo - 15
38. Red-eyed Vireo - 5
39. Blue Jay - 20 (one pair building a nest in a box elder)
40. American Crow - 14
41. Black-capped Chickadee - 12
42. Tufted Titmouse - 14
43. Tree Swallow - 10
44. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 8
45. Barn Swallow - 5
46. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 (f)
47. Cedar Waxwing - 1 (Fifth May Record on Census)
48. White-breasted Nuthatch - 4 (1m,1f,1?,1*)
49. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 6 (2m,2f,2*)
50. Carolina Wren - 23 (one nest in an outbuilding next to Hunt Farm Visitor Center restrooms)
51. House Wren - 6
52. Marsh Wren - 2 (one calling on west side of Ira Beaver Marsh and another working the cattails right off the boardwalk - Third Record on Census, First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2010)
53. Gray Catbird - 19
54. European Starling - 13
55. Eastern Bluebird - 1 (f)
56. Veery - 3
57. Swainson's Thrush - 5
58. Wood Thrush - 5 (Tied Census High from 06/2016 & 05/2017)
59. American Robin - 33 (one nest in a mulberry tree and two nests in buckeye trees)
60. House Sparrow - 18
61. House Finch - 5 (4m,1f)

62. American Goldfinch - 10 (5m,2f,1?,2*)
63. Chipping Sparrow - 4
64. Field Sparrow - 1
65. White-crowned Sparrow - 18
66. White-throated Sparrow - 30
67. Savannah Sparrow - 2 (Szalay's corn field across from "Johnnycake Lock" - Third Record on Census, Third May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2022)
68. Song Sparrow - 35
69. Lincoln's Sparrow - 2
70. Swamp Sparrow - 13
71. Eastern Towhee - 4 (2m,1f,1*)
72. Orchard Oriole - 7 (5m,1 immature m,1f)
73. Baltimore Oriole - 22 (19m,3f)
74. Red-winged Blackbird - 52 (34m,18f) (one nest being built in a multi-flora rose bush)
75. Brown-headed Cowbird - 19 (3m,3f,13?)
76. Rusty Blackbird - 2 (1m,1f) (Fifth May Record on Census)
77. Common Grackle - 44
78. Louisiana Waterthrush - 2
79. Northern Waterthrush - 5
80. Blue-winged Warbler - 2 (m)
81. Tennessee Warbler - 8 (m)
82. Nashville Warbler - 1 (m)
83. Common Yellowthroat - 26 (m)
84. Hooded Warbler - 6 (m)
85. Northern Parula - 4 (m)
86. Yellow Warbler - 19 (17m,2f)
87. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 1 (m)
88. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1 (m)
89. Yellow-throated Warbler - 3 (m)
90. Scarlet Tanager - 1 (m)
91. Northern Cardinal - 41 (31m,10f)
92. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 9 (7m,2f)
93. Indigo Bunting - 8 (m)

???. Unidentified Passerines - 7

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES, 43 TOTAL.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 11
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 30
3. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1
4. Northern Water Snake - 1

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 5 SPECIES, 74 TOTAL.

1. American Toad - 1 (heard)

2. Northern Spring Peeper - 40? (heard)
3. Gray Treefrog - 4 (1 seen,3 heard)
4. Bullfrog - 6 (3 seen,3 heard)
5. Green Frog - 23 (13 seen,10 heard)

V. FISHES: 7 SPECIES, 123 TOTAL.

1. Central Mudminnow - 51
2. Common Carp - 4 (Fifth May Record on Census)
3. Golden Shiner - 16 (Fifth May Record on Census)
4. Creek Chub - 14
5. Bluntnose Minnow - 35 (Second May Record on Census)
6. Common White Sucker - 1 (First May Record on Census)
7. Pumpkinseed - 2

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 3 SPECIES, 3 TOTAL.

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1 (Fifth May Record on Census)
2. Spring Azure - 1 (Second May Record on Census)
3. Pearl Crescent - 1 (Second May Record on Census)

VII. INSECT (of note): 1 SPECIES.

1. Spring Fishfly (*Chauliodes rastricornis*) - 2

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 1 SPECIES, 1 TOTAL.

1. Orange Bluet - 1 (First May Record on Census)

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