

BIRD REPORT

John Wright of Head of Montague has sent in a large number of bird observations made since the spring. Unless otherwise indicated, the following records come from John's October 2nd report and pertain to the greater Montague area.

Common Loon - heard June 19 near Dundas

Red-throated Loon - 4 seen last week of September off Brackley Beach among a flock of Common Loons. Common Loons in fall plumage but Red-throated Loons in summer plumage. (reported by Anne Landry)

American Bittern - May 14

Sharp-shinned Hawk - March 6 to September 7

Red-tailed Hawk (tentative) - May 11

Bald Eagle - September 2

Marsh Hawk - April 24 to September 12

Osprey - May 11 to September 11 (the May 11 bird caught a 'blackbird')

Merlin - May 8 to August 21

American Kestrel - May 8 to October 2 (October 5 - W.E.C.)

Killdeer - May 4 to June 19; July 8, probable

Greater Yellowlegs - May 12 to Oct. 1

Common Snipe - May 3 to September 18

Mourning Dove - seen by 'others' late June or early July; by J. W. September 29; by W.E.C. October 5

Common Nighthawk - 4 on August 6

Chimney Swift - 2 to 4, June 17

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - June 5

(window kill reported) to Sept. 2

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - Sept. 21

Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker - March 28 and September 18

Alder Flycatcher - June 19 to September 2

Eastern Pewee - June 9 to Sept. 19 (on Sept. 19 J.W. saw 3 or more, including husky-voiced and apparently begging ones - a very late nesting?)

Tree Swallow - April 23

Bank Swallow - May 9 to Sept. 11 (on Aug. 27 one was on 4 eggs but had abandoned by Sept. 1)

Brown Creeper - September 7

American Robin - March 20

Hermit Thrush - September 12

Swainson's Thrush - June 19 to August 22

Golden-crowned Kinglet - June 19 to September 7; probably September 21

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - April 30 to September 2; probably September 21

Cedar Waxwing - June 19 to August 15

Starling - hatched eggshells May 19

Red-eyed Vireo - June 19 to September 13; probably September 18

Black-and-white Warbler - May 23 to September 1 or 2

Northern Parula Warbler - May 18 to September 2

Yellow Warbler - May 20 to Sept. 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler - April 27 to September 22

Blackburnian Warbler - August 28

Ovenbird - June 19

Mourning Warbler - June 18 to August 1; probably August 18

Common Yellowthroat - May 26 to Sept. 19

American Redstart - May 23 to September 2

House Sparrow - March 28, pair at nest site

Bobolink - May 22 to July. Not seen August 1 to October 2

Northern Oriole - June 29, 2 adults and 1 chick which could not fly quite level seen in downtown Montague

Red-winged Blackbird - March 18 to August 6; probably September 18

Rusty Blackbird - September 2

Common Grackle - March 23; 2000 seen on September 29

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - May 23 to September 19

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American Goldfinch - May 24 to September 27