



May 7, 2017

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: Usual morning and afternoon routes (east and west sides, along with lakeside dike from mouth of Crane Creek to fish gate in the morning, back side in the afternoon), except where closed due to eagle nesting.

TIME: 8:00am - 12:00pm; 1:30pm - 7:00pm

TEMP.: 45 ~ 57

COND.: Chilly early, giving way to sunny with blue skies, few clouds; strong and steady NW winds at 10-20mph; high water throughout region from previous days' prolonged rains.

OBS.EAST: Jim Reyda, Al Schlecht. OBS.WEST: Katie Clink, Chris Crofts, Conner Crofts, Matt Debelak, Debbie Hurlvert-Minard, Donna Kuhn, John Minard, Dave & Kim Myles, Ed Pierce, Jacob Raber, Seneca Solt, T.J. Vince, Thomas Vince.

OBS.LAKESIDE: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS.AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Debbie Hurlvert-Minard, Claire Johnson, John Minard, Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

- I. MAMMALS: 4 SPECIES.
 - 1. Eastern Cottontail 1
 - 2. Woodchuck 2
 - 3. Eastern Fox Squirrel 2
 - 4. Common Muskrat 6
- II. BIRDS: 112 SPECIES, 3,582 TOTAL BIRDS.
 - 1. Canada Goose 481
 - 2. Trumpeter Swan 79
 - 3. Wood Duck 29
 - 4. Gadwall 10
 - 5. American Wigeon 2
 - 6. Mallard 19
 - 7. Blue-winged Teal 11
 - 8. Northern Shoveler 2
 - 9. Red-breasted Merganser 3 (all females)
 - 10. Pied-billed Grebe 13
 - 11. Mourning Dove 13





- 12. Chimney Swift 2
- 13. Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1
- 14. Virginia Rail 2
- 15. Sora 6
- 16. Common Gallinule 15
- 17. American Coot 12
- 18. Sandhill Crane 6
- 19. Killdeer 23
- 20. Marbled Godwit 1 (across from Ottawa NWR property in flooded field at corner of Rt. 2 and Rt. 19)
- 21. Dunlin 157
- 22. Least Sandpiper 2 (at burned and flooded Stange Prairie)
- 23. Pectoral Sandpiper 2 (at burned and flooded Stange Prairie)
- 24. Spotted Sandpiper 2
- 25. Solitary Sandpiper 8
- 26. Greater Yellowlegs 5
- 27. Lesser Yellowlegs 162
- 28. Bonaparte's Gull 6
- 29. Ring-billed Gull 62
- 30. Herring Gull 22
- 31. Great Black-backed Gull 1 (immature headed west along Lake Erie shore)
- 32. Caspian Tern 8
- 33. Common Tern 21
- 34. Forster's Tern 4
- 35. Double-crested Cormorant 346
- 36. American White Pelican 5 (headed east along Lake Erie shore)
- 37. Great Blue Heron 119
- 38. Great Egret 164
- 39. Snowy Egret 1
- 40. Cattle Egret 1 (along Stange Rd.)
- 41. Green Heron 2
- 42. Black-crowned Night-Heron 1
- 43. Turkey Vulture 9
- 44. Bald Eagle 12 (6 adult,6 immature)
- 45. Northern Harrier 1
- 46. Sharp-shinned Hawk 2 (headed west along Lake Erie shore)
- 47. Cooper's Hawk 1 (headed west along Lake Erie shore)
- 48. Red-tailed Hawk 10
- 49. Red-headed Woodpecker 2
- 50. Red-bellied Woodpecker 5
- 51. Downy Woodpecker 14





- 52. Northern Flicker 12
- 53. Merlin 1 (male headed west along Lake Erie shore)
- 54. Eastern Phoebe 1
- 55. Eastern Kingbird 8
- 56. Blue-headed Vireo 1
- 57. Warbling Vireo 10
- 58. Blue Jay 54
- 59. Horned Lark 1
- 60. Purple Martin 35
- 61. Tree Swallow 314
- 62. Northern Rough-winged Swallow 11
- 63. Bank Swallow 4
- 64. Cliff Swallow 3
- 65. Barn Swallow 77
- 66. Black-capped Chickadee 5
- 67. Tufted Titmouse 3
- 68. White-breasted Nuthatch 2
- 69. Brown Creeper 2 (observed taking nest material under tree bark in South Woods)
- 70. House Wren 19
- 71. Marsh Wren 6
- 72. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 8
- 73. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6
- 74. Eastern Bluebird 1
- 75. Swainson's Thrush 1
- 76. Hermit Thrush 1
- 77. Wood Thrush 1
- 78. American Robin 39
- 79. Gray Catbird 37
- 80. Brown Thrasher 3
- 81. European Starling 76
- 82. House Sparrow 43
- 83. American Pipit 2 (at burned and flooded Stange Prairie)
- 84. House Finch 2
- 85. American Goldfinch 50
- 86. Ovenbird 2
- 87. Louisiana Waterthrush 1
- 88. Northern Waterthrush 3
- 89. Black-and-white Warbler 1
- 90. Nashville Warbler 1
- 91. Common Yellowthroat 26
- 92. American Redstart 1





- 93. Cape May Warbler 1
- 94. Yellow Warbler 114
- 95. Chestnut-sided Warbler 1
- 96. Palm Warbler 40
- 97. Yellow-rumped Warbler 7
- 98. Chipping Sparrow 3
- 99. Field Sparrow 2
- 100. Song Sparrow 39
- 101. Swamp Sparrow 2
- 102. White-throated Sparrow 25
- 103. White-crowned Sparrow 8
- 104. Summer Tanager 1 (male seen in South Woods by Kim Myles)
- 105. Northern Cardinal 19
- 106. Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6
- 107. Indigo Bunting 2
- 108. Red-winged Blackbird 431
- 109. Rusty Blackbird 6
- 110. Common Grackle 95
- 111. Brown-headed Cowbird 15
- 112. Baltimore Oriole 4

III. REPTILES: 4 SPECIES.

- 1. Common Snapping Turtle 6
- 2. Map Turtle 3
- 3. Midland Painted Turtle 7
- 4. Northern Water Snake 1

IV. FISHES: 2 SPECIES.

- 1. Common Carp 2
- 2. Common Emerald Shiner 2

V. BUTTERFLIES: 2 SPECIES.

- 1. Cabbage Butterfly 2
- 2. American Painted Lady 8

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