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President's Message

by Frank Schroyer

To me, there isn't much that is better in life than enjoying the onset of fall in the Northwoods. The changing leaves, cooling waters, and literal crisp air is a welcome reprieve from the warm summer months. For birds of course, it is also a time of great transition. Most of our neotropical migrants are now well south of us, including this year's hatchlings. I hope their journey went smooth, and that they enjoy their first winter in the tropics! Sticking around, and packing on the ounces for winter, are the hardy residents like Black-capped Chickadees and Pileated Woodpeckers. I greatly look forward to welcoming these birds back to our feeders once I'm confident the Black Bears are asleep for winter.

The Discovery Center Bird Club remains in excellent standing, and I have to thank a few people who have really stepped up to make that happen. First, and as always, a massive thank you goes out to Donna R., as she continues to coordinate our Thursday birding hikes with great success! See the recounts of those hikes later in this newsletter. Also, a big thank to Debby W. and Debbie S. for their efforts in organizing and handling the details of our August annual meeting! I think everyone in attendance would agree that everything went off without a hitch – well, except for the buggy projector screen that messed with the colors of the birds from our presenter for the evening, Dave W. We all still appreciated his account of a recent birding excursion to Costa Rica! Last, I want to welcome and thank our new Volunteer Coordinator for the bird feeding station, Nicole V.! You may see correspondence from Nicole in coming months as she ensures the station is cared for by volunteers each month of the year. Thank you all!

A few reminders for members:

1. If you haven't yet, please take the Bird Club Survey I sent out in early September. (Please email me (frankschroyer@gmail.com) if you need the link to the survey). I'll keep the survey open for a few more days to capture as many responses as possible.
2. There is one more Club sponsored monthly program happening at NLDC on October 5th.
3. For those staying in the area for the Holidays, keep an eye out for correspondence from your local Christmas Bird Count coordinators for the dates and details of the 2026 count!

Thanks to you all for supporting the Club!

Happy Birding

Shade Maker

Article and Photo by Mark Westphal

Year after year a pair of ospreys have returned to the same man-made nesting platform not far from my home in Boulder Junction. My observation period stretched from the time they returned in April from their warm southern quarters

to the late summer when their chicks have reached their adult size and they have left the confines of their nest.

I have spent hours watching the nest waiting to photograph various behaviors, hoping for something exciting to happen. Most of the time observing the nest is quiet and uneventful. However, with patience and persistence, I have been able to gain some insight into the lives of my local osprey family and occasionally capture some images of ospreys in action. I have photographed the adults bringing back sticks to refurbish and reinforce their nest. I have photographed the male osprey as he delivered a freshly caught sunfish to his hungry nestlings. My camera has caught moments of sibling rivalry and vigorous exercises done in preparation and hope for true flight. Often these action-type photos are the most challenging and fun to take. They are typically the ones I most frequently share with others. Many people, including myself, gravitate toward images of action and drama.

This summer I took a photograph of a female osprey and her chick that showed little action and no apparent drama. Despite the seemingly mundane appearance of the scene, the photograph will forever remind me of the mother osprey's strength, determination, and maternal devotion to her precious offspring. The photograph was taken in mid-July of this year. The temperature was in the 90's (a near record setting temperature for this day in the Northwoods). There were no clouds to block the sun's merciless rays. A light haze from Canadian wildfires hung in the air. As I sat in my car, watching the nest, sweat beaded on my forehead and arms. The metallic trim of my car was hot to the touch. A tumbler of ice water helped make my stay bearable.

All this time, hour after hour, the female osprey sat atop the nest with her wings outstretched like an umbrella, her body forming a shield to protect her chicks from the full power of the sun's rays. Feathers were spread to help ventilate her own body. The mother osprey moved very little during these hours as I watched her. The most significant moves she made were to counter the sun's changing position as it traced an arc through the late afternoon sky. The heat atop the exposed unshaded nest platform made of lumber, wire, and sticks would have been intense. Yet the mother osprey remained true to her duty. No relief, no water—only unrelenting heat. I was in awe of this simple yet powerful scene.



After several hours of holding my camera in a ready position, fatigue began to set in. Despite the shade provided by my car, the heat was taking its toll on me. My precious tumbler of ice water was now empty. It was time for me to return to my air-conditioned home. As I drove away, the female osprey remained steadfast, wings out-stretched as she continued to protect her chicks from the persistent rays of the sun. Without her heroic efforts, it is hard to imagine that her chicks would have survived.

To the casual observer, my July photo of a female osprey sitting on a nest with her chicks will likely not elicit a “wow” response, but for me the sight I witnessed that hot summer day was truly amazing!

Species Profile: American Pipit **(*Anthus rubescens*)**

By Sarah Besadny

I always go in search of Pipits in the Spring and the Fall. My best luck seems to be at an airport (e.g., the Eagle River Airport) or by the water's edge of the Wisconsin River or at Rainbow Flowage. I know Pipits are also found at Powell Marsh during migration. I love how the American Pipit seems to stand up upright, bobs its tail and sometimes moves its head forwards and backwards as it walks (not hops) along the ground.



American Pipit photo from eBird

The American Pipit is a medium-sized (6.3 inches) songbird that looks like a Horned Lark or like a sparrow but with a narrower bill – meaning they're kind of drab looking. Their legs are long, giving them that upright appearance, their tail is long and edged in white, their backs are brownish or grayish, their breasts can be streaked or unstreaked and their breasts range from buffy to a more cinnamon color. They have a buffy-colored eye-ring and eye line that can look more pronounced on some birds than others. The malar (whisker stripe) is also buffy, the throat is buffy and unstreaked and the birds have faint wing bars. Their flight call is a pi-pit or slip-ip sound.

We only see these birds in migration since their breeding grounds are much further north in the tundra or in higher elevations in parts of western U.S. They nest on the ground in a sheltered spot. American Pipits lay 3 – 7 eggs that are whitish with some brown spotting. Only the female broods but both parents feed the nestlings. The nestlings leave the nest after about 14 days and both parents

continue to feed the young for another few weeks. During migration, the birds are usually found in small to large flocks but sometimes you will see an individual bird. There is only one other Pipit that is normally found in the U.S. and that is the Sprague's Pipit. Sprague's Pipits look different from American Pipits and are found in the central U.S. in grassy, prairie habitats. The American Pipit used to be called the Water Pipit but differences in plumages and calls lead to a split into multiple species.

I always enjoy looking at the website All About Birds from Cornell Lab of Ornithology. They provide a nice overview of bird species and have some "cool facts" on each. A cool fact about the American Pipit is that a population of Pipits in the Beartooth Mountains of Wyoming experienced a snowstorm that covered 17 nests for 24 hours. All of the nestlings that were 11 days or older survived as did a few of the younger nestlings. Tough birds!



I realize these are not great photos but I took these quickly through the truck window while at a campground in Ontario last week. Photos of American Pipit

So, if you see this somewhat drab, but beautiful bird with its buffy coloring on the face and breast, walking with its head held high, bobbing its tail, you can marvel at this tough bird who likely bred way up in the northern tundra and is making its way down to the southern U.S. and Central America to spend the winter.

Resources:

All About Birds, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Birds of the World, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Sibley Guide to Birds

DC Bird Club Thursday Outing 'Recaps'

June 25 – September 17, 2026

Compiled by Donna Roche

Over the years, the announcement for each week's Thursday Outings also contained a 'Recap' of what went on at the previous week's outing plus a photo of the group taken by yours truly. I get the feeling that participants enjoy having a record of their attendance with the photos!

For a couple of the most recent years those Recaps were written by a few of the volunteer leaders. This has now 'taken flight' with MANY of the Recaps being written by others than myself. Hurrah!! Please take note and enjoy the Recaps written in this issue of BIRD SONGS by Liz, Carne, Frank, Debby, Sarah, Linda, Colleen, Debbie, Denise and Mark. I hope more Recaps will be written by others who lead the outings. I think the Recaps articles are so much more interesting from many voices. And notice how much longer they've become!!

Donna

June 25 – Bike or Hike Nat'l Lakes photo of the leaders, Debbie & Steve S.



Recap Natural Lakes area outing, June 25, 2026 written by Debbie S.:

Birding in Natural Lakes was productive once again! Six birders chose to walk the trail and saw 38 species. The two of us that went birding recorded 31 species. The weather was still and overcast. We were able to get our binoculars on some birds but the majority were heard. The warblers were singing up a storm! The walkers spotted a Wood Duck and a Green Heron in the duck habitat area along the route and the bikers had several Winter Wrens that the walkers didn't see. Plans were to convene at the end of our birding on the Simek's deck but it had turned colder out birding so we compared notes and ate ice cream cones gathered around an imagined fire in the fireplace indoors.

Species were 38 on the hikers walk and 31 along the biking route. Thanks Debbie and Carne A. for eBird lists.

July 2 – Star Lake and Nature Trail



July 2, 2026 outing to Star Lake area written by Sarah B.: "Ten club members showed up at Star Lake Centennial Park on a warm, overcast morning...and experienced a plague! It turns out this is the word for a flock of Grackles! They were loud, they were flying here, there and everywhere, they were certainly a presence. We enjoyed watching the Eastern Kingbirds carrying food and watching a Cedar Waxwing seemingly staring right back at us. A handsome male Ruby-throated Hummingbird followed us around; we watched three adult Common Loons swimming nicely together and three American Black Ducks taking cover in the little bay. We birded around the park area and then headed up to the Star Lake Nature Trail. We were greeted in the parking area by a Blue-headed Vireo singing and at least one singing Blackburnian Warbler. We walked the path to the Black Lagoon and couldn't help but hunt for dragons --- dragonflies that is! They were everywhere and we didn't have to look further than the top of each other's hats to get great looks at them. Dick T. spotted a Cape May Warbler on top of a snag and we were all able to see this handsome bird. We were reviewing our checklist for the morning back at the parking area, listening to the Blackburnian still singing when we were finally able to get it. A perfect way to wrap up an enjoyable morning". Thanks Sarah!

33 Species

July 9 – Dove Road, Lake tomahawk



Recap of July 9, 2026 outing written by Debbie W.: We had a beautiful day for our first return in at least 2 years to Dove Road in Lake Tomahawk. We met initially in the parking lot in Lake Tom where Judy C. spotted our first bird seen for the day atop a large tree nearby... a European Starling, which was then joined by another. We then caravanned to the parking area at the end of Dove Road. We were hailed by a neighbor who offered us the opportunity to replace his roof and warned us about bears. Nevertheless, 13 intrepid birders set out to see and hear what birds would be available. We were impressed by how much the landscape had changed. This area which had been logged maybe 10 years, had been ideal habitat for Golden-winged Warblers. It has since developed dense new growth of young trees and shrubs, and we did not see or hear any. As is typical for this time of year we heard more birds than we saw. We were impressed by the number of Veerys heard initially and along the entire road and the Chestnut-sided Warblers were also prominent. We were treated to a great view of an Eastern Towhee which vocalized while presenting itself in the bright sunlight. As we walked and heard other species, we also found wolf tracks and scat and an excellent bear paw print. At the end of the road, on the bank of the Wisconsin River, the area wired off for protection of turtle eggs was obscured by growth of ferns, by there were 2 wire cages on the ground, indicating that the space was being used. A highlight at this site was the call and the brief viewing by a few of an Indigo Bunting. A Barred Owl was heard, and a Gray Catbird was seen. We were also intrigued by what was determined to be a fawn swimming near the opposite shore, and after speculation about its reason for being in the water and ability to find its way out, it did eventually disappear onto the shore. All in all, we missed seeing some of the birds we have viewed in the past, but it was a lovely day to be in the woods and to revisit the familiar trail.

Thank you, Debbie! Thanks to Denise for the ebird list of 25 Species

July 16 Bearskin Trail, Nokomis



Recap of July 16, 2026 to Bearskin Trail at Lake Nokomis written by Linda D.:

Thursday morning nine birders braved the smoky air to walk the southern most part of the Bearskin Trail in Tomahawk. It was a really nice hike. We heard lots of Red-eyed Vireos calling to each other. We saw and heard a good mix of birds for this time of the summer. A good look at a redstart was a highlight for me. Bu, the Bird of the Day was an American Kestra=el. It was high up in a tree hard to identify until Dick got a picture and magnified it for us. Beautiful! At the end of our hike was a stop for ice cream at the Windmill Ice Cream Shoppe. Delicious. How else would you want to end a hike?!

*Thanks, Linda, for leading this hike, making arrangements with the Windmill's early opening and for writing up a Recap! Thanks to Liz S. for keeping the list and ebirding it. Thanks to Dick T. for capturing that photo of the kestrel. **17 Species for the outing***

July 23 – Paddle Papoose Lake



Recap of July 23 Paddle Outing written by Frank S.: "Eleven paddlers traveled to Papoose Lake for the Club's annual water-based birding adventure. The cool morning quickly warmed to a pleasant temperature, and the light winds made for excellent paddling conditions. Bird-wise, we documented 21 species (thanks, Denise H. for keeping the list). The highlights were the active Bald Eagles, a handful of Common Loons and the beautiful scenic views offered by the moderately developed lakeshore. We stopped to visit with a few of the lakeshore owners that one or more of the club members present knew, and gained some interesting insights about bat monitoring, fisheries, loon nests, and the history of Northwoods Land Trust's preserve on the northern shoreline of the lake. It was a relaxing time out there – thanks to everyone who joined! FS **21 Species**

July 30 – Powell Marsh Road



Recap of July 30, 2026 – Powell Marsh Road is written by Mark W., who led the walk: Early morning showers had departed the area by the time 8 club members and one guest arrived at the scenic overlook located on the far western entry road to Powell Marsh. After enjoying the picturesque view, our birders carpooled down the forested road bordered by a variety of maturing and young growth trees. While the peak of the breeding season has passed and birds are less vocal, it was noted that this was great habitat for warblers and that a return visit in Spring could be quite productive. Along the road some tall dead trees offered nice views of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Cedar Waxwings, an Olive-sided flycatcher and a Ruby-throated Hummingbird. With car windows rolled down as we traveled slowly down the gravel road, we were treated to the sharp, distinctive call of a Broad-winged Hawk. Walking the upland trails of Powell Marsh offered sightings of Savanna Sparrow and a great view of a Northern Harrier as it glided gracefully over several acres of Big Bluestem Grass and colorful prairie flowers just coming into bloom. Might a Short-eared Owl hunt over this same grassland during fall migration? This outing provided us with a reminder that Powell Marsh has a variety of habitats worthy of exploration. Wetlands, forest and grassland... Powell Marsh Wildlife Area has it all**1. Carne A. kept the eBird list...thank you. Species count - 17**

August 6 - Ashland



Recap of Ashland Day Trip on August 6: BIG THANKS to Colleen M. and Tim O. for leading the traveling group of eight around Ashland's beautiful shoreline area. It was clear and sunny with a breeze that reminded us that we were on the shore of a BIG lake. Thank goodness for it because it heated up enough for most of the participants to strip down to T-shirts and shorts. The birds also did what they could to keep their cool and unfortunately that was to keep in the shade and to keep quiet! At Bayview Park we 'quess-timated' 400 cormorants on the rock jetty! Other totals of the 15 species here were much lower. The sad news from Tim O. was that a mink weasel had destroyed the entire population of this year's Common Tern chick/egg population out on the manmade island. We moved on to happier news at the Hot Pond parking lot where we found 3 of the 6 possible Peregrin Falcons in the area! One was perched on a rooftop corner keeping watch and 2 others were on tree limbs. Good views of stretching and preening birds and later one Adult? On the wing with sharp calling! At Prentice Park we found 15 species along our usual path. The 58 Mallards included sizably different individuals made up of adults and young. We had good views a stately Great Blue Heron and some saw the Northern Cardinal.... b birds I haven't seen many of this year. As it got warmer and even with the treats that Connie L. brought, folks started talking about lunchtime. So we moved on to the NGLVC for lunch which ended our official birding day. Thank you, Debbie S. for keeping all the species lists. **25 Species for a Trip Report!**

August 13 - Memorial Ed Marshal WPA Walk



Recap of August 13, 2026 – Ed Marshal Memorial Walk On this day that was a day to honor Ed, we did so with a good-sized group of fellow birds and friends. It was a very pleasant August day to take a walk with a comfortable temperature and the sun breaking out along the way. We started by taking our group photo at the entrance signage. Frank S gave a brief history of Ed's connection with the property from buying it with a friend to offering the property to the Northwood Land Trust. Ed loved, enjoyed and cared for the property. I know that he was pleased that the future of maintaining the trail through the woodland and the wood pier is secure for the enjoyment of others including our Bird Club. Twelve species of bird were found along the way and most of them were at the overlook of the shallow creek. However, it was a treat to actually watch an Ovenbird in flight, landing on branches and finally go to ground where it kept in view of the group for some time. That doesn't happen often!

Thanks to Denise H. for keeping the species list which you can see below. **12 Species**

August 20 – Winchester Area



Recap of August 20, 2026, written by Denise H: A few of us gathered before the bird walk to let very boisterous puppy acquaint himself with the well behaved grand-dog, of one of our members. Let's just say that only the puppy was thrilled with the meeting. We birders began our walk with a photo on the ancient town pier where we hoped to see some birds at the at the beginning of the Turtle River. We did not, but we heard a Gray Catbird. Then our group of 11 walked on the road where there was a flurry of activity – mostly Cedar Waxwings, making repeated forays for insects. Also an Eastern Phoebe and an Empidonax flycatcher that we couldn't pin down, to species. We spent some time watching two juvenile Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers do their work while a ruby-throated Hummer darted in and out between them. The walk along the forested gravel road did not produce much, but shortly after crossing the Turtle River where we bemoaned not seeing at least a Great Blue Heron, one flew across the road. On the rest of the walk, we encountered another flurry of activity that included some Eastern Phoebes, a Song sparrow and a very vocal common Yellowthroat. The walk back to the park revealed even more Cedar Waxwings and some unidentified avian somethings that were eating berries by the river. We were graced with a striking male American Redstart just before ending the walk. The group did not continue to the Winchester Library but a local led a few birders there to see the scale model of the town and the beautiful garden. On the way out, a Mourning Dove was observed on a wire, but there was not much other bird life in the tiny town.

Thank you, Liz S. for keeping the eBird list. **20 species counted**

August 27 - Saxon Harbor area



Recap of the August 27, 2026 outing Saxon Harbor area by Carne A.: On a picture-perfect morning, 10 Birders carpooled from Mercer to the first stop on Knight Road on the Gile Flowage. Here, we jump-started the day with 11 species including Mallards, Woodies, and pairs of Trumpeters and GB Herons. With the aid of Denise's digi-scoping skills, 5 Semipalmated Plovers and 7 Dowitchers were deciphered. Next, we enjoyed a quiet walk with a few woodland species from the parking lot on the trail to Interstate Falls before moving west on Hwy 2 to Lake Head Rd., highlighted with a light-morphed Red-tailed Hawk and the first of several small flocks of Cedar Waxwings. An accipiter flushed into woods as we turned the corner onto Wall Road. Here we added Black-capped Chickadees, American Goldfinches, Eastern Wood Peewees foraging in abundant wild fruit trees, woodpeckers and more Cedar Waxwings sallying for insects. Due to infrastructure activity in the area, we bypassed Saxon Falls and moved on to Saxon Harbor. Here we relaxed with a leisurely break for lunch on a clear, calm day overlooking the awesome shore and blue waters of Lake Superior, a loon flyover, breakwater lined with gulls and distant drafts of ducks. A quiet 'sit' on the campsite knoll next to the harbor wrapped up on all-around pleasant outing. Thanks to Denise for keeping the lists which are printed below. **Day Trip combined list -26 species**

September 3 – Star Lake Centennial Park



Recap for BC outing at Star Lake written by Sarah B: Eleven bird club members gathered at Star Lake Centennial Park and were treated to a nice wave of early fall migration. We first noticed the Eastern Phoebe and numerous Black-capped Chickadees, and then the Yellow-rumped Warblers started sallying from the trees or landing on the ground right in front of us. The bird activity picked up and everyone was calling out the various species they were focused on at the moment—Magnolia down low on the curved branch, Nashville!, is that a Redstart at 9 o'clock in the Birch tree?, oh look, it's an Olive-sided Flycatcher! I think we all enjoyed the excitement of a flurry of birds and started an appreciation that we were all together to see it and to help spot all that was moving through the trees. Turning our attention to the lake we watched two loons being aggressive towards each other and discussed this behavior. We counted Ring-billed Gulls and came up with different numbers. Once at the bay we were happy to see the American Black Ducks that we saw as fledglings earlier this summer, then spotted Hooded Mergansers and two Wood Ducks. We worked our way around the rest of the park buy as the skies turned gray with the threat of rain, and making "confusing Fall Warblers" even more confusing in the poor light, we decided to wrap up the walk. May thanks to Denise H. for keeping the checklist. **30 species.**

Sept 10 – Yawkey Forest Preserve



Recap written by Frank S.: On Thursday, September 11, 2025, "12 of us gathered for a tour of the Yawkey Forest Reserve, and we had several good stops. The highlight of the outing was at a location where we were treated to many exceptional views of both adult and juvenile Red-headed Woodpeckers. We were able to count 6 of them (2 adults, 4 juveniles) all white standing in one spot. The younger birds really put on a show for us by displaying a lot of personality and giving many different calls. Other stops around Lake Katherine offered scenic views of the lake and surrounding protected lands. We added a handful of species at each stop along the way, ending with a respectable total of 20. Thanks to everyone who joined.

You can learn more about the Reserve by visiting <https://northwoodslandtrust.org/>. Thank you Frank for volunteering to lead this great outing, for writing up the recap AND for keeping the eBird list... **20 species**

Sept 17 – Rainbow Flowage



Recap of September 17, 2026 – Rainbow Flowage written by Donna R. The overnight rain had stopped by the time our group of 7 met at the Wisconsin River boat landing on Cty 'O' in St. Germain. Possible shorebird activity caused us to walk along the wide shore to a stop we wouldn't be able to see from the bridge. Here we identified a Spotted Sandpiper and a Belted Kingfisher plus heard chickadee and jays. We moved on to Oxbow Road and to the end. The water in the flowage was completely calm and it was only by looking far away that we saw any birds. We walked the extremely wide beach towards the western point where we typically find.... eagles, geese, ducks and shorebirds. And we did find them there. We had hoped for more shorebirds and others, but the day, although so very pleasant for us weather-wise wasn't an active one for birds. We 'enjoyed' trying to sort out the plovers, the wigeons and the raptor sitting on driftwood preening. We found the last birds on the list as we arrived back at the cars. But that's not all. We had another location to check out at Swamp Creek boat landing. Wow... what a bust! Thank goodness that this was on the way to everyone's destination after the outing. Thank you, Debby S., for keeping the 3 lists. **Our total species count was 18... not shabby!**

Well, as the saying goes.... "That's all folks!!"



Hah, Hah, Hah, Hah.... Hah, Hah, Hah, Hah, Hah!

Yes, I know... I'm not UP TO DATE with the outings.
However, since our 'Bird Songs' are not published at the same timing as our outings, I've decided
to HOLD the rest of the outings season until the next Bird Songs.
The September 24th two outings and the five October 2026 outings will be all together!!
Till then, Good Birding to you all,
Donna

Life List Quarterly: Third Quarter 2026

by Sarah Besadny

So far this season the Bird Club has spotted 138 species, 11 of which were added since July. It is typical as the season goes on that many of the birds are spotted over and over on the Thursday outings. This opportunity to watch the same species routinely is so interesting, since you get to see what different types of habitats the species are found in and you are able to witness different behavior – territorial, nesting, feeding young, foraging for food for migration – it makes every encounter with a bird unique and interesting. As the Thursday Bird Outings continue for another month and with the Christmas Bird Count in December, there are plenty of opportunities to see more birds, including the possibility of adding a new species to our Annual List or even our Club's Life List.

Here are the 11 species added to our 2026 Annual List between July 1 and September 30 with the outing date listed.

Northern Shoveler	9/24/26
Gadwall	9/24/26
American Wigeon	9/17/26
American Black Duck	7/2/26
Wild Turkey	8/27/27
Semipalmated Plover	8/27/27
Great Egret	9/24/26
Red-tailed Hawk	8/27/27
American Kestrel	7/16/26
Olive-sided Flycatcher	7/30/26
Red Crossbill	8/13/26

Photo Journal

Photos and Captions by Mark Westphal



This Ruby-throated Hummingbird hovers near a feeder



Powell Marsh's Trumpeter Swan pair escorts their last remaining cygnet on an evening outing



A female Mallard looks quite large when compared to the two nearby Blue-winged Teal



Dozens of Cedar Waxwings enjoyed a feast of chokecherries hanging from a tree in my yard

This Solitary Sandpiper took advantage of a resting spot in the wetlands of Horicon Marsh





*Great Egrets were very tolerant of visitors along the
Horicon Marsh Boardwalk*



A Red-tailed Hawk scanned the roadside below from its highwire perch