

SEPTEMBER 06 & 07, 2024 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE 09/06: Red Lock Trailhead south to Botzum Trailhead with a stop at the Peninsula Coffee House (end census

at Botzum Trailhead due to approaching thunderstorm).

ROUTE 09/07: Botzum Trailhead south to Merriman Valley (finish census route from day before).

TIME 09/06: 6:35am - 4:55pm TIME 09/07: 8:40am - 10:45am TOTAL TIME AFIELD: 12:25

TEMP. 09/06: 61F ~ 75F ~ 71F TEMP. 09/07: 54F ~ 58F

COND. 09/06: Calm and mostly sunny early, turning cloudy at 8:45am, then rain from 8:55am to 9:30am; clouds

changing to mostly sunny; approaching front from the west, turning gray with rain starting at 4:50pm.

COND. 09/07: Mostly cloudy and breezy, cool, and Autumn-like.

TRAIL COND. 09/06: Good; turning wet after short period of rain. TRAIL COND. 09/07: Wet with some puddling.

RIVER COND. 09/06: Very low - lowest to date; many rockbars and sandbars showing with very good clarity.

RIVER COND. 09/07: Slightly higher and muddy. TOTAL FT. MI.: 14.75

OBS. 09/06: John Henry (Lock 29 Trailhead to Botzum Trailhead) and Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. 09/07: Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 8 SPECIES, 116 TOTAL.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 66
2. Woodchuck - 1
3. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 9 (2 black morph)
4. Red Squirrel - 35
5. American Beaver - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
6. Meadow Vole - 1 (First September Record on Census)

7. Common Muskrat - 2
8. White-tailed Deer - 1 (doe)

II. BIRDS: 85 SPECIES, 1,086 TOTAL.

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

1. Canada Goose - 12
2. Wood Duck - 52 (21m,30f,1?)
3. Mallard - 2 (1m,1f)
4. Common Merganser - 57 (mix of immatures and females - two on logs north of Stanford Swamp and 55 on the sandbar at north end of Stanford Swamp - Fourth September Record on Census)
5. Wild Turkey - 3 (m) (Second September Record on Census)
6. Rock Pigeon - 27
7. Mourning Dove - 21
8. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
9. Chimney Swift - 56
10. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 7 (1 immature m,2f,4?) (Tied Census High from 09/2020 & 08/2023)
11. Virginia Rail - 1 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Second September Record on Census)
12. Sora - 1 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Second September Record on Census)
13. Killdeer - 5
14. Spotted Sandpiper - 1
15. Ring-billed Gull - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
16. Green Heron - 7 (3 immature)
17. Great Blue Heron - 8
18. Turkey Vulture - 18
19. Osprey - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
20. Cooper's Hawk - 1 (f)
21. Bald Eagle - 2 (adult)
22. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
23. Red-tailed Hawk - 4
24. Belted Kingfisher - 4 (3m,1*)
25. Red-headed Woodpecker - 3 (1 adult,1 immature,1*)
26. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 19 (4m,1f,1 immature,3?,10*)
27. Downy Woodpecker - 20 (3m,5f,2?,10*)
28. Hairy Woodpecker - 5 (2f,1?,2*)
29. Northern Flicker - 5 (2m,2?,1*)
30. Pileated Woodpecker - 7 (1?,6*)
31. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)
32. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 7
33. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - 1 (Third Record on Census, Third September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 09/2010 & 09/2020)
34. Acadian Flycatcher - 2

35. Willow Flycatcher - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
36. Least Flycatcher - 1
37. Eastern Phoebe - 3
38. White-eyed Vireo - 2 (Fifth September Record on Census)
39. Yellow-throated Vireo - 3
40. Philadelphia Vireo - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 09/2012, 10/2015, 09/2016, 05/2019 & 09/2020)
41. Warbling Vireo - 7
42. Red-eyed Vireo - 7
43. Blue Jay - 45
44. American Crow - 21
45. Black-capped Chickadee - 25
46. Tufted Titmouse - 11
47. Barn Swallow - 4
48. Cedar Waxwing - 72 (4 immature)
49. White-breasted Nuthatch - 12 (1m,3f,1?,7*)
50. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2 (f)
51. Carolina Wren - 31
52. Northern House Wren - 3
53. Gray Catbird - 29
54. European Starling - 123
55. Eastern Bluebird - 4 (3f,1?)
56. Swainson's Thrush - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
57. American Robin - 51 (2 immature)
58. House Sparrow - 25
59. House Finch - 8 (2m,3?,3*)
60. American Goldfinch - 25 (9m,4f,6?,6*)
61. Song Sparrow - 7
62. Swamp Sparrow - 1
63. Eastern Towhee - 2 (1m,1*)
64. Bobolink - 1 (south end of Stanford Swamp - Third Record on Census & Second September Record on Census)
65. Red-winged Blackbird - 25 (17m,4f,1 immature,2?,1*)
66. Common Grackle - 39
67. Louisiana Waterthrush - 1 (First September Record on Census)
68. Tennessee Warbler - 5 (3m,2f)
69. Orange-crowned Warbler - 2 (m) (Second September Record on Census)
70. Nashville Warbler - 2 (1m,1f) (Fifth September Record on Census)
71. Common Yellowthroat - 7 (6m,1*)
72. Hooded Warbler - 5 (3m,1f,1*)
73. American Redstart - 2 (1 immature m,1f)
74. Cape May Warbler - 1 (f) (Second September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2013, 05/2014, 05/2019, 05/2020 & 09/2020)
75. Northern Parula - 2 (1m,1f) (Second September Record on Census)
76. Magnolia Warbler - 3 (f)
77. Bay-breasted Warbler - 16 (Fourth September Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 5 on 09/2023)
78. Blackburnian Warbler - 1 (m)
79. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 1 (f) (Third September Record on Census)

- 80. Blackpoll Warbler - 4 (Tied Census High from 10/2016)
- 81. Black-throated Blue Warbler - 3 (2m,1f) (First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2014)
- 82. Scarlet Tanager - 6 (4m,2f)
- 83. Northern Cardinal - 39 (10m,1 immature m,12f,12*,4 immature*)
- 84. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 15 (6m,7f,1?,1*)
- 85. Indigo Bunting - 1 (m)
- ?? Unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher - 1
- ?? Unidentified Warbler Species - 3
- ?? Unidentified Passerines - 11

III. REPTILES: 6 SPECIES, 107 TOTAL.

- 1. Common Snapping Turtle - 7
- 2. Red-eared Turtle - 4
- 3. Midland Painted Turtle - 93
- 4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1
- 5. Northern Water Snake - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
- 6. Eastern Garter Snake - 1 (plus one dead - trail casualty - Second September Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 6 SPECIES, 37 TOTAL.

- 1. Northern Two-lined Salamander - 3 (in "Canal Creek" south of Peninsula - Second Record on Census, First September Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 08/2023)
- 2. American Toad - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
- 3. Northern Spring Peeper - 8 (heard only)
- 4. Gray Treefrog - 3 (heard only)
- 5. American Bullfrog - 7
- 6. Green Frog - 15

V. FISHES: 14 SPECIES, (1 NEW TO CENSUS), 468 TOTAL.

- 1. Central Mudminnow - 6
- 2. Grass Pickerel - 1 (Second Record on Census, First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from - 07/2023)
- 3. Common Carp - 1
- 4. Golden Shiner - 3 (Fifth September Record on Census)
- 5. Creek Chub - 21
- 6. Bluntnose Minnow - 397 (Fourth September Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 301 on 06/2023)

7. Silver Shiner - 4 (in Furnace Run - New Species on Census - currently at 29 Fish Species since 01/2010)
8. Common White Sucker - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
9. Northern Hog Sucker - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
10. Brown Bullhead - 1 (Fourth Record on Census, Second September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2019, 08/2020 & 09/2022)
11. Largemouth Bass - 5
12. Bluegill - 11
13. Pumpkinseed - 12
14. Barred Fantail Darter - 4 (Third September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2022)

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 7 (Fourth September Record on Census)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 8 SPECIES, (1 NEW TO CENSUS), 19 TOTAL.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 6
2. Clouded Sulphur - 1
3. Summer Azure - 2
4. Pearl Crescent - 3
5. Eyed Brown - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
6. Monarch - 4
7. Peck's Skipper - 1 (First September Record on Census)
8. Sachem - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 40 Butterfly Species since 01/2010)
9. VIII. MOTHS: 7 SPECIES, (6 NEW TO CENSUS), 8 TOTAL.
- 10.
11. Orange-patched Smoky Moth - 1 (Second Record on Census, Second September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 09/2022)
12. Morning-glory Plume Moth - 2 (New Species on Census - currently at 39 Moth Species since 01/2010)
13. Unknown Moth (species pending) - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 40 Moth Species since 01/2010)
14. Triangle-backed Pelochrista - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 41 Moth Species since 01/2010)
15. Variable Ypsolopha Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 42 Moth Species since 01/2010)
16. Large Wainscot - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 43 Moth Species since 01/2010)
17. Broad-patch Carolella Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 44 Moth Species since 01/2010)

**IX. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 7 SPECIES, (1 NEW TO CENSUS), xx
TOTAL.**

1. Shadow Darner - 3
2. Common Green Darner - 2 (Fourth September Record on Census)
3. Blue Dasher - 2 (Third September Record on Census)
4. Ruby Meadowhawk - 1
5. Ebony Jewelwing - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
6. Orange Bluet - 2 (Second September Record on Census)
7. Fragile Forktail - 12 (New Species on Census - currently at 38 Odonata Species since 05/2018)

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