October 4, 2015

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

 ROUTES: Same usual east & west side routes in the morning; Afternoon coverage limited due to youth waterfowl hunting on the refuge; quick run through the back side & then census the perimeters of the refuge on the back side.

 TIME: 8:00am-12:30pm; 1:45pm-5:15pm

 TEMP.: 44-70-64

 COND.: Overcast until 9:15am; then turning partly to mostly sunny until 11:15am; mostly cloudy from 11:15am on; winds E/NE at 5-10mph.

 OBS.: Katie Clink (morning only), Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles (morning only), Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht (morning only) & Douglas W. Vogus.

 I. MAMMALS: 3 SPECIES.
 - Woodchuck - 2
 - Eastern Fox Squirrel - 6
 - White-tailed Deer - 4 (doe)

 II. BIRDS: 106 SPECIES.
 - Canada Goose - 698
 - Trumpeter Swan - 31 (8 immature)
 - Wood Duck - 38
 - American Wigeon - 352
 - American Black Duck - 8
 - Mallard - 278
 - Blue-winged Teal - 4
 - Northern Shoveler - 7
 - Green-winged Teal - 5
 - Pied-billed Grebe - 26
 - Double-crested Cormorant - 64
 - Great Blue Heron - 128
 - Great Egret - 100
 - Snowy Egret - 2
 - Turkey Vulture - 1
 - Bald Eagle - 8 (2 adult, 6 immature)
 - Northern Harrier - 3
 - Cooper's Hawk - 1
 - Red-tailed Hawk - 5
 - Sora - 1
 - Common Gallinule - 3
- American Coot - 1
- Sandhill Crane - 4
- Semipalmated Plover - 4
- Killdeer - 31
- Greater Yellowlegs - 15
- Lesser Yellowlegs - 5
- Stilt Sandpiper - 2
- Dunlin - 5
- Baird's Sandpiper - 1
- Least Sandpiper - 3
- Pectoral Sandpiper - 5
- Semipalmated Sandpiper - 1
- Western Sandpiper - 2
- Long-billed Dowitcher - 5
- Wilson's Snipe - 5
- Bonaparte's Gull - 79
- Ring-billed Gull - 615
- Herring Gull - 10
- Caspian Tern - 2
- Common Tern - 22
- Forster's Tern - 1
- Mourning Dove - 54
- Eastern Screech-Owl - 2
- Great Horned Owl - 1
- Chimney Swift - 1
- Belted Kingfisher - 1
- Red-bellied Woodpecker - 8
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2
- Downy Woodpecker - 18
- Hairy Woodpecker - 2
- Northern Flicker - 25
- American Kestrel - 1
- Peregrine Falcon - 1 (adult)
- Olive-sided Flycatcher - 1
- Eastern Wood-Pewee - 3
- Empidonax Flycatcher - 2
- Eastern Phoebe - 6
- White-eyed Vireo - 1
- Blue-headed Vireo - 5
- Red-eyed Vireo - 2
- Blue Jay - 47
- Horned Lark - 26
- Tree Swallow - 708
- Black-capped Chickadee - 6
- White-breasted Nuthatch - 11
- Brown Creeper - 1
- House Wren - 6
- Winter Wren - 2
- Marsh Wren - 3
- Golden-crowned Kinglet - 39
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 111
- Gray-cheeked Thrush - 2
- Swainson's Thrush - 14
- Hermit Thrush - 1
- American Robin - 80
- Gray Catbird - 8
- Brown Thrasher - 2
- European Starling - 308
- Cedar Waxwing - 18
- Tennessee Warbler - 2
- Orange-crowned Warbler - 1
- Nashville Warbler - 1
- Common Yellowthroat - 2
- American Redstart - 1
- Palm Warbler - 3
- Pine Warbler - 1
- Yellow-rumped Warbler - 82
- Eastern Towhee - 1
- Savannah Sparrow - 1
- Song Sparrow - 18
- Lincoln's Sparrow - 7
- Swamp Sparrow - 19
- White-throated Sparrow - 131
- White-crowned Sparrow - 27
- Dark-eyed Junco - 17
- Unidentified Sparrow - 8 (Adam Grimm Prairie & Stange Prairie - combined)
- Northern Cardinal - 18
- Indigo Bunting - 1
- Bobolink - 9 (5 in Adam Grimm Prairie & 4 in Stange Prairie)
- Red-winged Blackbird - 1,258
- Eastern Meadowlark - 1 (Adam Grimm Prairie)
- Rusty Blackbird - 5
- Common Grackle - 2,253
- Brown-headed Cowbird - 121
- American Goldfinch - 40
- House Sparrow – 22

III. REPTILES: 1 SPECIES.
- Midland Painted Turtle - 4

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES.
- Bullfrog - 1
- Northern Leopard Frog – 6

V. BUTTERFLIES: 7 SPECIES.
- Cabbage Butterfly - 7
- Clouded Sulphur - 11
- Bronze Copper - 1 (Adam Grimm Prairie)
- Red Admiral - 2
- Buckeye - 1 (Adam Grimm Prairie)
- Viceroy - 1
- Monarch – 4

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