

## Birding Reports (August 2017)



**August 4, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Coopers Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Belted Kingfisher, Killdeer, Great-blue Heron, Great Egret, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Eastern Bluebird, American Redstart, Golden-winged Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Chestnut Sided Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Gray Catbird, Indigo Bunting, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Northern Flicker, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Ovenbird, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Red headed Woodpecker, Red eyed Vireo, Rose breasted Grosbeak, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Common Grackle, Whip-poor Will, Morning Dove, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cedar Waxwing, White Pelican, Cardinal, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Wood Pewee, Clay-colored Sparrow, Common Raven, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow. Happy Birding!

**August 10, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Coopers Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Belted Kingfisher, Killdeer, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, American Redstart, Golden-winged Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Chestnut Sided Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Gray Catbird, Indigo Bunting, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Ovenbird, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Red headed Woodpecker, Rose breasted Grosbeak, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Common Grackle, Whip-poor Will, Morning Dove, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cedar Waxwing, White Pelican, Cardinal, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Wood Pewee, Clay-colored Sparrow, Common Raven, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow. Happy Birding!

**August 17, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Coopers Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Belted Kingfisher, Killdeer, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, American Redstart, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Gray Catbird, Indigo Bunting, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Ovenbird, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Red headed Woodpecker, Rose breasted Grosbeak, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Common Grackle, Whip-poor Will, Morning Dove, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red headed Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwing, Cardinal, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Wood Pewee, Common Raven, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Song Sparrow, Spotted Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Semi-palmated Sandpiper, Yellow Legs, Stilt Sandpiper, Semi-palmated Plover, Peregrine Falcon and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.

Young birds can be difficult to identify unless with their parents which should help. Fall warblers are one of the most difficult and challenging time to be patient and study carefully. Happy Birding!

**August 24, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Coopers Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Hooded Merganser, Killdeer, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Cliff Swallow, Chimney Swifts, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Indigo Bunting,

Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Rose breasted Grosbeak, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Common Grackle, Whip-poor Will, Morning Dove, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cedar Waxwing, Scarlet Tanager, Nashville Warbler, Cardinal, Red headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow.

A very rare report of a Barred Owl that "attacked" a small child from the Bemidji area has made the news recently. Most likely, the owl was protecting its young. Also a Facebook posting shows a Belted Kingfisher with a swallow in its mouth. For the most part they eat mostly small fish (minnows).

Shorebirds continue moving through the area again this week with the following: Spotted Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Semi-palmated Sandpiper, Yellow Legs, Stilt Sandpiper, Semi-palmated Plover and Red-necked Phalarope.

One uncommon bird that is being reported now is Red Crossbill, a bird that specializes in consuming mass amounts of seeds from pine cones. In years where there is an abundance of cones, these birds can nest any time during the season even during the winter season when temps are below freezing.

A warbler wave during the spring or fall bird migration refers to a group of birds maybe 10-15 species but only a handful of each species moving through the trees. Today, I saw such a wave that included Golden-winged Warblers, Red-eyed Vireos, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Orange-Crowned Warbler.

Plan to join the Brainerd Audubon as we participate in the annual Chimney Swift Sit at the Laestian Church in Brainerd August 27th starting at 8pm!

**August 31, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Coopers Hawk, American Kestrel, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Ring-billed Gull, Caspian Tern, Hooded Merganser, Killdeer, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Cliff Swallow, Chimney Swifts, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Connecticut Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Red Crossbill, Oriole, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-thorated Sparrow, Rose breasted Grosbeak, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Common Grackle, Barred Owl, Whip-poor Will, Morning Dove, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cedar Waxwing, Cardinal, Red headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow. Thanks for following the reports watch for next weeks bird report and my guiding adventures. Happy Birding!

Shorebirds reported this week include Killdeer, Bairds Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Sanderling and Yellowlegs.

A few locations to check for birds in the lakes area include: the Northland Arboretum in Brainerd, St. Mathias Road on old business Hwy 371 south of Brainerd, and Kiwanis Park along the Mississippi River also in Brainerd. The Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway provides many opportunities to explore the woods and waters looking for migrating birds.

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