

JANUARY 02, 2022 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East and West sides and Western Prairies in the morning; Auto Tour backside in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:40am - 12:20pm TEMP.: 29f ~ 26F COND.: Overnight and early drizzle turned to icy conditions with

a dusting of snow cover ending around 8:00am; cloudy all day with winds north at 5-15mph; all impoundments

open, but shallowest ones starting to freeze; Lake Erie open, muddy, and very choppy.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Tom & Paula Bartlett, Katie Clink, Andy

Jones, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye.

OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. AFTERNOON: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

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

1. Northern Short-tailed Shrew - 1 (Tied Census High from 11/2017, 12/2020 & 01/2021)
2. Eastern Cottontail - 4
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 14
4. Meadow Vole - 10
5. Common Raccoon - 1
6. White-tailed Deer - 7 (does)

II. BIRDS: 58 SPECIES, 13,641 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Greater White-fronted Goose - 50 (New Census High - previous was 38 on 12/2021)
2. Canada Goose - 1,888
3. Trumpeter Swan - 201 (one with yellow neckband "1A2")
4. Tundra Swan - 3,483
5. Northern Shoveler - 63
6. Gadwall - 231
7. American Wigeon - 2
8. American Black Duck - 115
9. Mallard - 4,985
10. Northern Pintail - 708
11. Green-winged Teal - 11
12. Canvasback - 8
13. Lesser Scaup - 8
14. Bufflehead - 14
15. Common Goldeneye - 36
16. Hooded Merganser - 24
17. Common Merganser - 516
18. Red-breasted Merganser - 12
19. Mourning Dove - 32
20. Sandhill Crane - 38
21. Ring-billed Gull - 411
22. Herring Gull - 49
23. Double-crested Cormorant - 1
24. Great Blue Heron - 28

25. Northern Harrier - 10
26. Cooper's Hawk - 1
27. Bald Eagle - 21 (10 adult, 11 immature)
28. Red-tailed Hawk - 19
29. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (dark morph)
30. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (calling)
31. Great Horned Owl - 3
32. Long-eared Owl - 1
33. Belted Kingfisher - 1
34. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 7
35. Downy Woodpecker - 14
36. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
37. American Kestrel - 3
38. Blue Jay - 12
39. Horned Lark - 1
40. Black-capped Chickadee - 3
41. White-breasted Nuthatch - 6
42. Brown Creeper - 1
43. Winter Wren - 2
44. Carolina Wren - 1
45. American Robin - 1
46. European Starling - 192
47. House Sparrow - 12
48. House Finch - 4
49. American Goldfinch - 20
50. American Tree Sparrow - 105
51. Dark-eyed Junco - 5
52. Song Sparrow - 7
53. Swamp Sparrow - 2
54. Eastern Meadowlark - 3
55. Red-winged Blackbird - 1
56. Brown-headed Cowbird - 2
57. Rusty Blackbird - 1
58. Northern Cardinal - 35

Unidentified Swan Species - 8

Unidentified Duck Species - 220 (distant flocks too high or too distant to identify)

Unidentified Sparrow Species - 1 (Grimm Prairie)

Compiler: Douglas W. Vogus - Akron, Ohio.