



FRIENDS OF
OTTAWA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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I am sad to report the passing of longtime Ottawa NWR census leader Edwin C. Pierce. Ed passed away on July 31st. after a combination of ailments brought on by Parkinson's disease. It may have robbed him of some of his faculties but not of his sense of humor and incredible passion for birdwatching and the natural world. Many owe a debt of gratitude to Ed for his contributions to the Ohio birding community, and beyond.

AUGUST 04, 2019

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: Jim Reyda and I started at 5:30am instead of the usual 8:00am, so as to get back to Akron for Ed's service. I'm sure Ed would have wanted both. Others joined in at 6:00am, and at 8:00am, with shortened coverage in the afternoon due to the circumstances. East and west sides in the morning, and parts of the Auto Tour in the afternoon.

TIME: 5:30am - 11:00am; 12:00pm - 1:15pm

TEMP.: 64 ~ 84

COND.: Sunny and warm. Little to no wind. Water levels still high.

OBS.EAST: Jim Reyda. **OBS.WEST:** Katie Clink, Jim Koppin, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles, Michael O'Brien, Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS.AFTERNOON: Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn.

I. MAMMALS:8 SPECIES.

1. Little Brown Myotis - 2 (First Record on Census - now at 19 Species of Mammals since 04/2002)
2. Eastern Cottontail - 39
3. Woodchuck - 2
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
5. Common Muskrat - 3
6. Common Raccoon - 1
7. Mink - 2
8. White-tailed Deer - 10

II. BIRDS: 89 SPECIES, 4,303 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 453
2. Trumpeter Swan - 136
3. Wood Duck - 124
4. Mallard - 28



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5. Pied-billed Grebe - 18
6. Mourning Dove - 53
7. Common Nighthawk - 1 (Third Record on August Census)
8. Chimney Swift - 1
9. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3
10. Virginia Rail - 1
11. Sora - 1
12. Common Gallinule - 9
13. American Coot - 3
14. Sandhill Crane - 14
15. Killdeer - 23
16. Pectoral Sandpiper - 2
17. Semipalmated Sandpiper - 2
18. American Woodcock - 2
19. Spotted Sandpiper - 9
20. Solitary Sandpiper - 1
21. Greater Yellowlegs - 3
22. Lesser Yellowlegs - 11
23. Bonaparte's Gull - 2
24. Ring-billed Gull - 77
25. Herring Gull - 106
26. Caspian Tern - 4
27. Double-crested Cormorant - 53
28. Least Bittern - 1
29. Great Blue Heron - 123
30. Great Egret - 385
31. Snowy Egret - 1
32. Cattle Egret - 1
33. Green Heron - 11
34. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 4
35. Bald Eagle - 13 (3 adult, 10 immature)
36. Cooper's Hawk - 2
37. Red-tailed Hawk - 5
38. Great Horned Owl - 2
39. Belted Kingfisher - 1
40. Red-headed Woodpecker - 1
41. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4
42. Downy Woodpecker - 12
43. Northern Flicker - 10
44. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 3
45. Willow Flycatcher - 8
46. Eastern Phoebe - 23



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47. Great Crested Flycatcher - 2
48. Eastern Kingbird - 53
49. Warbling Vireo - 9
50. Red-eyed Vireo - 3
51. Blue Jay - 28
52. Horned Lark - 3
53. Purple Martin - 706
54. Tree Swallow - 152
55. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
56. Bank Swallow - 3
57. Cliff Swallow - 3
58. Barn Swallow - 99
59. Black-capped Chickadee - 2
60. White-breasted Nuthatch - 13
61. House Wren - 22
62. Marsh Wren - 27
63. Carolina Wren - 1
64. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4
65. Eastern Bluebird - 5
66. American Robin - 116
67. Gray Catbird - 28
68. Brown Thrasher - 4
69. European Starling - 298
70. Cedar Waxwing - 4
71. House Sparrow - 16
72. House Finch - 5
73. American Goldfinch - 21
74. Common Yellowthroat - 15
75. Yellow Warbler - 48
76. Chipping Sparrow - 3
77. Field Sparrow - 5
78. Henslow's Sparrow - 2 (Grimm Prairie)
79. Song Sparrow - 57
80. Swamp Sparrow - 7
81. Northern Cardinal - 27
82. Indigo Bunting - 25
83. Dickcissel - 1 (Ottawa NWR visitor center entrance drive)
84. Bobolink - 2 (Stange Prairie)
85. Red-winged Blackbird - 622
86. Eastern Meadowlark - 1
87. Common Grackle - 83
88. Brown-headed Cowbird - 17



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89. Baltimore Oriole - 10

III. REPTILES: 2 SPECIES.

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

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Bullfrog - 41
2. Green Frog - 10
3. Northern Leopard Frog - 4

V. FISHES: 4 SPECIES.

1. Common Carp - 1
2. Creek Chub - 12
3. Black Bullhead - 1
4. Bluegill - 4

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 6 SPECIES.

1. Spicebush Swallowtail - 2 (New Census High - previous was 1 on 09/2010 & 08/2011)
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 11
3. Orange Sulphur - 1
4. Viceroy - 10
5. Monarch - 50
6. Least Skipper - 2

VII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 8 SPECIES.

1. Common Green Darner
2. Halloween Pennant
3. Eastern Pondhawk
4. Blue Dasher



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5. Common Whitetail
6. Black Saddlebags
7. Slender Spreadwing - 1
8. Eastern Forktail

Thank you to Douglas W. Vogus of Akron, Ohio for compiling this list.