

Birding Reports (July 2018)



July 27, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Sedge Wren, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, Hooded Merganser, Green Heron, Brown Thrasher, Killdeer, Great-crested Flycatcher, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Raven, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sand-hill Crane, Wild Turkey, Canada Goose, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor Will, Pileated Woodpecker, Dickcissel, Common Loon, Woodduck, Eastern Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Indigo Bunting, Song Sparrow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Oriole, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, American Goldfinch, House Finch, Clay-colored Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird and Chimney Swift.

Seeing many bird families at the bird feeders, fields, forest and waters in the area. At the feeders, some of the young birds that I am seeing include Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Eastern Bluebird, Baltimore Oriole, Hairy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Chipping Sparrow. In the yard, I've see young Robins, Brown Thrashers and Eastern Towhee. Young birds can be challenging to identify but usually mom or dad are nearby to help determine what birds are in the area. Happy Birding!

July 22, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Purple Martin, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Raven, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sand-hill Crane, Wild Turkey, Canada Goose, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor Will, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Loon, Woodduck, Eastern Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Indigo Bunting, Song Sparrow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Oriole, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Scarlet Tanager, American Goldfinch, House Finch, Clay-colored Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird and Chimney Swift.

National Loon Center Update ~ On Wednesday the LCCMR voted and approved funds for the National Loon Center to be built in Crosslake. I will provide future updates as they become available. For more info on the NLC please visit the website at nationallooncenter.org.

July 13, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Red-headed Woodpecker, Common Nighthawk, Rose-breasted Egret, Yellow Warbler, Northern Flicker, Ovenbird, Veery, Osprey, Gray Catbird, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, American Crow, Golden-winged Warbler, Wild Turkey, Baltimore Oriole, Cedar Waxwing, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Belted Kingfisher, Broad-winged Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Common Yellowthroat, Turkey Vulture, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird, American Robin, Killdeer and Raven. Happy Birding!

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July 8, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Red-headed Woodpecker, Indigo Bunting, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Common Nighthawk, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Chimney Swifts, Cliff Swallow, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark, Peregrine Falcon, Great Egret, Whip-poor-Will, Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Flicker, Ovenbird, Veery, Hermit Thrush, Osprey, Gray Catbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, American Crow, Golden-winged Warbler, Wild Turkey, Baltimore Oriole, Cedar Waxwing, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Belted Kingfisher, Broad-winged Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Common Yellowthroat, Turkey Vulture, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird, American Robin, Killdeer and Raven.

Bluebirds are on their second nesting with 4 eggs that just hatched recently. The family of Robins just left the nesting shelf today and the Orioles left their nest last week. This is the time of year where many birds have fledged their young and so if you happen to find a baby bird — leave it alone as mom and dad are taking care of it.

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

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