February 4, 2018

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: East and west sides in the morning, back side in the afternoon.
TIME: 8:00am - 12:20pm; 1:45pm - 4:45pm
TEMP.: 33 ~ 36
COND.: Gray and overcast with steady, wet snow from 8:00am to 11:00am; light flurries rest of day; wind W/SW at 5-10mph. Canals and ditches mostly frozen; some open leads of water on the east side in Pool 1; one small lead open in Metzger Marsh; Lake Erie open.

OBS. EAST: Katie Clink, Ed Pierce.
OBS. WEST: Dave & Kim Myles, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht, Douglas W. Vogus.
OBS. AFTERNOON: Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 8 SPECIES.
1. Eastern Cottontail - 7
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
3. Meadow Vole - 2
4. Common Muskrat - 1
5. Coyote - 2
6. Red Fox - 1
7. Common Raccoon - 2
8. White-tailed Deer – 8

II. BIRDS: 49 SPECIES, 1,930 INDIVIDUALS.
1. Canada Goose - 497
2. Trumpeter Swan - 67 (one with yellow neckband too far away to read)
3. Tundra Swan - 431
4. American Black Duck - 3
5. Mallard - 18
6. Lesser Scaup - 14
7. Hooded Merganser - 6
8. Common Merganser - 37
9. Red-breasted Merganser - 52
10. Mourning Dove - 18
11. Sandhill Crane - 1
12. Ring-billed Gull - 16
13. Herring Gull - 13
14. Great Blue Heron - 27
15. Bald Eagle - 24 (6 adult, 18 immature)
16. Northern Harrier - 4
17. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2
18. Red-tailed Hawk - 11
19. Rough-legged Hawk - 2 (1 dark morph, 1 light morph)
20. Great Horned Owl - 5
21. Red-headed Woodpecker - 6 (3 adult, 3 immature)
22. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 13
23. Downy Woodpecker - 19
24. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
25. Northern Flicker - 2
26. American Kestrel - 4
27. Blue Jay - 21
28. Horned Lark - 1
29. Black-capped Chickadee - 17
30. Tufted Titmouse - 4
31. White-breasted Nuthatch - 8
32. Brown Creeper - 3
33. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3
34. American Robin - 2
35. European Starling - 119
36. House Sparrow - 53
37. House Finch - 2
38. American Goldfinch - 66
39. Lapland Longspur - 14
40. American Tree Sparrow - 203
41. Song Sparrow - 7
42. Swamp Sparrow - 7
43. White-throated Sparrow - 3
44. Dark-eyed Junco - 26
45. Northern Cardinal - 52
46. Red-winged Blackbird - 3
47. Rusty Blackbird - 2
48. Common Grackle - 1
49. Brown-headed Cowbird - 19

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