JUNE 04, 2017

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: Usual morning and afternoon routes (east and west sides in the morning, back side in the afternoon), except where closed for eagle nesting.
TIME: 8:00am - 12:20pm; 1:50pm - 6:45am
TEMP.: 56 ~ 79 ~ 76
COND.: Cloudy and gray; light sprinkles starting at 8:25am, changing to steady rain until 8:50am; rain stopped briefly, front continuing from the west with more rain from 9:00am - 9:30am; rain ending, mostly cloudy turning to clouds/sun mix and warm and breezy.
OBS. EAST: Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.
OBS. WEST: Mike Edgington, Jennifer Keuhn, Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles, Sharon Newell, Douglas W. Vogus, Janet Wertz.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 13
2. Woodchuck - 2
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 9
4. Common Muskrat - 4
5. Common Raccoon - 1
6. White-tailed Deer - 4 (1 buck, 3 doe)

II. BIRDS: 86 SPECIES, 4,076 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 583
2. Mute Swan - 1
3. Trumpeter Swan - 165 (23 cygnets; adults with neckbands: "1AO - yellow" & "1A2 - yellow")
4. Wood Duck - 166
5. Gadwall - 2
6. Mallard - 139
7. Blue-winged Teal - 4
8. Hooded Merganser - 2 (females)
9. Ruddy Duck - 3
10. Pied-billed Grebe - 17
11. Mourning Dove - 20
12. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 5
13. Chimney Swift - 4
14. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1
15. Virginia Rail - 1
16. Common Gallinule - 3
17. Sandhill Crane - 13 (2 adults with 2 colts in Stange Prairie)
18. Killdeer - 26
19. Wilson's Snipe - 1
20. Spotted Sandpiper - 10
21. Lesser Yellowlegs - 1 (in MS2 on the back side)
22. Ring-billed Gull - 39
23. Herring Gull - 3
24. Double-crested Cormorant - 57
25. American Bittern - 1 (calling from the large phragmite stand in MS 8b)
26. Great Blue Heron - 126
27. Great Egret - 173
28. Snowy Egret - 8
29. Green Heron - 11
30. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 19
31. Turkey Vulture - 9
32. Bald Eagle - 10 (3 adult, 4 immature, 3 juveniles in nests)
33. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
34. Great Horned Owl - 3 (1 immature)
35. Belted Kingfisher - 2
36. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2
37. Downy Woodpecker - 10
38. Northern Flicker - 7
39. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 5
40. Willow Flycatcher - 27
41. Eastern Phoebe - 13
42. Great Crested Flycatcher - 7
43. Eastern Kingbird - 20
44. Warbling Vireo - 43
45. Red-eyed Vireo - 2
46. Blue Jay - 18
47. Horned Lark - 8
48. Purple Martin - 57
49. Tree Swallow - 526
50. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
51. Bank Swallow - 1
52. Cliff Swallow - 88 (44 nests; 1 leucistic bird photographed by D.W. Vogus)
53. Barn Swallow - 63
54. Black-capped Chickadee - 4
55. Tufted Titmouse - 2
56. White-breasted Nuthatch - 3
57. House Wren - 34
58. Marsh Wren - 26
59. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1
60. Eastern Bluebird - 1
61. Wood Thrush - 1
62. American Robin - 40
63. Gray Catbird - 44
64. Brown Thrasher - 3
65. European Starling - 140
66. Cedar Waxwing - 9
67. House Sparrow - 16
68. House Finch - 4
69. American Goldfinch - 20
70. Prothonotary Warbler - 6
71. Common Yellowthroat - 57
72. Yellow Warbler - 236
73. Wilson's Warbler - 1
74. Chipping Sparrow - 5
75. Field Sparrow - 9
76. Savannah Sparrow - 2
77. Song Sparrow - 137
78. Swamp Sparrow - 8
79. Northern Cardinal - 5
80. Indigo Bunting - 7
81. Dickcissel - 2 (males in Adam Grimm Prairie)
82. Red-winged Blackbird - 625
83. Common Grackle - 74
84. Brown-headed Cowbird - 5
85. Orchard Oriole - 1
86. Baltimore Oriole - 19

III. REPTILES: 5 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 11
2. Map Turtle - 2
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 8
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1
5. Northern Water Snake - 2

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.

1. Bullfrog - many
2. Green Frog - many
3. Northern Leopard Frog - many

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES.

1. Common Carp - yes!

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 7 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Black Swallowtail - 3
2. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1
3. Cabbage Butterfly - 26
4. Viceroy - 2
5. Monarch - 1
6. Silver-spotted Skipper - 2
7. Least Skipper - 1

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