

JUNE 02, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:20am - 3:40pm TEMP.: 60F ~ 90F COND.: Cool and pleasant early with plenty of sunshine; warming throughout the day and turning hot, but not humid, with welcome southerly breezes from late morning on.

TRAIL COND.: Good - but very dry and dusty due to no rain for over two weeks.

RIVER COND.: Very, very low - lowest to date - with great clarity and visibility.

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

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 1
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 26
3. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 2
4. Red Squirrel - 5
5. Common Raccoon - 1 (young) (Second June Record on Census)
6. White-tailed Deer - 8 (2 bucks, 6 does)

II. BIRDS: 82 SPECIES, 813 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 15
2. Wood Duck - 16 (2m, 4f, 10 ducklings in family groups of 7, 2, & 1)
3. Mallard - 8 (3m, 3f, 2 ducklings)
4. Common Merganser - 4 (1m, 3f) (Second June Record on Census)
5. Wild Turkey - 1 (f - clucking near Brandywine Creek)
6. Mourning Dove - 17
7. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3
8. Chimney Swift - 9
9. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1 (m)
10. Virginia Rail - 1 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Second June Record on Census)
11. Killdeer - 2
12. Spotted Sandpiper - 3
13. Ring-billed Gull - 1 (Third June Record on Census)
14. Great Blue Heron - 12
15. Turkey Vulture - 11
16. Osprey - 1 (on light tower at Akron Water Pollution Control Station - Second June Record on Census)
17. Bald Eagle - 1 (adult) (soaring over Cuyahoga River south of Lock 24 - Third June Record on Census)
18. Red-tailed Hawk - 6
19. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (gray morph) (Third June Record on Census)
20. Belted Kingfisher - 1 (m)
21. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1
22. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 18 (1m, 2?, 14*, 1 juvenile sticking out of nest hole in a dead maple)
23. Downy Woodpecker - 6 (1m, 2?, 3*)

24. Hairy Woodpecker - 3 (2f,1*)
25. Northern Flicker - 1 (*)
26. Pileated Woodpecker - 3 (1m,1f,1*)
27. Great Crested Flycatcher - 3
28. Eastern Kingbird - 4
29. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 14
30. Acadian Flycatcher - 2
31. Willow Flycatcher - 5
32. Eastern Phoebe - 4
33. White-eyed Vireo - 2
34. Yellow-throated Vireo - 5
35. Warbling Vireo - 26
36. Red-eyed Vireo - 28
37. Blue Jay - 18
38. American Crow - 12
39. Black-capped Chickadee - 8
40. Tufted Titmouse - 13
41. Bank Swallow - 1
42. Tree Swallow - 9
43. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 9
44. Barn Swallow - 3
45. Cedar Waxwing - 16
46. White-breasted Nuthatch - 7 (1f,2?,4*)
47. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5 (2?,3*)
48. House Wren - 7
49. Carolina Wren - 18
50. Gray Catbird - 22
51. Brown Thrasher - 5 (New Census High - previous was 2 on 07/2016, 04/2021 & 05/2022)
52. European Starling - 14
53. Veery - 1
54. Wood Thrush - 2
55. American Robin - 31
56. House Sparrow - 16
57. House Finch - 4 (*)
58. American Goldfinch - 13 (7m,4f,1?,1*)
59. Chipping Sparrow - 4
60. Song Sparrow - 57
61. Swamp Sparrow - 16
62. Eastern Towhee - 2 (*)
63. Orchard Oriole - 5 (4m,1f)
64. Baltimore Oriole - 19 (m) (one nest in a sycamore tree)
65. Red-winged Blackbird - 64 (41m,23f)
66. Brown-headed Cowbird - 5 (4m,1f)
67. Common Grackle - 24
68. Louisiana Waterthrush - 2
69. Blue-winged Warbler - 1 (m)
70. Mourning Warbler - 1 (m) (singing between Peninsula Tunnel & Lonesome Lock - Third Record on Census, First June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 10/2013 & 05/2014)

71. Common Yellowthroat - 22 (m)
72. Hooded Warbler - 9 (8m,1*)
73. American Redstart - 4 (m)
74. Cerulean Warbler - 1 (m)
75. Northern Parula - 2 (m)
76. Yellow Warbler - 25 (24m,1f)
77. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 2 (m)
78. Yellow-throated Warbler - 4 (m)
79. Scarlet Tanager - 5 (m)
80. Northern Cardinal - 33 (28m,2f,3*)
81. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 11 (m)
82. Indigo Bunting - 15 (m)

Unidentified Passerines - 7

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 14
2. Red-eared Turtle - 1
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 18
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 2

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES.

1. Bullfrog - 5
2. Green Frog - 20 (5 seen - 15 heard)

V. FISHES: 9 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 1
2. Creek Chub - 5
3. Bluntnose Minnow - 301 (Third June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 283 on 10/2021)
4. Northern Hog Sucker - 1 (First June Record on Census)
5. Largemouth Bass - 7
6. Smallmouth Bass - 2 (Third Record on Census & First June Record on Census)
7. Bluegill - 15
8. Pumpkinseed - 10
9. Barred Fantail Darter - 1 (Fifth Record on Census & First June Record on Census)

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 1 (First June Record on Census)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 10 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 7
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 5
3. Harvester - 1 (Second Record on Census, Second June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 06/2014)
4. Pearl Crescent - 3
5. Red Admiral - 1 (Fifth June Record on Census)
6. Red-spotted Purple - 1
7. Little Wood Satyr - 16
8. Silver-spotted Skipper - 1
9. Hobomok Skipper - 1 (Third June Record on Census)
10. Zabulon Skipper - 9 (Fifth June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 5 on 06/2017, 06/2019 & 06/2020)

VIII. MOTHS: 5 SPECIES.

1. White Plume Moth - 1
2. Eight-spotted Forester - 1 (First Record on Census - Moth Species #15)
3. Grapevine Epimenis - 1 (Second Record on Census, First June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2023)
4. Unknown Moth - 1 (have photos to submit - First Record on Census - Moth Species #16)
5. Unknown Moth - 1 (have photos to submit - First Record on Census - Moth Species #17)

IX. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 13 SPECIES.

1. Common Green Darner - 1
2. Swift River Cruiser - 1 (Second Record on Census, First June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2019)
3. Common Baskettail - 4 (Fourth June Record on Census)
4. Eastern Pondhawk - 1 (Third June Record on Census)
5. Dot-tailed Whiteface - 8 (Fifth June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 6 on 06/2022)
6. Slaty Skimmer - 1 (Third June Record on Census)
7. Blue Dasher - 2 (Fourth June Record on Census)
8. Common Whitetail - 2 (Fifth June Record on Census)
9. Ebony Jewelwing - 11
10. Blue-fronted Dancer - 2 (Third June Record on Census)
11. Powdered Dancer - 2 (First June Record on Census)
12. Azure Bluet - 18 (Third June Record on Census)
13. Eastern Forktail - 2 (Second June Record on Census)

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