## CUYAHOGA NATIONAL PARK SPRING CENSUS, MAY 19, 2012

## By Dwight Chasar

This was the latest May census that we have had and this date, coupled with the unusual spring and the apparently unusual migration, led to mixed results. Fifty-five observers in 20 teams counted 6752 individuals of 124 species. The species count was the lowest since 1998 (118), as many of the migrants had already passed on through the CVNP, but some of the traditionally later-migrating birds were here by the 19th.

I compare data from 1995 to now, as 1995 was when we started keeping numbers of individuals. Our first time misses were Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-crowned Sparrow, and American Woodcock. The former two had already headed north from the CVNP while the woodcock had

| Species                              | Count |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Canada Goose                         | 358   |
| Wood Duck                            | 46    |
| Mallard                              | 67    |
| Wild Turkey                          | 22    |
| Pied-billed Grebe (1 adult, 5 young) | 6     |
| Double-crested Cormorant             | 5     |
| Great Blue Heron                     | 103   |
| Green Heron                          | 6     |
| Turkey Vulture                       | 84    |
| Bald Eagle                           | 5     |
| Cooper's Hawk                        | 6     |
| Red-shouldered Hawk                  | 15    |
| Broad-winged Hawk                    | 9     |
| Red-tailed Hawk                      | 18    |
| Peregrine Falcon                     | 2     |
| Virginia Rail                        | 5     |
| Sora                                 | 3     |
| Killdeer                             | 18    |
| Spotted Sandpiper                    | 15    |
| Solitary Sandpiper                   | 1     |
| Greater Yellowlegs                   | 2     |
| Least Sandpiper                      | 2     |
| Ring-billed Gull                     | 2     |
| Rock Pigeon                          | 2     |
| Mourning Dove                        | 69    |

no reason to be sky dancing that evening because nesting and egg laying were started. I had seen one a few days earlier on the Jaite trail. This was the first time we counted more titmice than chickadees. And this was the first time we had a Lawrence's Warbler (which we found at Oakhill) since 1999.

We had all time highs for Yellow-throated Vireo (there certainly have been more around in the park), Cedar Waxwings (twice the previous high), for Eastern Wood-Pewee, and Willow and Alder flycatchers. The later census date is the reason for the increase in waxwings, Willows, and Alders. Baltimore Oriole numbers were unusually low compared to the last ten years. Most other species numbers were within the normal variation of data.

| Species                   | Count |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | 8     |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | 1     |
| Barred Owl                | 4     |
| Chimney Swift             | 56    |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 20    |
| Belted Kingfisher         | 10    |
| Red-headed Woodpecker     | 11    |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker    | 108   |
| Downy Woodpecker          | 33    |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | 17    |
| Northern Flicker          | 32    |
| Pileated Woodpecker       | 30    |
| Easter Wood-Pewee         | 83    |
| Acadian Flycatcher        | 46    |
| Alder Flycatcher          | 5     |
| Willow Flycatcher         | 40    |
| Least Flycatcher          | 4     |
| Eastern Phoebe            | 38    |
| Great Crested Flycatcher  | 65    |
| Eastern Kingbird          | 32    |
| White-eyed Vireo          | 4     |
| Yellow-throated Vireo     | 26    |
| Blue-headed Vireo         | 8     |
| Warbling Vireo            | 91    |
| Red-eyed Vireo            | 207   |

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|   | Prothonotary Warbler          | 3     |
| Connecticut Warbler 1   | Tennessee Warbler             | 18    |
|   | Connecticut Warbler           | 1     |

| Species                      | Count |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Mourning Warbler             | 2     |
| Common Yellowthroat          | 201   |
| Hooded Warbler               | 91    |
| American Redstart            | 13    |
| Cerulean Warbler             | 18    |
| Magnolia Warbler             | 10    |
| Bay-breasted Warbler         | 1     |
| Blackburnian Warbler         | 8     |
| Yellow Warbler               | 245   |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler       | 18    |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | 8     |
| Pine Warbler                 | 4     |
| Yellow-throated Warbler      | 6     |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | 26    |
| Canada Warbler               | 3     |
| Wilson's Warbler             | 3     |
| Yellow-breasted Chat         |       |
|                              | 1     |
| Eastern Towhee               | 70    |
| Chipping Sparrow             | 79    |
| Field Sparrow                | 53    |
| Henslow's Sparrow            | 1     |
| Song Sparrow                 | 243   |
| Lincoln's Sparrow            | 1     |
| Swamp Sparrow                | 26    |
| White-throated Sparrow       | 2     |
| Dark-eyed Junco              | 3     |
| Scarlet Tanager              | 86    |
| Northern Cardinal            | 238   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak       | 49    |
| Indigo Bunting               | 118   |
| Bobolink                     | 12    |
| Red-winged Blackbird         | 286   |
| Eastern Meadowlark           | 2     |
| Common Grackle               | 75    |

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.

Dwight was a Regional Coordinator for the 2006-11 OBBA II, is a past president of the Kirtland Bird Club, and gives frequent talks on birds, birding, birding history, and birding trips. He and his wife Ann also manage to get out into the field for their own enjoyment as well!