

## Birding Reports (June 2014)

**June 27, 2014** — Here is the list of birds from the area this past week: Great-crested Flycatcher, Gray-catbird, Oriole, Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, Hummingbird, Green Heron, Great-blue Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Common Snipe, Common Loons with two chicks Hole in the day bay Gull Lake, Whip-poor Will, Yellow Warbler, Cliff Swallow, Bluebird, Tree Swallow, Goldfinch, Vesper Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Woodduck, Common Merganser, Double-crested cormorant, Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Killdeer, Phoebe, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Kingbird, Turkey Vulture, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Wild Turkey. Happy Birding!

**June 20, 2014** — The birds of summer found in the area this past week include: Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Bluebird, Oriole, Hummingbird, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Turkey, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Goldfinch, Great-blue Heron, Great Egret, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Raven, Loon, Mallard, Common Merganser and Ring-neck Duck.

**June 14, 2014** — Many of the early nesting birds (like ducks, geese and swans) are now with their broods (fledged young). The Trumpeter Swans that have been nesting successfully for the past two years on Rice Lake along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway hatched 5 Cygnets this past week (see above). The Bluebirds are also on their 2nd nest with one egg at my home.

The bird observations from the past week include; Great-blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Eastern Kingbird, Raven, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Catbird, Vesper Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Oven Bird, Red-eyed Vireo, Whip-poor-Will, Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Bluebird, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Pileated Woodpecker, Hummingbird, Common Loon, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Broad Wing Hawk, Ring-neck Duck, Mallard, Woodduck, Trumpeter Swan, Wild Turkey, Killdeer, Golden-winged Warbler and Black and White Warbler.

This past week I watched large flocks of geese numbering between 35-70 geese flying over the house on their way to molt. All waterfowl go through a complete molt making them flightless for several weeks usually occurring now through July. I am guessing that these birds probably didn't nest successfully so they are going to safe place to start the molting process. Happy Birding!

**June 9, 2014** — The month of June is the nesting season for many birds found in our area -- common or uncommon. This is why its important to be able to learn and indentify birds by their songs and calls as they are less active.

Here are the birds from this past week; Great Egret, Great-blue Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Bluebird, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Vesper Sparrow, Golden-winged Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Loon, Ring-neck Duck, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Killdeer, Great-crested Flycatcher, Snipe, Sandhill Crane, Whip-poor Will, Chimney Swift, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey, Scarlet Tanager and Oriole. Happy Birding!

**June 1, 2014** — By now, many of the birds are nesting so the activity levels have slowed down a lot. The variety of birds coming to feeders has also calmed down as more and more of the natural foods are becoming available for the birds. Some feeders still remain very colorful with Orioles, Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, Hummingbirds and Orchard Oriole. This week only one new bird was heard and that was a Black-billed Cuckoo.

Some of the bird that can be found at various locations include: Veery, Oven Bird, Red-eyed Vireo, Hermit Thrush, Great-blue Heron, Green Heron, Golden-winged Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Common-yellowthroat, Sora Rail, Common Loon, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Vesper Sparrow, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Eastern Kingbird, Bluebird, Sandhill Crane and Orchard Oriole, Warbler, Parula, and Orchard Oriole.

— Judd Brink, bird guide/owner, [MN Backyard Birds](#) & [BirdsoftheByway.com](#)