

SEPTEMBER 02, 2021 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:50am - 5:30pm TEMP.: 55F ~ 75F COND.: Foggy and cool early; fog burning off at 8:00am and turning sunny with blue skies,

breezy, and pleasant. TRAIL COND.: Good. RIVER COND.: Slightly above normal and muddy.

FT. MI.: 13.88 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 4 SPECIES.

1. Little Brown Myotis - 3 (First September Record on Census)
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 13
3. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 2
4. Red Squirrel - 14

II. BIRDS: 61 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS, 748 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. Wood Duck - 9 (4m,4f,1?)
3. Mallard - 1 (f)
4. Mourning Dove - 25
5. Chimney Swift - 113
6. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 6 (1m,2f,3?)
7. Killdeer - 4
8. Ring-billed Gull - 3 (solo fly-overs heading south - First September Record on Census)
9. Double-crested Cormorant - 3 (Fifth September Record on Census)
10. Great Blue Heron - 8 (2 immature)
11. Green Heron - 2 (immature)
12. Black Vulture - 1 (heading south over Merriman Valley near Smith Rd. roundabout - New Species on Census - currently at 197 Species since 01/01/2010)
13. Turkey Vulture - 17
14. Osprey - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
15. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
16. Red-tailed Hawk - 3 (1 immature)
17. Belted Kingfisher - 2 (m)
18. Red-headed Woodpecker - 3 (2 adults with 1 immature at east side of Stanford Swamp)
19. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 10 (1m,2 immature m,2 female,1 immature f,1?,3*)
20. Downy Woodpecker - 9 (3m,1f,2?,3*)
21. Hairy Woodpecker - 3 (1f,2*)
22. Northern Flicker - 2 (1?,1*)
23. Pileated Woodpecker - 6 (2?,4*)
24. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)
25. Eastern Kingbird - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
26. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 4
27. Acadian Flycatcher - 1 (immature - Fifth September Record on Census)
28. Eastern Phoebe - 2

29. Yellow-throated Vireo - 1
30. Warbling Vireo - 8
31. Red-eyed Vireo - 1
32. Blue Jay - 32
33. American Crow - 8
34. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2
35. Barn Swallow - 1
36. Black-capped Chickadee - 28
37. Tufted Titmouse - 11
38. White-breasted Nuthatch - 10 (3m,1f,2?,4*)
39. House Wren - 3
40. Carolina Wren - 15
41. Eastern Bluebird - 4 (1m,1f,1?,1*)
42. American Robin - 19
43. Gray Catbird - 21
44. European Starling - 20
45. Cedar Waxwing - 129
46. House Sparrow - 7
47. House Finch - 2 (1?,1*)
48. American Goldfinch - 34 (10m,6f,3 immature,2?,13*)
49. Chipping Sparrow - 1 (First September Record on Census)
50. Song Sparrow - 9
51. Swamp Sparrow - 2
52. Eastern Towhee - 1 (*)
53. Red-winged Blackbird - 14 (4m,10f)
54. Common Grackle - 10
55. Black-and-white Warbler - 1 (f) (Second September Record on Census)
56. Common Yellowthroat - 6 (1m,3f,2*)
57. American Redstart - 2 (f)
58. Blackburnian Warbler - 3 (1m,2f)
59. Blackpoll Warbler - 1 (m) (Fourth September Record on Census)
60. Northern Cardinal - 38 (11m,9f,1 immature f,12*,5 immature*)
61. Indigo Bunting - 2 (f/immature)

Unidentified Warbler Species - 1 (being chased by female Blackburnian Warbler)

Unidentified Passerines - 8

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 9
2. Red-eared Turtle - 3
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 241
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 2

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 1 (heard only)

2. Bullfrog - 2 (1 tadpole)
3. Green Frog - 3

V. FISHES: 8 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 13 (Fourth September Record on Census)
2. Creek Chub - 8
3. Common Shiner - 4 (First September Record on Census)
4. Bluntnose Minnow - 18 (Second September Record on Census)
5. Northern Hog Sucker - 3 (Second September Record on Census)
6. Largemouth Bass - 4
7. Bluegill - 13
8. Pumpkinseed - 1

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First September Record on Census)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 10 SPECIES.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 15
2. Summer Azure - 5
3. Silvery Checkerspot - 1 First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 06/2012)
4. Pearl Crescent - 7
5. Eastern Comma - 2 (First September Record on Census)
6. Red-spotted Purple - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
7. Viceroy - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
8. Eyed Brown - 3 (Third September Record on Census)
9. Monarch - 3
10. Silver-spotted Skipper - 1 (Fifth September Record on Census)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 13 SPECIES.

1. Shadow Darner - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
2. Eastern Pondhawk - 2 (Second September Record on Census)
3. Slaty Skimmer - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
4. Blue Dasher - 3 (Second September Record on Census)
5. Wandering Glider - 1 (Third Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
6. Ruby Meadowhawk - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
7. Autumn Meadowhawk - 2 (Second September Record on Census)
8. Ebony Jewelwing - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
9. Slender Spreadwing - 2 (Third Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 09/2019 & 07/2020)

10. Blue-fronted Dancer - 3 (Fourth September Record on Census)
11. Blue-tipped Dancer - 2 (Third September Record on Census)
12. Azure Bluet - 2 (Second September Record on Census)
13. Familiar Bluet - 2 (Second Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 08/2019)

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