

JUNE 04, 2021 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:20am - 4:00pm TEMP.: 59F ~ 82F COND.: Mostly cloudy with fading fog at the start, turning partly sunny until 10:45am;

then mostly cloudy again until 1:15pm, then turning mostly sunny again and much warmer; pleasant southerly breezes throughout the day.

TRAIL COND.: Fair. Some puddling and fallen branches from previous two days of steady rain; some fallen or snapped limbs and

compromised (bent and hanging) trees from April 21st.'s heavy, wet snow. Many will need trimmed as they are hanging head-high

above the trail, causing bicyclists and joggers to duck or go around.

RIVER COND.: Slightly above normal and muddy from previous two days of rain.

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I. MAMMALS: 9 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 1
2. Eastern Chipmunk - 39
3. Woodchuck - 2
4. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 1
5. Red Squirrel - 13
6. American Beaver - 1 (Second June Record on Census)
7. Meadow Vole - 1 (First June Record on Census)
8. Common Muskrat - 2
9. White-tailed Deer - 5 (4 bucks, 1 fawn just out of spots)

II. BIRDS: 72 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS, 811 TOTAL BIRDS.

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

1. Canada Goose - 26
2. Wood Duck - 8 (1m,3f,4 ducklings)
3. Mallard - 2 (1m,1f)
4. Mourning Dove - 17
5. Chimney Swift - 10
6. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1 (?)
7. Killdeer - 4
8. Spotted Sandpiper - 2
9. Great Blue Heron - 11
10. Green Heron - 1
11. Turkey Vulture - 11
12. Bald Eagle - 1 (adult) (Second June Record on Census)
13. Red-shouldered Hawk - 2
14. Red-tailed Hawk - 6 (2 immature) (one adult was flying with an Eastern Chipmunk in its talons)
15. Belted Kingfisher - 3 (1m,2?) (one was chased and almost caught by male Peregrine Falcon just south of Ohio Turnpike bridge)
16. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 11 (1m,1f,9*)

17. Downy Woodpecker - 4 (1m,3*) (one nest in a dead ash tree)
18. Hairy Woodpecker - 1 (*)
19. Northern Flicker - 4 (2f,2*)
20. Pileated Woodpecker - 5 (1f,4*)
21. Peregrine Falcon - 2 (1m,1f) (male chased a Belted Kingfisher but failed to catch it)
22. Great Crested Flycatcher - 6
23. Eastern Kingbird - 4
24. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 11
25. Acadian Flycatcher - 6
26. Alder Flycatcher - 1 (Second Record on Census & Second June Record on Census)
27. Willow Flycatcher - 3
28. Eastern Phoebe - 6
29. Bell's Vireo - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 196 Species since 01/01/2010)
30. Yellow-throated Vireo - 4
31. Warbling Vireo - 27
32. Red-eyed Vireo - 16
33. Blue Jay - 10 (1 juvenile)
34. American Crow - 9
35. Tree Swallow - 4
36. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 4
37. Barn Swallow - 2
38. Black-capped Chickadee - 8 (1 juvenile)
39. Tufted Titmouse - 18
40. White-breasted Nuthatch - 15 (3m,1f,2?,3*,6 juvenile) (one male feeding a juvenile & one family group of 1m and 1f feeding 5 juveniles)
41. House Wren - 4
42. Carolina Wren - 19
43. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1 (f)
44. Eastern Bluebird - 4 (1m,1f,2*)
45. Veery - 4
46. Wood Thrush - 1
47. American Robin - 46 (one nest in a sycamore tree)
48. Gray Catbird - 22
49. European Starling - 26
50. Cedar Waxwing - 5 (one bird just starting a nest in a silver maple)
51. House Sparrow - 14
52. House Finch - 6 (3m,1f,2 juvenile)
53. American Goldfinch - 13 (2m,2f,9*)
54. Chipping Sparrow - 2
55. Song Sparrow - 87 (one adult feeding a juvenile Brown-headed Cowbird)
56. Swamp Sparrow - 11
57. Orchard Oriole - 8 (m)
58. Baltimore Oriole - 20 (19m,1f) (one nest in an Eastern cottonwood tree)
59. Red-winged Blackbird - 72 (47m,23f,2 juvenile)
60. Brown-headed Cowbird - 13 (9m,3f,1 juvenile being fed by a Song Sparrow)
61. Common Grackle - 23
62. Louisiana Waterthrush - 3 (one bird gathering green caterpillars, setting them in a pile, and carrying them off once the pile was big enough)

- 63. Common Yellowthroat - 19 (18m,1*)
- 64. Hooded Warbler - 3 (m)
- 65. American Redstart - 5 (m)
- 66. Cerulean Warbler - 2 (m)
- 67. Yellow Warbler - 23 (m)
- 68. Yellow-throated Warbler - 4 (m)
- 69. Scarlet Tanager - 3 (2m,1*)
- 70. Northern Cardinal - 40 (29m,6f,2*,1 juvenile,2 juvenile*)
- 71. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 7 (m)
- 72. Indigo Bunting - 14 (13m,1f) (female had nesting material in beak)

Unidentified Duckling - 1 (solo without parents at Stumpy Basin - probably Wood Duck or Mallard, too small to positively identify)

Unidentified Passerines - 9

III. REPTILES:4 SPECIES.

- 1. Common Snapping Turtle - 17
- 2. Midland Painted Turtle - 58
- 3. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 11
- 4. Northern Water Snake - 3 (Fourth June Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES.

- 1. American Toad - 1 (calling)
- 2. Gray Treefrog - 8 (calling)
- 3. Bullfrog - 3 (2 seen,1 calling)
- 4. Green Frog - 25 (5 seen,20 calling)

V. FISHES: 6 SPECIES.

- 1. Central Mudminnow - 32 (Third June Record on Census - all in Lock 28 a.k.a. "Deep Lock")
- 2. Bluntnose Minnow - 6
- 3. Rock Bass - 1 (First June Record on Census)
- 4. Largemouth Bass - 8 (Fourth June Record on Census)
- 5. Bluegill - 14
- 6. Pumpkinseed - 4 (Fifth June Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 8 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

- 1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1
- 2. Cabbage Butterfly - 8
- 3. Clouded Sulphur - 2 (Fourth June Record on Census)
- 4. Pearl Crescent - 1

5. Little Wood Satyr - 12
6. Monarch - 3 (Fifth June Record on Census)
7. Peck's Skipper - 1 (New Butterfly on Census - Now at 38 Species since 2010)
8. Hobomok Skipper - 6 (Third June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 5 on 06/2018)

VII. MOTHS (of note): 1 SPECIES.

1. Snowberry Clearwing - 1 (feeding on Dame's Rocket)

VIII. ODONATA: 10 SPECIES. (Recorded since 2018)

1. Common Green Darner - 3 (Fourth June Record on Census)
2. Common Baskettail - 3 (Second June Record on Census)
3. Dot-tailed Whiteface - 1 (Second June Record on Census)
4. Blue Dasher - 4 (Second June Record on Census)
5. Common Whitetail - 1 (Fourth June Record on Census)
6. Black Saddlebags - 2 (Third June Record on Census)
7. Ebony Jewelwing - 29 (Fourth June Record on Census)
8. Blue-tipped Dancer - 1 (Third June Record on Census)
9. Azure Bluet - 23 (Third June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 18 on 07/2020)
10. Eastern Forktail - 2 (First June Record on Census)

Insect of note: Six-spotted Tiger Beetle - 1

Wildflower of note: Virginia Waterleaf

NOTES: The Bell's Vireo was seen at 2:45pm along the Towpath Trail between Ira Rd. and Bath Rd., parallel to Riverview Rd. Very small, kinglet-sized vireo with dull yellow wash, gray head and two wingbars - the top wingbar being very faint, the lower wingbar more prominent. Bird was in the understory, flew to a hawthorn tree from the left side of trail to the right. No vocalizations at all. Tried to get photo but the bird moved from the hawthorn tree farther up into the leafy understory where I lost it in the leafy canopy. Very small size and dark eye were noticeable in the two views, as well as obvious vireo bill. Will submit to Ohio Birds Records Committee, as this is a first for me in Summit County.

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