



**Naturalist Journeys & Caligo Ventures**  
**Minnesota Bearskin Lodge and Boundary Waters**  
**Birds and Mammals Species List**  
**September 10-16, 2016**  
*Tour Leader: Dodie Logue*

**Birds (77 species):**

**Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, and Swans (5)**

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*— Seen a few times at various places along the lake.

**American Black Duck** *Anas rubripes*— At Park Point and up the shore.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*— Seen most days.

**Redhead** *Aythya americana*— A single one at the Two Harbors Marina, and a group of them on a distant lake seen while we hiked the Oberg Trail.

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*— A few places along Lake Superior.

**Phasianidae: Partridges, Pheasants, and Allies (2)**

**Ruffed Grouse** *Bonasa umbellus*— At least one adult female and 5 young along a trail at Chik-Wauk Museum.

**Spruce Grouse** *Falcapennis canadensis*— Great views of a male along a trail at Chik-Wauk Museum.

**Gaviidae: Loons (1)**

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer*— Seen on Lake Superior as well as East Bearskin Lake.

**Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (1)**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*— Along the shore of Lake Superior as we drove up the shoreline.

**Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets (1)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*— A single one seen on the drive down the Gunflint Trail.

**Cathartidae: New World Vultures (1)**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— Seen most days.

### **Pandionidae: Osprey (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*— Three sightings, including one in the scope at Pigeon Falls.

### **Accipitridae: Hawks, Eagles, and Allies (6)**

**Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*— One seen the first day at Hake Ridge, banded and released.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus*— Many seen in migration, especially at hawk Ridge.

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii*— One seen on our day with Naturalist Chel.

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*— Seen most days including one in a kettle of Broad-wing Hawks.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*— Seen the first and last days, most at Hawk Ridge.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*— One seen the first day at Hawk Ridge.

### **Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings (2)**

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*— Seen the last day after some had departed, at the Park Point Airport on a dock with a single American Golden-Plover for good comparison.

**American Golden-Plover** *Pluvialis dominica*— Seen the last day after some had departed, at the Park Point Airport on a dock with a few Black-bellied Plover for good comparison.

### **Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies (1)**

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*— A flock seen along the shore of Lake Superior at Park Point.

### **Laridae: Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (2)**

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*— Seen every day.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*— Seen most days.

### **Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves (1)**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia*— Seen the first two days around Duluth.

### **Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (1)**

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*— A couple of quick fly-bys in migration.

### **Alcedinidae: Kingfishers (1)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*— We chased one along the shore during our canoe trip on Bearskin Lake.

### **Picidae: Woodpeckers (5)**

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus varius*— Seen four separate days.

**Downy Woodpecker** *Picoides pubescens*— Common, seen nearly every day.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Picoides villosus*— Seen a few days.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus*— Common, seen nearly every day.

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus*— Heard and seen day two and six.

### **Falconidae: Falcons (2)**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*— At Hawk Ridge the first day and on a wire on day four.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*— Seen twice, once in deep woods at Oberg Mountain.

### **Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (3)**

**Alder Flycatcher** *Empidonax alnorum*— Seen three days, not vocalizing. After consulting eBird, I concluded that this was the one we were seeing, no Willow Flycatcher present at this time and place. Also, we were seeing them mostly in Alder thickets!

**Eastern Phoebe** *Sayornis phoebe*— Seen at Park Point and at Tettegouche SP.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus*— A single one seen on our hike around the Two Harbors Light House.

### **Vireonidae: Vireos (3)**

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons*— One seen in the woods near Two Harbors Lighthouse.

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius*— Seen and heard along Pigeon Falls trail.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*— Seen and heard a few days; Vireo were one of the few birds still singing at this time of year!

### **Corvidae: Crows and Jays (4)**

**Gray Jay** *Perisoreus canadensis*— A single one calling, flew across the trail at Bearskin Lodge on an early morning bird walk.

**Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata*— Common, seen every day.

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*— Common, seen every day.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*— Common, seen nearly every day.

### **Paridae: Tits and Chickadees (1)**

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*— Another everyday bird, very common and helped us find a few warbler flocks.

### **Sittidae: Nuthatches (2)**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis*— We heard their “yank” every day, getting great views.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis*— Less common, seen day two and three.

### **Certhiidae: Creepers (1)**

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana*— A single one seen along Pigeon Falls trail.

### **Regulidae: Kinglets (2)**

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa*— Both kinglets seen along trails at Bearskin Lodge.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula*— Both kinglets seen along trails at Bearskin Lodge.

### **Turdidae: Thrushes (2)**

**Swainson’s Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*— Common during migration, seen a few times.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*— Saw surprisingly few, only seen on day 6.

### **Mimidae: Mockingbirds and Thrashers (1)**

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*— One seen and heard on departure day at Hawk Ridge.

### **Sturnidae: Starlings (1)**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*— A few sightings near human habitation.

### **Bombycillidae: Waxwings (1)**

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum*— Common, seen most days, often enjoying the colorful berries of the Mountain Ash.

### **Parulidae: Wood-Warblers (15)**

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*— Heard only - maybe briefly seen? - two separate days near the marshy outlet on Bearskin Lake.

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*— Seen a few times in warbler waves, at Park Point and at Pigeon Falls.

**Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina*— Seen in warbler flock on Park Point and at Chik Wauk Museum.

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Oreothlypis celata*— Seen a few time amidst group of warblers.

**Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*— A common migrant, seen nearly everyday.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*— Seen at Naniboujou Lodge grounds.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*— A common migrant, seen most days.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*— Seen along the trail at Cascade Falls on our hike with Chel.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca*— One seen at the Tettegouche SP Visitor Center grounds.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga pensylvanica*— A common migrant in this area, seen three days.

**Blackpoll Warbler** *Setophaga striata*— Seen at Pigeon Falls with a nice mixed flock.

**Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum*— Seen most days, especially on Park Point and at Naniboujou Grounds.

**Pine Warbler** *Setophaga pinus*— A few sightings, one at Naniboujou Grounds.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*— It was a bit early for large numbers, but seen a few days.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*— Seen at Bearskin Lodge and at Pigeon Falls.

### **Emberizidae: New world Sparrows (4)**

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis*— Just starting to move south, seen at Pigeon Falls.

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis*— Common, seen most days.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*— At Park Point and Naniboujou Grounds.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolni*—A single one seen near the feeders at Tettegouche SP.

### **Cardinalide: Cardinal-Grosbeaks (1)**

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus*— Seen on Park Point.

**Icteridae: Blackbirds, Orioles, and Allies (1)**

**Common Grackle** *Quiscalus quiscula*— A few were seen around the lake at Bearskin Lodge.

**Fringillidae: Finches (1)**

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis*— Common, seen a few times.

**Passeridae: Old World Sparrows (1)**

**House Sparrow (1)** *Passer domesticus*— Seen only in Duluth.

<b>Mammals (5 species):</b>
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**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*—

**Red Fox** *Vulpes vulpes*—

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis*—

**Eastern Chipmunk** *Tamias striatus*—

**Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*—

**Ground Squirrel**