

Birding Reports (July 2014)

July 27, 2014 — This past week at Rice Lake WMA (Co Rd 11), a Trumpeter Swan proudly showed off her cygnets. Other bird sightings from the area this week included: Cooper Hawk, Red-tail Hawk, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Broad-winged Hawk, Wood Duck, Ring-neck Duck, Green Heron, Great-blue Heron, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Chimney Swift, Barn Swallow, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oriole, Catbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Grackle, Raven, Eastern Kingbird, Double-crested Cormorant, Goldfinch, Common Yellowthroat, Cedar Waxwing, Sandhill Crane, Bluebird, House Finch, Pied-billed Grebe, Purple Finch and Ring-billed Gull. Happy Birding!

July 20, 2014 — The birds are now finally returning to the feeders after the delayed nesting season. It's hard to believe but we will soon see some birds starting to migrate starting in August. Here are the recent and local bird sightings from this past week: Great Blue Heron, Common Loon, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Broad-winged Hawk, Kestrel, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Brown Thrasher, Hummingbird, Double-crested Cormorant, Common Snipe, Whip-poor-Will, Purple Finch, House Finch, Red-winged Blackbird, Phoebe, Ring-neck Duck, Sapsucker, Goldfinch, Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Eastern Kingbird, and Bluebird. Happy Birding!

July 11, 2014 — This week's bird sightings include: Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, House Wren, sedge Wren, Bluebird, Gray Catbird, Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Hummingbird, Brown Thrasher, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Chimney Swift, Trumpeter Swan, Hooded Merganser, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Kestrel, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Raven, Broad-winged Hawk, Killdeer, Common Loon, Belted Kingfisher, Phoebe, Common Snipe, Woodcock, Robin, Red-winged Blackbird, Goldfinch, Sandhill Crane, Yellow Warbler and Common Yellowthroat.

I was guiding for a client who came all the way from California to see our Common Loon! The locations that we found loons include, North Long Lake (2) plus 1 chick, Round Lake (10) plus 2 chicks, Gilbert Lake (7) Red Sand Lake (12) and Rice Lake (2). Happy Birding!

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