

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

ROUTES: East Side, Fox Unit parking lot, West Side, Western Prairies and Henry Marsh in the morning; Wildlife Drive in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:30am - 12:00pm; 12:40pm - 3:00pm TIME AFIELD: 6:50 TEMP.: 65F ~ 83F

COND.: Warm and calm, turning hot and sunny, muggy and buggy; little to no wind to speak of.

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

Mary Applegate, Susan Brauning,

Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Carrie Rasik, Justin Riley,

Tony Szilagye, Tracy Wiczer.

OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES & HENRY MARSH: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. WILDLIFE DRIVE: Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus & Chris Pierce (in-part).

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES, (1 DEAD, 1 KILLED), 72 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 47
2. Woodchuck - 12
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 5
4. Common Muskrat - 4
5. Striped Skunk - 1 (in a "have-a-heart" trap in yard at 16629 Krause Rd. - gunshot later ended it - Fourth Record on Census, First July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 03/2008, 09/2012 & 05/2023)
6. Northern River Otter - 1 (observed by D. & K. Myles, K. Clink & C. Rasik in Pool 2C - Fourth Record on Census, First July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11/2010, 02/2022 & 04/2024)
7. White-tailed Deer - 2 (1 buck, 1 doe)

X. White-footed Mouse - 1 (dead in a drainage ditch along Krause Rd.)

II. BIRDS: 84 SPECIES, 3,517 TOTAL. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 439
2. Trumpeter Swan - 175 (cygnet groups of 1, 2, & 4)
3. Wood Duck - 31
4. Mallard - 14
5. Green-winged Teal - 2 (West Side - G. Novosel's Group)
6. Hooded Merganser - 1 (f) (Henry Marsh)
7. Northern Bobwhite - 2 (along Krause Rd. - Third July Record on Census)
8. Pied-billed Grebe - 6
9. Mourning Dove - 33
10. Chimney Swift - 1
11. Common Gallinule - 10
12. Sandhill Crane - 15 (two almost full-grown young with two parent birds east of Grimm Prairie)
13. Black-necked Stilt - 5 (observed by C. Pierce on Wildlife Drive - Fourth Record on Census, First July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 05/2021)
14. Killdeer - 63 (2 young)
15. Stilt Sandpiper - 2 (observed by C. Pierce on Wildlife Drive)
16. Least Sandpiper - 1
17. Short-billed Dowitcher - 23

18. Spotted Sandpiper - 3
19. Greater Yellowlegs - 2
20. Lesser Yellowlegs - 22
21. Ring-billed Gull - 14
22. Caspian Tern - 2
23. Common Tern - 4
24. Double-crested Cormorant - 19
25. American White Pelican - 1 (observed by J. Reyda & D.W. Vogus in Crane Creek on the Wildlife Drive)
26. Least Bittern - 1 (calling at Henry Marsh)
27. Great Blue Heron - 71
28. Great Egret - 108
29. Green Heron - 5
30. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 5
31. Turkey Vulture - 7
32. Northern Harrier - 1 (female flushed by D.W. Vogus in Grimm Prairie - a brief search yielded no nest or young - Fourth July Record on Census)
33. Bald Eagle - 24 (11 adult,13 immature)
34. Red-tailed Hawk - 4
35. Barn Owl - 9 (2 adults and 7 young per the most recent nest-cam observations - Second July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 8 on 08/2023)
36. Belted Kingfisher - 2
37. Red-headed Woodpecker - 4
38. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9
39. Downy Woodpecker - 15
40. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
41. Northern Flicker - 19
42. American Kestrel - 1
43. Great Crested Flycatcher - 5
44. Eastern Kingbird - 44
45. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 15
46. Willow Flycatcher - 10
47. Eastern Phoebe - 5
48. Warbling Vireo - 29
49. Red-eyed Vireo - 3
50. Blue Jay - 23
51. Black-capped Chickadee - 5
52. Tufted Titmouse - 1
53. Tree Swallow - 316
54. Purple Martin - 186
55. Barn Swallow - 63
56. Cedar Waxwing - 20
57. White-breasted Nuthatch - 8
58. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1
59. Carolina Wren - 7
60. House Wren - 62
61. Marsh Wren - 50
62. Gray Catbird - 45

63. Brown Thrasher - 6
64. European Starling - 156
65. Eastern Bluebird - 1
66. American Robin - 57
67. House Sparrow - 9
68. House Finch - 5
69. American Goldfinch - 40
70. Chipping Sparrow - 1
71. Field Sparrow - 4
72. Song Sparrow - 101
73. Swamp Sparrow - 13
74. Orchard Oriole - 2
75. Baltimore Oriole - 12
76. Red-winged Blackbird - 685
77. Brown-headed Cowbird - 14
78. Common Grackle - 116
79. Prothonotary Warbler - 4
80. Common Yellowthroat - 72
81. Yellow Warbler - 66
82. Northern Cardinal - 34
83. Indigo Bunting - 37
84. Dickcissel - 7 (6 in Grimm Prairie and 1 in Stange Prairie)

III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES, 38 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Map Turtle - 8 (Fourth July Record on Census)
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 29
3. Northern Water Snake - 1

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES, 40 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. American Bullfrog - 17
2. Green Frog - 11
3. Northern Leopard Frog - 12

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES, 128 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Blackstripe Topminnow - 122 (Third July Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 93 on 08/2022)
2. Bluegill - 6 (Fourth July Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 13 SPECIES, 238 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 1
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 3
3. Cabbage Butterfly - 159
4. Clouded Sulphur - 24
5. Orange Sulphur - 9
6. Southern Dogface - 2 (Second Record on Census, First July Record on Census & New Census High - previous high was 1 on 08/2022)
7. Summer Azure - 19 (New Census High - previous was 13 on 07/2013)
8. Pearl Crescent - 1
9. Red Admiral - 3
10. Red-spotted Purple - 1 (First July Record on Census)
11. Viceroy - 6
12. Northern Pearly Eye - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First July Record on Census)

VII. MOTHS: 3 SPECIES, 10 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Forage Looper Moth - 7 (Fifth Record on Census & Second July Record on Census)
2. Carrot Seed Moth - 1 (Second Record on Census, First July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2023)
3. Yellow-collared Scape Moth - 2 (Second Record on Census, First July Record on Census & Tied Census High from 10/2023)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 8 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/06/2018)

1. Common Green Darner (Seventh July Record on Census)
2. Halloween Pennant (Seventh July Record on Census)
3. Eastern Pondhawk (Seventh July Record on Census)
4. Widow Skimmer (Seventh July Record on Census)
5. Blue Dasher (Seventh July Record on Census)
6. Eastern Amberwing (Sixth July Record on Census)
7. Black Saddlebags (Seventh July Record on Census)
8. Eastern Forktail (Sixth July Record on Census)

(NOTE: remove last month's sighting of a Comet Darner as it was misidentified by an observer on the West Side)

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