

SEPTEMBER 08, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:55am - 3:55pm TEMP.: 64F ~ 74F COND.: Cloudy and cool at start; brief periods of clouds/sun between 10:30am and

11:15am; back to cloudy and overcast for rest of census.

TRAIL COND.: Good - damp from overnight rains with several small puddles in usual low spots.

RIVER COND.: Higher than normal from overnight rains, mostly muddy with some clarity in spots.

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

I. MAMMALS: 10 SPECIES.

1. Little Brown Myotis - 2 (Second September Record on Census)
2. Big Brown Bat - 1 (First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2010, 07/2014, 05/2019, 10/2021 & 07/2022)
3. Eastern Chipmunk - 21
4. Woodchuck - 1 (Fifth September Record on Census)
5. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 2
6. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
7. Red Squirrel - 10
8. American Beaver - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
9. Common Muskrat - 2
10. White-tailed Deer - 2 (fawns - spots almost gone)

II. BIRDS: 73 SPECIES, (1 UNIDENTIFIED), 1,663 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 42
2. Trumpeter Swan - 2 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 04/2016 & 03/2022)
3. Wood Duck - 23 (12m,11f)
4. Mallard - 3 (2f,1?)
5. Common Merganser - 20 (f/immatures) (one fly-by flock headed up river at Stumpy Basin - Third September Record on Census)
6. Rock Pigeon - 4
7. Mourning Dove - 25
8. Common Nighthawk - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & Second September Record on Census)
9. Chimney Swift - 97
10. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4 (1m,2f,1?)
11. Sora - 1 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - Third Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
12. Unidentified Shorebird Species - 26 (one flock fly-over headed southeast - Dunlin/Sanderling-sized in a loose v-formation)
13. Spotted Sandpiper - 2
14. Ring-billed Gull - 13
15. Herring Gull - 1 (First September Record on Census)
16. Double-crested Cormorant - 9 (one flock fly-over high above Boston)
17. Great Blue Heron - 7

18. Green Heron - 2 (immature)
19. Turkey Vulture - 15
20. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
21. Red-tailed Hawk - 1
22. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (heard calling at Highland Rd. bridge - Third September Record on Census)
23. Belted Kingfisher - 7 (1m,4?,2*)
24. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 (adult bird headed northwest above Merriman Valley)
25. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 16 (2m,2f,3?,9*)
26. Downy Woodpecker - 10 (1m,3f,4?,2*)
27. Hairy Woodpecker - 5 (1m,2f,1?,1*)
28. Northern Flicker - 8 (2m,3f,2?,1*)
29. Pileated Woodpecker - 6 (2?,4*)
30. Merlin - 1 (f) (perched in a snag at Lock 29 Swamp - First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 18 other occasions)
31. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 9
32. Least Flycatcher - 3 (Tied Census High from 05/2019)
33. Eastern Phoebe - 7
34. White-eyed Vireo - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)
35. Warbling Vireo - 14
36. Red-eyed Vireo - 6
37. Blue Jay - 42
38. American Crow - 19
39. Black-capped Chickadee - 28
40. Tufted Titmouse - 14
41. Cedar Waxwing - 77
42. White-breasted Nuthatch - 12 (2m,1f,2?,7*)
43. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2 (?)
44. Carolina Wren - 14
45. Gray Catbird - 22
46. European Starling - 388
47. Eastern Bluebird - 4 (1m,1f,2 immature)
48. Veery - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
49. American Robin - 80 (4 immature)
50. House Sparrow - 54
51. House Finch - 1 (m)
52. American Goldfinch - 30 (8m,9f,4?,9*)
53. Chipping Sparrow - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
54. Song Sparrow - 12
55. Swamp Sparrow - 5
56. Eastern Towhee - 2 (*)
57. Red-winged Blackbird - 3 (2m,1f)
58. Common Grackle - 378
59. Black-and-white Warbler - 2 (1m,1f) (Third September Record on Census)
60. Tennessee Warbler - 1 (m)
61. Orange-crowned Warbler - 3 (First September Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 10/2011, 10/2014 & 10/2022)
62. Nashville Warbler - 2 (1m,1f)

63. Common Yellowthroat - 6 (4m,1f,1*)
64. Hooded Warbler - 3 (1f,2*)
65. American Redstart - 2 (f)
66. Northern Parula - 1 (m) (First September Record on Census)
67. Magnolia Warbler - 2 (1m,1f) (Fifth September Record on Census)
68. Bay-breasted Warbler - 5 (Third September Record on Census)
69. Blackpoll Warbler - 3 (Fifth September Record on Census)
70. Yellow-throated Warbler - 2 (m) (Third September Record on Census)
71. Northern Cardinal - 26 (5m,3f,1 immature f,11*,6 immature*)
72. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1 (f)
73. Indigo Bunting - 1 (f/immature)

Unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher - 2
Unidentified Warbler Species - 4 (fly-overs)
Unidentified Passerines - 14

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 2
2. Red-eared Turtle - 1
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 39
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 4

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 15 (heard only)
2. Gray Treefrog - 2 (heard only)
3. Green Frog - 8

V. FISHES: 12 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 32
2. Common Carp - 2
3. Golden Shiner - 3 (Fourth September Record on Census)
4. Creek Chub - 3
5. Bluntnose Minnow - 41 (Third September Record on Census)
6. Northern Hog Sucker - 4 (Third September Record on Census)
7. Black Bullhead - 1 (Second Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
8. Largemouth Bass - 1
9. Smallmouth Bass - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
10. Bluegill - 4
11. Pumpkinseed - 6
12. Barred Fantail Darter - 2 (Second September Record on Census)

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 2 (Third September Record on Census)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 2 SPECIES.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 8
2. Zabulon Skipper - 1 (Third September Record on Census)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Shadow Darner - 3 (Fifth September Record on Census)

IX. WILDFLOWERS (currently in bloom)

1. Great Lobelia
2. White Snakeroot
3. White Turtlehead

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