

Birding Reports (April 2018)



April 27, 2018 — New bird sightings for the area include: Northern Harrier, Greater Yellowlegs, Killdeer, Ruddy Duck, Bufflehead, Red-shouldered Hawk (2), Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Shoveler, Canvasback, American Wigeon, Woodduck, Greater Scaup, Horned Grebe, Blue-winged Teal, Fox Sparrow, Osprey, Red-breasted Merganser, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pine Warbler, White Pelican, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, American Woodcock, Double-crested Cormorant, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Coot, Northern Flicker, Hermit Thrush and, Broad-winged Hawk.

Recent bird sightings: Bald Eagle (8), Turkey Vulture (35), Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Trumpeter Swan, Merlin, Sandhill Crane, Canada Goose, Common Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Great Blue Heron, Red-winged Blackbird, Junco, Song Sparrow, American Robin, Common Redpoll, Purple Finch, House Finch, Common Raven, Morning Dove, Pileated Woodpecker, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch and Great Egret. Happy Birding!

April 20, 2018 — New bird sightings for the area include: Osprey, Eastern Bluebird, Red-headed Woodpecker, Common Grackle, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Common Loon.

Birds also in the area include: Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Trumpeter Swan, Sandhill Crane, Canada Goose, Common Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Great Blue Heron, Red-winged Blackbird, Junco, Song Sparrow, American Robin, Common Redpoll, Purple Finch, Common Raven, Morning Dove, Pileated Woodpecker, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch and Great Egret.

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Eagles: Here is the popular link to check on the Decorah (Iowa) Eagle camera!

<http://www.ustream.tv/decoraheagles> This year the eagles are raising 3 young now about 10 days old or so.

Loons: Are you curious to know where our state bird the Common Loon is right now as it migrates each spring back to Minnesota? You can track the migration of loons from a few years ago by clicking here https://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory_birds/loons/migrations.html.

Please report any unusual birds to Judd Brink [\(218\) 838-4784](tel:2188384784) or email info@birdminnesota.com. Please include a photo and or a brief description in the email if possible.

Apr. 12, 2018 — Bird Bird sightings for the area include: Purple Finch, American Goldfinch, Pine Siskin, Northern Shrike, Ring-billed Gull, Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Rough-legged Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Turkey Vulture, Red-winged Blackbird, Red-tailed Hawk, Trumpeter Swan, Canada Goose, Common Goldeneye, Ring-neck Duck, Hooded Merganser, Great Blue Heron, Pileated Woodpecker, American Robin, Common Redpolls, Raven.

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— Judd Brink, bird guide/owner, MN Backyard Birds & BirdMinnesota.com