

APRIL 07, 2024 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTE: Boss Unit, East Side, West Side, and Western Prairies in the morning; Auto Tour area in the afternoon -

except where closed for eagle nesting.

TIME: 7:30am - 12:35pm; 1:40pm - 5:30pm TIME AFIELD: 8:55 TEMP.: 34F ~ 54F ~ 51F

COND.: Cool early, turning sunny with east winds; mostly sunny in the afternoon.

OBS. BOSS UNIT: George Novosel. OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. WEST: Ram & Pushpa Ganesan, Sam Ganesan, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, Megan Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Darleen Stigall, Tony Szilagye.

OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. AUTO TOUR: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 9 SPECIES, 54 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 9
2. Woodchuck - 1
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 13
4. American Beaver - 1 (Fourth April Record on Census & Tied Census High from 16 other occasions)
5. Meadow Vole - 3
6. Common Muskrat - 19
7. Common Raccoon - 2
8. Northern River Otter - 1 (Third Record on Census, First April Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11/2010 & 02/2022)
9. White-tailed Deer - 5

II. BIRDS: 88 SPECIES, 8,287 TOTAL. (Recorded since March 02, 1969)

1. Canada Goose - 496
2. Trumpeter Swan - 137
3. Wood Duck - 49
4. Blue-winged Teal - 133
5. Northern Shoveler - 122
6. Gadwall - 399
7. American Wigeon - 17
8. American Black Duck - 8
9. Mallard - 107
10. Northern Pintail - 22
11. Green-winged Teal - 314
12. Ring-necked Duck - 147
13. Greater Scaup - 2
14. Lesser Scaup - 2,411
15. Bufflehead - 24
16. Hooded Merganser - 4
17. Common Merganser - 19
18. Ruddy Duck - 1
19. Ring-necked Pheasant - 1

20. Pied-billed Grebe - 19
21. Mourning Dove - 26
22. Virginia Rail - 1
23. American Coot - 184
24. Sandhill Crane - 32
25. Killdeer - 31
26. Dunlin - 42
27. Pectoral Sandpiper - 419
28. Wilson's Snipe - 58
29. Greater Yellowlegs - 12
30. Lesser Yellowlegs - 2
31. Bonaparte's Gull - 26
32. Ring-billed Gull - 94
33. Herring Gull - 51
34. Forster's Tern - 3 (Fourth April Record on Census)
35. Double-crested Cormorant - 111
36. American White Pelican - 31 (Fifth April Record on Census)
37. Great Blue Heron - 37
38. Great Egret - 8
39. Turkey Vulture - 8
40. Northern Harrier - 4
41. Bald Eagle - 24 (15 adult,9 immature)
42. Red-tailed Hawk - 9
43. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (light morph - caught a vole at Stange Prairie)
44. Great Horned Owl - 4
45. Red-headed Woodpecker - 4
46. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 17
47. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2
48. Downy Woodpecker - 18
49. Hairy Woodpecker - 4
50. Northern Flicker - 46
51. American Kestrel - 3
52. Eastern Phoebe - 6
53. Blue Jay - 33
54. American Crow - 1
55. Black-capped Chickadee - 8
56. Tufted Titmouse - 5
57. Horned Lark - 3
58. Tree Swallow - 391
59. Purple Martin - 9
60. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 21
61. White-breasted Nuthatch - 6
62. Brown Creeper - 1
63. Winter Wren - 1
64. Carolina Wren - 7
65. Brown Thrasher - 2
66. European Starling - 180
67. Eastern Bluebird - 3

68. Hermit Thrush - 1
69. American Robin - 97
70. House Sparrow - 20
71. House Finch - 4
72. American Goldfinch - 4
73. Lapland Longspur - 2 (Krause Rd.)
74. Field Sparrow - 9
75. Fox Sparrow - 12
76. American Tree Sparrow - 96
77. Dark-eyed Junco - 19
78. Savannah Sparrow - 1 (Grimm Prairie)
79. Song Sparrow - 115
80. Swamp Sparrow - 12
81. Eastern Towhee - 1
82. Eastern Meadowlark - 4 (two at Grimm Prairie & two at Henry Marsh)
83. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,232
84. Brown-headed Cowbird - 21
85. Rusty Blackbird - 32
86. Common Grackle - 124
87. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 3
88. Northern Cardinal - 55

???. Unidentified Duck Species - 2

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES, 30 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Map Turtle - 3 (First April Record on Census)
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 25
3. Northern Water Snake - 1 (Fifth April Record on Census)
4. Eastern Garter Snake - 1

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES, 15 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Bullfrog - 3
2. Northern Leopard Frog - 12

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES, 8 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Common Carp - 7
2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 1 (First April Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 3 SPECIES, 4 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 1 (Fourth April Record on Census)

2. Eastern Comma - 2 (Second April Record on Census)
3. Red Admiral - 1 (Second April Record on Census)

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