

First, an addendum to last month's June Census - I forgot to add a total of 20 Sandhill Crane.

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

ROUTES: East Side, Fox Unit, West Side, and Western Prairies in the morning; Auto Tour area in the afternoon - except where closed for eagle nesting.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. FOX UNIT: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. WEST: Mary Applegate, Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, George Novosel, James O'Brien, Chris Pierce.

OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. AUTO TOUR: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

TIME: 7:45am - 12:00pm; 1:05pm - 3:40pm TEMP.: 69F ~ 79F COND.: Cloudy and overcast with brief sprinkles ending at 8:15am; winds

west at 5-10mph; partly sunny with another brief sprinkle in the afternoon, turning mostly sunny, hot and humid by end of census.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 54
2. Woodchuck - 21 (New Census High - previous was 10 on 08/2021)
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
4. Common Muskrat - 4
5. White-tailed Deer - 13 (1 buck, 10 does, 2 fawns)

II. BIRDS: 81 SPECIES, 3,911 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 454
2. Trumpeter Swan - 278 (cygnet/young groups of 2,2,2,3 & 4)
3. Wood Duck - 112
4. Mallard - 182
5. Pied-billed Grebe - 18
6. Mourning Dove - 19
7. Chimney Swift - 5
8. Virginia Rail - 1
9. Common Gallinule - 6
10. Sandhill Crane - 20
11. Killdeer - 24
12. Least Sandpiper - 3
13. Spotted Sandpiper - 4
14. Lesser Yellowlegs - 5
15. Bonaparte's Gull - 4
16. Ring-billed Gull - 10
17. Herring Gull - 7
18. Caspian Tern - 1
19. Common Tern - 7
20. Double-crested Cormorant - 22
21. American White Pelican - 14

22. Least Bittern - 1
23. Great Blue Heron - 57
24. Great Egret - 126
25. Green Heron - 10
26. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 3
27. Turkey Vulture - 7
28. Bald Eagle - 37 (7 adult,23 immature,7 juvenile)
29. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
30. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
31. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2
32. Downy Woodpecker - 15
33. Northern Flicker - 24
34. American Kestrel - 4 (family group along Krause Rd.)
35. Eastern Kingbird - 22
36. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 11
37. Willow Flycatcher - 15
38. Warbling Vireo - 25
39. Red-eyed Vireo - 5
40. Blue Jay - 14
41. Black-capped Chickadee - 5
42. Tufted Titmouse - 1
43. Horned Lark - 1
44. Tree Swallow - 403
45. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
46. Purple Martin - 88
47. Barn Swallow - 58
48. Cliff Swallow - 3
49. Cedar Waxwing - 5
50. White-breasted Nuthatch - 1
51. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3
52. House Wren - 83
53. Marsh Wren - 31
54. Carolina Wren - 4
55. Gray Catbird - 48
56. Brown Thrasher - 3
57. European Starling - 112
58. Wood Thrush - 1
59. American Robin - 72
60. House Sparrow - 14
61. House Finch - 11
62. American Goldfinch - 21
63. Grasshopper Sparrow - 1 (Grimm Prairie)
64. Chipping Sparrow - 2
65. Field Sparrow - 6
66. Savannah Sparrow - 2
67. Song Sparrow - 88
68. Swamp Sparrow - 17
69. Eastern Meadowlark - 3

70. Orchard Oriole - 1
71. Baltimore Oriole - 10
72. Red-winged Blackbird - 943
73. Brown-headed Cowbird - 1
74. Common Grackle - 61
75. Prothonotary Warbler - 10
76. Common Yellowthroat - 64
77. American Redstart - 2
78. Yellow Warbler - 57
79. Northern Cardinal - 48
80. Indigo Bunting - 33
81. Dickcissel - 14

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Map Turtle - 1 (Third July Record on Census)
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 22
3. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1 (First July Record on Census)
4. Eastern Garter Snake - 1

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Bullfrog - 11
2. Green Frog - 10

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Blackstripe Topminnow - 6 (Second July Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 11 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 1
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1
3. Cabbage Butterfly - 13
4. Clouded Sulphur - 9
5. Bronze Copper - 1
6. Eastern Tailed-Blue - 1
7. Summer Azure - 2
8. Red Admiral - 4
9. Viceroy - 1
10. Monarch - 7
11. Least Skipper - 1

VII. MOTHS: 3 SPECIES, 3 NEW TO CENSUS. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Forage Looper Moth - 5 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 7 Species since 04/2002)
2. Unknown Moth - 1 (under review - New Moth Species on Census - currently at 8 Species since 04/2002)
3. Unknown Moth - 1 (under review - New Moth Species on Census - currently at 9 Species since 04/2002)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 10 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Common Green Darner
2. Halloween Pennant
3. Eastern Pondhawk
4. Widow Skimmer
5. Blue Dasher
6. Eastern Amberwing (Fifth July Record on Census)
7. Common Whitetail (Fourth July Record on Census)
8. Black Saddlebags
9. Fragile Forktail (Second Record on Census & First July Record on Census)
10. Eastern Forktail (Fifth July Record on Census)

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