

APRIL 02, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

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

TIME: 7:40am - 12:40pm; 1:50pm - 5:00pm TEMP.: 31F ~ 48F COND.: Brisk early, winds from the northeast;

turning mostly sunny; mostly cloudy in the afternoon with winds shifting to the southeast.

OBS. EAST: Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Susan Brauning, Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, Doug Nims, George Novosel, James O'Brien, Bill Ohlsen, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye.

OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. FOX UNIT: Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Doug Nims, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 10
2. Woodchuck - 3
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 21
4. White-footed Mouse - 2
5. Common Muskrat - 15
6. Common Raccoon - 1
7. White-tailed Deer - 3

II. BIRDS: 95 SPECIES, 5,543 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 413
2. Mute Swan - 14
3. Trumpeter Swan - 134
4. Tundra Swan - 1
5. Wood Duck - 114
6. Blue-winged Teal - 162
7. Northern Shoveler - 172
8. Gadwall - 291
9. American Wigeon - 14
10. American Black Duck - 10
11. Mallard - 175
12. Northern Pintail - 136
13. Green-winged Teal - 79
14. Ring-necked Duck - 59
15. Lesser Scaup - 542
16. Bufflehead - 63
17. Hooded Merganser - 10
18. Common Merganser - 29
19. Red-breasted Merganser - 10
20. Ruddy Duck - 7
21. Ring-necked Pheasant - 1 (male - Grimm Prairie)
22. Pied-billed Grebe - 21
23. Mourning Dove - 18
24. American Coot - 132

25. Sandhill Crane - 8
26. Killdeer - 31
27. Dunlin - 3
28. American Woodcock - 3
29. Wilson's Snipe - 8
30. Greater Yellowlegs - 10
31. Lesser Yellowlegs - 22
32. Bonaparte's Gull - 60
33. Ring-billed Gull - 49
34. Herring Gull - 1
35. Double-crested Cormorant - 3
36. American White Pelican - 10 (flock of 6 and flock of 4 over Stange Rd. observation deck - Fourth April Record on Census)
37. Great Blue Heron - 26
38. Great Egret - 15
39. Turkey Vulture - 59
40. Northern Harrier - 7
41. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 4
42. Cooper's Hawk - 6
43. Bald Eagle - 26 (12 adult,14 immature)
44. Red-tailed Hawk - 10
45. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (gray morph)
46. Great Horned Owl - 3
47. Long-eared Owl - 5 (not open to the public - refuge property between Henry Marsh and Crane Creek)
48. Belted Kingfisher - 3
49. Red-headed Woodpecker - 18
50. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 15
51. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 4
52. Downy Woodpecker - 24
53. Hairy Woodpecker - 4
54. Northern Flicker - 29
55. Pileated Woodpecker - 1 (calling & drumming from woodlot west of Crane Creek bridge at Rt. 2 - Second April Record on Census & Tied Census High from 7 other occasions)
56. American Kestrel - 3
57. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (Fourth April Record on Census)
58. Eastern Phoebe - 18
59. Blue Jay - 44
60. American Crow - 2
61. Black-capped Chickadee - 10
62. Tufted Titmouse - 11
63. Horned Lark - 7
64. Tree Swallow - 244
65. Purple Martin - 2
66. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 29
67. White-breasted Nuthatch - 11
68. Brown Creeper - 12
69. Carolina Wren - 8

70. Brown Thrasher - 2
71. European Starling - 105
72. Eastern Bluebird - 2
73. Hermit Thrush - 11
74. American Robin - 134
75. House Sparrow - 10
76. House Finch - 6
77. American Goldfinch - 8
78. Chipping Sparrow - 9
79. Field Sparrow - 1
80. Fox Sparrow - 38
81. American Tree Sparrow - 202
82. Dark-eyed Junco - 32
83. White-throated Sparrow - 1
84. Savannah Sparrow - 7 (all in Grimm Prairie)
85. Song Sparrow - 129
86. Swamp Sparrow - 2
87. Eastern Towhee - 2
88. Eastern Meadowlark - 8
89. Red-winged Blackbird - 842
90. Brown-headed Cowbird - 27
91. Rusty Blackbird - 31
92. Common Grackle - 97
93. Louisiana Waterthrush - 1 (North Woods, east side - First April Record on Census & Tied Census High from 6 other occasions)
94. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 3
95. Northern Cardinal - 51

Unidentified Duck Species - 305

III. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES.

1. Northern Spring Peeper - 1 (calling - Second Record on Census & Second April Record on Census)
2. Northern Leopard Frog - many calling

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