

JUNE 01, 2024 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Merriman Valley with stops at Trail Mix in Peninsula & Szalay's Sweet Corn Farm & Market.

TIME: 5:50am - 4:20pm TIME AFIELD: 10:30 TEMP.: 48F ~ 80F

COND.: Cool and foggy early, giving way to a sunny/clouds mix and warmer, with light southerly breezes.

TRAIL COND.: Good. RIVER COND.: Slightly above normal from last week's rains.

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

I. MAMMALS: 9 SPECIES, (1 NEW TO CENSUS), 78 TOTAL MAMMALS.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 9 (New Census High - previous was 8 on 08/2019 & 07/2023)
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 40
3. Woodchuck - 2
4. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 5 (3 black morph)
5. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 2
6. Red Squirrel - 13
7. Common Muskrat - 3
8. House Mouse - 1 (at end of trail in Merriman Valley - New Species on Census - currently at 22 Species since 01/2010)
9. White-tailed Deer - 3 (2 does,1 unknown)

II. BIRDS: 78 SPECIES, 948 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 97 (gosling groups of 3 and 4)
2. Trumpeter Swan - 2 (flew into Lock 29 Swamp in Peninsula - First June Record on Census)
3. Wood Duck - 19 (2m,7f,10 ducklings) (duckling groups of 1, 2 and 7)
4. Mallard - 6 (m)
5. Common Merganser - 2 (f) (in Brandywine Creek - Third June Record on Census)
6. Rock Pigeon - 6
7. Mourning Dove - 14 (one bird on nest under the girders and roof of the Akron Compost Facility)
8. Chimney Swift - 5
9. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2 (1m,1f)
10. Killdeer - 3
11. Spotted Sandpiper - 3

12. Ring-billed Gull - 1 (Fourth June Record on Census)
13. Great Blue Heron - 15
14. Green Heron - 2
15. Turkey Vulture - 10
16. Bald Eagle - 1 (adult) (Fourth June Record on Census)
17. Broad-winged Hawk - 1 (Fifth June Record on Census)
18. Red-tailed Hawk - 7
19. Belted Kingfisher - 1 (*)
20. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 7 (1m,1f,5*)
21. Downy Woodpecker - 9 (3m,2*,4 juvenile*)
22. Northern Flicker - 3 (1?,2*)
23. Pileated Woodpecker - 2 (*)
24. Peregrine Falcon - 5 (1m,1f,2 juvenile m,1 juvenile f) (sadly, the juvenile female crash-landed on Riverview Rd. and was hit by a car - per Chad & Chris Saladin. Learn more at "C&C's Ohio Peregrine Page" on Facebook under CV/TP Bridge - Cuyahoga Valley Turnpike Bridge - awesome photos with a dedication and knowledge that is absolutely unmatched!)
25. Great Crested Flycatcher - 7 (one pair taking sticks up to a cavity in a high sycamore snag)
26. Eastern Kingbird - 2
27. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 14
28. Acadian Flycatcher - 6
29. Willow Flycatcher - 5
30. Eastern Phoebe - 4
31. Yellow-throated Vireo - 4
32. Warbling Vireo - 17
33. Red-eyed Vireo - 30
34. Blue Jay - 17
35. American Crow - 6
36. Black-capped Chickadee - 13 (one adult trying to coax two remaining juveniles out of a nest in a rotted guardrail post at Lock 29 parking lot)
37. Tufted Titmouse - 8
38. Bank Swallow - 3 (all three as fly-overs above the old Jaite Paper Mill property)
39. Tree Swallow - 12 (all at Ira Beaver Marsh)
40. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 7
41. Barn Swallow - 1
42. Cliff Swallow - 3 (all three above the Cuyahoga River between the Akron Compost Facility and the Akron Water Pollution Control Station - Second Record on Census, First June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 05/2022)
43. Cedar Waxwing - 35 (one nest being built in a cottonwood tree)
44. White-breasted Nuthatch - 11 (1m,3?,7*)
45. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3 (1m,1f,1*)

46. Carolina Wren - 25
47. Gray Catbird - 29
48. European Starling - 36 (one juvenile caught by Peregrine Falcon - once again, per C. & C. Saladin's Ohio Peregrine Page)
49. Eastern Bluebird - 1 (m) (north end of Stanford Swamp)
50. Veery - 1 (singing northwest of where Ira Trailhead meets Towpath Trail)
51. Wood Thrush - 1 (northeast side of the Peninsula tunnel on the Towpath Trail)
52. American Robin - 39 (3 juveniles - including two juveniles ready to fledge but still being fed by adult - nest in a gray dogwood being smothered by wild grapevines)
53. House Sparrow - 18
54. House Finch - 7 (3m,1f,3*)
55. American Goldfinch - 16 (10m,3f,3*)
56. Chipping Sparrow - 1
57. Song Sparrow - 69
58. Swamp Sparrow - 12
59. Eastern Towhee - 5 (4m,1f)
60. Yellow-breasted Chat - 2 (1m,1f) (along the powerline clearcut north of Botzum Depot - originally found by Ned DeLamatre on 05/21 - Fifth Record on Census, Second June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 06/2022)
61. Orchard Oriole - 3 (1m,1 immature m,1f) (one nest in a white mulberry tree)
62. Baltimore Oriole - 11 (m)
63. Red-winged Blackbird - 60 (37m,21f,2 juvenile) (one nest in a Japanese knotweed patch)
64. Brown-headed Cowbird - 6 (4m,2f)
65. Common Grackle - 43
66. Louisiana Waterthrush - 2 (both in the old canal near Deep Lock)
67. Blue-winged Warbler - 2 (m)
68. Common Yellowthroat - 19 (m)
69. Hooded Warbler - 6 (5m,1f)
70. American Redstart - 7 (1 adult m,2 immature m,4 unseen singing males)
71. Cerulean Warbler - 1 (m) (near Lock 31 - a.k.a. "Lonesome Lock")
72. Northern Parula - 1 (m) (in the two large sycamores along the Towpath Trail just north of Yellow Creek)
73. Yellow Warbler - 29 (26m,3f)
74. Yellow-throated Warbler - 3 (m)
75. Scarlet Tanager - 1 (m)
76. Northern Cardinal - 38 (24m,7f,1 juvenile f,5*,1 juvenile*)
77. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 9 (8m,1f)
78. Indigo Bunting - 11 (10m,1*)

Unidentified Passerines - 3

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES, 88 TOTAL REPTILES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 15
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 70
3. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 2
4. Northern Water Snake - 1 (Fifth June Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES, 27 TOTAL AMPHIBIANS.

1. Gray Treefrog - 1 (heard only)
2. Bullfrog - 4
3. Green Frog - 22 (6 seen,16 heard)

V. FISHES: 5 SPECIES, 257 TOTAL FISHES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 23
2. Bluntnose Minnow - 221 (Fourth June Record on Census)
3. Largemouth Bass - 1
4. Bluegill - 1
5. Pumpkinseed - 11

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 10 SPECIES, 42 TOTAL BUTTERFLIES.

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 4
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 21
3. Harvester - 1 (Third Record on Census, Third June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 06/2014 & 06/2023)
4. Summer Azure - 6
5. Question Mark - 1 (Second June Record on Census)
6. Red Admiral - 2
7. Red-spotted Purple - 1
8. Little Wood Satyr - 3
9. Silver-spotted Skipper - 2
10. Zabulon Skipper - 1

VII. MOTHS: 1 SPECIES, (1 NEW TO CENSUS), 1 TOTAL MOTHS.

1. Confused Eusarca - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 23 Moth Species since 01/2010)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 11 SPECIES, 42 TOTAL ODONATA. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Common Green Darner - 1
2. Spatterdock Darner - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & Second June Record on Census)
3. Lancet Clubtail - 1 (Fourth Record on Census, Second June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2018, 06/2022 & 07/2022)
4. Common Baskettail - 2 (Fifth June Record on Census)
5. Dot-tailed Whiteface - 2
6. Slaty Skimmer - 1 (Fourth June Record on Census)
7. Widow Skimmer - 1 (First June Record on Census)
8. Blue Dasher - 3 (Fifth June Record on Census)
9. Common Whitetail - 2
10. Ebony Jewelwing - 27
11. Blue-tipped Dancer - 1 (Fifth June Record on Census)

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