

JANUARY 01, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, West Side, and Western Prairies in the morning; Auto Tour Area in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:50am - 12:20pm; 2:00pm - 5:15pm TEMP.: 36F ~ 48F ~ 47F COND.: Cloudy all day;

winds minimal to

8mph from S; little to no snow cover; all impoundments frozen, Crane Creek "estuary" open, Lake Erie open.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Mary Applegate, Tom & Paula Bartlett,

Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Sean Williams. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus, Sean Williams.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES, 1 DEAD. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 24
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 22
3. White-footed Mouse - 1
4. Common Muskrat - 3
5. Common Raccoon - 2
6. White-tailed Deer - 1

X. Mink - 1 (dead)

II. BIRDS: 64 SPECIES, 9,764 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Snow Goose - 2 (white morph)
2. Canada Goose - 3,734
3. Mute Swan - 2
4. Trumpeter Swan - 120
5. Tundra Swan - 2,342
6. Gadwall - 12
7. American Black Duck - 29
8. Mallard - 295
9. Northern Pintail - 15
10. Green-winged Teal - 1 (m)
11. Greater Scaup - 2
12. Lesser Scaup - 44
13. Bufflehead - 3
14. Common Goldeneye - 535
15. Common Merganser - 633
16. Red-breasted Merganser - 20
17. Ruddy Duck - 1
18. Mourning Dove - 25
19. Sandhill Crane - 54
20. Ring-billed Gull - 513
21. Herring Gull - 24
22. American White Pelican - 4 (flying over Crane Creek "estuary" - First January Record on Census)
23. Great Blue Heron - 62

24. Northern Harrier - 6
25. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
26. Cooper's Hawk - 3
27. Bald Eagle - 14 (10 adult,4 immature)
28. Red-tailed Hawk - 5
29. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (light morph)
30. Eastern Screech-Owl - 4 (3 gray morph,1 heard)
31. Great Horned Owl - 5
32. Red-headed Woodpecker - 18
33. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 12
34. Downy Woodpecker - 17
35. Hairy Woodpecker - 3
36. Northern Flicker - 4
37. American Kestrel - 3
38. Northern Shrike - 1
39. Blue Jay - 58
40. Black-capped Chickadee - 9
41. Tufted Titmouse - 6
42. Horned Lark - 2
43. Cedar Waxwing - 3
44. White-breasted Nuthatch - 15
45. Brown Creeper - 4
46. Winter Wren - 12
47. Marsh Wren - 1 (Fifth January Record on Census)
48. Carolina Wren - 10
49. Brown Thrasher - 1 (First January Record on Census)
50. European Starling - 97
51. American Robin - 99
52. American Goldfinch - 25
53. Lapland Longspur - 2
54. Snow Bunting - 4
55. American Tree Sparrow - 310
56. Dark-eyed Junco - 18
57. White-throated Sparrow - 18
58. Song Sparrow - 32
59. Swamp Sparrow - 21
60. Red-winged Blackbird - 80
61. Brown-headed Cowbird - 75
62. Rusty Blackbird - 41
63. Common Grackle - 12
64. Northern Cardinal - 46

?? Unidentified Duck Species - 127

XX. Ring-necked Pheasant - scattered breast feathers in Grimm Prairie - presumed dead.

?? Unidentified Sparrow - 2

?? Unidentified Blackbird - 65

III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Garter Snake - 1 (First January Record on Census)

IV. FISHES: 1 SPECIES - DEAD. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

X. Eastern Gizzard Shad - many fresh winter-killed in Crane Creek/Lake Erie.

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