December 6, 2015

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: Same usual morning & afternoon routes.
TIME: 8:00am-12:00pm; 1:30pm-5:30pm
TEMP.: 26-48
COND.: Frost-covered with dense morning fog until 9:30am, then turning mostly sunny. No snow cover; all canals, impoundments & Lake Erie open.
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I. MAMMALS: 3 SPECIES.
   - Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
   - Muskrat - 2
   - White-tailed Deer - 6 (9-pt buck, 5 does)

II. BIRDS: 58 SPECIES.
   - Snow Goose - 2 (white morph)
   - Canada Goose - 4,831
   - Mute Swan - 1
   - Trumpeter Swan - 35 (1 yellow neckband "3A8" & 1 yellow neckband un-readable)
   - Tundra Swan - 2,588
   - Gadwall - 817
   - American Wigeon - 751
   - American Black Duck - 93
   - Mallard - 1,529 (1 leucistic)
   - Northern Shoveler - 24
   - Northern Pintail - 7
   - Green-winged Teal - 20
   - Redhead - 1
   - Ring-necked Duck - 3
   - Lesser Scaup - 2
   - Common Goldeneye - 3
   - Hooded Merganser - 71
   - Red-breasted Merganser - 6
   - Ruddy Duck - 1
   - Pied-billed Grebe - 7
   - Horned Grebe - 1
   - Great Blue Heron - 40
- Bald Eagle - 9 (4 adult, 5 immature)
- Northern Harrier - 3
- Cooper's Hawk - 1
- Red-tailed Hawk - 9
- American Coot - 23
- Sandhill Crane - 23
- Dunlin - 8
- Bonaparte's Gull - 12
- Ring-billed Gull - 473
- Herring Gull - 29
- Mourning Dove - 26
- Great Horned Owl - 2
- Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6
- Downy Woodpecker - 10
- Hairy Woodpecker - 1
- Northern Flicker - 2
- American Kestrel - 2
- Northern Shrike - 1
- Blue Jay - 40
- Horned Lark - 3
- Black-capped Chickadee - 4
- White-breasted Nuthatch - 9
- Brown Creeper - 1
- Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1
- American Robin - 70
- European Starling - 16
- Lapland Longspur - 39
- Snow Bunting - 3
- American Tree Sparrow - 125
- Song Sparrow - 6
- Swamp Sparrow - 1
- Dark-eyed Junco - 30
- Northern Cardinal - 31
- Red-winged Blackbird - 10
- American Goldfinch - 6
- House Sparrow - 57

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