

Birding Reports (July 2016)



July 28, 2016 — Bird sightings for the lakes area include: Bald Eagle (adults & juveniles), Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Broad-wing Hawk, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, Double-crested Cormorant, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Goose, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Raven, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Chimney Swift, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Towhee, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oriole, Cardinal, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Gray Catbird, Goldfinch, House Finch, House Wren, Bluebird, Sandhill Crane, Eastern Kingbird, Pewee, Phoebe, Wild Turkey, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor Will, Yellow Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Brown Thrasher and Robin.

Believe it or not, for some birds summer is already over as the start of the fall migration nears. Many of the gregarious species of birds such as blackbirds and shorebirds are now starting to gather or stage in good numbers. Typically the first week in August marks the beginning of the fall migration with the peak in September. Happy Birding!

July 21, 2016 — Bird sightings for the lakes area this week: Great-blue Heron, Common Loon, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, Mallard, Goose, Ring-neck Duck, Woodduck, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Barred Owl, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor-will, Trumpeter Swan, Green Heron, Purple Martin, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Chimney Swift, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Kingbird, Pewee, Great-crested Flycatcher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, House Finch, Oriole, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Towhee, Raven, Cardinal, Goldfinch, Catbird, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Morning Dove, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Cedar Waxwing, Brown Thrasher, Osprey, Broad-wing Hawk, Robin, Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, Yellow Warbler and Common Yellowthroat.

Many of our backyard birds are now coming back to the bird feeders with their young at my location seeing (Bluejay, Oriole, Bluebird, Downy Woodpecker). Now is a good time to put out the Jelly and mealworms again for the adults to feed their growing families. Happy Birding!

July 14, 2016 — Bird sightings for the lakes area: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, American Kestrel, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Belted-kingfisher, Goose, Mallard, Ring-neck Duck, Hooded Merganser, Woodduck, Trumpeter Swan, Ring-billed Gull, Killdeer, Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Loon, Eastern Towhee, Phoebe, Robin, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Bluebird, Cardinal, Cedar Waxwing, Brown Thrasher, Gray Catbird, Oriole, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Whip-poor-Will, Common Nighthawk, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Chimney Swift, Bluebird, House Wren, House Finch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Goldfinch, Sandhill Crane, Golden-winged warbler, Yellow Warbler, Pine Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Eastern-wood Pewee, Least Flycatcher, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Indigo Bunting.

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Watch for many of our backyard bird visitors now bringing their young to the feeders. This can be quite comical for us watching these young birds feeding on grape jelly or trying to grab a live mealworm from a tray. If you had given up on the jelly, oranges and mealworms now is the time to try again. Happy Birding!

July 6, 2016 — Bird sightings for the lakes area: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Turkey Vulture, American Kestrel, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Barred Owl, Common Loon, Sandhill Crane, Great-blue Heron, Killdeer, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Belted Kingfisher, Ring-billed Gull, Whip-poor-Will, Common Nighthawk, House Wren, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Towhee, Red-headed Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, Geese, Mallard, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, House Finch, Goldfinch, Morning Dove, Brown Thrasher, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Cardinal, Raven, Gray Catbird, Black and White Warbler, Trumpeter Swan, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Pine Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Robin, Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Red-winged Blackbird and Red-breasted Nuthatch.

The American Goldfinch is one of the last birds to nest in the state! By now most of the other backyard birds are bringing their young to the feeders the Goldfinch is now just starting to build their nest. Happy Birding!

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