

JUNE 02, 2024 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

ROUTES: East Side, West Side, Western Prairies, Henry Marsh in the morning; Auto Tour Area in the afternoon (except where closed due to eagle nesting).

OBS. EAST: Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Susan Brauning, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn,

George Novosel, Chris Pierce. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES, HENRY MARSH, SOUTHERN EDGE OF NORTH WOODS &

SOUTH WOODS: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda,

Douglas W. Vogus.

TIME: 7:30am - 12:15pm; 1:15pm - 4:15pm TIME AFIELD: 7:45 TEMP.: 62F ~ 75F

COND.: Steady rain ending at 7:30am, but light mist falling until 8:40am; overcast throughout the entire morning; clouds

moving out by mid-afternoon and turning warmer with a clouds/sun mix.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES, 102 TOTAL MAMMALS. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Virginia Opossum - 1 (a very pregnant female - Third June Record on Census)
2. Eastern Cottontail - 66 (New Census High - previous was 59 on 08/2021)
3. Woodchuck - 11
4. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 12
5. Common Muskrat - 4
6. Common Raccoon - 2
7. White-tailed Deer - 6 (2 bucks in velvet, 2 does, 1 fawn, 1 unknown)

II. BIRDS: 80 SPECIES, 3,293 TOTAL BIRDS. (Recorded since 03/02/1969)

1. Canada Goose - 534
2. Trumpeter Swan - 98 (24 cygnets in groups of 1, 2, 3, 3, 6 & 9)
3. Wood Duck - 177 (1 female with 9 ducklings)
4. Blue-winged Teal - 2 (m- together)
5. Northern Shoveler - 2 (m - together)
6. Gadwall - 1 (m)
7. Mallard - 59
8. Hooded Merganser - 2 (f - solos)
9. Northern Bobwhite - 4 (m) (along Krause Rd. - First June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 2 on 05/1974, 09/1978 & 05/2024)

10. Pied-billed Grebe - 3
11. Rock Pigeon - 1 (fly-over at Stange Prairie)
12. Mourning Dove - 20
13. Chimney Swift - 3
14. Virginia Rail - 1
15. Common Gallinule - 13
16. Sandhill Crane - 20 (one pair of adults with half-grown colt in north end of MS6)
17. Killdeer - 21
18. Spotted Sandpiper - 1 (Henry Marsh)
19. Ring-billed Gull - 9
20. Common Tern - 5
21. Double-crested Cormorant - 46
22. American White Pelican - 101
23. Great Blue Heron - 102
24. Great Egret - 148
25. Snowy Egret - 1
26. Green Heron - 5
27. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 3
28. Turkey Vulture - 6
29. Northern Harrier - 1 (female headed north at east side of Grimm Prairie)
30. Bald Eagle - 47 (15 adult,26 immature,6 juveniles)
31. Red-tailed Hawk - 1
32. Barn Owl - 8 (2 adult,6 chicks,2 eggs yet-to-hatch - via the Ottawa barn webcam - First June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2023)
33. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2
34. Downy Woodpecker - 3
35. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
36. Northern Flicker - 17
37. American Kestrel - 1
38. Great Crested Flycatcher - 4
39. Eastern Kingbird - 22
40. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 13
41. Willow Flycatcher - 27
42. Eastern Phoebe - 2
43. Warbling Vireo - 30
44. Red-eyed Vireo - 8
45. Blue Jay - 8 (one nest in a black willow at Henry Marsh with 3 young about to fledge - as in, not much room left in the nest!)
46. Black-capped Chickadee - 3
47. Tufted Titmouse - 2
48. Horned Lark - 2
49. Tree Swallow - 177

50. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1
51. Purple Martin - 46
52. Barn Swallow - 26
53. Cedar Waxwing - 3
54. Carolina Wren - 4
55. House Wren - 36
56. Sedge Wren - 1 (singing at Stange Prairie east of the observation platform just past the last Tree Swallow nesting box)
57. Marsh Wren - 26
58. Gray Catbird - 14
59. Brown Thrasher - 6
60. Northern Mockingbird - 1 (just west of the exit of Auto Tour on Veler Rd.)
61. European Starling - 90
62. American Robin - 45
63. House Sparrow - 16
64. American Goldfinch - 25
65. Chipping Sparrow - 2
66. Field Sparrow - 5
67. Song Sparrow - 53
68. Swamp Sparrow - 15
69. Eastern Meadowlark - 1 (quiet at Grimm Prairie & Stange Prairie - this was along Krause Rd. at Henry Marsh)
70. Orchard Oriole - 3
71. Baltimore Oriole - 12
72. Red-winged Blackbird - 758
73. Brown-headed Cowbird - 21
74. Common Grackle - 48
75. Black-and-white Warbler - 1 (Third June Record on Census)
76. Prothonotary Warbler - 7
77. Common Yellowthroat - 41
78. Yellow Warbler - 163
79. Northern Cardinal - 27
80. Indigo Bunting - 29

III. REPTILES: 6 SPECIES, 102 TOTAL REPTILES. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 4
2. Map Turtle - 4
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 43
4. Blanding's Turtle - 1 (laying eggs along Ottawa-Lucas Rd. on the refuge property - 11 eggs, but not covered well)
5. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1

6. Eastern Garter Snake - 2

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 2 SPECIES, 39 TOTAL AMPHIBIANS. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Bullfrog - 24 (5 seen,19 heard)
2. Green Frog - 15 (1 seen,14 heard)

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES, 8 TOTAL FISHES. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Common Carp - 7
2. Black Bullhead - 1 (Second June Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 10 SPECIES, 102 TOTAL BUTTERFLIES. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 1
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 86
3. Clouded Sulphur - 1
4. Bronze Copper - 1 (First June Record on Census)
5. Summer Azure - 6 (Fourth June Record on Census)
6. Question Mark - 2 (First June Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 08/2014, 12/2018, 08/2021, 11/2021 & 08/2022)
7. Appalachian Brown - 1 (First June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2023)
8. Monarch - 1
9. Least Skipper - 2
10. Zabulon Skipper - 1 (Fourth Record on Census & Second June Record on Census)

VII. MOTHS: 2 SPECIES, (2 FIRST OF CENSUS), 2 TOTAL MOTHS. (Recorded since 04/07/2002)

1. Rush Veneer - 1 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 17 Species of Moths since 04/2002)
2. Three-spotted Phillip - 1 (New Moth Species on Census - currently at 18 Species of Moths since 04/2002)

VIII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 12 SPECIES, (2 FIRST OF CENSUS). (Recorded since 05/06/2018)

1. Comet Darner - 1 (New Odonata Species on Census - currently at 24 Species since 05/2018)
2. Halloween Pennant (Second June Record on Census)

3. Eastern Pondhawk
4. Widow Skimmer (Second June Record on Census)
5. Blue Dasher
6. Ruby Meadowhawk - 1 (Second June Record on Census)
7. Black Saddlebags
8. Slender Spreadwing - 2 (Fourth Record on Census & First June Record on Census)
9. Vesper Bluet - 3 (New Odonata Species on Census - currently at 25 Species since 05/2018)
10. Orange Bluet
11. Fragile Forktail (Third Record on Census & Second June Record on Census)
12. Eastern Forktail

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