

DECEMBER 05, 2021 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, West Side, and Fox Unit, Stange Prairie, and Grimm Prairie in the morning; Auto Tour area in the afternoon.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel.

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

TIME: 7:45am - 12:15pm; 1:30pm - 4:00pm TEMP.: 36F ~ 41F ~ 39F COND.: Mostly cloudy all morning, turning partly sunny at

11:15am; winds E at 5-12mph; no snow cover; water high; cloudy in the afternoon turning overcast with light sprinkles at 2:20pm

turning to steady, cold rain from 3:15pm until end of census; Lake Erie open and choppy all day.

I. MAMMALS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 2 (Fourth December Record on Census)
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 5
3. White-tailed Deer - 2

II. BIRDS: 62 SPECIES, 15,747 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Greater White-fronted Goose - 38 (Third December Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 20 on 03/2017)
2. Cackling Goose - 3 (Third Record on Census & First December Record on Census)
3. Canada Goose - 1,050
4. Trumpeter Swan - 192
5. Tundra Swan - 2,554
6. Blue-winged Teal - 2 (Eighth December Record on Census)
7. Northern Shoveler - 21
8. Gadwall - 481
9. American Wigeon - 4
10. American Black Duck - 111
11. Mallard - 7,953
12. Northern Pintail - 1,350
13. Green-winged Teal - 508
14. Lesser Scaup - 6
15. Bufflehead - 11
16. Common Goldeneye - 6
17. Hooded Merganser - 24
18. Common Merganser - 166
19. Red-breasted Merganser - 8
20. Ruddy Duck - 2
21. Pied-billed Grebe - 2
22. Mourning Dove - 23
23. Sandhill Crane - 37
24. Bonaparte's Gull - 3
25. Ring-billed Gull - 329

26. Herring Gull - 7
27. Great Blue Heron - 42
28. Great Egret - 2
29. Bald Eagle - 12 (8 adult,4 immature)
30. Northern Harrier - 4
31. Red-tailed Hawk - 13 (one injured bird with possible broken left wing found by D.W. Vogus at Fox Unit - raptor rehabbers came out and captured bird)
32. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (dark morph)
33. Eastern Screech-Owl - 3 (2 gray morph, 1 red morph)
34. Great Horned Owl - 2 (one in Fox Unit and one along Ottawa-Lucas Rd.)
35. Short-eared Owl - 2 (Stange Prairie)
36. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6
37. Downy Woodpecker - 9
38. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
39. Northern Flicker - 3
40. American Kestrel - 2
41. Blue Jay - 20
42. Horned Lark - 1
43. Black-capped Chickadee - 6
44. White-breasted Nuthatch - 2
45. Winter Wren - 3
46. Carolina Wren - 2
47. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 (Fourth December Record on Census)
48. American Robin - 1
49. Northern Mockingbird - 1 (along Lindsay-Limestone Rd.)
50. European Starling - 340
51. House Sparrow - 57
52. House Finch - 14
53. American Goldfinch - 83
54. Lapland Longspur - 84 (one flock in field south of Krause Rd.)
55. American Tree Sparrow - 65
56. Dark-eyed Junco - 7
57. White-throated Sparrow - 1
58. Song Sparrow - 12
59. Swamp Sparrow - 3
60. Eastern Meadowlark - 3 (along Lindsay-Limestone Rd.)
61. Red-winged Blackbird - 3
62. Northern Cardinal - 18

Unidentified Duck Species - 26

Unidentified Sparrow Species - 1 (Fox Unit)

Compiled by: Douglas W. Vogus - Akron, Ohio.