

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

ROUTES: East Side, West Side, and Western Prairies in the morning; Auto Tour Area in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:40am - 11:50am; 12:50pm - 4:05pm TEMP.: 34F ~ 45F

COND.: Mostly cloudy, winds W/SW and constant all day; little to no snow cover; most impoundments frozen - little open water; Lake Erie open.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Mary Applegate, Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye.

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

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 2
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 11
3. Common Raccoon - 1
4. Mink - 1
5. White-tailed Deer - 5 (does)

II. BIRDS: 57 SPECIES, 10,155 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/1969)

1. Snow Goose - 7 (6 blue morph, 1 white morph - one flock)
2. Canada Goose - 3,264
3. Mute Swan - 2
4. Trumpeter Swan - 193
5. Tundra Swan - 4,359 (New Census High - previous was 4,190 on 12/2020)
6. Gadwall - 4
7. American Wigeon - 1
8. American Black Duck - 15
9. Mallard - 92
10. Canvasback - 8
11. Redhead - 126
12. Greater Scaup - 3
13. Lesser Scaup - 28
14. Common Goldeneye - 7
15. Common Merganser - 785
16. Ruddy Duck - 4
17. Mourning Dove - 3
18. Sandhill Crane - 31
19. Killdeer - 1 (solo fly-over at Grimm Prairie)
20. Ring-billed Gull - 353
21. Herring Gull - 19
22. Great Black-backed Gull - 1
23. Great Blue Heron - 32
24. Turkey Vulture - 1 (Third February Record on Census)
25. Northern Harrier - 4
26. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
27. Bald Eagle - 21 (14 adult, 7 immature)
28. Red-tailed Hawk - 10
29. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (light morph)
30. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (gray morph)
31. Great Horned Owl - 2
32. Short-eared Owl - 1 (Grimm Prairie)
33. Red-headed Woodpecker - 13
34. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9
35. Downy Woodpecker - 11

36. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
37. Northern Flicker - 5
38. American Kestrel - 2
39. Blue Jay - 25
40. Tufted Titmouse - 1
41. Horned Lark - 24
42. Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 (Fifth February Record on Census)
43. White-breasted Nuthatch - 6
44. Carolina Wren - 3
45. European Starling - 129
46. American Robin - 58
47. House Sparrow - 1
48. American Goldfinch - 19
49. American Tree Sparrow - 260
50. Dark-eyed Junco - 4
51. Song Sparrow - 3
52. Swamp Sparrow - 1
53. Red-winged Blackbird - 53
54. Brown-headed Cowbird - 14
55. Rusty Blackbird - 30
56. Common Grackle - 1
57. Northern Cardinal - 12

Unidentified Duck Species - 86

Unidentified Sparrow Species - 2

Douglas W. Vogus - Akron, Ohio.