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It's September now. My how time flies! The humming birds were getting ready to head south to their winter homes. We had one of the humming birds, pictured here, that seemed to be a self appointed guard. He spent most of the summer in this tree on this little branch, which waved with the slightest breeze, guarding the two feeders that we had. Other than the days when we had over 30 mile per hour winds, he was diligently on duty all day long presumably keeping other humming birds away from the feeders. Not that he could have drunk that much nectar, but he wasn't about to let any other bird have any.



The weather during most of the month was wonderful. We and our guests couldn't have asked for anything more-beautiful warm weather and good fishing as evidenced by this great stringer.



Then the trees began to change colors. It was not so much because of cooler or cold temperatures, but because of a lack of sun light. Yes, we had sun, but it had already begun its trek south and was no longer high enough in the sky to allow for photosynthesis. So the trees changed from their rich green colors to golden and/or a brilliant red. Everyone said that these were some of the most majestic colors that we had seen in a long time.



Helping with our technicolored world was a rainbow which literally seemed to move down the lake. We figured out that the rain was moving toward us and with the light of the sun shining on it, it presented an interesting illusion of movement.



Jim Brandenburg, a worldwide noted photographer, held a seminar for other photographers and people who are striving to become photographers. We helped out by furnishing boats and motors so his people could traverse the lake and take pictures of the magnificent foliage, rock formations, and animals. Here is the group leaving our dock with their cameras. What a flotilla! Trust us when we say they were not using little instamatic cameras.



We have mentioned all season that the lakes have been low because of our lack of snow last winter. Prairie Portage, below the dam where this picture was taken, was at least a foot below where it should have been at this time of year. Although there appears to be a good flow of water, in a normal year, the rocks that are seen in the picture should not have been visible.



This picture was taken at the bottom of the outlet from the falls where the water enters Basswood Lake. Here, one can easily see a very shallow area in the fore ground, and in the back ground, the shelter house with the American flag on the American side of Basswood. Generally, one could not walk across this area without getting wet, but this year we don't think anyone could get their shoes wet. Please notice the beautiful golden aspens and contrasting brilliant green pines in the background.



Lakes that drain into Sucker and Prairie Portage were even lower. We are hoping for a lot more snow this winter. Besides, if it snows more, it won't be as horribly cold. Stay tuned!

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