



FRIENDS OF
OTTAWA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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December 1, 2019

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: East and West sides in the morning and Auto Tour area in the afternoon.

TIME: 8:00am - 12:00pm; 1:30pm - 4:30pm

TEMP.: 37F ~ 44F ~ 40F

COND.: Overcast and gray; previous nights rains resulted in flooded fields, high water in all ditches and canals; water rushing out of Crane Creek and into Lake Erie; afternoon overcast and dark with some rain and thunder; winds SW at 10+mph.

OBS. MORNING: Katie Clink, Donna Kuhn, Zebedee Mullen, Dave & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Donna Kuhn, Zebedee Mullen, Jim Reyda.

I. MAMMALS: 4 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 1
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 15
3. Common Muskrat - 2
4. White-tailed Deer - 2 (9-pt buck, 1 doe)

II. BIRDS: 62 SPECIES, 6,856 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 605
2. Trumpeter Swan - 136
3. Tundra Swan - 1,688
4. Wood Duck - 1
5. Gadwall - 182
6. American Black Duck - 8
7. Mallard - 1,165
8. Northern Shoveler - 28
9. Northern Pintail - 26
10. Green-winged Teal - 4
11. Lesser Scaup - 10
12. Bufflehead - 11
13. Common Goldeneye - 44
14. Hooded Merganser - 33
15. Common Merganser - 1,695
16. Red-breasted Merganser - 24
17. Ruddy Duck - 31



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18. Mourning Dove - 4
19. American Coot - 6
20. Limpkin - 1 (First December Record on Census - Tied Census High from 09/01/2019)
21. Sandhill Crane - 5
22. Bonaparte's Gull - 12
23. Ring-billed Gull - 568
24. Herring Gull - 8
25. Double-crested Cormorant - 30
26. Great Blue Heron - 52
27. Green Heron - 1 (First December Record on Census)
28. Bald Eagle - 7 (4 adult, 3 immature)
29. Northern Harrier - 3
30. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
31. Cooper's Hawk - 2
32. Red-tailed Hawk - 17
33. Great Horned Owl - 1
34. Red-headed Woodpecker - 7
35. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 12
36. Downy Woodpecker - 35
37. Northern Flicker - 5
38. American Kestrel - 3
39. Northern Shrike - 1
40. Blue Jay - 30
41. Horned Lark - 2
42. Black-capped Chickadee - 13
43. White-breasted Nuthatch - 19
44. Brown Creeper - 6
45. Carolina Wren - 2
46. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3
47. Eastern Bluebird - 5
48. European Starling - 21
49. House Sparrow - 60
50. House Finch - 8
51. American Goldfinch - 9
52. Snow Bunting - 2
53. American Tree Sparrow - 105
54. Song Sparrow - 8
55. Swamp Sparrow - 2
56. White-throated Sparrow - 1
57. Dark-eyed Junco - 25
58. Northern Cardinal - 22



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- 59. Red-winged Blackbird - 11
- 60. Rusty Blackbird - 20
- 61. Common Grackle - 2
- 62. Brown-headed Cowbird – 7

Unidentified Hawk Species - 1

III. AMPHIBIANS: 1 SPECIES.

- 1. Northern Leopard Frog - 1

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