

## Birding Reports (June 2016)



**June 30, 2016** — Bird sightings for the Lakes area include:

Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Broad-winged Hawk, Barred Owl, Great-blue Heron, Killdeer, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Mallard, Goose, Hooded Merganser, Pied-billed Grebe, Trumpeter Swan, Common Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Double-crested Cormorant, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Black and White Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Pine Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Ovenbird, American Redstart, Veery, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Eastern-wood Pewee, Gray Catbird, Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, House Finch, Morning Dove, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Wild Turkey, Whip-poor-Will, Eastern Bluebird, Towhee, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, House Wren, Scarlet Tanager, Flicker, Raven and Red-winged Blackbird.

The Trumpeter Swan family seen on Rice Lake along Co Rd 11 is doing great. The young swans known as cygnets are growing fast I enjoyed watching them chase and catch insects of the Lilly pads. Happy Birding!

**June 23, 2016** — Bird sightings for this week include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, American Kestrel, Coopers Hawk, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Killdeer, Common Loon, Mallard, Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Ring-neck Duck, Hooded Merganser, Belted Kingfisher, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Ovenbird, Pine Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, American Redstart, Eastern Kingbird, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Great-crested Flycatcher, Cedar Waxwing, Whip-poor-Will, Eastern-wood Pewee, Veery, Eastern Bluebird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oriole, Gray Catbird, Cardinal, Brown Thrasher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Scarlet Tanager, Red-eyed Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Morning Dove, Raven, Pileated Woodpecker, Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Sandhill Crane.

Today's birding tour stopped at the Veteran's Trail and Rice Lake. The highlights include seeing two Ruffed Grouse broods with the young birds scattering just in front of us along the trail. Golden-winged Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Yellow Warbler and Pine Warbler, Green Herons, Common Loons and the Trumpeter Swan family were seen on Rice Lake. Happy Birding!

**June 16, 2016** — Here are the bird sightings for the week: Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Broad-winged Hawk, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Great-blue Heron, Killdeer, Ring-neck Duck, Woodduck, Hooded Merganser, Goose, Mallard, Common Loon, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oriole, Catbird, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Black & White Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Morning Dove, Common Raven, Wild Turkey, Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Whip-poor-Will, Common Nighthawk, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, House Wren, Sandhill Crane, Swamp Sparrow, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-winged Blackbird, Bobolinks, Dickcissels, Clay-colored Sparrow, Red-headed Woodpecker, Ovenbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-winged Blackbird and Trumpeter Swan.

Along the beautiful Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway on Cty Rd 11 is Rice Lake — a good spot to check for nesting Trumpeter Swans. This is now the 4th year that a pair of Trumpeter Swans have nested producing 5 cygnets this summer. Happy Birding!

**June 9, 2016** — Bird sightings for the Lakes area include: Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, American Kestrel, Northern Harrier, Common Loon, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Canada Goose, Hooded Merganser, Great-blue Heron, Killdeer, Song Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Robin, Towhee, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, goldfinch, House Finch, Oriole, Hummingbird, House Wren, Bluebird, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Chimney Swift, Golden-winged Warbler, Great-crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black & White Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor Will, Turkey, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-winged Blackbird, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Broad-wing Hawk and Pewee.

A guided tour along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway made stops at the Uppgard WMA and the Veterans Trail! Some of the highlights for the couple from California include: Golden-winged Warbler, Common Loon, Hooded Merganser with young, Great-blue Heron, Ovenbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Broad-wing Hawk, Chestnut-sided Warbler and Red-eyed Vireo. Happy Birding!

**June 1, 2016** — Many of us seen a decline in the number of birds visiting our backyard bird feeders this time of year. For many birds, June is the start of the nesting season and with the availability of there more natural food sources birds don't have to visit our feeders as frequently. Continue providing fresh birdseed and other foods to keep the birds coming back.

Recent sightings include: Common Loon, Trumpeter Swan, Double-crested Cormorant, Great-blue Heron, Mallard, Goose, Ring-neck Duck, Woodduck, Hooded Merganser, Ring-billed Gull, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Chimney Swift, Song Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Eastern Kingbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Golden-winged Warbler, Killdeer, Cedar Waxwing, Northern Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, House Wren, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Barn Swallow, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Coopers' Hawk, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor Will and Barred Owl.

If you are still experiencing issues with bears in your area, please bring in your feeders in the evening or remove for a few weeks. Happy Birding!

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