

AUGUST 02 & 03, 2024 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

08/02 ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Ira Trailhead, with a stop at the Peninsula Coffee House.

08/03 ROUTE: Ira Trailhead south to Merriman Valley.

(NOTE: Towpath Trail census route spread over two days due to recent leg surgery.)

TIME 08/02: 5:50am - 1:20pm; TIME 08/03: 6:40am - 9:00am TEMP. 08/02: 70F ~ 82F;

TEMP. 08/03: 68F ~ 71F

TIME AFIELD 08/02: 7:30; TIME AFIELD 08/03: 2:20; TOTAL TIME AFIELD: 9:50.

COND. 08/02: Light rain ending at 6:00am; cloudy, overcast, and humid; turning partly sunny at 9:45am, but clouding

up again at 10:00am; turning mostly sunny, warmer, and humid at 11:15am, then mostly humid, mostly cloudy and

then humid until end of hike. COND. 08/03: Cloudy and extremely humid, turning overcast with pending rain.

TRAIL COND.: Poor; sloppy and saturated from overnight rains with many puddles and muddy sections in usual low spots.

RIVER COND.: Swift and muddy from overnight rains; poor visibility; all rockbars and sandbars about halfway submerged.

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I. MAMMALS: 12 SPECIES, 84 TOTAL MAMMALS.

1. Northern Short-tailed Shrew - 1 (First August Record on Census)
2. Little Brown Myotis - 1
3. Eastern Cottontail - 10 (New Census High - previous was 9 on 06/2024 & 07/2024)
4. Eastern Chipmunk - 27
5. Woodchuck - 2
6. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 7
7. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
8. Red Squirrel - 20
9. American Beaver - 1
10. Common Raccoon - 1 (First August Record on Census)
11. American Mink - 1 (First August Record on Census)
12. White-tailed Deer - 12 (1 buck - 8- maybe 10-point in velvet, 5 does, 3 yearlings, 1 fawn, 2 unknown)

II. BIRDS: 73 SPECIES, 1,209 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 29
2. Wood Duck - 33 (9m, 13 immature m, 5f, 6 immature f)
3. Mallard - 4 (2f, 2 immature)
4. Rock Pigeon - 2
5. Mourning Dove - 46

6. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1
7. Chimney Swift - 22
8. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4 (1m,3f)
9. Killdeer - 1
10. Spotted Sandpiper - 3
11. Ring-billed Gull - 8 (First August Record on Census)
12. Great Blue Heron - 5 (1 immature)
13. Green Heron - 9 (3 adult,4 immature,2*)
14. Turkey Vulture - 23
15. Osprey - 1 (First August Record on Census)
16. Cooper's Hawk - 1 (adult m) (Fifth August Record on Census)
17. Red-shouldered Hawk - 2 (Fourth August Record on Census)
18. Broad-winged Hawk - 1
19. Red-tailed Hawk - 3 (2 immature)
20. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (*) (Fifth August Record on Census)
21. Belted Kingfisher - 6 (5m,1?)
22. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 (immature - at Ira Beaver Marsh - Fourth August Record on Census)
23. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 17 (2m,1 immature,1?,13*)
24. Downy Woodpecker - 14 (4m,6f,4*)
25. Hairy Woodpecker - 2 (1f,1*)
26. Northern Flicker - 5 (1m,4*)
27. Pileated Woodpecker - 2 (1?,1*)
28. Great Crested Flycatcher - 2
29. Eastern Kingbird - 6
30. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 13
31. Acadian Flycatcher - 4
32. Willow Flycatcher - 1
33. Eastern Phoebe - 3
34. Yellow-throated Vireo - 1
35. Warbling Vireo - 8
36. Red-eyed Vireo - 10
37. Blue Jay - 29
38. American Crow - 10
39. Black-capped Chickadee - 23
40. Tufted Titmouse - 13
41. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
42. Purple Martin - 9 (all headed south in fly-over groups of 5,3,2,1 & 1)
43. Barn Swallow - 9
44. Cliff Swallow - 1 (above I-271 bridge - Third Record on Census & First August Record on Census)
45. Cedar Waxwing - 19
46. White-breasted Nuthatch - 12 (1f,3?,8*)
47. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1 (*)
48. Carolina Wren - 36 (New Census High - previous was 35 on 03/2024)
49. House Wren - 6
50. Gray Catbird - 21
51. European Starling - 47
52. Eastern Bluebird - 7 (1m,1f,5 immature)

- 53. Wood Thrush - 1 (Third August Record on Census)
- 54. American Robin - 147 (8 immature)
- 55. House Sparrow - 42
- 56. House Finch - 8 (2f,5?,1*)
- 57. American Goldfinch - 31 (10m,5f,3?,13*)
- 58. Chipping Sparrow - 2
- 59. Field Sparrow - 1
- 60. Song Sparrow - 23
- 61. Swamp Sparrow - 2
- 62. Eastern Towhee - 5 (4m,1*)
- 63. Baltimore Oriole - 3 (2m,1f)
- 64. Red-winged Blackbird - 48 (5m,4f,39?)
- 65. Common Grackle - 238
- 66. Louisiana Waterthrush - 2 (Third August Record on Census)
- 67. Common Yellowthroat - 9 (6m,1 juvenile,2*)
- 68. Hooded Warbler - 5 (1m,4*)
- 69. Yellow Warbler - 2 (m)
- 70. American Redstart - 2 (adult m) (Second August Record on Census)
- 71. Yellow-throated Warbler - 2 (m) (Fifth August Record on Census)
- 72. Northern Cardinal - 69 (42m,1 immature m,8f,1 immature f,12*,5 immature*)
- 73. Indigo Bunting - 15 (14m,1*)
- ?? Unidentified Passerines - 14

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES, 87 TOTAL REPTILES.

- 1. Common Snapping Turtle - 8
- 2. Midland Painted Turtle - 73
- 3. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 5
- 4. Eastern Garter Snake - 1 (Third August Record on Census)
- 5. IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES, 11 TOTAL AMPHIBIANS.
- 6. Northern Spring Peeper - 1 (seen) (Third August Record on Census)
- 7. American Bullfrog - 1 (heard)
- 8. Green Frog - 9 (1 seen,8 heard)

V. FISHES: 7 SPECIES, 33 TOTAL FISHES.

- 1. Central Mudminnow - 12
- 2. Common Carp - 1
- 3. Golden Shiner - 2 (Third August Record on Census)
- 4. Bluntnose Minnow - 8 (Fifth August Record on Census)
- 5. Northern Hog Sucker - 1
- 6. Bluegill - 3
- 7. Pumpkinseed - 6

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 7 TOTAL, 39 TOTAL BUTTERFLIES.

- 1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 5

2. Spicebush Swallowtail - 1 (Third Record on Census & Second August Record on Census)
3. Cabbage Butterfly - 23
4. Summer Azure - 1
5. Pearl Crescent - 2
6. Silver-spotted Skipper - 5
7. Peck's Skipper - 2 (Second Record on Census, Second August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2021)

VII. MOTHS: 8 SPECIES, (7 NEW TO CENSUS), 8 TOTAL MOTHS.

1. Brown-shaded Gray - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 32 Moth Species since 01/2010)
2. Black Looper - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 33 Moth Species since 01/2010)
3. Sycamore Tussock Moth (caterpillar only) - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 34 Caterpillar/Moth Species since 01/2010)
4. Darling Underwing - 1 (Fifth Record on Census, Fourth August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2015, 08/2017, 08/2020 & 09/2022)
5. Orangewing Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 35 Moth Species since 01/2010)
6. One-spotted Variant Moth (One Spot) - 1 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 36 Moth Species since 01/2010)
7. Narrow-winged Gray - 1 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 37 Moth Species since 01/2010)
8. Gold Moth - 1 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 38 Moth Species since 01/2010)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 9 SPECIES, 22 TOTAL ODONATA.

1. Common Green Darner - 2 (Fifth August Record on Census)
2. Slaty Skimmer - 3
3. Blue Dasher - 9
4. Wandering Glider - 1 (Fourth August Record on Census)
5. Eastern Amberwing - 2 (Third August Record on Census)
6. Slender Spreadwing - 1 (Fifth Record on Census & First August Record on Census)
7. Ebony Jewelwing - 1
8. Blue-fronted Dancer - 2
9. Skimming Bluet - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First August Record on Census)

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