

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK SPRING CENSUS, MAY 18, 2013

By Dwight Chasar

This was the latest spring census except for that held on May 19, 2012. Fifty-eight observers in 20 teams counted 5797 individuals of 136 species. These were the most observers ever and included two visiting birders from California. The species count equaled those of 1999 and 2007 and was the third-highest after the 145 we found

in 2010. The total individual count, however, was low compared to those of recent years.

The single Sandhill Crane was the first for a Spring Census. Sora was missed for the first time since 2000. Tufted Titmouse and Hooded Warbler set new count records. Where no comments are made in the table, the numbers are within normal historic ranges.

2013 CVNP SPRING CENSUS TABLE

SPECIES	No.	SPECIES	No.	SPECIES	No.
Canada Goose	146	Rock Pigeon	12	White-eyed Vireo	4
Wood Duck	19	Mourning Dove	62	Yellow-throated Vireo	16
Mallard	68	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	Blue-headed Vireo	10
Hooded Merganser (1)		Black-billed Cuckoo	5	Warbling Vireo	91
Wild Turkey	4	Barred Owl	1	Philadelphia Vireo	2
Pied-billed Grebe	2	Common Nighthawk (4)	6	Red-eyed Vireo	193
Double-crested Cormorant	1	Chimney Swift	61	Blue Jay	158
Great Blue Heron	136	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	29	American Crow	113
Green Heron	5	Belted Kingfisher	17	No. Rough-winged Swallow	81
Turkey Vulture	52	Red-headed Woodpecker	7	Tree Swallow (7)	77
Osprey	4	Red-bellied Woodpecker	116	Bank Swallow	24
Cooper's Hawk	6	Downy Woodpecker	41	Barn Swallow	60
Bald Eagle	2	Hairy Woodpecker	11	Black-capped Chickadee	148
Red-shouldered Hawk	10	Northern Flicker	21	Tufted Titmouse (8)	145
Broad-winged Hawk	7	Pileated Woodpecker	20	Red-breasted Nuthatch	8
Red-tailed Hawk	24	American Kestrel	2	White-breasted Nuthatch	50
Virginia Rail	2	Peregrine Falcon	2	Brown Creeper	1
Sora (2)		Olive-sided Flycatcher (5)		House Wren	63
Common Gallinule	1	Eastern Wood-Pewee	76	Winter Wren	2
American Coot	1	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (6)		Carolina Wren	30
Sandhill Crane (3)	1	Acadian Flycatcher	44	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	68
Killdeer	21	Alder Flycatcher	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (9)	
Spotted Sandpiper	11	Willow Flycatcher	17	Eastern Bluebird	45
Solitary Sandpiper	5	Least Flycatcher	7	Veery	16
Wilson's Snipe	1	Eastern Phoebe	38	Swainson's Thrush	4
American Woodcock	5	Great Crested Flycatcher	51	Hermit Thrush	3
Ring-billed Gull	1	Eastern Kingbird	37	Wood Thrush	36

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American Robin	255	Canada Warbler	1	Northern Cardinal	284
Gray Catbird	181	Wilson's Warbler	3	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	60
Northern Mockingbird	3	Yellow-breasted Chat	1	Indigo Bunting	98
Brown Thrasher	3	Eastern Towhee	50	Bobolink	19
European Starling	44	Chipping Sparrow	63	Red-winged Blackbird	264
Cedar Waxwing	48	Field Sparrow	34	Eastern Meadowlark	4
Ovenbird	37	Savannah Sparrow	3	Common Grackle	86
Louisiana Waterthrush	3	Henslow's Sparrow	3	Brown-headed Cowbird	85
Blue-winged Warbler	56	Song Sparrow	215	Orchard Oriole	15
Black-and-white Warbler	6	Lincoln's Sparrow	1	Baltimore Oriole	127
Prothonotary Warbler	2	Swamp Sparrow	24	House Finch	13
Tennessee Warbler	20	White-throated Sparrow	3	SPECIES (Note)	3
Nashville Warbler	8	White-crowned Sparrow	3	Canada Goose	239
Mourning Warbler	2	Dark-eyed Junco	2	Wood Duck	46
Common Yellowthroat	188	Scarlet Tanager	82	SUM	5,796
Hooded Warbler (10)	110	Notes (1) irregularly missed in recent years due to RR track closure because of Bald Eagle nesting (2) first miss since 2000 (3) first ever on a spring census, it was a flyover and calling (4) hasn't been easy to get on spring census, often missed; two teams found them overhead in evening (5) hit or miss on this bird (6) very irregular; often missed (7) trending down over the years (8) highest count ever and has been trending upward (9) normally we find a few but was missed in 2012 too, probably due to late census dates (10) new high count (11) rare find but have had them several times before but when the census dates were a week earlier			
American Redstart	31				
Cerulean Warbler	11				
Northern Parula	8				
Magnolia Warbler	19				
Bay-breasted Warbler	3				
Blackburnian Warbler	2				
Yellow Warbler	181				
Chestnut-sided Warbler	18				
Blackpoll Warbler	11				
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1				
Palm Warbler	1				
Pine Warbler	3				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9				
Yellow-throated Warbler	6				
Black-throated Green Warbler	23				

Dwight Chasar has been Volunteer for CVNP since 1985 and leading public bird walks there for over 20 years. The 2013 spring and fall censuses make the 22nd year he has organized them.

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