

MAY 07, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

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

TIME: 7:40am - 12:50pm; 1:50pm - 5:40pm TEMP.: 56F ~ 77F COND.: Cloudy and overcast with rain ending at 8:00am; west winds throughout the morning at 5-10mph; partly sunny and warmer in the afternoon.

OBS. BOSS UNIT: Jim Koppin. OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Mary Applegate, Susan Brauning, Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donn Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, James O'Brien, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. AUTO TOUR: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 9 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 7
2. Woodchuck - 3
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 24
4. American Beaver - 1 (First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 13 other occasions)
5. White-footed Mouse - 2 (First May Record on Census)
6. Common Muskrat - 16
7. Mink - 2
8. Striped Skunk - 1 (Third Record on Census, First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 03/2008 & 09/2012)
9. White-tailed Deer - 1

II. BIRDS: 128 SPECIES, 5,495 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 813
2. Trumpeter Swan - 101
3. Wood Duck - 72
4. Blue-winged Teal - 25
5. Northern Shoveler - 2 (m)
6. Gadwall - 2
7. Mallard - 38
8. Green-winged Teal - 1 (m)
9. Hooded Merganser - 6
10. Common Merganser - 1
11. Pied-billed Grebe - 11
12. Mourning Dove - 16
13. Eastern Whip-poor-will - 2 (one on west side of South Woods and one on south side of North Woods - Fifth May Record on Census & First Record since 10/1986)
14. Chimney Swift - 4
15. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2
16. Virginia Rail - 2
17. Sora - 7
18. Common Gallinule - 14
19. American Coot - 14
20. Sandhill Crane - 41 (one pair with a single "coot-sized" young on west side of MS 3)
21. Killdeer - 32 (one nest with 4 eggs in Grimm Prairie)
22. Dunlin - 135
23. Least Sandpiper - 17
24. Semipalmated Sandpiper - 1
25. Spotted Sandpiper - 8
26. Solitary Sandpiper - 17
27. Greater Yellowlegs - 1
28. Lesser Yellowlegs - 28
29. Ring-billed Gull - 13
30. Herring Gull - 6

31. Caspian Tern - 3
32. Common Tern - 6
33. Double-crested Cormorant - 88
34. American White Pelican - 7
35. Great Blue Heron - 45
36. Great Egret - 94
37. Snowy Egret - 1
38. Green Heron - 10
39. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 2
40. Turkey Vulture - 28
41. Cooper's Hawk - 2
42. Bald Eagle - 33 (14 adult,16 immature,3 juvenile)
43. Red-tailed Hawk - 4
44. Great Horned Owl - 2
45. Barred Owl - 1 (Third Record on Census, First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 01/2009 & 03/2019)
46. Red-headed Woodpecker - 14
47. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 13
48. Downy Woodpecker - 12
49. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
50. Northern Flicker - 18
51. American Kestrel - 1
52. Great Crested Flycatcher - 9
53. Eastern Kingbird - 20
54. Least Flycatcher - 3
55. Eastern Phoebe - 3
56. Blue-headed Vireo - 6
57. Warbling Vireo - 24
58. Red-eyed Vireo - 2
59. Blue Jay - 135
60. American Crow - 1
61. Black-capped Chickadee - 5
62. Tufted Titmouse - 6
63. Horned Lark - 1
64. Bank Swallow - 2
65. Tree Swallow - 621
66. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 5
67. Purple Martin - 66
68. Barn Swallow - 37
69. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 39
70. Red-breasted Nuthatch - 3
71. White-breasted Nuthatch - 8
72. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4
73. House Wren - 62
74. Marsh Wren - 9
75. Carolina Wren - 5
76. Gray Catbird - 47
77. Brown Thrasher - 4
78. European Starling - 102
79. Eastern Bluebird - 3
80. Veery - 1
81. Gray-cheeked Thrush - 1
82. Swainson's Thrush - 3
83. Wood Thrush - 6
84. American Robin - 81
85. House Sparrow - 2

86. American Pipit - 11 (one flock in Grimm Prairie)
87. House Finch - 1
88. Purple Finch - 2
89. American Goldfinch - 40
90. Chipping Sparrow - 6
91. Field Sparrow - 13
92. White-crowned Sparrow - 40
93. White-throated Sparrow - 142
94. Savannah Sparrow - 14
95. Song Sparrow - 93
96. Lincoln's Sparrow - 3
97. Swamp Sparrow - 10
98. Orchard Oriole - 1
99. Baltimore Oriole - 27
100. Red-winged Blackbird - 878
101. Brown-headed Cowbird - 41
102. Rusty Blackbird - 7
103. Common Grackle - 168
104. Ovenbird - 2
105. Northern Waterthrush - 11
106. Golden-winged Warbler - 2 (South Woods)
107. Blue-winged Warbler - 1
108. Black-and-white Warbler - 7
109. Prothonotary Warbler - 9
110. Tennessee Warbler - 6
111. Nashville Warbler - 5
112. Common Yellowthroat - 23
113. American Redstart - 10
114. Cape May Warbler - 4
115. Northern Parula - 9
116. Magnolia Warbler - 3
117. Blackburnian Warbler - 6
118. Yellow Warbler - 393
119. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 2
120. Black-throated Blue Warbler - 5
121. Palm Warbler - 68
122. Pine Warbler - 1
123. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 189
124. Black-throated Green Warbler - 12
125. Scarlet Tanager - 1
126. Northern Cardinal - 62
127. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 21
128. Indigo Bunting - 3

III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES.

1. Map Turtle - 43 (New Census High - previous was 32 on 05/2015)
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 74
3. Northern Water Snake - 9

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. American Toad - 1 (calling) (Second Record on Census, Second May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/2020)

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

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES.

1. Goldfish - 1 (among the carp spawning frenzy - First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 06/2006, 02/2016 & 01/2019)
2. Common Carp - many (large masses spawning and impossible to count)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 5 SPECIES.

1. Cabbage Butterfly - 17
2. Spring Azure - 1
3. Pearl Crescent - 5
4. Eastern Comma - 1
5. Red Admiral - 5

DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Common Green Darner

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