

AUGUST 06, 2022 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Merriman Valley north to Red Lock Trailhead (reverse of normal route) with stops at Szalay's Farm Market and Trail Mix in Boston.

TIME: 5:55am - 3:05pm TEMP.: 71F ~ 86F COND.: Cloudy and humid early, turning mostly sunny, hot, and very humid.

TRAIL COND.: Very good - but dry and dusty.

RIVER COND.: Very low, lowest to date, with many exposed rockbars and sandbars, larger than usual with river being very clear. Most

small feeder creeks either dry or just left with pools of congregated small fishes.

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

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES.

1. Little Brown Myotis - 1
2. Eastern Cottontail - 2
3. Eastern Chipmunk - 10
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
5. Red Squirrel - 7
6. American Beaver - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
7. Meadow Vole - 2 (Tied Census High from 06/2022)

II. BIRDS: 58 SPECIES, 546 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Wood Duck - 15 (10m,5f)
2. Mallard - 4 (2f,2 immature)
3. Rock Pigeon - 2
4. Mourning Dove - 18
5. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1
6. Chimney Swift - 19
7. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4 (2f,2?)
8. Killdeer - 5
9. Solitary Sandpiper - 1
10. Great Blue Heron - 3
11. Green Heron - 10 (6 adults,3 immature,1*) (Tied Census High from 09/2016)
12. Turkey Vulture - 14
13. Broad-winged Hawk - 1 (immature) (Fifth August Record on Census)
14. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
15. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (*) (calling from a thick honeysuckle tangle along the sewer line north of Smith Rd. roundabout - Fourth August Record on Census)
16. Belted Kingfisher - 2 (?)
17. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 5 (2?,3*)
18. Downy Woodpecker - 6 (2f,4*)
19. Hairy Woodpecker - 1 (*)
20. Pileated Woodpecker - 1 (*)
21. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1f,1 juvenile - under Ohio Turnpike bridge)
22. Eastern Kingbird - 2

23. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 13
24. Acadian Flycatcher - 2
25. Eastern Phoebe - 1
26. Yellow-throated Vireo - 1
27. Warbling Vireo - 2
28. Red-eyed Vireo - 5
29. Blue Jay - 21 (2 immature)
30. American Crow - 7
31. Purple Martin - 3
32. Barn Swallow - 9
33. Black-capped Chickadee - 12
34. Tufted Titmouse - 9
35. White-breasted Nuthatch - 9 (*)
36. House Wren - 2
37. Carolina Wren - 18
38. American Robin - 71 (4 immature)
39. Gray Catbird - 15
40. European Starling - 2
41. Cedar Waxwing - 4
42. House Sparrow - 3
43. House Finch - 3 (1m,2f)
44. American Goldfinch - 24 (10m,2f,12*)
45. Chipping Sparrow - 3 (1 immature)
46. Song Sparrow - 14
47. Swamp Sparrow - 2
48. Eastern Towhee 5 (2m,3*)
49. Orchard Oriole - 3 (f/immature) (Fifth August Record on Census)
50. Baltimore Oriole - 2 (m)
51. Red-winged Blackbird - 54 (1f,53?)
52. Common Grackle - 49
53. Common Yellowthroat - 5 (4m,1*)
54. Hooded Warbler - 4 (1m,3*)
55. Yellow Warbler - 3 (2m,1?)
56. Scarlet Tanager - 2 (m)
57. Northern Cardinal - 36 (24m,2f,9*,1 immature*)
58. Indigo Bunting - 9 (m)

Unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher - 1

Unidentified Passerines - 3

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 2
2. Red-eared Turtle - 2
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 74
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 6

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES, 1 DEAD.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 1 (heard only - Third August Record on Census)
2. Bullfrog - 1
3. Green Frog - 13 (8 seen, 5 heard only)

X. American Toad - 1 (dead - trail casualty)

V. FISHES: 11 SPECIES, 2 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. Central Mudminnow - 7 (Fourth August Record on Census)
2. Common Carp - 1
3. Creek Chub - 28
4. Bluntnose Minnow - 184 (Second August Record on Census)
5. Northern Hog Sucker - 13
6. Black Bullhead - 2 (New Fish Species on Census - currently at 26 Species since 01/2010)
7. Largemouth Bass - 4
8. Smallmouth Bass - 6 (New Fish Species on Census - currently at 27 Species since 01/2010)
9. Bluegill - 21
10. Pumpkinseed - 6
11. Barred Fantail Darter - 4 (New Census High - previous was 2 on 08/2021)

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 1 (Fourth August Record on Census)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 12 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 1 (Third August Record on Census)
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 18
3. Cabbage White - 19
4. Clouded Sulphur - 2
5. Summer Azure - 1
6. Pearl Crescent - 1
7. Eastern Comma - 3
8. Red-spotted Purple - 6 (New Census High - previous was 4 on 07/2012 & 08/2019)
9. Monarch - 2
10. Silver-spotted Skipper - 2
11. Wild Indigo Duskywing - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
12. Least Skipper - 2

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 9 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Common Green Darner - 2 (Fourth August Record on Census)

2. Widow Skimmer - 2 (Fifth August Record on Census)
3. Blue Dasher - 7 (Fourth August Record on Census)
4. Wandering Glider - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
5. Black Saddlebags - 1 (Fourth August Record on Census)
6. Ebony Jewelwing - 4 (Fourth August Record on Census)
7. Blue-fronted Dancer - 7 (Fourth August Record on Census)
8. Blue-tipped Dancer - 2 (Fourth August Record on Census)
9. Eastern Forktail - 2 (Third August Record on Census)

IX. WILDFLOWERS (of note - currently in bloom): 3 SPECIES.

1. Wild Bergamot
2. Cardinal-Flower
3. Swamp Rose-Mallow

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