

Birding Reports (August 2012)

August 28, 2012 — Great fall migration spots right now are the Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area and the Chiarella Forest Management Area. Both of these locations can be great for Warblers, Vireos and Tanagers. Last week, two Red-necked Grebe's were found on Shaffer Lake on Co Rd 11. A guided trip to Fritz Loven Park in Lake Shore found a good number of migrants, like Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, Black and White Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Oriole, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-throated Sparrow, Great-crested Flycatcher and Least Flycatcher. More raptors are starting to move through the area as well and include Broad-wing Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vultures, Osprey and Bald Eagles. Other birds to watch for include belted Kingfisher, Killdeer, Flickers, Robins, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Red-eyed Vireo, yellow-throated Vireo, Brown Thrashers, Catbird, Hummingbird, Eastern Kingbird, Phoebe, Great-blue Heron, Double-crested Cormorant, Scarlet Tanager, Nashville Warbler, Redstart, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Yellow Warbler and Chestnut-sided Warbler. Happy Birding!

August 21, 2012 — The fall bird migration is underway. Look for the following birds on the move: American Redstart, Black and White Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Ovenbird, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo and Purple Martin. Birds recently viewed at the Uppgaard WMA: Green Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern-wood Pewee and Hummingbird. Trumpeter Swans and their 6 cygnets are still around at the Rice Lake/Lowell WMA (County Road 11 between Pequot Lakes and Breezy Point), along with Great-blue Herons, Woodduck, Green Heron, Song Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat and Tree Swallow. Several others for the Brainerd and Whitefish area include Bald Eagle, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Pileated Woodpecker. Happy Birding!

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