September 6, 2015

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: Same usual morning and afternoon routes.
TIME: 8:00am-12:10pm; 1:40pm-6:50pm
TEMP.: 68-89
COND.: Warm early turning sunny, hot & humid.
OBS.: Mike Edgington, Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles (morning only), Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht (morning only), Tony Szilagye (morning only) & Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES.
   - Raccoon - 1
   - Woodchuck - 1
   - Eastern Fox Squirrel - 2
   - Muskrat - 1
   - White-tailed Deer – 3

II. BIRDS: 112 SPECIES.
   - Canada Goose - 513
   - Trumpeter Swan - 40 (neckbands: green "74M"; yellow "1A0"; yellow "9A0")
   - Wood Duck - 42
   - American Wigeon - 4
   - American Black Duck - 16
   - Mallard - 217
   - Blue-winged Teal - 198
   - Northern Shoveler - 4
   - Northern Pintail - 3
   - Green-winged Teal - 23
   - Hooded Merganser - 1 (female)
   - Ruddy Duck - 1 (male)
   - Pied-billed Grebe - 35
   - Double-crested Cormorant - 52
   - Least Bittern - 1
   - Great Blue Heron - 77
   - Great Egret - 231
   - Snowy Egret - 6
   - Green Heron - 4
   - Black-crowned Night-Heron - 11
   - Bald Eagle - 4 (2 adult, 2 immature)
   - Northern Harrier - 1
- Cooper's Hawk - 1
- Red-tailed Hawk - 7
- Sora - 3
- Common Gallinule - 6
- Sandhill Crane - 5
- Semipalmated Plover - 2
- Killdeer - 44
- Spotted Sandpiper - 2
- Greater Yellowlegs - 12
- Lesser Yellowlegs - 23
- Stilt Sandpiper - 8
- Pectoral Sandpiper - 8
- Long-billed Dowitcher - 2
- Wilson's Snipe - 1
- Red-necked Phalarope - 5 (all together in Moist Soil Unit 3 - no public access)
- Bonaparte's Gull - 1
- Ring-billed Gull - 230
- Herring Gull - 8
- Caspian Tern - 31
- Common Tern - 5
- Mourning Dove - 110
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1
- Great Horned Owl - 1
- Chimney Swift - 5
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3
- Belted Kingfisher - 9
- Red-headed Woodpecker - 2 (1 adult, 1 heard only)
- Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9
- Downy Woodpecker - 28
- Hairy Woodpecker - 1
- Northern Flicker - 11
- Pileated Woodpecker - 1 (only second record in history of monthly census)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee - 11
- Willow Flycatcher - 5
- Unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher - 2
- Eastern Phoebe - 1
- Great Crested Flycatcher - 2
- Eastern Kingbird - 10
- Warbling Vireo - 55
- Red-eyed Vireo - 11
- Blue Jay - 45
- American Crow - 1
- Horned Lark - 6
- Tree Swallow - 44
- Barn Swallow - 3
- Black-capped Chickadee - 11
- Tufted Titmouse - 2
- White-breasted Nuthatch - 15
- House Wren - 9
- Marsh Wren - 4
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1
- Veery - 1
- Gray-cheeked Thrush - 1
- Swainson's Thrush - 31
- American Robin - 127
- Gray Catbird - 61
- Brown Thrasher - 1
- European Starling - 311
- Cedar Waxwing - 21
- Ovenbird - 1
- Black-and-white Warbler - 1
- Prothonotary Warbler - 1
- Tennessee Warbler - 2
- Nashville Warbler - 1
- Common Yellowthroat - 10
- American Redstart - 7
- Cape May Warbler - 4
- Magnolia Warbler - 2
- Bay-breasted Warbler - 1
- Blackburnian Warbler - 2
- Yellow Warbler - 1
- Blackpoll Warbler - 3
- Black-throated Blue Warbler - 1
- Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2
- Canada Warbler - 1
- Wilson's Warbler - 1
- Savannah Sparrow - 1
- Song Sparrow - 13
- Swamp Sparrow - 2
- Scarlet Tanager - 4
- Northern Cardinal - 16
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1
- Indigo Bunting - 10
- Bobolink - 6
- Red-winged Blackbird - 675
- Common Grackle - 121
- Brown-headed Cowbird - 1
- Baltimore Oriole - 9
- House Finch - 6
- American Goldfinch - 65
- House Sparrow – 14

III. REPTILES: 3 SPECIES.
- Map Turtle - 7
- Midland Painted Turtle - 8
- Northern Water Snake - 1 (young)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.
- Bullfrog
- Green Frog
- Northern Leopard Frog

V. FISHES: 3 SPECIES.
- Bowfin - 8
- Gizzard Shad - thousands (being fed on by Bowfin)
- Brown Bullhead - about 60 (in the ditch along gravel Krause Rd. - between 2" and 12”)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 12 SPECIES.
- Cabbage Butterfly - 20+
- Clouded Sulphur - 40+
- Dainty Sulphur - 2
- Bronze Copper - 1
- Summer Azure - 4
- Pearl Crescent - 9
- Red Admiral - 2
- Buckeye - 1
- Red-spotted Purple - 2
- Viceroy - 7
- Monarch - 24
- Least Skipper – 16

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