

SEPTEMBER 09, 2022 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:55am - 5:15pm TEMP.: 55F ~ 83F COND.: Some fog at start, quickly burning off and turning sunny with blue skies;

sunny with clouds at 11:00am, turning mostly sunny and warm with light southerly breezes.

TRAIL COND.: Good. RIVER COND.: Low and clear.

FT. MI.: 14.00 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES, 1 DEAD.

1. Eastern Chipmunk - 32
2. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 1
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
4. Red Squirrel - 28
5. Common Muskrat - 1
6. White-tailed Deer - 2 (1 doe with 1 fawn)

X. Common Raccoon - 1 (very young one dead in Brandywine Creek)

II. BIRDS: 60 SPECIES, 714 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 13
2. Wood Duck - 20 (4m,14f,2?)
3. Mallard - 2 (1m,1f)
4. Common Merganser - 4 (f) (resting on a log along the river across from Stumpy Basin - Second September Record on Census)
5. Mourning Dove - 11
6. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
7. Chimney Swift - 16
8. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4 (3f,1?)
9. Killdeer - 37 (New Census High - previous was 19 on 10/2014)
10. Solitary Sandpiper - 1
11. Ring-billed Gull - 1 (Second September Record on Census)
12. Double-crested Cormorant - 1
13. Great Blue Heron - 6
14. Green Heron - 5 (3 immature)
15. Turkey Vulture - 22
16. Bald Eagle - 1 (immature)
17. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
18. Belted Kingfisher - 3 (m)
19. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 11 (1 immature m,1f,2?,7\*)
20. Downy Woodpecker - 17 (3m,2f,4?,8\*)
21. Hairy Woodpecker - 4 (1f,3\*)
22. Northern Flicker - 15 (1f,8?,6\*)
23. Pileated Woodpecker - 4 (1f,3\*)
24. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m)

25. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 5
26. Least Flycatcher - 2 (Fifth September Record on Census)
27. Eastern Phoebe - 1
28. White-eyed Vireo - 1 (still singing - Third September Record on Census)
29. Yellow-throated Vireo - 2
30. Warbling Vireo - 11
31. Red-eyed Vireo - 2
32. Blue Jay - 45
33. American Crow - 14
34. Black-capped Chickadee - 14
35. Tufted Titmouse - 9
36. White-breasted Nuthatch - 19 (2m,2f,3?,12\*)
37. House Wren - 3
38. Carolina Wren - 21
39. Eastern Bluebird - 1 (f)
40. Swainson's Thrush - 1 (First September Record on Census)
41. American Robin - 23
42. Gray Catbird - 35
43. Northern Mockingbird - 1 (at Ira Beaver Marsh - First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 10/2010, 11/2014, 12/2014 & 01/2015)
44. European Starling - 42
45. Cedar Waxwing - 41
46. House Sparrow - 31
47. House Finch - 3 (2?,1\*)
48. American Goldfinch - 24 (8m,7f,2?,7\*)
49. Song Sparrow - 4
50. Swamp Sparrow - 4
51. Eastern Towhee - 1 (\*)
52. Baltimore Oriole - 1 (m) (First September Record on Census)
53. Red-winged Blackbird - 15 (1m,14f)
54. Common Grackle - 93
55. Common Yellowthroat - 8 (3m,5\*)
56. Hooded Warbler - 3 (1m,2\*)
57. Blackburnian Warbler - 1 (f)
58. Northern Cardinal - 18 (4m,5f,8\*,1 juvenile\*)
59. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 4 (3m,1f)
60. Indigo Bunting - 3 (1f,1 juvenile,1\*)

Unidentified Passerines - 5

### III. REPTILES: 5 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 11
2. Red-eared Turtle - 6
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 203
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 2
5. Northern Water Snake - 2 (Second September Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 11 (heard only)
2. Gray Treefrog - 1 (heard only)
3. Bullfrog - 13
4. Green Frog - 8

V. FISHES: 14 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 7 (Fifth September Record on Census)
2. Common Carp - 1
3. Golden Shiner - 7 (Third September Record on Census)
4. Creek Chub - 5
5. Bluntnose Minnow - 178 (Second September Record on Census)
6. Common White Sucker - 7 (Second September Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 4 on 09/2017)
7. Northern Hog Sucker - 3 (Second September Record on Census)
8. Brown Bullhead - 1 (First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2019 & 08/2020)
9. Rock Bass - 4 (First September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2012)
10. Largemouth Bass - 3
11. Smallmouth Bass - 4 (Second Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
12. Bluegill - 26
13. Pumpkinseed - 3
14. Barred Fantail Darter - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First September Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 22
2. Clouded Sulphur - 1 (Fifth September Record on Census)
3. Pearl Crescent - 7
4. Monarch - 7

VII. MOTHS (of note): 2 SPECIES.

1. Darling Underwing - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
2. Orange-patched Smoky Moth - 1 (First Record on Census)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 10 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2018)

1. Lance-tipped Darner - 2 (Second Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
2. Shadow Darner - 1 (Fourth September Record on Census)

3. Common Green Darner - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
4. Eastern Pondhawk - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
5. Wandering Glider - 1 (Fifth Record on Census & Second September Record on Census)
6. Common Whitetail - 1 (First September Record on Census)
7. Ruby Meadowhawk - 6 (Fifth September Record on Census)
8. Powdered Dancer - 2 (Fifth Record on Census & Second September Record on Census)
9. Blue-tipped Dancer - 4 (Fourth September Record on Census)
10. Azure Bluet - 1 (Third September Record on Census)

IX. WILDFLOWER (of note): 1 SPECIES.

1. Great Lobelia (currently in bloom)

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