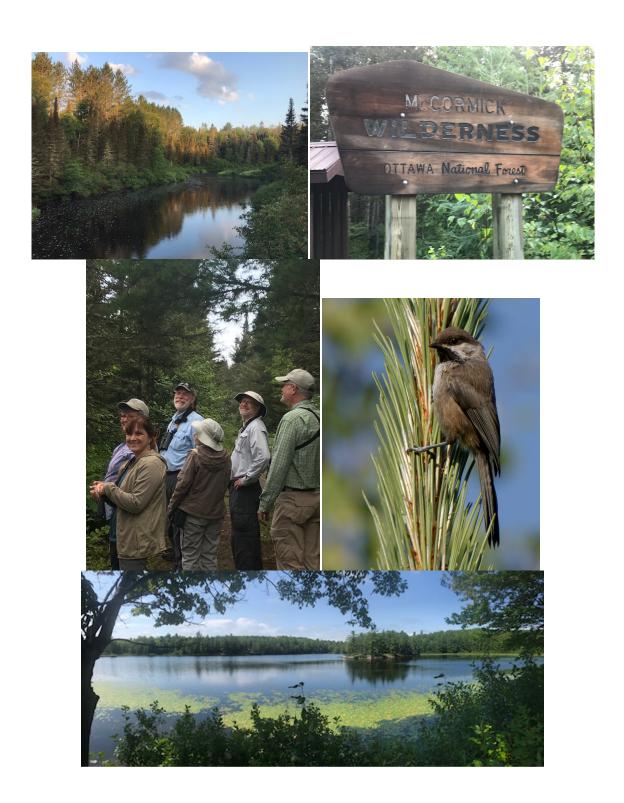
## August 2-4, 2019 – UP Boreal Chickadee Quest Leaders: Don Burlett, Jeff Stacey

The quest for the Boreal Chickadee began on Friday morning as 8 intrepid explorers headed north. A quick stop at Hartwick Pines produced Evening Grosbeak, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, hummingbird, lots of Red-eyed Vireos and a couple of Scarlet Tanager. We proceeded north with a stop at St. Ignace for pasties and then headed to Seney NWR. It was a bit quiet but a Common Loon with a youngster was calling making it great fun. We also caught an American Bittern in the open hunting for lunch. We tried unsuccessfully to find a Black-backed Woodpecker that had been seen near Seney. A quick stop in AuTrain produced nothing, so we headed for the night in Marquette.





On Saturday, we were up early and headed to the McCormick Wilderness on the Huron Bay Grade/Peshekee Grade. We worked our way up the road and eventually found some bid activity near a small rain puddle beside the road. Right before we left, we heard the call of the chickadee and we were rewarded with great looks at two Boreal Chickadees. We also stumbled upon our first group of warblers. We did travel further north and hiked a trail where more warblers and an Alder Flycatcher were calling. We returned to Marquette and visited the beautiful Echo Lake Nature Preserve. After lunch we headed back to Seney for another drive and another pair of loons with youngsters. It was great fun watching one of the youngsters pop his head into the water to watch mom and dad fishing. Surprisingly, we caught another American Bittern in the open hunting.



After the night in Newberry, we headed directly to the Munuscong potholes to bird. Nearby, we found over 20 Bobolinks feeding and cavorting. We caught yet another American Bittern here, flying away from us.





In the end, we had 96 species, 13 of which were warblers, the Boreal Chickadee, the days with bitterns and a whole lot of fun. The list of species is below.

Picture credits: Jeff Stacey – Grosbeak, Sapsucker, Chickadee and Bittern; Dan Gertiser – remainder of shots.

## **Bird Species Seen:**

Canada Goose

Trumpeter Swan

Wood Duck

Gadwall

Mallard

Ring-necked Duck

**Hooded Merganser** 

Red-breasted Merganser

Wild Turkey

Pied-billed Grebe

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Black-billed Cuckoo

Common Nighthawk

**Chimney Swift** 

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Sandhill Crane

Killdeer

**Upland Sandpiper** 

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Caspian Tern

Common Loon

**Double-crested Cormorant** 

American Bittern

Great Blue Heron

Green Heron

**Turkey Vulture** 

Northern Harrier

Northern Goshawk

**Bald Eagle** 

Red-tailed Hawk

**Belted Kingfisher** 

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

**Downy Woodpecker** 

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

woodpecker sp.

American Kestrel

Peregrine Falcon

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Alder Flycatcher

Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's Flycatcher) - not calling

Eastern Phoebe

Eastern Kingbird

Warbling Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

**American Crow** 

Common Raven

Tree Swallow

**Barn Swallow** 

**Cliff Swallow** 

Black-capped Chickadee

Boreal Chickadee

Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch

Winter Wren

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Eastern Bluebird

Veery

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

**European Starling** 

**Cedar Waxwing** 

**Evening Grosbeak** 

Purple Finch

American Goldfinch

**Chipping Sparrow** 

White-throated Sparrow

**Vesper Sparrow** 

Savannah Sparrow

**Song Sparrow** 

Swamp Sparrow

Bobolink

Eastern Meadowlark

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Black-and-white Warbler

Tennessee Warbler

Nashville Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

American Redstart

Cape May Warbler

Northern Parula

Yellow Warbler

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Pine Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Black-throated Green Warbler

Canada Warbler

Scarlet Tanager

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting

**House Sparrow**