

Birding Reports (September 2012)

September 24, 2012 — If you follow these local reports, you will notice a pattern or changes in the bird migration. As the smaller and colorful birds move through the area, the larger birds are taking their place and can be viewed now. Look for the: Turkey, Bald Eagle, Loon, Belted Kingfisher, Hooded Merganser, Wood Duck, Blue Bird, Flicker, Robin, Broad-wing Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Song Sparrow, Cedar Waxwing, Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Ring-billed Gull. Happy Birding.

September 11, 2012 — More raptors and waterfowl are moving now compared to the smaller songbirds like warblers and vireos. Bald Eagles, Osprey, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Broad-winged Hawk, and Canada Geese are now staging in good numbers in fields and wetlands. Sandhill Cranes and some shorebirds can also be seen in the area outside of town in smaller wetlands. A few of the songbirds that are still moving through are Ovenbird, Nashville Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Oriole, Hummingbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Common Yellowthroat, Robin, Flicker, Common Loon, Trumpeter Swan, Bluebird, Scarlet Tanager, Least Flycatcher, Barred Owl, Great-blue Heron and Ring-billed Gull. Happy Birding!

September 5, 2012 — The warmer weather has prolonged the peak migration — but it won't last long. Many warbler, vireo and flycatchers species can be found in good numbers throughout the area. A few of the recent sightings include Wilson's Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Orange Crown, Tennessee, Ovenbird, Black and White Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Least Flycatcher and Phoebe. Other migrants passing through are Eastern Towhee, Catbird, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oriole, Hummingbird, Brown Thrasher, Red-tailed Hawk, Blue-winged Teal, Canada Goose and Trumpeter Swan.

A few more to add to the list include Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Belted Kingfisher, Mallard, Ring-billed Gull, Cardinal, Great-blue Heron, Cedar Waxwing, Barred Owl, Robins, Flickers and Green Heron. Goldfinches are starting to molt into their winter plumage and the blackbirds (Red-winged Blackbirds, Grackles) are starting to form large flocks. Happy Birding!

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