

AUGUST 04, 2024 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

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

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Susan Brauning, Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn,

David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye, Tracy Wiczer.

OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES & FOX UNIT: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. WILDLIFE DRIVE: Bob Bartolotta, Jim Koppin, Douglas W. Vogus.

TIME: 7:30am - 12:00pm; 12:45pm - 3:40pm TIME AFIELD: 7:25 TEMP.: 68F ~ 88F

COND.: Mostly sunny all morning with no wind; warming up before lunch; hot, humid and sunny in the afternoon.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES, 74 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 50
2. Woodchuck - 12
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 2
4. American Beaver - 1 (Second August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 17 other occasions)
5. Common Muskrat - 2
6. White-tailed Deer - 7 (2 bucks,3 does,2 fawns)

II. BIRDS: 91 SPECIES, 3,957 TOTAL. (Recorded since March 02, 1969)

1. Canada Goose - 209
2. Trumpeter Swan - 162 (8 young in groups of 2, 2 & 4)
3. Wood Duck - 59
4. Mallard - 92
5. Hooded Merganser - 1
6. Northern Bobwhite - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
7. Pied-billed Grebe - 2
8. Rock Pigeon - 12
9. Mourning Dove - 21
10. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 5
11. Common Gallinule - 10
12. Sandhill Crane - 53 (3 young)
13. Black-necked Stilt - 5 (Fifth Record on Census, First August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2024)
14. Killdeer - 49
15. Semipalmated Plover - 2
16. Stilt Sandpiper - 1
17. Least Sandpiper - 51
18. Pectoral Sandpiper - 6
19. Semipalmated Sandpiper - 60
20. Short-billed Dowitcher - 5

21. Spotted Sandpiper - 2
22. Greater Yellowlegs - 8
23. Lesser Yellowlegs - 11
24. Bonaparte's Gull - 4
25. Ring-billed Gull - 91
26. Herring Gull - 4
27. Caspian Tern - 20
28. Common Tern - 22
29. Forster's Tern - 4
30. Double-crested Cormorant - 67
31. American White Pelican - 12 (Fifth August Record on Census)
32. Great Blue Heron - 62
33. Great Egret - 267
34. Snowy Egret - 3
35. Little Blue Heron - 1 (immature south of where MS3 & MS4 meet along Crane Creek floodplain)
36. Green Heron - 6
37. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1
38. Turkey Vulture - 2
39. Osprey - 4
40. Bald Eagle - 17 (5 adult, 12 immature)
41. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1 (Fourth August Record on Census)
42. Red-tailed Hawk - 8
43. Belted Kingfisher - 7
44. Red-headed Woodpecker - 11
45. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 5
46. Downy Woodpecker - 9
47. Northern Flicker - 12
48. Eastern Kingbird - 34
49. Olive-sided Flycatcher - 1 (East Side - Fifth August Record on Census)
50. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 7
51. Willow Flycatcher - 11
52. Eastern Phoebe - 12
53. Warbling Vireo - 9
54. Red-eyed Vireo - 3
55. Blue Jay - 21
56. Black-capped Chickadee - 3
57. Bank Swallow - 30
58. Tree Swallow - 467
59. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
60. Purple Martin - 329
61. Barn Swallow - 96
62. Cliff Swallow - 4
63. Cedar Waxwing - 17
64. White-breasted Nuthatch - 4
65. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1
66. Carolina Wren - 6
67. House Wren - 24
68. Sedge Wren - 1 (Stange Prairie)

69. Marsh Wren - 3
70. Gray Catbird - 16
71. Brown Thrasher - 1
72. European Starling - 551
73. American Robin - 85
74. House Sparrow - 12
75. House Finch - 3
76. American Goldfinch - 40
77. Field Sparrow - 4
78. Song Sparrow - 81
79. Swamp Sparrow - 5
80. Bobolink - 21 (Grimm Prairie)
81. Orchard Oriole - 1
82. Baltimore Oriole - 5
83. Red-winged Blackbird - 411
84. Brown-headed Cowbird - 7
85. Common Grackle - 31
86. Prothonotary Warbler - 2
87. Common Yellowthroat - 25
88. Yellow Warbler - 20
89. Northern Cardinal - 42
90. Indigo Bunting - 27
91. Dickcissel - 6 (4 in Grimm Prairie and 2 in Stange Prairie)
92. Unidentified "Peep" Sandpiper - 10

III. REPTILES: 2 SPECIES, 13 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Map Turtle - 4 (Third August Record on Census)
2. Midland Painted Turtle - 9

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES, 13 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. American Bullfrog - 7
2. Green Frog - 6

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES, 232 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Common Carp - 10
2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 222 (Fifth August Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 122 on 07/2024)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 18 SPECIES, 266 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 2
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 2
3. Cabbage Butterfly - 70
4. Clouded Sulphur - 55

5. Orange Sulphur - 18
6. Southern Dogface - 12 (Third Record on Census, Second August Record & New Census High - previous was 2 on 07/2024)
7. Summer Azure - 4
8. Pearl Crescent - 15
9. Question Mark - 1 (Fourth August Record on Census)
10. Red Admiral - 3
11. Painted Lady - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
12. Common Buckeye - 6
13. Viceroy - 12
14. Northern Pearly Eye - 1 (Fifth Record on Census & Second August Record on Census)
15. Monarch - 35
16. Silver-spotted Skipper - 4 (Fifth August Record on Census)
17. Least Skipper - 24 (New Census High - previous was 16 on 09/2015)
18. Zabulon Skipper - 1 (Fifth Record on Census & Second August Record on Census)

VII. MOTHS / CATERPILLARS: 2 SPECIES, 20 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Forage Looper Moth - 17 (Second August Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 16 on 09/2023)
2. Milkweed Tussock Moth (caterpillars only) - 3 (Second Record on Census & Second August Record on Census)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 9 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/06/2018)

1. Common Green Darner
2. Halloween Pennant
3. Eastern Pondhawk
4. Widow Skimmer (Fifth August Record on Census)
5. Blue Dasher
6. Wandering Glider (Fourth August Record on Census)
7. Eastern Amberwing (Fourth August Record on Census)
8. Black Saddlebags
9. Eastern Forktail

IX. INSECT OF NOTE: 1 SPECIES.

1. North American Wheel Bug - 1 (at the Fox Unit - almost 2" long and photos obtained by D.W. Vogus)

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