

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FALL CENSUS

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The 2014 Fall Census in Cuyahoga Valley National Park was held on 20 Sep. The warm and sunny weather was a pleasant change from 21 Sep 2013 when it rained nearly all day. Fifty-one observers (the most ever for a fall census) formed 20 teams. Their 104 species was the tenth highest number in the last 22 years. This count included Alder Flycatcher and Prothonotary Warbler, which had not been seen before

on a fall census. The total number of individual birds seen was about average; individual counts of Chimney Swift and Red-bellied Woodpecker set record highs and Eurasian Starling set a record low.

The fall census started in 1983 but from then through 1997 the teams counted only species. In 1998, the census crews started counting individuals as well. Dwight began coordinating the census in 1992.

Species	Number	Notes	Species	Number	Notes
Canada Goose	474		Red-eyed Vireo	11	
Wood Duck	37		Blue Jay	449	
Mallard	39		American Crow	176	
Blue-winged Teal	18	1	Black-capped Chickadee	280	
Wild Turkey	1		Tufted Titmouse	129	
Pied-billed Grebe	2		Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	
Double-crested Cormorant	1		White-breasted Nuthatch	158	
Great Blue Heron	19		Brown Creeper	6	
Green Heron	9		Carolina Wren	35	
Turkey Vulture	43		House Wren	6	
Bald Eagle	2		Eastern Bluebird	71	
Cooper's Hawk	3		Veery	1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	12		Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	
Broad-winged Hawk	1		Swainson's Thrush	11	
Red-tailed Hawk	23		Wood Thrush	1	
Sora	1		American Robin	569	
Killdeer	21		Gray Catbird	94	
Ring-billed Gull	1		Northern Mockingbird	1	
Rock Pigeon	31		European Starling	68	4
Mourning Dove	109		Cedar Waxwing	288	
Barred Owl	1		Ovenbird	2	
Common Nighthawk	1		Black-and-white Warbler	3	
Chimney Swift	727	2	Prothonotary Warbler	1	3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1		Tennessee Warbler	4	
Belted Kingfisher	14		Nashville Warbler	4	
Red-headed woodpecker	19		Mourning Warbler	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	154	2	Common Yellowthroat	26	
Downy Woodpecker	124		Hooded Warbler	18	
Hairy Woodpecker	29		American Redstart	7	
Northern Flicker	76		Cape May Warbler	1	
Pileated Woodpecker	32		Magnolia Warbler	10	
American Kestrel	1		Bay-breasted Warbler	1	
Merlin	1		Blackburnian Warbler	3	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	17		Yellow Warbler	1	
Acadian Flycatcher	4		Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	
Alder Flycatcher	1	3	Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	
Least Flycatcher	1		Blackpoll Warbler	5	
Eastern Phoebe	42		Black-throated Blue Warbler	3	
White-eyed Vireo	1		Pine Warbler	3	
Yellow-throated Vireo	1		Palm Warbler	1	
Blue-headed Vireo	3		Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	
Warbling Vireo	11		Black-throated Green Warbler	5	

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Wilson's Warbler	4		Red-winged Blackbird	544	
Eastern Towhee	20		Eastern Meadowlark	1	
Chipping Sparrow	22		Common Grackle	328	
Field Sparrow	11		Brown-headed Cowbird	12	
Savannah Sparrow	1		Baltimore Oriole	2	
Song Sparrow	68		House Finch	21	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		American Goldfinch	270	
Swamp Sparrow	1		House Sparrow	39	
White-throated Sparrow	3			<hr/> 6108	5
Scarlet Tanager	12				
Northern Cardinal	165				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10				
Indigo Bunting	6				

Notes

1. First in 10 years and highest count ever
2. Highest count ever
3. First ever
4. Lowest count ever
5. Total is near average