

JULY 03, 2022 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

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

TIME: 6:50am - 7:05am (Boss Unit); 7:15am (start West Side); 7:45am (start Western Prairies); 8:00am (start East Side) - 12:20pm; 1:25pm - 5:40pm (Auto Tour Area).

TEMP.: 71F ~ 82F ~ 80F COND.: Cloudless, clear conditions all day; sunny and warm; winds 5-10mph from NE.

OBS. BOSS UNIT: George Novosel. OBS. EAST SIDE: Mary Applegate, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST SIDE: Katie Clink, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye. OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. AUTO TOUR AREA: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 46
2. Woodchuck - 9
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
4. Meadow Vole - 1 (caught by adult Sandhill Crane in Stange Prairie - First July Record on Census)
5. Common Muskrat - 1
6. Mink - 2
7. White-tailed Deer - 2 (1 buck,1 doe)

II. BIRDS: 79 SPECIES, 4,107 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 447
2. Trumpeter Swan - 111 (3 family groups of 1 cygnet, 2 cygnets, and 3 cygnets)
3. Wood Duck - 73
4. Gadwall - 16
5. Mallard - 57
6. Canvasback - 1 (m) (in the Crane Creek floodplain - First July Record on Census)
7. Hooded Merganser - 5
8. Pied-billed Grebe - 15
9. Mourning Dove - 50
10. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3
11. Common Gallinule - 16
12. Sandhill Crane - 19 (flock of 13, one pair flying, and family group in Stange Prairie of two adults with two juveniles almost fully grown)
13. Killdeer - 69 (3 young)
14. Spotted Sandpiper - 18
15. Greater Yellowlegs - 1
16. Lesser Yellowlegs - 8
17. Bonaparte's Gull - 1
18. Ring-billed Gull - 4
19. Herring Gull - 3
20. Double-crested Cormorant - 46
21. American White Pelican - 1 (Fifth July Record on Census)
22. Great Blue Heron - 99

23. Great Egret - 115
24. Snowy Egret - 1
25. Green Heron - 6
26. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 7
27. Turkey Vulture - 6
28. Cooper's Hawk - 1
29. Bald Eagle - 9 (4 adult,5 immature)
30. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
31. Belted Kingfisher - 1
32. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
33. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4
34. Downy Woodpecker - 9
35. Northern Flicker - 15
36. American Kestrel - 5
37. Great Crested Flycatcher - 4
38. Eastern Kingbird - 34
39. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 3
40. Willow Flycatcher - 18
41. Warbling Vireo - 46
42. Red-eyed Vireo - 6
43. Blue Jay - 27
44. Horned Lark - 1
45. Tree Swallow - 766
46. Purple Martin - 162
47. Barn Swallow - 75
48. Cliff Swallow - 4
49. Black-capped Chickadee - 2
50. White-breasted Nuthatch - 6
51. House Wren - 86 (New Census High - previous was 75 on 07/2021)
52. Marsh Wren - 59 (New Census High - previous was 50 on 06/2018)
53. Carolina Wren - 6
54. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3
55. Eastern Bluebird - 2
56. American Robin - 54
57. Gray Catbird - 40
58. Brown Thrasher - 6
59. European Starling - 150
60. Cedar Waxwing - 7
61. House Sparrow - 7
62. House Finch - 5
63. American Goldfinch - 52
64. Chipping Sparrow - 6
65. Field Sparrow - 7
66. Song Sparrow - 139
67. Swamp Sparrow - 5
68. Eastern Meadowlark - 3 (one in Grimm Prairie and two along Krause Rd.)
69. Orchard Oriole - 3
70. Baltimore Oriole - 7

71. Red-winged Blackbird - 733
72. Brown-headed Cowbird - 12
73. Common Grackle - 93
74. Prothonotary Warbler - 12
75. Common Yellowthroat - 41
76. Yellow Warbler - 84
77. Northern Cardinal - 38
78. Indigo Bunting - 41
79. Dickcissel - 5 (two in northeast corner of Grimm Prairie, one in Stange Prairie by observation deck, and two along main entrance road to visitor center)

III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES, plus 1 DEAD. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 1
2. Map Turtle - 3 (Second July Record on Census)
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 18

X. Eastern Fox Snake - 1 (dead in Grimm Prairie)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Bullfrog - 14
2. Green Frog - 42
3. Northern Leopard Frog - 1

V. FISHES: 3 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Common Carp - many
2. Black Bullhead - 40 (fry in a ditch in a tight "school ball")
3. Blackstripe Topminnow - 80 (in ditches along Krause Rd./Henry Marsh - First July Record & New Census High - previous was 27 on 08/2020)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 11 SPECIES, 2 UNKNOWN. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 1
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 2 (Fifth July Record on Census)
3. Cabbage Butterfly - 15
4. Clouded Sulphur - 26
5. Eastern Tailed-Blue - 3 (Grimm Prairie - Fifth July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2021 & 08/2021)
6. Pearl Crescent - 1
7. Red Admiral - 1
8. Viceroy - 2

9. Little Wood Satyr - 10 (Second Record on Census, Second July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 07/2010)
10. Monarch - 24
11. Least Skipper - 2 (Fourth July Record on Census)

???. Unidentified Brown Skipper - two different ones (could not obtain photos, one had a cream-yellow stripe down the side - D. Vogus)

#### VII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 11 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Common Green Darner (Fifth July Record on Census)
2. Halloween Pennant (Fifth July Record on Census)
3. Eastern Pondhawk (Fifth July Record on Census)
4. Slaty Skimmer - 2 (in ditch along Stange Rd. - New Odonata Species on Census - currently at 20 Species since 05/2018)
5. Widow Skimmer (Fifth July Record on Census)
6. Twelve-spotted Skimmer (Third July Record on Census)
7. Blue Dasher (Fifth July Record on Census)
8. Common Whitetail (Third July Record on Census)
9. Black Saddlebags (Fifth July Record on Census)
10. Orange Bluet (Second July Record on Census)
11. Eastern Forktail (Fourth July Record on Census)

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