



FRIENDS OF
OTTAWA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: East side, West side, and Prairies in the morning; Auto Tour area in the afternoon except for areas closed to eagle nesting.

TIME: 7:40am - 12:00pm; 1:05pm - 5:05pm

TEMP.: 25F ~ 37F ~ 36F **COND.:** Brisk early, turning sunny and bright; winds NE at 5-10mph; no snow cover; all ditches, canals, and impoundments open; Lake Erie open and choppy.

OBS. EAST: Debbie Hurlbert, Jim Koppin, Jon Minard, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. WEST: Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Chris Pierce.

OBS. PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Debbie Hurlbert, Jim Koppin, Jon Minard, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 6 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 2
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 3
3. American Beaver - 1 (Tied Census High from 8 other occasions)
4. Common Muskrat - 4
5. Common Raccoon - 1
6. White-tailed Deer - 20

II. BIRDS: 63 SPECIES, 13,842 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 1,309
2. Trumpeter Swan - 169 (one with yellow wing-tags "R63" - Canadian bird)
3. Tundra Swan - 3,537
4. Wood Duck - 30
5. Northern Shoveler - 21
6. Gadwall - 542
7. American Wigeon - 18
8. American Black Duck - 13
9. Mallard - 310
10. Northern Pintail - 301
11. Green-winged Teal - 44
12. Canvasback - 4
13. Redhead - 102
14. Ring-necked Duck - 108



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15. Greater Scaup - 35
16. Lesser Scaup - 1,852 (majority in Lake Erie)
17. Bufflehead - 40
18. Common Goldeneye - 153
19. Hooded Merganser - 5
20. Common Merganser - 867
21. Red-breasted Merganser - 4
22. Mourning Dove - 37
23. Sandhill Crane - 22
24. Killdeer - 23
25. Ring-billed Gull - 1,948
26. Herring Gull - 39
27. Great Blue Heron - 25
28. Northern Harrier - 4
29. Bald Eagle - 16 (10 adult, 6 immature)
30. Red-tailed Hawk - 10
31. Great Horned Owl - 1
32. Long-eared Owl - 4
33. Snowy Owl - 1 (Photographed on Veler Rd by Steve Bodart, 7am)
34. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9
35. Downy Woodpecker - 10
36. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
37. Northern Flicker - 3
38. American Kestrel - 2 (male & female hanging around the nestbox at Grimm Prairie)
39. Northern Shrike - 1
40. Blue Jay - 30
41. American Crow - 8
42. Horned Lark - 25
43. Black-capped Chickadee - 14
44. Tufted Titmouse - 6
45. White-breasted Nuthatch - 10
46. Brown Creeper - 2
47. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1
48. Eastern Bluebird - 1 (male hanging around the nestbox at Grimm Prairie)
49. American Robin - 48
50. European Starling - 146
51. Cedar Waxwing - 5
52. House Sparrow - 12
53. House Finch - 14
54. American Goldfinch - 1
55. Lapland Longspur - 3 (fly-over at Grimm Prairie)



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- 56. American Tree Sparrow - 54
- 57. Dark-eyed Junco - 3
- 58. Song Sparrow - 14
- 59. Eastern Meadowlark - 2
- 60. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,384
- 61. Brown-headed Cowbird - 5
- 62. Rusty Blackbird - 64
- 63. Common Grackle - 248
- 64. Northern Cardinal - 31

Unidentified Swan Species - 11 (Trumpeter or Tundra)
Unidentified Duck Species - 80 (flocks in air and distant)

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