

MAY 05, 2023 - CUYAHOVA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Bath Rd., with a stop at Trail Mix in Peninsula. Census route cut short at Bath Rd. due to a total lack of migrants. As listed below, we got many species more commonly found on the April census and were missing many spring migrants that should have been here already or in low numbers.

TIME: 6:20am - 4:05pm TEMP.: 38F ~ 69F ~ 68F COND.: Foggy and chilly early, finally warming up around 11:30am; sunny with blue skies most of the day, turning mostly sunny with light breezes.

TRAIL COND.: Good. RIVER COND.: Higher than normal due to previous four days of rain.

FT. MI.: 11.00 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 7
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 4
3. Red Squirrel - 12
4. Common Muskrat - 3
5. White-tailed Deer - 12 (3 bucks,8 does,1 unknown)

II. BIRDS: 82 SPECIES, 867 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 61 (5 goslings)
2. Wood Duck - 22 (9m,8f,5 ducklings)
3. Mallard - 12 (7m,5f)
4. Rock Pigeon - 2
5. Mourning Dove - 24 (one trying to build a nest in a sycamore cavity, then a female Wood Duck inspected the hole as a possible nest site)
6. Chimney Swift - 19
7. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2 (1m,1f)
8. Virginia Rail - 1 (Ira Beaver Marsh)
9. Killdeer - 1
10. Spotted Sandpiper - 6
11. Solitary Sandpiper - 1
12. Herring Gull - 1 (adult bird following the Cuyahoga River south at Stanford Swamp - First May Record on Census)
13. Common Loon - 1 (high fly-over headed north - Fourth Record on Census & First May Record on Census)
14. Double-crested Cormorant - 2
15. Great Blue Heron - 7
16. Green Heron - 1
17. Turkey Vulture - 22
18. Cooper's Hawk - 1 (immature m) (Fifth May Record on Census)
19. Bald Eagle - 5 (2 adult,3 immature)
20. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
21. Red-tailed Hawk - 8 (1 immature)
22. Belted Kingfisher - 4 (2m,2*)
23. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 10 (4m,1f,1?,4* - one male excavating a hole in a dead snag)
24. Downy Woodpecker - 8 (3m,2f,3?)
25. Hairy Woodpecker - 3 (1m,1f,1?)
26. Northern Flicker - 7 (3m,2f,2*)
27. Pileated Woodpecker - 2 (1m,1*)
28. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)
29. Eastern Phoebe - 6
30. White-eyed Vireo - 2
31. Warbling Vireo - 17
32. Blue Jay - 37
33. American Crow - 8
34. Black-capped Chickadee - 12

35. Tufted Titmouse - 16
36. Tree Swallow - 22 (two nests in hollow snags)
37. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 7
38. Barn Swallow - 7
39. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6 (3m,2?,1*)
40. White-breasted Nuthatch - 9 (1m,1?,7* - one nest in a hole in a sugar maple)
41. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 11 (4?,7*)
42. House Wren - 8
43. Winter Wren - 1 (First May Record on Census)
44. Carolina Wren - 20
45. Gray Catbird - 3
46. European Starling - 5
47. Eastern Bluebird - 2 (m)
48. Veery - 1
49. Hermit Thrush - 1 (First May Record on Census)
50. Wood Thrush - 1
51. American Robin - 22 (one nest on the vault toilet at Ira Rd. & one nest being built in a buckeye tree)
52. House Sparrow - 10
53. House Finch - 5 (2m,2?,1*)
54. American Goldfinch - 18 (10m,4f,4?)
55. Chipping Sparrow - 4
56. Field Sparrow - 3
57. American Tree Sparrow - 1 (First May Record on Census)
58. White-crowned Sparrow - 2
59. White-throated Sparrow - 15
60. Song Sparrow - 42
61. Lincoln's Sparrow - 1
62. Swamp Sparrow - 23
63. Eastern Towhee - 1 (*)
64. Orchard Oriole - 2 (m)
65. Baltimore Oriole - 16 (15m,1f)
66. Red-winged Blackbird - 67 (50m,17f)
67. Brown-headed Cowbird - 19 (16m,1f)
68. Rusty Blackbird - 3 (m) (Fourth May Record on Census)
69. Common Grackle - 24
70. Louisiana Waterthrush - 4
71. Blue-winged Warbler - 1 (m)
72. Nashville Warbler - 1 (m)
73. Common Yellowthroat - 7 (m)
74. Hooded Warbler - 1 (m)
75. Northern Parula - 3 (m)
76. Yellow Warbler - 23 (22m,1*)
77. Palm Warbler - 2
78. Pine Warbler - 1 (m) (Second Record on Census, First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 10/2020)
79. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 38 (33m,5f)
80. Yellow-throated Warbler - 3 (m)
81. Northern Cardinal - 49 (39m,9f,1*)
82. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 7 (m)

Unidentified Warbler Species - 2 (fly-overs)

Unidentified Passerines - 10

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 10
2. Red-eared Turtle - 6

3. Midland Painted Turtle - 582 (New Census High - previous was 468 on 05/2022)
4. Northern Water Snake - 3 (Tied Census High from 05/2018, 05/2021 & 06/2021)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 6 SPECIES.

1. American Toad - (many calling)
2. Northern Spring Peeper - 5 (calling)
3. Gray Treefrog - 7 (calling)
4. Western Chorus Frog - 2 (calling)
5. Bullfrog - 1
6. Green Frog - 8 (7 seen,1 calling)

V. FISHES: 5 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 32 (in Lock 28 - a.k.a. Deep Lock)
2. Golden Shiner - 42 (one school at Ira Beaver Marsh)
3. Bluntnose Minnow - 33 (First May Record on Census)
4. Largemouth Bass - 5 (Ira Beaver Marsh - Fourth May Record on Census)
5. Bluegill - 7 (Ira Beaver Marsh)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 3 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1 (Fourth May Record on Census)
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 16
3. Red Admiral - 4

VII. MOTHS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Grapevine Epimenis - 1 (New Species of Moth on Census - Currently at 14 Species since 01/2010)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Common Green Darner - 5

IX. INSECTS (of note): 1 SPECIES.

1. Six-spotted Tiger Beetle - 8

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