

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

ROUTES: East Side, Fox Unit, West Side, and Western Prairies in the morning; Wildlife Drive area in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:40am - 12:15pm; 1:15pm - 5:40pm TEMP.: 58F ~ 76F ~ 74F

COND.: Heavy fog in the morning, finally lifting around 9:30am; mostly sunny and calm the rest of the day.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn,

David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. WILDLIFE DRIVE: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, Chris Pierce,

Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 4 SPECIES, 51 TOTAL MAMMALS. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 9
2. Woodchuck - 13
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 20
4. White-tailed Deer - 9 (6-pt. buck, 8 does)

II. BIRDS: 103 SPECIES, 7,716 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 783
2. Trumpeter Swan - 95
3. Wood Duck - 124
4. Blue-winged Teal - 10
5. Northern Shoveler - 11
6. Gadwall - 73
7. American Wigeon - 176
8. American Black Duck - 30
9. Mallard - 835
10. Northern Pintail - 19
11. Green-winged Teal - 68
12. Ruddy Duck - 17
13. Pied-billed Grebe - 16
14. Mourning Dove - 90
15. Chimney Swift - 1
16. Sora - 3
17. Common Gallinule - 33
18. American Coot - 2
19. Sandhill Crane - 30
20. Killdeer - 77
21. Stilt Sandpiper - 2
22. Least Sandpiper - 1
23. Pectoral Sandpiper - 3
24. Short-billed Dowitcher - 38
25. Wilson's Snipe - 5

26. Greater Yellowlegs - 17
27. Lesser Yellowlegs - 32
28. Bonaparte's Gull - 1
29. Ring-billed Gull - 279
30. Herring Gull - 6
31. Caspian Tern - 3
32. Double-crested Cormorant - 128
33. American White Pelican - 101
34. Great Blue Heron - 93
35. Great Egret - 192
36. Snowy Egret - 5
37. Green Heron - 5
38. Turkey Vulture - 14
39. Northern Harrier - 1
40. Cooper's Hawk - 1
41. Bald Eagle - 15 (10 adult,5 immature)
42. Red-tailed Hawk - 5
43. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (calling)
44. Great Horned Owl - 3
45. Belted Kingfisher - 5
46. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
47. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 12
48. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2
49. Downy Woodpecker - 27
50. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
51. Northern Flicker - 32
52. American Kestrel - 4
53. Merlin - 1
54. Eastern Phoebe - 8
55. Philadelphia Vireo -1
56. Red-eyed Vireo - 2
57. Blue Jay - 71
58. Black-capped Chickadee - 8
59. Tufted Titmouse - 4
60. Horned Lark - 3
61. Tree Swallow - 1,016
62. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1 (Fourth October Record on Census)
63. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 30
64. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 14
65. Cedar Waxwing - 18
66. White-breasted Nuthatch - 5
67. Brown Creeper - 1
68. Carolina Wren - 8
69. House Wren - 2
70. Marsh Wren - 5
71. Gray Catbird - 15
72. European Starling - 1,045
73. Eastern Bluebird - 2

- 74. Swainson's Thrush - 5
- 75. American Robin - 109
- 76. House Sparrow - 24
- 77. House Finch - 4
- 78. American Goldfinch - 30
- 79. Field Sparrow - 1
- 80. Dark-eyed Junco - 1 (female)
- 81. White-throated Sparrow - 81
- 82. Savannah Sparrow - 4
- 83. Song Sparrow - 31
- 84. Lincoln's Sparrow - 3
- 85. Swamp Sparrow - 10
- 86. Eastern Towhee - 1
- 87. Eastern Meadowlark - 1
- 88. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,284
- 89. Brown-headed Cowbird - 3
- 90. Rusty Blackbird - 49
- 91. Common Grackle - 233
- 92. Black-and-white Warbler - 1
- 93. Nashville Warbler - 1
- 94. Common Yellowthroat - 6
- 95. Magnolia Warbler - 2
- 96. Bay-breasted Warbler - 2
- 97. Blackpoll Warbler - 3
- 98. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1
- 99. Black-throated Green Warbler - 2
- 100. Wilson's Warbler - 1
- 101. Northern Cardinal - 23
- 102. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1
- 103. Indigo Bunting - 6

Unidentified Shorebird Species - 1

Unidentified Sparrow Species - 2

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES, 29 TOTAL REPTILES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

- 1. Map Turtle - 21 (Third October Record on Census)
- 2. Midland Painted Turtle - 5 (Fifth October Record on Census)
- 3. Northern Water Snake - 2 (one caught by a Great Blue Heron - Fourth October Record on Census)
- 4. Eastern Garter Snake - 1 (Fifth October Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES, 14 TOTAL AMPHIBIANS. (Recorded since 04/2002)

- 1. Bullfrog - 12 (one caught by a Great Egret)
- 2. Northern Leopard Frog - 2

V. FISHES: 3 SPECIES, 68 TOTAL FISHES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Common Carp - 4
2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 32 (First October Record on Census)
3. Bluegill - 32 (Second October Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 9 SPECIES, 163 TOTAL BUTTERFLIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 2 (Second October Record on Census)
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 55
3. Clouded Sulphur - 41
4. Orange Sulphur - 6 (Fourth October Record on Census)
5. Bronze Copper - 35
6. Pearl Crescent - 3 (Fourth October Record on Census)
7. Red Admiral - 3 (Fourth October Record on Census)
8. Viceroy - 5
9. Monarch - 13

VII. MOTHS: 4 SPECIES (3 NEW TO CENSUS), 7 TOTAL MOTHS. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Connected Looper Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 13 Moth Species since 04/2002)
2. Forage Looper Moth - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First October Record on Census)
3. Coffee-loving Pyrausta Moth - 2 (New Species on Census - currently at 14 Moth Species since 04/2002)
4. Yellow-collared Scape Moth - 3 (New Species on Census - currently at 15 Moth Species since 04/2002)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 3 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Common Green Darner (Second October Record on Census)
2. Ruby Meadowhawk (Second October Record on Census)
3. Eastern Forktail (First October Record on Census)

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