



FRIENDS OF
OTTAWA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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March 4, 2018

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 - 12:30pm; 1:45pm - 6:30pm

TEMP.: 27F ~ 37F

COND.: Chilly early, turning sunny with blue skies, but brisk; winds N/NW at 5-15mph; Lake Erie and all impoundments open; ditches and canals with some skim ice; no snow cover.

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

OBS.WEST: Katie Clink, Julie Heights, Donna Kuhn, James Muller, Dave & Kim Myles, Ed Pierce, Tony Szilagye, Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS.AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 1
2. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
3. American Beaver - 1 (Tied Census High from 06/2014, 04/2017 & 08/2017)
4. White-footed Mouse - 2
5. Common Muskrat - 4
6. Common Raccoon - 2
7. White-tailed Deer - 7

II. BIRDS: 67 SPECIES, 19,357 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 452
2. Trumpeter Swan - 76 (neckbands: "74M - green" & "1A2 - yellow")
3. Tundra Swan - 782
4. Wood Duck - 23
5. Gadwall - 597
6. American Wigeon - 70
7. American Black Duck - 21



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8. Mallard - 216
9. Northern Shoveler - 105
10. Northern Pintail - 31
11. Green-winged Teal - 81
12. Redhead - 107
13. Ring-necked Duck - 77
14. Lesser Scaup - 3,332
15. Bufflehead - 49
16. Common Goldeneye - 79
17. Hooded Merganser - 31
18. Common Merganser - 96
19. Red-breasted Merganser - 13
20. Pied-billed Grebe - 5
21. Rock Pigeon - 3
22. Mourning Dove - 30
23. American Coot - 3
24. Sandhill Crane - 14
25. Killdeer - 35
26. Wilson's Snipe - 6
27. Ring-billed Gull - 137
28. Herring Gull - 26
29. Great Blue Heron - 34
30. Bald Eagle - 14 (8 adult, 6 immature)
31. Northern Harrier - 3
32. Cooper's Hawk - 4
33. Red-tailed Hawk - 11
34. Rough-legged Hawk - 5 (all light morphs and together - swooping and diving at each other over the pine groves south of Krause Rd.)



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35. Eastern Screech-Owl - 1 (gray morph)
36. Great Horned Owl - 2 (on nests)
37. Short-eared Owl - 3 (at dusk - 2 on Magee Marsh causeway & 1 just north of B.S.B.O. along Magee Marsh entrance road)
38. Red-headed Woodpecker - 4 (adults)
39. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 17
40. Downy Woodpecker - 18
41. Hairy Woodpecker - 2
42. Northern Flicker - 3
43. Peregrine Falcon - 1 (immature male flying east above Krause Rd. - First March Record on Census)
44. Blue Jay - 52
45. American Crow - 11
46. Horned Lark - 11
47. Black-capped Chickadee - 7
48. Tufted Titmouse - 6
49. White-breasted Nuthatch - 6
50. Brown Creeper - 3
51. Eastern Bluebird - 5
52. American Robin - 40
53. European Starling - 1,780
54. House Sparrow - 18
55. House Finch - 5
56. Pine Siskin - 4 (fly-overs & calling at corner of Stange Rd. & Krause Rd. - First March Record on Census)
57. American Goldfinch - 7
58. American Tree Sparrow - 136
59. Song Sparrow - 79
60. Swamp Sparrow - 1



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- 61. Dark-eyed Junco - 18
- 62. Northern Cardinal - 29
- 63. Red-winged Blackbird - 5,621
- 64. Eastern Meadowlark - 2
- 65. Rusty Blackbird - 458
- 66. Common Grackle - 1,382
- 67. Brown-headed Cowbird – 57

Unidentified Ducks - 3,180 (too high up or too far away to positively identify species)

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