



Sax-Zim Bog and Northeast Minnesota with the Illinois Audubon Society

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BIRD LIST. 41 species. Taxonomy follows the Clements/eBird Checklist, 2018 update. Former (or alternate) English names are in parentheses. (H) = heard only. IUCN Red List status is listed for threatened and near-threatened species: CR=Critically Endangered, EN=Endangered, VU=Vulnerable, NT=Near-threatened.

Mallard - *Anas platyrhynchos*

American Black Duck - *Anas rubripes*

With a flock of Mallards on the Duluth lakefront right by the hotel.

Long-tailed Duck (VU) - *Clangula hyemalis*

A couple of flocks were in the harbor at Two Harbors.

Common Goldeneye - *Bucephala clangula*

Common Merganser - *Mergus merganser*

Red-breasted Merganser - *Mergus serrator*

Sharp-tailed Grouse - *Tympanuchus phasianellus*

Great looks at several individuals in Sax-Zim Bog.

Wild Turkey - *Meleagris gallopavo*

Rock Pigeon - *Columba livia*

Herring Gull - *Larus argentatus*

Glaucous Gull - *Larus hyperboreus*

Great looks at adults and immatures at the Superior, Wisconsin, dump.

Bald Eagle - *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

Rough-legged Hawk - *Buteo lagopus*

We were happy to find one at the Superior, Wisconsin, airport, given that none were being regularly seen in the area this winter.

Snowy Owl (VU) - *Bubo scandiacus*

A snowy white adult male sitting on a hay bale was one of the first birds we saw in Sax-Zim Bog.

Northern Hawk Owl - *Surnia ulula*

Our walk over a packed-snow path in sub-zero temperatures was worth it for the great views we got of this rare owl.

Barred Owl - *Strix varia*

Another owl that we had excellent views of.

Downy Woodpecker - *Dryobates pubescens*

Hairy Woodpecker - *Dryobates villosus*

Pileated Woodpecker - *Dryocopus pileatus*

Peregrine Falcon - *Falco peregrinus*

One seen in the industrial port terminal of Duluth.

Northern Shrike - *Lanius borealis*

A hardy, voracious songbird. We saw a couple in Sax-Zim Bog.

Canada (Gray) Jay - *Perisoreus canadensis*

We had nice views of this recently renamed corvid in Sax-Zim Bog.

Blue Jay - *Cyanocitta cristata*

Black-billed Magpie - *Pica hudsonia*

We saw just a single bird flying across a field in Sax-Zim Bog.

American Crow - *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

Common Raven - *Corvus corax*

Black-capped Chickadee - *Poecile atricapillus*

Boreal Chickadee - *Poecile hudsonicus*

They were easy to find this year, coming to the famed Admiral Rd. feeders in Sax-Zim Bog.

Red-breasted Nuthatch - *Sitta canadensis*

White-breasted Nuthatch - *Sitta carolinensis*

European Starling - *Sturnus vulgaris*

Bohemian Waxwing - *Bombycilla garrulous*

The first time we looked we only got distant views before the entire flock took off, not to return.

But luckily they were in the exact same spot, and much more cooperative, when we went back to the site a couple of days later.

Evening Grosbeak (VU) - *Coccothraustes vespertinus*

This beautiful finch, currently classified as Vulnerable by Birdlife International, was present in good numbers at some of the feeder setups in Sax-Zim Bog.

Pine Grosbeak - *Pinicola enucleator*

It was an excellent winter for Pine Grosbeaks, with many seen, especially in Sax-Zim.

Common Redpoll - *Acanthis flammea*

White-winged Crossbill - *Loxia leucoptera*

We had nice views of crossbills eating grit on the road in Sax-Zim.

Pine Siskin - *Spinus pinus*

American Goldfinch - *Spinus tristis*

Fox Sparrow - *Passerella iliaca*

Seen by just one participant at a feeder setup in Sax-Zim where it is spending the winter. An unexpected bird in winter here.

White-throated Sparrow - *Zonotrichia albicollis*

Another unexpected bird here in winter, we heard them calling and saw them briefly right at our hotel in Duluth.

House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*

MAMMAL LIST. 4 species. As there is no standard list of names for mammals, the names used here are simply commonly used names. IUCN Red List status listed for threatened and near-threatened species: CR=Critically Endangered, EN=Endangered, VU=Vulnerable, NT=Near-threatened.

American Red Squirrel - *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*

Eastern Gray Squirrel - *Sciurus carolinensis*

Eastern Cottontail - *Sylvilagus floridanus*

White-tailed deer - *Odocoileus virginianus*



Northern Hawk-Owl. Photo by Josh Engel



Birding in Sax-Zim Bog. Photo by Coral Ackerman.