

## Birding Reports (September 2014)

**September 28, 2014** — The warmer weather this past week slowed the migration some, so we have one last chance to say goodbye to our feather friends. Here's a look at what birds were found this past week for the area: Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Kestrel, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Ring-billed Gull, Sand-hill Crane, Geese, Woodduck, Mallard, Bluebird, Veery, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Sapsucker, Flicker, Raven, Cedar Waxwing, Belted Kingfisher, Redstart, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pine Warbler, Orange Crown and Golden-winged. Now seeing loons that have molted into their winter plumage and can be seen staging in groups. Happy Birding!

**September 21, 2014** — The fall migration will continue into the end of October as things freeze up, but most of the songbirds will be gone by then. Here is the weekly list of birds from the area; Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Kestrel, Great-blue Heron, Egret, Common Merganser, Woodduck, Mallard, Geese, Belted Kingfisher, Loon, Phoebe, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Turkey, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Bluebird, Scartlet Tanager, Palm Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Orange-crown Warbler, Robin, Flickers, Red-headed Woodpecker and Pied-billed Grebe. The Red-headed Woodpecker was a new yard bird for my current location, the bird stayed for one day eating and storing seeds in an dead jack pine tree in the backyard. The hummingbirds, Orioles and Grosbeaks have been gone from my home for a week, but I would guess a few are still around. Happy Birding!

**September 11, 2014** — The early fall like weather is pushing birds through the Brainerd area quickly. This could be the last time we see many of our summer birds like hummingbirds, orioles and grosbeaks until next year. Here are the birds from this past week: Loon, Woodduck, Pied-billed Grebe, Mallard, Geese, Belted Kingfisher, Egret, Sandhill Crane, Robin, Flicker, Bluebird, Hummibgbird, Oriole, Grosbeak, Chipping Sparrow, Whip-poor-Will, Scarlet Tanager, Pileated Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, Phoebe, Pewee, Raven, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Kestrel, Spotted Sandpiper, Nighthawk, Redstart, Golden-winged Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Ring-billed Gull, Tennessee Warbler and Orange-crown Warbler. Happy Birding!

**September 6, 2014** — The end of summer migrants continue to move through the lakes area this past week. The recent bird sightings include: Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Kestrel, Nighthawk, Great-blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oriole, Hummingbird, Sandhill Crane, Brown Thrasher, Scarlet Tanager, Raven, Barn Swallows, Tree Swallow, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Bluebird, Nashville Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, Tennessee Warbler, Pine Warbler, Orange-crown Warbler, Redstart, Flicker, Sapsucker, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Woodduck, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Geese, Phoebe, Pewee, Least Flycatcher and Robin. A good number of waterfowl are just starting to stage on Rice Lake along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway. Just starting to see that our local goldfinches are molting into their winter plumage.

**September 1, 2014** — The bird activity this past week has been very abundant as birds continue to move through our area in big numbers. Some examples from this past week include migrating Common Nighthawks. I've received two reports from Duluth with 540 birds on 8/27/14 and 3,100 on 8/24. In Breezy Point, I also saw at least 6 groups of nighthawks ranging from 25-50 birds each between 5-9 pm.

This weeks birds include; Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Kestrel, Great-blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Woodduck, Mallard, Cormorant, Common Loon, Catbird, Purple Martin, Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-throated Vireo, Sapsucker, Flicker, Great-crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Pewee, Barred Owl, Brown Thrasher, Pileated Woodpecker, Turkey, Ring-billed Gull, Bluebird, Red-head Woodpecker and Hummingbird. As I was maintaining the feeders in Town Square (Crosslake) a uncommon visitor a immature Red-headed Woodpecker showed up at the feeder.

Warblers are also plentiful right now. Recent spottings include: Black & White, Yellow, Common-yellowthroat, Redstart, Blackburian, Chestnut-sided, Orange-crown, Nashville, Pine, Ovenbird, Golden-winged and Wilsons. Most of the warblers species that are reported have come from two guided trips to Fritz-Loven Park (Lake Shore). Happy Birding!

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