

Birding Reports (October 2014)

October 31, 2014 — Here are the birds for this week in the lakes area: Common Loon, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Cardinal, Junco, Fox Sparrow, Bald Eagle, Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Coots, Ring-neck Duck, pied-billed Grebe, Robin, Goose, Red-winged Blackbird, Turkey, Brown Creeper, Bluebird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Snow Bunting and Red-tailed Hawk. Happy Birding!

October 19, 2014 — Here are the birds to look for as they continue to move through: Common Loon (many are now in winter plumage), Mallard, Geese, Woodduck, Pied-billed Grebe, Great-blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Robin, Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Harris Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Turkey, Flicker, Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Purple Finch, House Finch, Veery, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, Bluebird, Trumpeter Swan, Pileated Woodpecker, Ring-neck Duck and Coot. A brief report from Aitkin County included 300+ Sandhill Cranes along with a few early winter birds such as Northern Shrike and Rough-legged Hawk. Happy Birding!

October 12, 2014 —The migration continues through the lakes area with many new arrivals. Bird sightings for this week include: Bald Eagle (11) Turkey Vulture (16) Red-tailed Hawk (5) Kestrel (1) Northern Harrier (1) Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Loon, Woodduck, Ring-neck Duck, Geese, Sandhill Crane, Coots, Pied-billed Grebe, Mallard, Belted Kingfisher, Phoebe, Sapsucker, Flicker, Harris Sparrow, Junco, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Bluebird, Raven, Cedar Waxwing, Veery, Ruffed Grouse, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Robin, Red-necked Grebe, Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird and Nashville Warbler.

The first Ross Goose for Crow Wing County was discovered last weekend along Lake Mille Lacs near the Blue Goose!

October 3, 2014 —This week, the fall sparrows started to arrive as most of the warblers have left our area. Also seeing more raptors moving through the area this past week including; Bald Eagle (5) Turkey Vulture (15) Kestrel (2) Red-tailed Hawk (2) Broad-wing Hawk (1) Sharp-chinned Hawk/Coopers Hawk (1). Bird sightings for the week include: Loon, Cormorant, Pied-billed Grebe, Mallard, Geese, Woodduck, Pileated Woodpecker, Sapsucker, Flicker, Belted Kingfisher, Bluebird, Catbird, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler, Harris Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Turkey, Raven, Trumpeter Swan, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Junco, Ring-billed Gulls, Robin and Purple Finch. Happy Birding!

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