

Birding Reports (August 2018)



Aug. 25, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Common Nighthawk (now in migration — look for birds at dusk in small groups of 5-7 birds), Bald Eagle, Osprey, Red -tail Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Oriole, Hummingbird, Catbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Towhee, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Barn Swallow, Wild Turkey, cedar Waxwing, Common Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Raven, Trumpeter Swan, Woodduck, Mallard, Bluebird.

Interesting Facts about the American Goldfinch:

- It was Minnesota's unofficial state bird before the Loon
- It is the one of the latest nesting birds

Happy Birding!

Aug. 17, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, Red-tailed Hawk, Common Loon (5), Oriole, Catbird, Cardinal, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Killdeer, Least Sandpiper, Yellow Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Red-headed Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwing, Hummingbird, Towhee, Wild Turkey, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, House Finch, Goldfinch, Trumpeter Swan (8), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pileated Woodpecker and Hooded Merganser. Happy Birding!

Aug. 12, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Bald Eagles (Adults and juveniles), Turkey Vulture (15)+, Peregrine Falcons, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Great-blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Mallard, Woodduck, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Cliff Swallow, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Wild Turkey, Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Indigo Bunting, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Kingbird, Common Nighthawk, common Loon (6), Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, House Wren, Ring-billed Gull and Red-eyed Vireo. A Whooping Crane was reported in Carver County of MN! This is rare. Learn more here -- <https://moumn.org/avian/recent.php>

Aug. 6, 2018 — Recent bird sightings: Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole, Ruby throated Hummingbird, Towhee, Red-headed Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Least Flycatcher, Phoebe, Great crested Flycatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Indigo Bunting, Raven, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture (20), Broad-wing Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Tree Swallow, Purple Martin, Barn Swallow, Mallard, Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Common Loon, Hooded Merganser, Woodduck, Wild Turkey, Sandhill Crane, Cardinal, Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, Nighthawk, Whip-poor Will, House Wren, Great-blue Heron, Great Egret, Herring Gull, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager.

This past week I was guiding a family visiting from Colorado and we found almost 50 species of birds. The group saw several new birds not seen before including Black and White Warbler, Broad-wing Hawk and Swamp Sparrow. They really enjoyed watching our Common Loons and exploring the area.

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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