

APRIL 03, 2022 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS. (An ongoing bird census since March of 1969)

ROUTES: Boss Unit and East and West sides in the morning; North section in the afternoon - except where closed for eagle nesting

TIME: 7:10am - 12:20pm; 1:30pm - 6:40pm TEMP.: 36F ~ 46F ~ 45F COND.: Gray and overcast in the morning until 9:00am; after

a brief spell of partly sunny, back to cloudy; no snow cover and all water open.

OBS. BOSS UNIT: George Novosel. OBS. EAST: Jim Reyda (in part), Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Linda Benner, George Novosel,

Jim Reyda (in part), Tony Szilagye. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. NORTH: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES, 1 DEAD. (Recorded since April of 2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 7
2. Woodchuck - 7
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 9
4. Common Muskrat - 6
5. Common Raccoon - 2
6. Mink - 1
7. White-tailed Deer - 14

X. American Beaver - 1 (dead)

II. BIRDS: 79 SPECIES, 25,711 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 699
2. Trumpeter Swan - 110 (one with yellow neckband "1A2" & one with probable yellow neckband too stained to read)
3. Wood Duck - 105
4. Blue-winged Teal - 63
5. Northern Shoveler - 110
6. Gadwall - 337
7. American Wigeon - 24
8. American Black Duck - 11
9. Mallard - 206
10. Northern Pintail - 279
11. Green-winged Teal - 202
12. Canvasback - 6
13. Redhead - 28
14. Ring-necked Duck - 199
15. Greater Scaup - 28
16. Lesser Scaup - 19,379 (massive staging between mouth of Crane Creek & Pool 3/MS5 inside breakwall as well as in Lake Erie - New Census High - previous was 5,500 on 04/1995)
17. Bufflehead - 27
18. Hooded Merganser - 56
19. Common Merganser - 50
20. Red-breasted Merganser - 4

21. Ruddy Duck - 8
22. Pied-billed Grebe - 17
23. Horned Grebe - 4
24. Mourning Dove - 46
25. Sandhill Crane - 28
26. Killdeer - 52
27. Dunlin - 2
28. Least Sandpiper - 1 (Fifth April Record on Census)
29. Pectoral Sandpiper - 61
30. Wilson's Snipe - 62
31. Greater Yellowlegs - 15
32. Lesser Yellowlegs - 18
33. Bonaparte's Gull - 61
34. Ring-billed Gull - 43
35. Herring Gull - 13
36. Great Black-backed Gull - 1 (immature flying west along Lake Erie breakwall at the Ottawa fish gate into Metzger Marsh - First Record since January of 2017)
37. Double-crested Cormorant - 36
38. American White Pelican - 5 (Third April Record on Census - 2020, 2021 & 2022)
39. Great Blue Heron - 77
40. Great Egret - 48
41. Turkey Vulture - 4
42. Northern Harrier - 7
43. Cooper's Hawk - 1
44. Bald Eagle - 23 (9 adult, 14 immature)
45. Red-tailed Hawk - 7
46. Great Horned Owl - 1
47. Belted Kingfisher - 4
48. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 7
49. Downy Woodpecker - 12
50. Northern Flicker - 16
51. American Kestrel - 2
52. Blue Jay - 12
53. Horned Lark - 9
54. Tree Swallow - 423
55. Black-capped Chickadee - 1
56. Tufted Titmouse - 4
57. White-breasted Nuthatch - 5
58. Winter Wren - 3
59. Carolina Wren - 2
60. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 7
61. American Robin - 119
62. Brown Thrasher - 2
63. European Starling - 137
64. House Sparrow - 7
65. House Finch - 1
66. American Goldfinch - 3

67. Lapland Longspur - 219 (very flighty, would not land for long before all going up again - in farm field between Rt. 2 and Krause Rd.)
68. Fox Sparrow - 22
69. American Tree Sparrow - 45
70. Dark-eyed Junco - 4
71. Savannah Sparrow - 3 (in the recently burned Grimm Prairie)
72. Song Sparrow - 104
73. Swamp Sparrow - 3
74. Eastern Meadowlark - 5 (at Henry Marsh along Krause Rd.)
75. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,577
76. Brown-headed Cowbird - 49
77. Rusty Blackbird - 61
78. Common Grackle - 87
79. Northern Cardinal - 39

???. Unidentified Duck Species - 153 (too distant or too high up to identify)

III. FISHES: 1 SPECIES. (Recorded since April of 2002)

1. Common Carp - 1

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