

## Birding Reports (August 2016)



**August 25, 2016** — This week's bird sightings include: Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, American Kestrel, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Geese, Common Loon, Woodduck, Pied-billed Grebe, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Least sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Belted Kingfisher, Pileated Woodpecker, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Brown Thrasher, Towhee, Catbird, Oriole, Nighthawk, Tree Swallow, Morning Dove, Cardinal, Eastern Kingbird, Phoebe, Raven, Chipping Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Bluebird, Brown Thrasher, Hummingbird, House Finch, Goldfinch, Black and White Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, American Redstart, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Wild Turkey, Cooper's Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Scarlet Tanager and Pine Warbler!

Great locations to see migrating birds right now are the Veteran's Trail and the Uppgaard WMA — both along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway. Happy Birding!

**August 19, 2016** — This week's bird sightings include: Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Merlin, Turkey Vulture, American Kestrel, Sandhill Crane, Trumpeter Swan, Killdeer, Canada Goose, Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Kingbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Oriole, Hummingbird, Catbird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Chimney Swift, Nighthawk, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Nuthatch, House Finch, Goldfinch, Common Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Great-blue Heron, Clay-colored Sparrow, Mallard, Tennessee Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Robin and Indigo Bunting.

More shorebirds on the move with Least Sandpiper, Semi-palmated Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper and a single stilt Sandpiper. Also have a report of over 2,000 Common Nighthawks as they continue there migration. Watch in the evening for them as they move south sometimes catching insects. Some warblers can be seen in small groups at Kiwanis Park and Northland Arboretum. Happy Birding!

**August 11, 2016** — This week's bird sightings include: Bald Eagle. Northern Harrier, Osprey, American Kestrel, Broad-wing Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Barred Owl, Nighthawk, Loon, Goose, Mallard, Trumpeter Swan, Woodduck, Great-blue Heron, Double-crested cormorant, House Wren, Bluebird, Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Hummingbird, Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, Brown Thrasher, Morning Dove, Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, Chimney Swift, Cliff Swallow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Wild Turkey, Golden-winged Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Killdeer, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Ring-billed Gull and Sandhill Crane.

Watch in the evenings for Chimney Swifts (in town) and Nighthawks gathering in small numbers. Family groups of blackbirds are also gathering in numbers as they prepare for migration. A large size Purple Martin roost was discovered last weekend just north of the lakes area the estimate was near 10,000 birds. These bird roost in cattail islands on small lakes giving them some protection from predators. Shorebirds and warblers also showing up in decent numbers in the proper habitats. Happy Birding!

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**August 7, 2016** — Bird sightings for the lakes area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Barred Owl, American Kestrel, Broad-wing Hawk, Red-tail Hawk, Northern Harrier, Merlin, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Coopers Hawk, American Bittern, Great-blue Heron, double-crested Cormorant, Common Loon, Mallard, Goose, Ring-neck Duck, Woodduck, Trumpeter Swan, Tree Swallow, Purple Martin, Cliff Swallow, Chimney Swift, Barn Swallow, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Goldfinch, House Finch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Oriole, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Bluebird, House Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Towhee, Morning Dove, Nighthawk, Belted Kingfisher, Pileated Woodpecker, Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Pewee, Raven, Cedar Waxwing, Robin, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Red-eyed Vireo and Red-bellied Woodpecker.

Shorebirds are the earliest group of birds that migrate. Birds that have begun to depart include: Least sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, semi-palmated Sandpiper and Yellow-legs plus a few Yellow-rumped warblers. The peak migration tends to be the 2nd week in September for a majority of birds. Happy Birding!

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