

FEBRUARY 06, 2022 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East and West sides (except where drifting snow made it inaccessible) and Western Prairies in the morning;

Auto Tour area in the afternoon, except where snowdrifts turned us back.

TIME: 7:45am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:10pm TEMP.: 17F ~ 31F COND.: Cold and sunny with blue skies; winds south

and steady all day at 5-15mph; snow cover about 4-inches to 6-inches, except where drifted; all impoundments, canals,

and ditches frozen; very little open water - one open lead at Metzger Marsh, one open lead at the Crane Creek mudflats,

and a large open lead in Lake Erie, but at least a half-mile (or more?) out.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Mary Appold (sic?), Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn,

George Novosel, Chris Pierce. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 8 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 5
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
3. Meadow Vole - 1
4. Common Muskrat - 1
5. Coyote - 2 (one seen on Lake Erie & one heard howling in field south of Butternut Woods - Tied Census High from 03/2008, 01/2018, 02/2018 & 02/2020)
6. Common Raccoon - 1
7. Northern River Otter - 1 (First February Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11/2010)
8. White-tailed Deer - 11 (does)

II. BIRDS: 56 SPECIES, 3,270 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 227
2. Mute Swan - 2
3. Trumpeter Swan - 39
4. Tundra Swan - 1,540
5. Canvasback - 1
6. Redhead - 60
7. Lesser Scaup - 3
8. Common Goldeneye - 1
9. Common Merganser - 82
10. Mourning Dove - 34
11. Sandhill Crane - 30
12. Ring-billed Gull - 68
13. Herring Gull - 6
14. Great Blue Heron - 21 (plus one dead on the canal ice being scavenged by a Red-tailed Hawk)
15. Northern Harrier - 5
16. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
17. Cooper's Hawk - 1

18. Bald Eagle - 14 (6 adult,8 immature)
19. Red-tailed Hawk - 6
20. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (dark morph) (same bird since December?)
21. Great Horned Owl - 3 (one nesting on abandoned eagle nest)
22. Long-eared Owl - 1
23. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 (adult in Butternut Woods)
24. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6
25. Downy Woodpecker - 11
26. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
27. Northern Flicker - 1
28. American Kestrel - 4
29. Northern Shrike - 1
30. Blue Jay - 22
31. American Crow - 2
32. Horned Lark - 20
33. Black-capped Chickadee - 4
34. Tufted Titmouse - 1
35. White-breasted Nuthatch - 4
36. Brown Creeper - 1
37. Winter Wren - 2
38. Carolina Wren - 2
39. American Robin - 9
40. European Starling - 42
41. House Sparrow - 41
42. Evening Grosbeak - 1 (solo fly-over headed north over Grimm Prairie - Third February Record on Census)
43. House Finch - 6
44. American Goldfinch - 9
45. American Tree Sparrow - 217
46. Dark-eyed Junco - 13
47. White-throated Sparrow - 1
48. Savannah Sparrow - 3 (plus one dead - two together along Krause Rd., one under the feeder at the house on corner of Krause Rd. & Stange Rd.; one dead at the observation deck on Stange Rd.)
49. Song Sparrow - 22
50. Swamp Sparrow - 6
51. Eastern Meadowlark - 1
52. Red-winged Blackbird - 339
53. Brown-headed Cowbird - 16
54. Rusty Blackbird - 56
55. Common Grackle - 229
56. Northern Cardinal - 29

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