April 2, 2017

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: Usual morning and afternoon routes (east and west sides in the morning, back side in the afternoon), except where closed for eagle nesting.

TIME: 8:00am - 12:20pm; 2:00pm - 6:30pm

TEMP.: 35 ~ 61 ~ 56

COND.: Chilly early, giving way to mostly sunny and warming; clouding up in the afternoon and cooler.

OBS. EAST: Chris Crofts, Conner Crofts, Lee Crofts, Tony Szilagye.

OBS. WEST: Katie Clink, Jim Koppen, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, Sharon Newell, Lisa Phelps, Ed Pierce, Jacob Raber, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Katie Clink, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppen, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, Sharon Newell, Lisa Phelps, Ed Pierce, Jacob Raber, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 9 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 6
2. Woodchuck - 1
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
4. American Beaver - 1
5. White-footed Mouse - 2
6. Meadow Vole - 2
7. Common Muskrat - 10
8. Common Raccoon - 1
9. White-tailed Deer - 3 (doe)

II. BIRDS: 91 SPECIES, 7,979 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 347
2. Mute Swan - 5
3. Trumpeter Swan - 107 (neckbands: "74M - green" & "1A2 - yellow")
4. Tundra Swan - 84
5. Wood Duck - 88
6. Gadwall - 335
7. American Wigeon - 126
8. American Black Duck - 8
9. Mallard - 193
10. Blue-winged Teal - 141
11. Northern Shoveler - 244
12. Northern Pintail - 42
13. Green-winged Teal - 415
14. Redhead - 32
15. Ring-necked Duck - 135
16. Lesser Scaup - 2,012
17. Bufflehead - 51
18. Hooded Merganser - 5
19. Common Merganser - 23
20. Red-breasted Merganser - 1
21. Ruddy Duck - 29
22. Pied-billed Grebe - 7
23. Horned Grebe - 7
24. Mourning Dove - 29
25. Virginia Rail - 1
26. American Coot - 90
27. Sandhill Crane - 30
28. American Golden-Plover - 94 (fly-over headed west)
29. Killdeer - 45
30. Pectoral Sandpiper - 1
31. Wilson’s Snipe - 21
32. Greater Yellowlegs - 6
33. Lesser Yellowlegs - 19
34. Bonaparte’s Gull - 43
35. Ring-billed Gull - 19
36. Herring Gull - 6
37. Common Loon - 1
38. Double-crested Cormorant - 6
39. Great Blue Heron - 40
40. Great Egret - 41
41. Turkey Vulture - 88
42. Bald Eagle - 7 (4 adult,3 immature)
43. Northern Harrier - 5
44. Red-tailed Hawk - 14
45. Rough-legged Hawk - 1 (light morph - Stange Prairie)
46. Great Horned Owl - 4
47. Long-eared Owl - 2 (east end of Stange Prairie)
48. Short-eared Owl - 7 (Stange Prairie)
49. Belted Kingfisher - 1
50. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 12
51. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1
52. Downy Woodpecker - 23
53. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
54. Northern Flicker - 26
55. American Kestrel - 1
56. Eastern Phoebe - 10
57. Blue Jay - 36
58. American Crow - 15
59. Horned Lark - 13
60. Tree Swallow - 185
61. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
62. Black-capped Chickadee - 10
63. Tufted Titmouse - 5
64. White-breasted Nuthatch - 3
65. Brown Creeper - 3
66. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1
67. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 38
68. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2
69. Eastern Bluebird - 1
70. American Robin - 219
71. European Starling - 81
72. House Sparrow - 29
73. House Finch - 5
74. American Goldfinch - 21
75. Lapland Longspur - 396 (Adam Grimm Prairie/Krause Rd. area - most were fly-overs heading W/NW)
76. American Tree Sparrow - 95
77. Chipping Sparrow - 3
78. Field Sparrow - 15
79. Vesper Sparrow - 2 (one along Krause Rd. and one along Rt. 2)
80. Fox Sparrow - 11
81. Song Sparrow - 125
82. Swamp Sparrow - 3
83. White-throated Sparrow - 1
84. White-crowned Sparrow - 4
85. Dark-eyed Junco - 28
86. Northern Cardinal - 65
87. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,020
88. Eastern Meadowlark - 2
89. Rusty Blackbird - 149
90. Common Grackle - 237
91. Brown-headed Cowbird - 23
III. REPTILES: 2 SPECIES.

1. Midland Painted Turtle - 3
2. Northern Water Snake - 1

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 1 SPECIES

1. Northern Leopard Frog - many calling

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Common Carp - yes!

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Comma - 1

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