

## Birding Reports (September 2017)



**Sept. 30, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture (11), Kestrel (3), Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Black Duck, Hooded Merganser, Ring-billed Gull, Bonapartes Gull, American Golden Plover, Great-blue Heron, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Palm Warbler, Redstart, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Pileated Woodpecker, Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Turkey, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Morning Dove, Cedar Waxwing, Cardinal, Common Raven, American Pipit, Eastern Towhee (5), and Song Sparrow.

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Are you curious to know where our state bird the Common Loon goes each fall? You can track the migration "live" by visiting [https://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory\\_birds/loons/migrations.html](https://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory_birds/loons/migrations.html). Happy Birding!

**Sept. 22, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle (3) Broad wing Hawk (7), Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture (6), Kestrel, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-billed Gull, Caspian Tern, Bonapartes Gull, Great-blue Heron, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Palm Warbler, Redstart, Parula, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Pileated Woodpecker, Flicker, Purple Finch, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Turkey, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Morning Dove, Brown Creeper, Cedar Waxwing, Cardinal, Red headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, American Pipit, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow.

This is the peak season for most of the fall migrants, including Hawk Ridge in Duluth. The best day at Hawk Ridge for the month so far was on 9/17 when over 27,000 birds were counted! Many of the orioles and hummingbirds that were visiting my feeders are now gone until next spring. Each fall, MN Backyard Birds receives a call or two and a few emails asking about when they should stop feeding the hummingbirds as it gets late in the season; birds migrate as the days get shorter or the photo period so feeding them will not prevent them from staying longer.

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**Sept. 15, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Broad Wing Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Woodduck, Ring-billed Gull, Killdeer, Great-blue Heron, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Palm Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Golden-winged Warbler, Redstart, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Pileated Woodpecker, Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Common Loon (North Long Lake, White Sand Lake, Baxter Lake), Common Nighthawk, Morning Dove, Cedar Waxwing, Cardinal, Red headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow.

The Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway provides many opportunities to explore the woods and waters looking for migrating birds this fall. Enjoy the fall colors and the birds! Happy Birding!

**Sept. 8, 2017** — Bird sightings for the area include: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Coopers Hawk, Broad Wing 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, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Oriole, Pileated Woodpecker, Flicker, House Wren, Red-winged Blackbird, Red eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated 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, Cardinal, Red headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow.

During this time of year, start looking for Loons on larger lakes as they are preparing to migrate. These Loons are feeding on fish primarily to get ready for the long trip to the Gulf of Mexico. Happy Birding!

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