



FEBRUARY 07, 2021

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

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

TIME: 7:45am - 12:10pm; 1:10pm - 4:30pm **TEMP.:** 9F ~ 16F

COND.: Cold; partly cloudy turning to mostly sunny and very bright; winds W at 5-10mph; snow cover 3- to 4-inches, some drifting; all ditches, canals, and impoundments frozen - except for small openings in MS 5 and at the Ottawa Fish Gate at Metzger Marsh; Lake Erie frozen near shore from 75 to 200 yards out, then open for about 300 yards, then frozen out to West Sister Island and beyond.

OBS. EAST: Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. WEST: Donna Kuhn, David Myles and George Novosel.

OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Jim Reyda and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 4 SPECIES, 1 DEAD.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 14
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
3. Meadow Vole - 1
4. White-tailed Deer - 9

X. Common Raccoon - 1 (dead - hanging in a small willow tree upside down - appeared to have had a hind leg caught in the 'v' of a branch)

II. BIRDS: 53 SPECIES, 5,321 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 1,928
2. Trumpeter Swan - 34 (neckbands: "green 74M" & "yellow 1A2")
3. Tundra Swan - 2,402
4. American Black Duck - 9
5. Mallard - 19
6. Redhead - 9
7. Common Goldeneye - 6
8. Common Merganser - 19
9. Mourning Dove - 34
10. Sandhill Crane - 40
11. Ring-billed Gull - 39
12. Herring Gull - 22
13. Great Blue Heron - 21
14. Northern Harrier - 6
15. Cooper's Hawk - 3
16. Bald Eagle - 11 (6 adult, 5 immature)
17. Red-tailed Hawk - 15
18. Great Horned Owl - 4



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19. Belted Kingfisher - 1
20. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9
21. Downy Woodpecker - 18
22. Hairy Woodpecker - 4
23. Northern Flicker - 2
24. Pileated Woodpecker - 1 (Fourth Record on Census, First February Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/1999, 09/2015 & 01/2021)
25. American Kestrel - 6 (one female caught a Black-capped Chickadee)
26. Blue Jay - 30
27. Horned Lark - 16
28. Black-capped Chickadee - 10
29. Tufted Titmouse - 1
30. Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 (male feeding on peanuts at the feeders at the brick house on Krause Rd.)
31. White-breasted Nuthatch - 12
32. Brown Creeper - 4
33. Carolina Wren - 3
34. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1
35. American Robin - 14
36. Northern Mockingbird - 1 (corner of Krause Rd. & Stange Rd.)
37. European Starling - 44
38. House Sparrow - 26
39. Evening Grosbeak - 1 (single fly-over - Second February Record on Census & First Record since November 1983)
40. House Finch - 1
41. American Goldfinch - 4
42. Lapland Longspur - 31 (22 were at the feeders at the brick house on Krause Rd., great looks and later joined by a single Snow Bunting)
43. Snow Bunting - 1
44. American Tree Sparrow - 197
45. Dark-eyed Junco - 4
46. Savannah Sparrow - 2 (both at the corner of Krause Rd. and Stange Rd. Found in the morning but around noon one had died and was laying on the ice in the canal. After lunch we came back by and the other one had died, too. We drove by at the end of the census and both bodies were already gone)
47. Song Sparrow - 61
48. Swamp Sparrow - 10
49. Red-winged Blackbird - 127
50. Brown-headed Cowbird - 3
51. Rusty Blackbird - 8
52. Common Grackle - 1
53. Northern Cardinal - 45

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