

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

ROUTES: East and west sides and western prairies in the morning; Auto Tour in the afternoon - except where closed for eagle nesting.

TIME: 8:00am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 6:35pm TEMP.: 60F ~ 62F ~ 51F COND.: Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm all day with gale

force winds from the southwest until about 4:00pm - steady winds at 10 to 30mph with occasional gusts upwards of 50-55mph; all water

open, some canals drawn down to a trickle due to high winds pushing water out to Lake Erie; many mudflats exposed near mouth of

Crane Creek; little to no snow left; high water flooding many fields.

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.

AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta,

Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 3
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
3. Common Muskrat - 1
4. Common Raccoon - 2
5. White-tailed Deer - 4

II. BIRDS: 75 SPECIES, 15,847 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Greater White-fronted Goose - 23 (one group of 20 in MS3 and one group of 3 in MS4)
2. Canada Goose - 1,204
3. Trumpeter Swan - 115 (one with yellow neckband "1A2" - first recorded in September of 2007)
4. Tundra Swan - 2,332
5. Wood Duck - 38
6. Northern Shoveler - 49
7. Gadwall - 287
8. American Wigeon - 80
9. American Black Duck - 62
10. Mallard - 1,044
11. Northern Pintail - 1,442
12. Green-winged Teal - 106
13. Canvasback - 19
14. Redhead - 1,425
15. Ring-necked Duck - 342
16. Lesser Scaup - 521
17. Bufflehead - 59
18. Common Goldeneye - 20
19. Hooded Merganser - 54
20. Common Merganser - 423
21. Red-breasted Merganser - 47
22. Ruddy Duck - 4

23. Pied-billed Grebe - 2
24. Mourning Dove - 56
25. American Coot - 7
26. Sandhill Crane - 33
27. Killdeer - 138 (strong and steady migration)
28. American Woodcock - 1
29. Bonaparte's Gull - 4 (Fourth March Record on Census)
30. Ring-billed Gull - 2,676
31. Herring Gull - 58
32. Double-crested Cormorant - 5 (Second March Record on Census)
33. Great Blue Heron - 23
34. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1 (Third March Record on Census)
35. Turkey Vulture - 104 (strong and steady migration, all heading west and mostly over prairies and Rt. 2)
36. Northern Harrier - 6
37. Cooper's Hawk - 1
38. Bald Eagle - 34 (18 adult, 16 immature)
39. Red-tailed Hawk - 8
40. Belted Kingfisher - 2
41. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6
42. Downy Woodpecker - 6
43. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
44. Northern Flicker - 1
45. American Kestrel - 1
46. Merlin - 1 (perched atop a snag along Crane Creek just south of MS4 - Fifth March Record on Census)
47. Blue Jay - 17
48. American Crow - 63
49. Horned Lark - 14
50. Tree Swallow - 8
51. Black-capped Chickadee - 2
52. Tufted Titmouse - 5
53. White-breasted Nuthatch - 4
54. Brown Creeper - 2
55. Carolina Wren - 5
56. Eastern Bluebird - 5
57. American Robin - 144
58. European Starling - 131
59. Cedar Waxwing - 1
60. House Sparrow - 8
61. House Finch - 3
62. Common Redpoll - 10 (fly-over observed by Donna Kuhn's group - First Record since January of 2013)
63. American Goldfinch - 5
64. Lapland Longspur - 18 (one flock fly-over at Grimm Prairie)
65. Snow Bunting - 18
66. Fox Sparrow - 2 (both together along Ottawa-Lucas Rd.)
67. American Tree Sparrow - 63

68. Dark-eyed Junco - 2
69. Song Sparrow - 255 (very strong migratory push - New Census High - previous was 251 on 04/2006)
70. Eastern Meadowlark - 2
71. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,699
72. Brown-headed Cowbird - 15
73. Rusty Blackbird - 35
74. Common Grackle - 290
75. Northern Cardinal - 23

?? Unidentified Duck Species - 127

III. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Bullfrog - 1 (First March Record on Census)
2. Green Frog - 1 (First March Record on Census)
3. Northern Leopard Frog - 3 (First March Record on Census)

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