

MAY 05, 2024 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, Boss Unit, West Side, Western Prairies & Henry Marsh in the morning; Wildlife Drive in the afternoon -

except where closed for eagle nesting.

TIME: 7:20am - 12:30pm; 1:30pm - 4:30pm TIME AFIELD: 8:10 TEMP.: 62F ~ 72F ~ 70F

COND.: Heavy fog until 8:30am; mostly cloudy and cool in the morning with light west winds; partly sunny in the afternoon.

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. BOSS UNIT: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht.

OBS. WEST: Mary Applegate, Katie Clink, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, David Myles, Megan Myles, Doug Nims,

George Novosel, Chris Pierce, Tony Szilagye, Tracy Wiczer.

OBS. WESTERN PRAIRIES & HENRY MARSH: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. WILDLIFE DRIVE: Bob Bartolotta, Matt Bartolotta, Maeve Bartolotta, Nora Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin,

Doug Nims, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 5 SPECIES, 45 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Cottontail - 17
2. Woodchuck - 3
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 10
4. Common Muskrat - 12
5. White-tailed Deer - 3

II. BIRDS: 131 SPECIES, (1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS), 4,708 TOTAL. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 659
2. Trumpeter Swan - 71
3. Wood Duck - 26
4. Blue-winged Teal - 5
5. Northern Shoveler - 1
6. Mallard - 51
7. Northern Pintail - 2 (Henry Marsh)
8. Green-winged Teal - 12
9. Bufflehead - 1
10. Hooded Merganser - 1
11. Northern Bobwhite - 2 (calling from pine treeline south of Krause Rd. - Fourth May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 05/1974 & 09/1978)
12. Pied-billed Grebe - 8
13. Mourning Dove - 16
14. Common Nighthawk - 1 (roosting on cottonwood limb above old trailhead parking lot)
15. Eastern Whip-poor-will - 1 (heard calling from east end of South Woods on West Side - Fifth May Record on Census)
16. Chimney Swift - 1
17. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1
18. Virginia Rail - 2

19. Sora - 13
20. Common Gallinule - 14
21. American Coot - 9
22. Sandhill Crane - 19
23. Killdeer - 36
24. Pectoral Sandpiper - 1 (Henry Marsh)
25. Wilson's Snipe - 1 (Henry Marsh)
26. Spotted Sandpiper - 10
27. Solitary Sandpiper - 12
28. Greater Yellowlegs - 2
29. Lesser Yellowlegs - 14
30. Bonaparte's Gull - 16
31. Ring-billed Gull - 104
32. Herring Gull - 27
33. Common Tern - 28
34. Forster's Tern - 1
35. Double-crested Cormorant - 40
36. American White Pelican - 24
37. Least Bittern - 2
38. Great Blue Heron - 45
39. Great Egret - 182
40. Snowy Egret - 2
41. Green Heron - 3
42. Unidentified *Plegadis* Ibis Species - 1 (observed by G. Novosel's group flying from west side to east side)
43. Black Vulture - 1 (observed by Matt, Nora & Maeve Bartolotta - New Species on Census - currently at 305 Bird Species since 03/02/1969)
44. Turkey Vulture - 42
45. Osprey - 3
46. Northern Harrier - 1 (Grimm Prairie)
47. Cooper's Hawk - 1
48. Bald Eagle - 34 (19 adult,15 immature)
49. Broad-winged Hawk - 3
50. Red-tailed Hawk - 9
51. Barn Owl - 2 (with 7 eggs - observed via Ottawa nest-cam - Second May Record on Census)
52. Great Horned Owl - 3 (young)
53. Red-headed Woodpecker - 6
54. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 9
55. Downy Woodpecker - 8
56. Hairy Woodpecker - 4
57. Northern Flicker - 20
58. Pileated Woodpecker - 1 (west side of South Woods - Second May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11 other occasions)
59. American Kestrel - 2
60. Great Crested Flycatcher - 4
61. Eastern Kingbird - 19
62. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1
63. Least Flycatcher - 2

64. Eastern Phoebe - 4
65. Warbling Vireo - 24
66. Red-eyed Vireo - 3
67. Blue Jay - 95
68. American Crow - 1
69. Black-capped Chickadee - 6
70. Tufted Titmouse - 3
71. Horned Lark - 4
72. Tree Swallow - 504
73. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 4
74. Purple Martin - 83
75. Barn Swallow - 23
76. Cliff Swallow - 1
77. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6
78. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3
79. Carolina Wren - 4
80. House Wren - 36
81. Marsh Wren - 10
82. Gray Catbird - 39
83. Brown Thrasher - 6
84. European Starling - 99
85. Veery - 1
86. Swainson's Thrush - 3
87. Wood Thrush - 4
88. American Robin - 72
89. House Sparrow - 8
90. American Pipit - 17 (16 along Krause Rd. in the corn stubble fields)
91. House Finch - 1
92. American Goldfinch - 29
93. Lapland Longspur - 65 (along Krause Rd. in the corn stubble fields - all flew west - Fifth May Record on Census)
94. Chipping Sparrow - 4
95. Field Sparrow - 3
96. White-crowned Sparrow - 49
97. White-throated Sparrow - 36
98. Savannah Sparrow - 2 (Grimm Prairie)
99. Song Sparrow - 58
100. Lincoln's Sparrow - 1
101. Swamp Sparrow - 13
102. Eastern Towhee - 1
103. Bobolink - 1 (male - flushed from Grimm Prairie)
104. Orchard Oriole - 4
105. Baltimore Oriole - 31
106. Red-winged Blackbird - 989
107. Brown-headed Cowbird - 13
108. Rusty Blackbird - 5
109. Common Grackle - 123
110. Ovenbird - 2

111. Northern Waterthrush - 4
112. Black-and-white Warbler - 1
113. Prothonotary Warbler - 11
114. Tennessee Warbler - 3
115. Nashville Warbler - 9
116. Common Yellowthroat - 65
117. American Redstart - 8
118. Cape May Warbler - 2
119. Northern Parula - 13 (New Census High - previous was 9 on 05/2022 & 05/2023)
120. Magnolia Warbler - 7
121. Blackburnian Warbler - 2
122. Yellow Warbler - 301
123. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 2
124. Black-throated Blue Warbler - 7
125. Palm Warbler - 21
126. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 34
127. Yellow-throated Warbler - 1 (northwest end of South Woods - Eighth Record on Census, Sixth May Record on Census & First Since 05/2011)
128. Black-throated Green Warbler - 11
129. Northern Cardinal - 37
130. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 11
131. Indigo Bunting - 9

- ?? Unidentified *Sterna* Tern Species - 1  
 ?? Unidentified Sparrow Species - 6  
 ?? Unidentified Warbler Species - 3

III. REPTILES: 8 SPECIES, 163 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 1 (Fifth May Record on Census)
2. Map Turtle - 74 (New Census High - previous was 43 on 05/2023)
3. Red-eared Turtle - 2 (Fourth May Record on Census)
4. Midland Painted Turtle - 74
5. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1 (Second May Record on Census)
6. Northern Water Snake - 8
7. Northern Brown Snake - 1 (First May Record on Census & Tied Census High from 11/2015, 06/2019, 07/2019, 09/2020, 11/2022 & 09/2023)
8. Eastern Garter Snake - 2 (black morph)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES, 27 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Bullfrog - 20
2. Green Frog - 6
3. Northern Leopard Frog - 1

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES, 105 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Common Carp - 40

2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 65 (First May Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 8 SPECIES, 58 TOTAL. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 5 (Second May Record on Census)
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 10
3. Clouded Sulphur - 3
4. Orange Sulphur - 3 (First May Record on Census)
5. Eastern Tailed-Blue - 1 (First May Record on Census)
6. Pearl Crescent - 3 (Fourth May Record on Census)
7. Red Admiral - 32 (New Census High - previous was 31 on 05/2019)
8. American Lady - 1 (Fifth May Record on Census)

VII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 1 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/06/2018)

1. Common Green Darner

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