

DECEMBER 03, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, Fox Unit parking lot, 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, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, Geotge Novosel, Chris Pierce. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES:

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

TIME: 7:40am - 11:50am; 1:50pm - 3:55pm TEMP.: 41F ~ 47F ~ 45F COND.: Very heavy fog at start with very poor visibility; fog lifting at 10:15am followed by rain at 10:50am and fog returning; gray and overcast in the afternoon with steady drizzle/rain; no snow cover; all water open; poor birding conditions all day.

I. MAMMALS: 3 SPECIES, 21 TOTAL MAMMALS. (Recorded since 04/06/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 1 (Fifth December Record on Census)
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 18
3. White-tailed Deer - 2 (1 doe,1?)

II. BIRDS: 55 SPECIES, 7,416 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Snow Goose - 3 (white morph) (all singles in two flocks of Canada Geese and one flock of Tundra Swans)
2. Greater White-fronted Goose - 11 (one flock fly-over at Krause Rd. - Fourth December Record on Census)
3. Canada Goose - 734
4. Mute Swan - 6
5. Trumpeter Swan - 136
6. Tundra Swan - 4,207
7. Northern Shoveler - 9
8. Gadwall - 100
9. American Black Duck - 13
10. Mallard - 761
11. Northern Pintail - 13
12. Green-winged Teal - 10
13. Bufflehead - 1
14. Hooded Merganser - 41
15. Common Merganser - 22
16. Mourning Dove - 18
17. Sandhill Crane - 37
18. Killdeer - 3
19. Dunlin - 3
20. Bonaparte's Gull - 29
21. Ring-billed Gull - 327
22. Herring Gull - 5
23. Double-crested Cormorant - 3
24. American White Pelican - 90 (Third December Record on Census)
25. Great Blue Heron - 65
26. Northern Harrier - 2
27. Cooper's Hawk - 2
28. Bald Eagle - 19 (13 adult,6 immature)
29. Red-tailed Hawk - 5
30. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
31. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 11
32. Downy Woodpecker - 17
33. Hairy Woodpecker - 5
34. Northern Flicker - 14
35. American Kestrel - 2
36. Blue Jay - 35
37. Black-capped Chickadee - 7
38. Tufted Titmouse - 1
39. White-breasted Nuthatch - 8

40. Carolina Wren - 3
41. European Starling - 152
42. American Robin - 21
43. House Sparrow - 9
44. American Pipit - 1 (along East Side dike)
45. House Finch - 1
46. American Goldfinch - 19
47. American Tree Sparrow - 237
48. Dark-eyed Junco - 9
49. White-throated Sparrow - 1
50. Song Sparrow - 32
51. Swamp Sparrow - 4
52. Red-winged Blackbird - 88
53. Brown-headed Cowbird - 19
54. Common Grackle - 8
55. Northern Cardinal - 25

???. Unidentified Swan Species - 2

???. Unidentified Duck Species - 8

### III. FISHES: 1 SPECIES, 19 TOTAL FISHES.

1. Blackstripe Topminnow - 19 (First December Record on Census)

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