

JULY 01, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:00am - 2:40pm TEMP.: 69F ~ 83F ~ 81F COND.: Foggy and humid early; mostly cloudy until 11:30am, then partly sunny and

muggy; clouding back up with a downpour at 2:00pm, tapering off at 2:15pm.

TRAIL COND.: Fair; wet from overnight rains; puddled with standing water after 2:00pm downpour.

RIVER COND.: Low and very clear.

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

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES.

1. Northern Short-tailed Shrew - 1 (Third July Record on Census)
2. Eastern Cottontail - 8 (3 bunnies) (Tied Census High from 08/2019)
3. Eastern Chipmunk - 14
4. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 1
5. Red Squirrel - 2
6. White-tailed Deer - 1 (doe)

II. BIRDS: 68 SPECIES, 825 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 52
2. Trumpeter Swan - 1 (fly-over and calling at Brandywine Ski area - Fifth Record on Census & First July Record on Census)
3. Wood Duck - 35 (1m,1 juvenile m,7f,4 juvenile f,22 ducklings - in groups of 1,2,6 & 13)
4. Mallard - 3 (2m,1f)
5. Mourning Dove - 20
6. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1
7. Chimney Swift - 5
8. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2 (1m,1f)
9. Killdeer - 10
10. Great Blue Heron - 9
11. Turkey Vulture - 4
12. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
13. Belted Kingfisher - 1 (*)
14. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6 (1 juvenile,5*)
15. Downy Woodpecker - 6 (1m,3*,2 juvenile*)
16. Northern Flicker - 6 (1m,2?,3*)
17. Pileated Woodpecker - 2 (*)
18. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1m,1f)
19. Great Crested Flycatcher - 1
20. Eastern Kingbird - 1
21. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 2
22. Acadian Flycatcher - 3
23. Willow Flycatcher - 1
24. Eastern Phoebe - 8

25. White-eyed Vireo - 2
26. Yellow-throated Vireo - 2
27. Warbling Vireo - 18
28. Red-eyed Vireo - 26
29. Blue Jay - 15 (2 juvenile)
30. American Crow - 12
31. Black-capped Chickadee - 17
32. Tufted Titmouse - 15
33. Tree Swallow - 8
34. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 11
35. Barn Swallow - 8
36. Cedar Waxwing - 13
37. White-breasted Nuthatch - 13 (2f,3 juvenile,2?,6*)
38. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1 (*)
39. House Wren - 5
40. Carolina Wren - 15
41. Gray Catbird - 19
42. European Starling - 9
43. Eastern Bluebird - 2 (1?,1*)
44. Wood Thrush - 2
45. American Robin - 47 (1 juvenile)
46. House Sparrow - 26
47. House Finch - 3 (2m,1f)
48. American Goldfinch - 27 (17m,5f,1?,4*)
49. Chipping Sparrow - 4 (2 juvenile)
50. Field Sparrow - 1
51. Song Sparrow - 67
52. Swamp Sparrow - 16
53. Eastern Towhee - 4 (2m,2*)
54. Orchard Oriole - 3 (m)
55. Baltimore Oriole - 3 (1m,2f)
56. Red-winged Blackbird - 71 (43m,27f,1 juvenile)
57. Brown-headed Cowbird - 6 (2m,2f,2 juvenile)
58. Common Grackle - 23
59. Common Yellowthroat - 23 (m)
60. Hooded Warbler - 7 (5m,1f,1 juvenile)
61. American Redstart - 1 (immature m)
62. Northern Parula - 2 (m)
63. Yellow Warbler - 8 (7m,1?)
64. Yellow-throated Warbler - 3 (m)
65. Scarlet Tanager - 1 (m)
66. Northern Cardinal - 59 (39m,11f,7*,2 juvenile*)
67. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 3 (m)
68. Indigo Bunting - 15 (m)

Unidentified Passerines - 7

III. REPTILES: 5 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 11
2. Red-eared Turtle - 3
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 133
4. Eastern Box Turtle - 1 (at north end of Stumpy Basin boardwalk - New Reptile Species on Census - currently at 11 Species since 01/2010)
5. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 4

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES.

1. American Toad - 5 (toadlets)
2. Gray Treefrog - 1 (heard only)
3. Bullfrog - 3
4. Green Frog - 18 (7 seen, 11 heard)

V. FISHES: 9 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. Central Mudminnow - 13 (Fifth July Record on Census)
2. Grass Pickerel - 1 (in canal at Ira Beaver Marsh - New Fish Species on Census - currently at 28 Species since 01/2010)
3. Common Carp - 1
4. Creek Chub - 3
5. Bluntnose Minnow - 45 (Fourth July Record on Census)
6. Common White Sucker - 3 (Third July Record on Census)
7. Smallmouth Bass - 12 (Fourth Record on Census, First July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 6 on 08/2022)
8. Bluegill - 5
9. Pumpkinseed - 8

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 11 (Second July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 5 on 08/2020)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 10 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 47
3. Clouded Sulphur - 1
4. Great Spangled Fritillary - 2
5. Red Admiral - 1
6. Eyed Brown - 2 (Third July Record on Census)
7. Little Wood Satyr - 1
8. Common Wood Nymph - 4 (Third Record on Census, Second July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 08/2018 & 07/2022)

9. Silver-spotted Skipper - 1
10. Least Skipper - 2 (Third July Record on Census)

VIII. MOTHS: 2 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. False Crocus Geometer - 1 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 18 Species since 01/2010)
2. Large Maple Spanworm Moth - 1 (Second Record on Census, First July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 09/2016)

IX. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 8 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. Swift River Cruiser - 1 (Third Record on Census, Second July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2019 & 06/2023)
2. Widow Skimmer - 2
3. Blue Dasher - 8
4. Ebony Jewelwing - 10
5. American Rubyspot - 4 (Second Record on Census, Second July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 07/2022)
6. Blue-fronted Dancer - 6
7. Skimming Bluet - 6 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - New Odonata Species on Census - currently at 37 Species since 05/2018)
8. Eastern Forktail - 1

X. WILDFLOWERS (of note): 2 SPECIES.

1. Fringed Loosestrife (1 observation at south end of Stumpy Basin boardwalk)
2. Canada Lily (1 observation north of Ira Beaver Marsh)

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