

NOVEMBER 05, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

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

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

OBS. WEST: Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye.

OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. WILDLIFE DRIVE: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

TIME: 7:45am - 12:35pm; 1:55pm - 5:30pm TEMP.: 41F ~ 56F ~ 49F

COND.: Brisk and clear in the early part of the morning; large wall of fog rolling in off of Lake Erie at around 10:00am; north winds pushed it south across the refuge, enveloping the entire area; low ceiling and very poor visibility. Fog started to move out at about 12:25pm with some clearing before lunch; partly cloudy in the afternoon, but turning foggy again from 4:45pm until end of census; visibility in the late afternoon along Lake Erie at less than 100 yards.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES, 35 TOTAL MAMMALS. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Woodchuck - 6 (Third November Record on Census)
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 15
3. Common Muskrat - 1
4. Common Raccoon - 1 (Fifth November Record on Census)
5. White-tailed Deer - 12 (2 bucks,6 does,4?)

II. BIRDS: 92 SPECIES, 10,154 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Snow Goose - 3 (2 blue morph,1 immature)
2. Canada Goose - 782
3. Mute Swan - 9
4. Trumpeter Swan - 362 (one with yellow neckband "1A2" - recorded since September of 2007)
5. Tundra Swan - 2,247
6. Wood Duck - 61
7. Blue-winged Teal - 12
8. Northern Shoveler - 45
9. Gadwall - 1,106
10. American Wigeon - 55
11. American Black Duck - 47
12. Mallard - 1,187
13. Northern Pintail - 34
14. Green-winged Teal - 108
15. Canvasback - 4
16. Ring-necked Duck - 22
17. Greater Scaup - 1
18. Lesser Scaup - 14
19. Bufflehead - 16
20. Common Goldeneye - 25
21. Hooded Merganser - 21
22. Ruddy Duck - 9
23. Pied-billed Grebe - 10
24. Mourning Dove - 10
25. American Coot - 87
26. Sandhill Crane - 43
27. Killdeer - 16
28. Semipalmated Plover - 1
29. Dunlin - 553
30. Long-billed Dowitcher - 14
31. Wilson's Snipe - 1
32. Greater Yellowlegs - 11
33. Lesser Yellowlegs - 16
34. Bonaparte's Gull - 112

35. Ring-billed Gull - 113
36. Herring Gull - 4
37. Double-crested Cormorant - 4
38. American White Pelican - 225
39. Great Blue Heron - 82
40. Great Egret - 64
41. Cattle Egret - 1
42. Northern Harrier - 5
43. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
44. Cooper's Hawk - 4
45. Bald Eagle - 11 (9 adult,2 immature)
46. Red-tailed Hawk - 8
47. Belted Kingfisher - 1
48. Red-headed Woodpecker - 4
49. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 13
50. Downy Woodpecker - 14
51. Hairy Woodpecker - 3
52. Northern Flicker - 19
53. American Kestrel - 1
54. Merlin - 1 (Fifth November Record on Census)
55. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (immature female)
56. Northern Shrike - 2 (one immature fighting with an adult bird)
57. Blue Jay - 57
58. Black-capped Chickadee - 4
59. Horned Lark - 12
60. Tree Swallow - 7
61. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2
62. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 4
63. Cedar Waxwing - 12
64. White-breasted Nuthatch - 9
65. Brown Creeper - 1
66. Carolina Wren - 2
67. Marsh Wren - 1 (Fourth November Record on Census)
68. Gray Catbird - 1 (Third November Record on Census)
69. Northern Mockingbird - 1
70. European Starling - 379
71. Eastern Bluebird - 2
72. American Robin - 53
73. House Sparrow - 18
74. House Finch - 10
75. American Goldfinch - 78
76. Lapland Longspur - 12 (Fourth November Record on Census)
77. Chipping Sparrow - 3
78. Field Sparrow - 1
79. Fox Sparrow - 9
80. American Tree Sparrow - 22
81. Dark-eyed Junco - 81
82. White-crowned Sparrow - 5
83. White-throated Sparrow - 33
84. Savannah Sparrow - 1
85. Song Sparrow - 40
86. Swamp Sparrow - 8
87. Red-winged Blackbird - 806
88. Brown-headed Cowbird - 97
89. Rusty Blackbird - 627
90. Common Grackle - 23
91. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 5

92. Northern Cardinal - 31

?? Unidentified Scaup Species - 12

?? Unidentified Duck Species - 50

?? Unidentified Shorebird Species (dowitcher species/snipe) - 7

III. AMPHIBIANS: 1 SPECIES, 3 TOTAL AMPHIBIANS. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Bullfrog - 3 (Third November Record on Census)

IV. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS, 1 TOTAL.

1. Crayfish - 1 (First Record on Census)

V. MOTHS: 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS, 1 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Isabella Tiger Moth - 1 (caterpillar) (New Species on Census - currently at 16 Moth/Caterpillar Species since 04/2002)

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