

## CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FALL CENSUS

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The 2015 Fall Census in Cuyahoga Valley National Park was held on 19 Sep. Though the temperature was mild, the overcast turned to drizzle in some areas. Sixty-eight observers in 23 teams beat last year's record turnout. Their 113 species was the second-highest number for the fall census – only 2006 exceeded it, with 115. Though the observers found no species new to this sea-

son, several were seen for the first time in almost a decade. The total number of individual birds seen was above average; individual counts of seven species set record highs and three others set record lows.

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
Canada Goose	185	
Wood Duck	58	
Mallard	44	
Blue-winged Teal	8	
Wild Turkey	1	
Double-crested Cormorant	2	
Great Blue Heron	24	
Green Heron	11	
Turkey Vulture	32	
Osprey	1	
Bald Eagle	1	
Northern Harrier	1	1

Species	Number	Notes
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	
Cooper's Hawk	8	
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	
Red-tailed Hawk	4	
Sora	1	
Killdeer	10	
Spotted Sandpiper	1	
Ring-billed Gull	1	
Rock Pigeon	2	
Mourning Dove	134	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7	2
Great Horned Owl	1	

Species	Number	Notes
Barred Owl	3	
Chimney Swift	767	3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5	
Belted Kingfisher	13	
Red-headed woodpecker	20	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	129	
Downy Woodpecker	111	
Hairy Woodpecker	22	
Northern Flicker	87	
Pileated Woodpecker	24	
Peregrine Falcon	1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	27	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5	4
Acadian Flycatcher	5	
Least Flycatcher	3	

Species	Number	Notes
Eastern Phoebe	43	
White-eyed Vireo	1	
Yellow-throated Vireo	6	
Warbling Vireo	13	
Philadelphia Vireo	3	
Red-eyed Vireo	11	
Blue Jay	432	
American Crow	292	
Tree Swallow	5	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	126	5
Barn Swallow	2	
Black-capped Chickadee	312	
Tufted Titmouse	124	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	156	
Brown Creeper	1	

Species	Number	Notes
House Wren	8	
Marsh Wren	3	
Carolina Wren	23	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	6
Eastern Bluebird	99	
Veery	3	
Swainson's Thrush	27	7
Hermit Thrush	4	
Wood Thrush	5	
American Robin	387	
Gray Catbird	197	8
Brown Thrasher	4	
European Starling	618	
Cedar Waxwing	161	9
Ovenbird	2	
Northern Waterthrush	1	10

Species	Number	Notes
Blue-winged Warbler	1	
Black-and-white Warbler	1	
Tennessee Warbler	12	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	11
Nashville Warbler	8	
Connecticut Warbler	1	12
Common Yellowthroat	38	
Hooded Warbler	21	
American Redstart	14	13
Cape May Warbler	2	
Northern Parula	1	
Magnolia Warbler	23	
Bay-breasted Warbler	14	
Blackburnian Warbler	3	
Yellow Warbler	2	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	3	

Species	Number	Notes
Blackpoll Warbler	5	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2	
Palm Warbler	7	
Pine Warbler	4	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	
Black-throated Green Warbler	12	
Wilson's Warbler	3	
Eastern Towhee	15	
Chipping Sparrow	2	14
Field Sparrow	16	
Song Sparrow	66	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	
Swamp Sparrow	10	
Scarlet Tanager	6	
Northern Cardinal	159	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	15	

Species	Number	Notes
Indigo Bunting	10	
Red-winged Blackbird	834	15
Eastern Meadowlark	3	
Common Grackle	319	
Brown-headed Cowbird	9	
Baltimore Oriole	1	
House Finch	14	16
American Goldfinch	360	
House Sparrow	54	
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## Notes

1. First since 2008
2. Highest ever (had good spring count too)
3. Highest ever (2014 = 727)
4. Highest ever (pocket of them)
5. Highest ever (2004 = 59)
6. First since 2006
7. Highest ever (2010 = 17)
8. Highest ever (2010 = 186)
9. On the very low side
10. First since 2005
11. First since 2002
12. First since 2009
13. Highest by two
14. Low number
15. Second highest (2006 = 1618)
16. Low number