

JANUARY 01, 2024 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, Fox Unit (parking lot), West Side, and Western Prairies in the morning;  
Auto Tour in the afternoon.

OBS. EAST & FOX UNIT: Bob Bartolotta, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al Schlecht.

OBS. WEST: Tom & Paula Bartlett, Steve Borgis, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles,  
George Novosel, Chris Pierce. OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AUTO TOUR: Tom & Paula Bartlett, Bob Bartolotta, Jim Koppin, Tyler McClain,  
Jim Reyda, Mariah Sherer, Douglas W. Vogus.

TIME: 7:55am - 12:15pm; 1:50pm - 4:50pm TEMP.: 32F ~ 35F ~ 34F

COND.: Cloudy all day; winds from N at 5-10mph; no snow cover; all water open.

I. MAMMALS: 4 SPECIES, 32 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 24
2. Meadow Vole - 1
3. Common Muskrat - 1
4. White-tailed Deer - 6 (2 does,4 unknown)

II. BIRDS: 62 SPECIES, 12,924 TOTAL. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Snow Goose - 1 (white morph)
2. Canada Goose - 1,075
3. Mute Swan - 8
4. Trumpeter Swan - 205
5. Tundra Swan - 4,098
6. Northern Shoveler - 28
7. Gadwall - 90
8. American Wigeon - 4
9. American Black Duck - 42
10. Mallard - 1,423
11. Northern Pintail - 14
12. Green-winged Teal - 2
13. Lesser Scaup - 9
14. Bufflehead - 40
15. Common Goldeneye - 539
16. Hooded Merganser - 12
17. Common Merganser - 192
18. Red-breasted Merganser - 1
19. Mourning Dove - 3
20. Sandhill Crane - 42
21. Killdeer - 17
22. Pectoral Sandpiper - 1 (Second January Record on Census)
23. Greater Yellowlegs - 4 (one with a broken leg - First January Record on Census)
24. Lesser Yellowlegs - 3 (Second January Record on Census)
25. Ring-billed Gull - 489
26. Herring Gull - 37
27. American White Pelican - 140 (Second January Record on Census)
28. Great Blue Heron - 42
29. Northern Harrier - 4
30. Cooper's Hawk - 1
31. Bald Eagle - 31 (20 adult,11 immature)
32. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
33. Eastern Screech-Owl - 2
34. Great Horned Owl - 1
35. Belted Kingfisher - 1
36. Red-headed Woodpecker - 4

37. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 8
38. Downy Woodpecker - 11
39. Hairy Woodpecker - 3
40. Northern Flicker - 10
41. American Kestrel - 5
42. Northern Shrike - 2
43. Blue Jay - 27
44. Black-capped Chickadee - 1
45. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2
46. Cedar Waxwing - 1
47. White-breasted Nuthatch - 7
48. Brown Creeper - 2
49. Carolina Wren - 4
50. European Starling - 734
51. Eastern Bluebird - 2 (Fourth January Record on Census)
52. American Robin - 11
53. American Goldfinch - 21
54. American Tree Sparrow - 239
55. Dark-eyed Junco - 10
56. White-throated Sparrow - 16
57. Song Sparrow - 12
58. Swamp Sparrow - 4
59. Red-winged Blackbird - 3,082
60. Brown-headed Cowbird - 52
61. Common Grackle - 29
62. Northern Cardinal - 18

???. Unidentified Sparrow Species - 3

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