

SEPTEMBER 03, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

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

TIME: 7:45am - 12:20pm; 1:20pm - 4:20pm TEMP.: 70F ~ 87F COND.: Warm start, turning hot and sunny;

much hotter in the afternoon with steady western breezes.

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

Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, David & Kim Myles, George Novosel, James

O'Brien, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye. OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

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

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 5
2. Woodchuck - 5
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 5
4. Common Muskrat - 1
5. Mink - 1 (Fifth September Record on Census)
6. White-tailed Deer - 6

II. BIRDS: 107 SPECIES, 4,525 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 306
2. Trumpeter Swan - 105
3. Wood Duck - 70
4. Blue-winged Teal - 113
5. Northern Shoveler - 15
6. American Wigeon - 12
7. American Black Duck - 2
8. Mallard - 331
9. Green-winged Teal - 21
10. Redhead - 4 (2m,2f) (Second September Record on Census)
11. Pied-billed Grebe - 5
12. Mourning Dove - 56
13. Chimney Swift - 5
14. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 12
15. Common Gallinule - 5
16. Sandhill Crane - 22
17. American Golden-Plover - 1
18. Killdeer - 45
19. Semipalmated Plover - 2
20. Marbled Godwit - 2
21. Stilt Sandpiper - 2
22. Least Sandpiper - 3
23. Pectoral Sandpiper - 1

24. Semipalmated Sandpiper - 14
25. Short-billed Dowitcher - 8
26. Wilson's Snipe - 1
27. Spotted Sandpiper - 1
28. Greater Yellowlegs - 9
29. Lesser Yellowlegs - 25
30. Red-necked Phalarope - 1
31. Ring-billed Gull - 102
32. Herring Gull - 1
33. Caspian Tern - 4
34. Double-crested Cormorant - 63
35. American White Pelican - 103 (Fifth September Record on Census)
36. Great Blue Heron - 48
37. Great Egret - 111
38. Snowy Egret - 3 (2 immature)
39. Green Heron - 4
40. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 2
41. Turkey Vulture - 13
42. Northern Harrier - 2 (1m,1f)
43. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
44. Cooper's Hawk - 1
45. Bald Eagle - 10 (5 adult,5 immature)
46. Red-shouldered Hawk - 1 (Fifth September Record on Census)
47. Broad-winged Hawk - 1 (eating a small bird) (Fourth September Record on Census)
48. Red-tailed Hawk - 8
49. Belted Kingfisher - 5
50. Red-headed Woodpecker - 4
51. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6
52. Downy Woodpecker - 15
53. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
54. Northern Flicker - 10
55. American Kestrel - 1 (m)
56. Merlin - 1 (f) (dive bombing female Northern Harrier)
57. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (m) (strafed a large flock of Red-winged Blackbirds and scored one)
58. Great Crested Flycatcher - 3
59. Eastern Kingbird - 20
60. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 6
61. Willow Flycatcher - 5
62. Eastern Phoebe - 10
63. Warbling Vireo - 8
64. Red-eyed Vireo - 13
65. Blue Jay - 36
66. Black-capped Chickadee - 5
67. Tufted Titmouse - 3
68. Horned Lark - 1
69. Tree Swallow - 143
70. Purple Martin - 146
71. Barn Swallow - 36

72. Cedar Waxwing - 19
73. White-breasted Nuthatch - 8
74. House Wren - 7
75. Carolina Wren - 5
76. Gray Catbird - 15
77. Brown Thrasher - 2
78. European Starling - 197
79. Veery - 1
80. Swainson's Thrush - 1
81. American Robin - 66
82. House Sparrow - 41
83. House Finch - 9
84. American Goldfinch - 47
85. Field Sparrow - 1
86. Savannah Sparrow - 2
87. Song Sparrow - 4
88. Bobolink - 15 (11 in Grimm Prairie & 4 fly-overs at Krause Rd.)
89. Baltimore Oriole - 6
90. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,770
91. Brown-headed Cowbird - 2
92. Common Grackle - 88
93. Black-and-white Warbler - 1
94. Tennessee Warbler - 3
95. Common Yellowthroat - 1
96. American Redstart - 3
97. Cape May Warbler - 1
98. Magnolia Warbler - 2
99. Bay-breasted Warbler - 6
100. Blackburnian Warbler - 1
101. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 3
102. Blackpoll Warbler - 4
103. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1
104. Canada Warbler - 1
105. Northern Cardinal - 21
106. Indigo Bunting - 8
107. Dickcissel - 3 (Grimm Prairie)

Unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher - 2

Unidentified Warbler Species - 1

III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 4 (Fifth September Record on Census)
2. Northern Brown Snake - 1 (Second September Record on Census & Tied Census High from 5 other occasions)
3. Eastern Garter Snake - 2 (1 black morph) (Third September Record on Census)

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

1. Bullfrog - 20
2. Green Frog - 25

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Common Emerald Shiner - 7 (Third Record on Census & First September Record on Census)
2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 31 (second September Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 17 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 3
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 87
3. Clouded Sulphur - 28
4. Cloudless Sulphur - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
5. Eastern Tailed-Blue - 1
6. Pearl Crescent - 2
7. Eastern Comma - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
8. Red Admiral - 3
9. Painted Lady - 1 (Third September Record on Census)
10. Common Buckeye - 2
11. Red-spotted Purple - 1
12. Viceroy - 14
13. Northern Pearly Eye - 1 (Third Record on Census & Second September Record on Census)
14. Monarch - 19
15. Silver-spotted Skipper - 5 (Third September Record on Census)
16. Least Skipper - 4
17. Fiery Skipper - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & First September Record on Census)

VII. MOTHS: 4 SPECIES. (Recorded since 04/2002)

1. Large Maple Spanworm Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 10 Moth Species since 04/2002)
2. Forage Looper Moth - 16 (Third Record on Census, First September Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 14 on 08/2023)
3. Wavy-lined Emerald - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 11 Moth Species since 04/2002)
4. Florida Tetanolita Moth - 1 (New Species on Census - currently at 12 Moth Species since 04/2002)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 13 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Common Green Darner (Fifth September Record on Census)

2. Halloween Pennant (Third September Record on Census)
3. Eastern Pondhawk (Fifth September Record on Census)
4. Widow Skimmer (Second September Record on Census)
5. Blue Dasher
6. Wandering Glider (Second September Record on Census)
7. Eastern Amberwing (Fourth September Record on Census)
8. Common Whitetail (First September Record on Census)
9. Ruby Meadowhawk (Second September Record on Census)
10. Black Saddlebags
11. Familiar Bluet (Third September Record on Census)
12. Orange Bluet (Second September Record on Census)
13. Eastern Forktail

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