

AUGUST 01, 2021 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, West Side, and Grimm and Stange Prairies south of Crane Creek in the morning - Auto Tour in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:45am - 12:20pm; 1:30pm - 5:10pm TEMP.: 63F ~ 75F COND.: Mostly sunny and pleasant; winds W at 5-10mph shifting to NW at 5-15mph.

OBS. EAST: Conrad Harstine, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht, Debby Vincent. OBS. WEST: Linda Benner, Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 59 (New Census High - previous was 42 on 07/2019)
2. Woodchuck - 10 (New Census High - previous was 9 on 07/2004 & 09/2006)
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
4. Meadow Vole - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
5. Common Muskrat - 3

II. BIRDS: 93 SPECIES, 4,190 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 173
2. Trumpeter Swan - 182 (15 young)
3. Wood Duck - 98
4. Mallard - 74
5. Green-winged Teal - 7
6. Pied-billed Grebe - 4
7. Rock Pigeon - 1
8. Mourning Dove - 49
9. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 2
10. Chimney Swift - 5
11. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 19
12. Common Gallinule - 8
13. Sandhill Crane - 15
14. Killdeer - 72 (3 young)
15. Semipalmated Plover - 3
16. Stilt Sandpiper - 11
17. Dunlin - 2
18. Baird's Sandpiper - 1 (Fourth August Record on Census)
19. Least Sandpiper - 11
20. Pectoral Sandpiper - 5
21. Semipalmated Sandpiper - 8
22. Short-billed Dowitcher - 44
23. Spotted Sandpiper - 7
24. Solitary Sandpiper - 1
25. Greater Yellowlegs - 4
26. Lesser Yellowlegs - 7

27. Bonaparte's Gull - 21
28. Ring-billed Gull - 131
29. Herring Gull - 11
30. Caspian Tern - 10
31. Common Tern - 32
32. Double-crested Cormorant - 90
33. Great Blue Heron - 129
34. Great Egret - 214
35. Snowy Egret - 1
36. Green Heron - 11
37. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 2
38. Turkey Vulture - 5
39. Bald Eagle - 17 (6 adult,11 immature)
40. Red-tailed Hawk - 12
41. Great Horned Owl - 4
42. Belted Kingfisher - 4
43. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
44. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3
45. Downy Woodpecker - 11
46. Northern Flicker - 13
47. Great Crested Flycatcher - 3
48. Eastern Kingbird - 68
49. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 5
50. Willow Flycatcher - 6
51. Eastern Phoebe - 4
52. Warbling Vireo - 11
53. Red-eyed Vireo - 5
54. Blue Jay - 24
55. Horned Lark - 13
56. Bank Swallow - 4
57. Tree Swallow - 273
58. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 7
59. Purple Martin - 207
60. Barn Swallow - 97
61. Cliff Swallow - 14
62. Black-capped Chickadee - 3
63. Tufted Titmouse - 2
64. White-breasted Nuthatch - 5
65. House Wren - 41
66. Marsh Wren - 11
67. Carolina Wren - 1
68. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3
69. Eastern Bluebird - 1
70. American Robin - 134
71. Gray Catbird - 31
72. Brown Thrasher - 2
73. Northern Mockingbird - 2
74. European Starling - 225

75. Cedar Waxwing - 16
76. House Sparrow - 11
77. House Finch - 10
78. American Goldfinch - 78
79. Chipping Sparrow - 2
80. Field Sparrow - 3
81. Henslow's Sparrow - 2 (Grimm Prairie)
82. Song Sparrow - 58
83. Swamp Sparrow - 3
84. Eastern Towhee - 1
85. Bobolink - 1 (Grimm Prairie)
86. Baltimore Oriole - 12
87. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,013
88. Brown-headed Cowbird - 20
89. Common Grackle - 78 (one dead)
90. Common Yellowthroat - 26
91. Yellow Warbler - 56
92. Northern Cardinal - 34
93. Indigo Bunting - 16

Unidentified Duck Species - 12

III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES.

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 8
2. Northern Water Snake - 1
3. Eastern Garter Snake - 2 (Third August Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Bullfrog - 3
2. Green Frog - 6
3. Northern Leopard Frog - 3

V. FISHES: 3 SPECIES.

1. Common Carp - 15
2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 23 (Second August Record on Census)
3. Bluegill - 1

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 18 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 3
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 4

3. Cabbage Butterfly - 34
4. Clouded Sulphur - 22
5. Orange Sulphur - 5
6. Eastern Tailed-Blue - 3 (Grimm Prairie - Second August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2021)
7. Summer Azure - 2
8. Pearl Crescent - 7
9. Question Mark - 1 (Third Record on Census, Second August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2014 & 12/2018)
10. Eastern Comma - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
11. Red Admiral - 2
12. American Painted Lady - 1 (First August Record on Census)
13. Red-spotted Purple - 4 (Fifth Record on August Census & Tied Census High from 08/2015)
14. Viceroy - 17 (Tied Census High from 09/2018)
15. Northern Pearly Eye - 1 (Second Record on Census & First August Record on Census)
16. Monarch - 55
17. Least Skipper - 7 (Fourth August Record on Census)
18. Fiery Skipper - 1 (Second August Record on Census)

VII. MOTH (of note): 1 SPECIES.

1. Virginia Ctenucha - 1 (feeding on teasel in Grimm Prairie)

(also of note in Grimm Prairie - the brilliant Dogbane Leaf Beetle feeding on common milkweed)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES (recorded since 2018): 8 SPECIES.

1. Common Green Darner (Fourth August Record on Census)
2. Halloween Pennant (Fourth August Record on Census)
3. Eastern Pondhawk (Fourth August Record on Census)
4. Widow Skimmer (Second August Record on Census)
5. Blue Dasher (Fourth August Record on Census)
6. Black Saddlebags (Fourth August Record on Census)
7. Orange Bluet (Second August Record on Census)
8. Eastern Forktail (Fourth August Record on Census)

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