APRIL 01, 2018

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 due to active eagle nests.
TIME: 8:00am - 12:30pm; 2:30pm - 6:20pm
TEMP.: 26 ~ 43
COND.: Mostly cloudy early, turning partly sunny; winds W/NW at 5-10mph; cloudy in the afternoon.

OBS. EAST: Katie Clink, Ed Pierce.
OBS. WEST: Donna Kuhn, Destiny Priest, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht, Douglas W. Vogus.
OBS. AFTERNOON: Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES.

1. Virginia Opossum - 1
2. Eastern Cottontail - 3
3. Woodchuck - 1
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
5. Common Muskrat - 4
6. White-tailed Deer - 7

II. BIRDS: 81 SPECIES, 8,250 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 277
2. Trumpeter Swan - 66 (neckbands: "green 74M" & "yellow 1A2")
3. Tundra Swan - 14
4. Wood Duck - 59
5. Gadwall - 608
6. American Wigeon - 18
7. American Black Duck - 20
8. Mallard - 224
9. Blue-winged Teal - 47
10. Northern Shoveler - 107
11. Northern Pintail - 13
12. Green-winged Teal - 285
13. Redhead - 14
14. Ring-necked Duck - 218
15. Lesser Scaup - 2,984
16. Bufflehead - 54
17. Common Goldeneye - 4
18. Hooded Merganser - 40
19. Common Merganser - 165
20. Red-breasted Merganser - 13
21. Pied-billed Grebe - 8
22. Horned Grebe - 1
23. Rock Pigeon - 3
24. Mourning Dove - 34
25. American Coot - 25
26. Sandhill Crane - 6
27. Killdeer - 22
28. Wilson's Snipe - 18
29. Bonaparte's Gull - 4
30. Ring-billed Gull - 44
31. Herring Gull - 13
32. Double-crested Cormorant - 46
33. Great Blue Heron - 45
34. Great Egret - 70
35. Snowy Egret - 2 (3rd Record on April Census)
36. Turkey Vulture - 88
37. Bald Eagle - 23 (15 adult, 8 immature)
38. Northern Harrier - 6
39. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
40. Cooper's Hawk - 2
41. Red-tailed Hawk - 25
42. Rough-legged Hawk - 3 (light morph)
43. Great Horned Owl - 2 (both birds on nests)
44. Belted Kingfisher - 3
45. Red-headed Woodpecker - 5
46. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 10
47. Downy Woodpecker - 9
48. Hairy Woodpecker - 3
49. Northern Flicker - 9
50. American Kestrel - 3
51. Eastern Phoebe - 7
52. Blue Jay - 21
53. American Crow - 2
54. Horned Lark - 3
55. Tree Swallow - 234
56. Barn Swallow - 1
57. Black-capped Chickadee - 6
58. White-breasted Nuthatch - 7
59. Brown Creeper - 1
60. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 5
61. Hermit Thrush - 1
62. American Robin - 171
63. European Starling - 181
64. Cedar Waxwing - 9 (one flock)
65. House Sparrow - 34
66. House Finch - 4
67. American Goldfinch - 9
68. American Tree Sparrow - 122
69. Chipping Sparrow - 22
70. Field Sparrow - 2
71. Savannah Sparrow - 4 (Adam Grimm Prairie)
72. Fox Sparrow - 3
73. Song Sparrow - 119
74. Swamp Sparrow - 1
75. White-throated Sparrow - 1
76. Dark-eyed Junco - 30
77. Northern Cardinal - 26
78. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,276
79. Rusty Blackbird - 13
80. Common Grackle - 166
81. Brown-headed Cowbird - 6

III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Garter Snake - 2 (Stange Prairie)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Northern Leopard Frog - 1

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Common Carp - 1

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