

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

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Summary: A very nice total of 246 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the SBA this autumn, easily above the seasonal average of 234. This report lists each of these species, along with the highest reported individual count for each, first and last dates as applicable, and the SBA counties in which each was noted. Total observer effort was relatively good in terms of number of days afield, but somewhat lacking in overall total coverage. With the exception of several species influenced by Hurricane Sandy, no major influxes of southward migrants were noted. Brant*, Sabine's Gull, and Black-legged Kittiwake were the most notable out-of-the-way visitors brought to the SBA on Sandy's winds, but record counts of Greater Scaup and Red-necked Grebe were also possibly the result of winds pushing these off-shore dwellers towards the bays. Among the other notables during the season were a record number of Little Gull sightings, as well as the SBA's third Townsend's Solitaire and second Rufous Hummingbird records. Seven new all-time SBA peak counts were established, as well as five new fall high counts, and two fall late dates. A number of irregularly occurring winter visiting songbirds began arriving during the last month of the season, which should bring above average variety to SBA birdlife in the months ahead.

*Michigan Review List Species. Inclusion of records for these species in this report does not signify that they have been verified, only that an encounter was reported. The observation will not be considered an official SBA record until it has been reviewed and accepted by the Michigan Bird Records Committee (MBRC).

Weather: The above average temperatures and dryness of the summer continued into August, with one notable exception, when on the 10th, Saginaw received 6.93" of rain, the greatest one day rainfall on record for this location. September also began on the warm side, but by the second week, temperatures shifted to below normal for the remainder of the month. Precipitation remained below normal. October weather was generally cool and cloudy, with average temperatures and rainfall. The major weather event of the season occurred on the 29th and 30th of October, when the expansive wind field of Hurricane Sandy passed over the state, bringing roaring 45-60 MPH winds to the SBA. Temperature-wise things were fairly normal in November, but precipitation was +/- 80% below normal. The effects of the continued lack of precipitation could be seen along the shoreline of Saginaw Bay and its tributaries, as water levels continued to drop throughout autumn, exposing great expanses of near-shore lake and river bottom. At this point, with only one month remaining, 2012 looks as if it will be a record or near record warm year in the SBA.

(Weather is based upon the best available data from NOAA, which is for Saginaw MBS. While generally applicable to the greater SBA, conditions in the northern and lakeshore portions of the area may have varied to some extent.)

This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2011, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on winter 2011-2012 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to Joe Soehnel at soehnelj@gmail.com or at 989-892-3687.

Many thanks to all observers who contributed their sightings directly to this compilation. Your efforts result in a significantly more accurate and thorough report. And, as always, a special thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing input.



Sanderlings, on the wing, as imaged by Doug Jackson.

For the second consecutive autumn, all-time record numbers of this species visited the west shore of Saginaw Bay in the Au Gres area.

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comments
SNOW GOOSE:	1	9/18	SNWR, Sa	DD - first date
	62	10/31	BCSRA, Ba	JMS,MW,MKE,VT - also noted in Ar
*BRANT:	84	10/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - in one flock of 26 and one of 58 MKE - new SBA peak count - In flight about a mile out over Lake Huron - this record, and the 10/30 Ba record, represent the SBA's only multiple bird records. - This record and the Ba record are pending MBRC acceptance, and documentation has been submitted.
	100+	11/1	Lighthouse Park, Hu	
CACKLING GOOSE:	6	10/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	4	11/3	White Rock, Hu	JEV
CANADA GOOSE:	7846	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
MUTE SWAN:	51	11/20	Tobico Marsh, Ba	JZ - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa
TUNDRA SWAN:	12	10/11	Pinconning Park, Ba	RAE - first date
	5386	11/19	Finn Road Park, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
TRUMPETER SWAN:	7	8/1 -	SNWR, Sa	DJP,RAE - resident pair w/5 immature age
	4	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar
		8/3 -		
		8/31		
	3	8/17	Crow Island SGA, Sa	DD - juvenile age
	2	9/21	Linwood, Ba	RAE
	11	10/4	Cooke Dam Pond, Io	WWS - 2 families
	6	11/1	Foote Dam Pond, Io	MHe
	2	11/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io	MHe
	1	11/3 -	TPSP, Io	RMD,MH
		11/7		
	12	11/7	Cooke Dam Pond	WWS
	27	11/20	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
2	11/23	FPSWA, Tu	JEV	
153	11/29	Westgate, Io	PR,EC - new SBA peak count	
WOOD DUCK:	254	10/5	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu
	1	11/11	BCSRA, Ba	GSP,EMP - last date
GADWALL:	184	11/8	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi
AMERICAN WIGEON:	210	11/20	Tobico Marsh, Ba	JZ - also noted in Ar,Io
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	101	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
MALLARD:	3953	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	145	8/27	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi
	2	11/3	White Rock, Hu	JEV - last date
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	12	8/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	96	9/14	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	5	8/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	532	11/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	2010	11/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi

CANVASBACK:	1 75	9/21 10/31	Tawas Bay, Io Finn Road Park, Ba	RAE - first date JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa
REDHEAD:	1 3800	8/3 11/3	Karn Plant, Ba Alabaster, Io	JMS - first date RAE - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa
RING-NECKED DUCK:	30 250+	10/16 11/17	Tobico Marsh, Ba Tobico Marsh, Ba	DLJ - first date RMD - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa
GREATER SCAUP:	20,000	10/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - first date - new SBA peak count - JMS noted -“... an enormous raft ...at the mouth of the Saginaw River into the Saginaw Bay...Even the 20000, I believe, is a conservative estimate of the actual number.” - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io
LESSER SCAUP:	1 3250	9/18 10/15	Dow Ponds, Mi Karn Plant, Ba	JZ - first date JMS - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa
SCAUP SP:	750 53	10/24 10/30	Karn Plant, Ba Tawas Bay, Io	JMS,DLJ WWS,TS
SURF SCOTER:	2 1	10/25 10/30	Tawas Bay, Io Tawas Bay, Io	RAE - first date WWS,TS - also noted in Hu
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	1 6	10/13 10/15	Au Gres River mouth, Ar Karn Plant, Ba	DLJ - first date JMS - also noted in Hu,Io
BLACK SCOTER:	4	10/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - first date -also noted in Hu,Io
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	60 125	10/30 11/3	Harbor Beach, Hu TPSP, Io	MKE,VT - first date RMD,MH - also noted in Ar,Ba
BUFFLEHEAD:	2 391	10/10 11/21	SNWR, Sa Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	DJP - first date RAE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	150 1570	10/30 10/31	Karn Plant, Ba Finn Road Park, Ba	JMS,MW - first date JMS - also noted in Ar.Hu,Io,Tu
HOODED MERGANSER:	120	11/12	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa
COMMON MERGANSER:	1700	11/21	MCV Pond, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	35 142	10/31 11/8	BCSRA, Ba Tawas Bay, Io	JMS,MW,MKE,VT - first date RAE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi
RUDDY DUCK:	4 900	8/3 10/9	Freeland Sewage, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ - first date JZ - also noted in Ba
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	2	11/8	Portsmouth Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
RUFFED GROUSE:	2	9/21	Sterling Truck Trail, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
WILD TURKEY:	21	11/16	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa
COMMON LOON:	12 2	11/3 11/15	Tawas Bay, Io Au Sable River mouth, Io	RMD,MH - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi DLJ - last date
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	131 1	9/27 11/28	Crow Island SGA, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi DJP - last date

HORNED GREBE:	2 30+	8/30 11/7	SNWR, Sa Tawas Bay, Io	LMA,CS,HS - first date MHe - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi
RED-NECKED GREBE:	1 16	10/31 11/1	Saginaw River mouth, Ba Tawas Bay, Io	MW,VT - first date - also noted in Hu DLJ - new SBA peak count
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	15 29	8/13 - 8/21 8/27	Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,LD JMS - new SBA peak count -21 remaining here on 9/20(JMS)
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	1028 2	9/8 11/7	Baldwin Twp., Io Tawas Bay, Io	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu MHe - last date
AMERICAN BITTERN:	2 1	9/6 10/2	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io DJP - last date
GREAT BLUE HERON:	63	10/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,DLJ -also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	309 12	8/2 11/8	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu DJP - last date
SNOWY EGRET:	1	8/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,LD
GREEN HERON:	5 2	8/3 9/19	Tuttle Marsh, Io Point Au Gres, Ar	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu DLJ - last date
BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON:	12 1	8/21 9/27	Karn Plant, Ba Crow Island SGA, Sa	JMS - also noted in Io,Tu RAE - last date
TURKEY VULTURE:	16 1	9/13 10/27	SNWR, Sa TPSP, Io	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu JEV - last date
OSPREY:	7 1	8/3 9/8	Tuttle Marsh, Io Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa RAE - last date
BALD EAGLE:	15	10/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN HARRIER:	6	10/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	2	10/5	Grindstone City, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
COOPER'S HAWK:	2	10/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP - singles noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1 1	10/3 10/20	CNC, Mi Midland Twp., Mi	MKE MKE - immature age
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	3	9/1	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Sa
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	2 1	9/1 10/5	Bridgeport Twp., Sa Oil City area, Mi	JDS RMD - immature age
RED-TAILED HAWK:	1 13	10/21 11/8	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JDS - perennial wintering dark / rufous morph returns for 25 th year DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	1	10/12	Novesta Twp., Tu	JEV - first date - also noted in Io
VIRGINIA RAIL:	noted		Io	RAE
SORA:	10	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - also noted in Ba,Io

COMMON GALLINULE:	85 1	9/6 10/11	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Tu RAE - last date
AMERICAN COOT:	741	10/25	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
SANDHILL CRANE:	636	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	21 1	10/22 10/27	Finn Road Park, Ba TPSP, lo	JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa JEV - lat date
AMERICAN GOLDEN- PLOVER:	38 1	9/7 9/26	Finn Road Park, Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in lo,Mi DJP - last date
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	30 3	9/6 9/26	Point Au Gres, Ar SNWR, Sa	DLJ,DD - also noted in lo,Mi DJP - last date
PIPING PLOVER:	4 2	8/7 8/23	TPSP, lo TPSP, lo	DLJ - 1 adult, 3 juvenile age DLJ - last date
KILLDEER:	267 12	9/12 11/21	SNWR, Sa Pinconning Park, Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi RAE - last date
AMERICAN AVOCET:	2 1	8/22 10/25	BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa	DD,GSP,EMP,JMS,JEV,LMA,CS,HS RF
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	14 1	8/7 10/6	TPSP, lo Dow Ponds, Mi	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Sa RMD - last date
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	8 1	8/25 10/4	SNWR, Sa BCSRA, Ba	JEV - also noted in lo LD - last date
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	36 4	9/16 11/8	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo DJP - last date
WILLET:	1	8/24	BCSRA, Ba	LD
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	212 21	9/16 10/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu DJP - last date
UPLAND SANDPIPER:	1	8/1	Bridgeport Twp., Sa	LMA
WHIMBREL:	1 2 1	8/14 8/23 8/23	Finn Road Park, Ba Linwood, Ba TPSP, lo	LMA,CS,EL DD DLJ
HUDSONIAN GODWIT:	1	9/14	SNWR, Sa	RAE,JEV - juvenile age
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	6 1	8/5 9/6	Point Au Gres, Ar Karn Plant, Ba	RAE - first date JMS,DD - last date
RED KNOT:	3	8/11	BCSRA, Ba	LD
SANDERLING:	300 2	9/6 11/3	Point Au Gres, Ar TPSP, lo	DLJ - new SBA peak count RMD,MH - last date - also noted in Ba,Mi
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	300+ 1	8/27 9/7	Point Au Gres, Ar SNWR, Sa	DLJ - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu RAE - last date
LEAST SANDPIPER:	154 6	9/6 10/10	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu DJP - last date

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	2 1	8/11 11/8	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	LD - first date DJP - last date
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	8 1	8/27 11/3	Point Au Gres, Ar TPSP, lo	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Sa RMD,MH - new SBA fall late date
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	267 1	9/27 11/12	SNWR, Sa Pinconning Park, Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,lo RAE - last date
DUNLIN:	8 105 1	10/13 10/22 11/21	Point Au Gres, Ar Finn Road Park, Ba SNWR, Sa	DLJ - first date JMS - also noted in lo DJP - last date
STILT SANDPIPER:	8 9	9/16 9/26	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo DJP - last date
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:	12 12 1	8/24 8/27 9/27	SNWR, Sa Point Au Gres, Ar SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS - first date DLJ - 1 st Ar record RAE - last date
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	8 3	8/23 8/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS,HS - also noted in Ar,lo LMA,CS - last date
DOWITCHER SP:	14 2	9/26 10/11	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar RAE - last date
WILSON'S SNIPE:	18 9	9/28 11/21	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu DJP - last date
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1 1	9/1 10/6	Oil City area, Mi Hampton Twp., Ba	RMD - also noted in Sa JMS
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:	2 1	8/23 - 8/24 8/29	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP,LMA,CS DJP
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:	1 2 4 1	8/11 8/22 - 8/25 8/25 10/10	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa	LD LMA,CS,HS,RAE,JEV JZ,RMD,MH - 2 here on 8/27 (MKE) DJP - immature age
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:	2	10/30	Karn Plant, Ba	MW
SABINE'S GULL:	1 1	10/30 10/30	Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - 1 st winter - 2nd SBA Record MW - adult age - 3rd SBA record
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	975	10/22	Finn Road Park, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
LITTLE GULL:	1 1 1 1	8/30 10/7 10/10 10/30	SNWR, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi Saginaw River mouth, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	CS,LMA,HS,RAE,SFK,JEV - juvenile age CP - 1st Mi record - thru 10/9 (MKE) DD - adult age JMS,MW - immature age
LAUGHING GULL:	1	10/27	TPSP, lo	JEV - adult age
RING-BILLED GULL:	7850	10/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
HERRING GULL:	611	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi
ICELAND GULL:	1	10/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - 1 st winter age - also noted in Hu

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	10/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP - 2 nd winter age
	1	10/27	TPSP, lo	JEV - the observer noted - "1st winter. checkered gray back, streaked breast, all black bill, pink legs, smaller than nearby Herring Gulls."
	1	10/30	Au Sable River mouth, lo	WWS,TS
GLAUCOUS GULL:	1	11/21	Pinconning Twp., Ba	RAE - first date
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	10/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - first date
	5	11/17	TPSP, lo	MHe - also noted in Hu
CASPIAN TERN:	41	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,DD - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa
	2	10/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - last date
COMMON TERN:	434	9/11	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi
	15	10/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,DLJ - last date
FORSTER'S TERN:	33	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar
	2	10/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,DLJ - last date
BLACK TERN:	9	8/17	Tawas Lake, lo	RAE - also last date - also noted in Ar
JAEGER SP:	1	10/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - dark morph, juvenile age
*ALCID SP:	1	11/1	Caseville, Hu	MKE - The observer noted "...a probable alcid...fluttered down through my scope view as I was looking at a group of ducks. Teeny bird--robin sized perhaps, just a dark little whirlwind of long pointy wings; then lit on the water, and poof, I could not find it in the waves..." The bird was relocated on 11/2 by MW,MWi,VT, who noted "It is actively feeding in the general area of mergansers...able to view it for roughly twelve short periods of time before it would dive again to feed and/or be lost in the waves." - pending MBRC acceptance, documentation submitted
ROCK PIGEON:	120	9/23	Bay City, Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
MOURNING DOVE:	151	11/8	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	8/18	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	4	8/30	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS,HS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
GREAT HORNED OWL:	3	8/28	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Sa
SNOWY OWL:	1	11/17	TPSP, lo	MHe
BARRED OWL:	1	11/16	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Mi,Sa
LONG-EARED OWL:	5	11/20	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS
SHORT-EARED OWL:	1	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	1	11/17	BCSRA, Ba	LD
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:	1	11/8	Mayville area, Tu	MW

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	38 1	8/17 9/13	Baldwin Twp., Io Deford SGA, Tu	JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa JEV - last date
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	122 7	9/11 9/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu DJP - last date
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	12+ 1	8/7 9/28	Cooke Dam area, Io Koylton Twp., Tu	WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa JEV - last date
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD:	1	11/6	Millington area, Tu	AC,MKE,JEV,MW,VT - An adult female, first observed on 10/1 or thereabouts, banded by AC on 11/5, and last seen on 11/7 - 2 nd SBA, 1 st Tu record
BELTED KINGFISHER:	8 1	8/2 11/21	SNWR, Sa Wigwam Bay SGA, Ar	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io DLJ
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	6 1	8/9 10/13	Pine Barrens, Io Homer Twp., Mi	WWS - also noted in Ar,Hu GEV,JKV - juvenile age - thru 10/15
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	12	10/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	3 1	8/18 11/5	Au Sable SF, Mi Bridgeport Twp., Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io JDS - last date
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	11	9/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	5	10/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN FLICKER:	20	9/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	3	8/18	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN KESTREL:	7	8/13	Au Gres Twp., Ar	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
MERLIN:	3	8/24	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu
PEREGRINE FALCON:	2	9/5	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	1 1	8/18 8/25	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - last date
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	17 2	8/18 9/22	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu DJP - last date
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	5	8/6	NPSWA, Ba	RMD,MH - last date - also noted in Sa
EMPIDONAX SP:	1	8/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,LD
EASTERN PHOEBE:	9 1	8/9 10/13	SNWR, Sa Point Au Gres, Ar	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu DLJ - last date
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	3 1	8/12 8/31	SNWR, Sa Tuttle Marsh, Io	DJP - also noted in Mi,Tu RAE - last date
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	36 1	8/7 9/6	TPSP, Io Koylton Twp., Tu	DLJ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa JEV - last date
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	10/27	TPSP, Io	RAE - first date - individuals also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,SaTu
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	3 1	8/18 9/15	Au Sable SF, Mi TPSP, Io	RMD - also noted in Ar,Sa WWS,RAE - last date

BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	5 1	9/8 10/20	Au Sable SF, Mi Oil City area, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa RMD - last date
WARBLING VIREO:	6 2	9/25 9/15	SNWR, Sa TPSP, lo	DJP - also noted in Ba WWS,RAE - last date
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:	2 1	8/29 9/21	Wigwam Bay SGA, Ar Hampton Twp., Ba	DLJ - first date - also noted in lo JMS - last date
RED-EYED VIREO:	14 1	8/26 9/24	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu JMS - last date
BLUE JAY:	250+	9/15	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	88	10/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
COMMON RAVEN:	2 2	8/31 10/26	Tuttle Marsh, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	RAE - also noted in Ar,Mi WWS
HORNED LARK:	26	9/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu
PURPLE MARTIN:	5	8/22	BCSRA, Ba	JMS - also noted in lo,Sa
TREE SWALLOW:	4200 30	9/9 10/15	Crow Island SGA, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu JZ - last date
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	24 8	8/12 9/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP DJP - last date
BANK SWALLOW:	9 3	8/5 9/5	Linwood, Ba SNWR, Sa	JZ - also noted in lo,Tu DJP - last date
CLIFF SWALLOW:	3 6	8/28 9/5	Freeland Sewage, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in lo DJP - last date
BARN SWALLOW:	100+ 2	8/5 9/28	Linwood, Ba SNWR, Sa	JZ - also noted in Ar,lo,Tu DJP - last date
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	20	9/15	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	10	8/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	23	9/8	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	19	8/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
BROWN CREEPER:	4	11/21	Wigwam Bay SGA, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
HOUSE WREN:	11 1	8/4 9/26	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu JMS - last date
WINTER WREN:	1 1	9/21 11/3	Hampton Twp., Ba Pinconning Park, Ba	JMS - first date - also noted in lo,Tu RMD
SEDGE WREN:	2 2	8/6 10/3	Au Gres Twp., Ar SNWR, Sa	RMD,MH DJP - last date
MARSH WREN:	4 3	8/3 9/28	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba DJP - last date

CAROLINA WREN:	1 3	9/12 10/21	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - noted singing here thru 9/26 DJP
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	42	9/29	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD,MH - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	1 11 1	9/9 9/29 10/26	Bangor Twp., Ba Au Sable SF, Mi SNWR, Sa	GSP,EMP - first date RMD,MH - also noted in Ar,lo,Tu DJP - last date
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	5 1	8/25 9/15	SNWR, Sa NPSWA, Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi RMD - last date
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	21	10/20	Vet's Memorial Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE:	1	11/11	Baldwin Twp., lo	DE - 3 rd SBA record - foraging on Michigan holly fruit
VEERY:	2	8/18	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:	1 1 1	9/15 9/19 9/22	NPSWA, Ba Bangor Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date GSP,EMP DJP - last date
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	6 1	9/22 10/12	SNWR, Sa Bangor Twp., Ba	DJP - also noted in lo,Sa,Tu GSP,EMP - last date
HERMIT THRUSH:	4 2	10/5 10/20	Grindstone City, Hu Vet's Memorial Park, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu RMD - last date
WOOD THRUSH:	2 1	8/4 8/18	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP DJP - last date
AMERICAN ROBIN:	589	10/1	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
GRAY CATBIRD:	30 2	9/9 10/3	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	DJP - new SBA fall high count JMS - last date - also noted in lo,Mi,Tu
BROWN THRASHER:	3 1	9/15 11/9	NPSWA, Ba Tawas Point area, lo	RMD - also noted in Sa JR - last date
EUROPEAN STARLING:	500+	9/27	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN PIPIT:	1 292 32	9/10 10/10 11/4	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa Grindstone City, Hu	DJP - first date DJP- also noted in Ba,lo,Mi MKE - last date
BOHEMIAN WAXWING:	30+ 225	11/4 11/30	Grindstone City, Hu Hume Twp., Hu	SS - first date - also noted in lo,Sa LD - along Loosemore Rd.
CEDAR WAXWING:	91	8/25	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	1	9/25	Tawas Bay, lo	DLJ
SNOW BUNTING:	1 3000	10/5 11/15	Port Hope, Hu Gilford Twp., Tu	MKE - first date LMA,CS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Sa
OVENBIRD:	2 1	9/21 9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in lo,Mi DJP - last date
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	1 1	9/9 9/22	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in lo DJP - last date

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	1	8/11	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	1	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE last date - also noted in Mi
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	5	9/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	1	9/15	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE - last date
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	3	8/25	Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD,MH - first date
	1	10/1	Bangor twp., Ba	- also noted in Io,Mi,Sa GSP,EMP - last date
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:	2	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - first date - also noted in Mi
	2	10/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	5	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Mi,Tu
	1	10/3	Bangor twp., Ba	EMP,GSP - last date
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	22	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - new SBA fall high count
	1	10/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - last date - also noted in Io,Mi
AMERICAN REDSTART:	25	8/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
	1	10/6	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - last date
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	1	8/15	TPSP, Io	DLJ - first date
	2	9/9	Pinconning Park, Ba	RMD,MH - also noted in Mi,Tu
	1	10/1	Hampton Twp., Ba	LD - last date
NORTHERN PARULA:	7	9/15	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE - also noted in Ba
	2	9/28	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS - last date
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	12	9/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io,Mi,Tu
	1	9/25	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - last date
BAY-BREASTED WEARBLER:	4	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - first date
	12	9/12	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Sa,Tu
	1	9/27	Midland, Mi	MKE - last date
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	3	9/15	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi
	1	9/28	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS - last date
YELLOW WARBLER:	12	8/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Io
	1	8/29	Bangor Twp., Ba	EMP,GSP - last date
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	6	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi
	2	9/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:	4	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - first date
	14	9/9	Pinconning Park, Ba	RMD,MH - also noted in Ar,Sa,Tu
	1	10/20	Vet's Memorial Park, Mi	RMD - last date
BLK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:	2	9/15	NPSWA, Ba	RMD - also noted in Io,Sa
	1	9/26	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - last date
PALM WARBLER:	1	8/31	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - first date
	17	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi
	2	10/13	Point Au Gres, Ar	DLJ - last date
PINE WARBLER:	27	9/22	Pine Barrens, Io	WWS,TS
	1	10/13	Homer Twp., Mi	GEV,JKV - present thru 10/15
	1	11/23	Bangor Twp., Ba	EMP,GSP - present thru the end of the season

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	46 6	10/13 10/24	SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu JMS - last date
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	6 1	9/22 10/3	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	DJP - also noted in lo,Mi,Tu JMS - last date
CANADA WARBLER:	1 1	8/26 8/26	Oil City area, Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD DJP
WILSON'S WARBLER:	1	8/28	Bangor Twp., Ba	EMP,GSP - also noted in lo
EASTERN TOWHEE:	19 1	9/29 10/12	Au Sable SF, Mi Bangor Twp., Ba	RMD,MH - also noted in lo GSP,EMP - last date
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	2 118	10/10 11/8	Midland, Mi SNWR, Sa	MKE - first date DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu
CHIPPING SPARROW:	60 1	10/6 10/20	Oil City area, Mi Oil City area, Mi	RMD - new SBA fall high count -also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu RMD - last date
FIELD SPARROW:	5 1	8/25 10/23	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in lo,Mi DJP - last date
VESPER SPARROW:	5 3	8/9 9/5	Pine Barrens, lo SNWR, Sa	WWS - also noted in Tu DJP - last date
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	51 1	9/28 10/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo DJP - last date
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	1	9/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - juvenile age
LECONTE'S SPARROW:	1 2	9/28 10/25	SNWR, Sa CNC, Mi	DJP - the observer noted - "An adult, perched 20' away and facing the observer, on the top stems of tall grass. Breast, flanks, moustachial and postocular were overall butterscotch. Flanks and margins of upper breast marked with distinct dark streaks. Ear coverts distinctly gray. Very narrow and slightly diffuse light eye ring. Dark lateral crown stripes and light median crown stripe. Nape light gray with numerous rufous streaks. Bill and feet fleshy pink. Tseep note given repeatedly." LD - 1 st Ar record MKE - new SBA Fall late date - 1 st Mi record - the observer noted - "One was absolutely on fire-- the colors --down to the stripey purplish nape-- were electrifying :) Its companion was a pastel version of same, with muted colors/buffy crown stripe."
FOX SPARROW:	1 5 1	10/10 10/24 11/26	Midland, Mi Bangor Twp., Ba Bangor Twp., Ba	MKE - first date GSP,EMP - also noted in lo,Sa GSP,EMP - last date
SONG SPARROW:	79 1	10/3 11/19	SNWR, Sa Finn Road Park, Ba	DJP - new SBA fall high count JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Tu

LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	1	8/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - quite early - the observer noted - "Located by song, then observed, then observed while singing."
	11	10/3	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in lo
	1	10/13	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - last date
SWAMP SPARROW:	112	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - new SBA fall high count
	3	11/21	Wigwam Bay SGA, Ar	DLJ - last date - also noted in lo, Mi
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	28	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar, Ba, Mi, Tu
	1	11/17	TPSP, lo	MHe - last date
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	1	10/1	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP, EMP - first date
	36	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar, Hu, Mi
	1	10/28	TPSP, lo	JEV - last date
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	17	9/29	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD, MH - first date
	58	10/5	Grindstone City, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar, Ba, lo, Sa, Tu
SCARLET Tanager:	2	9/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - also noted in Ba, lo, Mi, Tu
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	26	9/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar, Ba, lo, Mi, Tu
ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK:	9	8/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba, lo, Mi
	1	9/28	Kingston Twp., Tu	JEV - last date
INDIGO BUNTING:	18	8/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in lo, Tu
	3	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
DICKCISSEL:	4	8/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1	8/25	SNWR, Sa	JEV - last date
BOBOLINK:	60+	8/6	Au Gres Twp., Ar	RMD, MH - also noted in Ba, Tu
	5	10/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - ties SBA fall late date
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	2651	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar, Ba, Hu, lo, Tu
	6	11/18	SNWR, Sa	SFK - last date
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	2	9/6	Bridgeport Twp., Sa	LMA - also noted in lo
	1	10/16	Elmwood area, Tu	JEV - last date
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	2	9/7	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - males
	1	11/11	NPSWA, Ba	MW, MWi, VT - last date
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	2	10/7	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - first date
	338	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Hu, lo
	1	11/15	SNWR, Sa	SFK - last date
COMMON GRACKLE:	3600	9/13	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar, lo, Tu
	1	11/29	Bangor Twp., Ba	EMP - last date
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	14	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar, Ba, Hu, lo, Tu
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	6	8/16	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP, EMP - also noted in lo, Mi, Sa, Tu
	1	9/8	Bangor Twp, Ba	GSP, EMP - last date
PINE GROSBEAK:	1	11/16	Tawas Point area, lo	JZ
PURPLE FINCH:	8	9/22	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - also noted in Ba, Sa
	11	9/29	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD, MH
HOUSE FINCH:	19	8/19	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP, EMP - also noted in Ar, lo, Mi, Sa, Tu

RED CROSSBILL:	1	10/28	TPSP, Io	JEV - first date - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu
	1	11/19	Finn Rd. Park, Ba	JMS - 1 st Ba record
	8	11/11	Baldwin Twp., Io	WWS,RAE
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:	1	10/27	Saginaw Twp., Sa	SFK - first date - also noted in Mi,Tu
	14	11/8	Bay City, Ba	JMS - This is the 5 th straight autumn that the species has visited the SBA, which, to the best written history can tell us, is an unprecedented number of consecutive years.
COMMON REDPOLL:	42	11/4	Grindstone City, Hu	MKE - first date
	188	11/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi
PINE SISKIN:	60+	10/27	Baldwin Twp., Io	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	37	9/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
EVENING GROSBEAK:	2	10/29	Mayville, Tu	MW - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa
HOUSE SPARROW:	183	11/24	Saginaw Twp., Sa	SFK - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu

TOTAL: 246 Species

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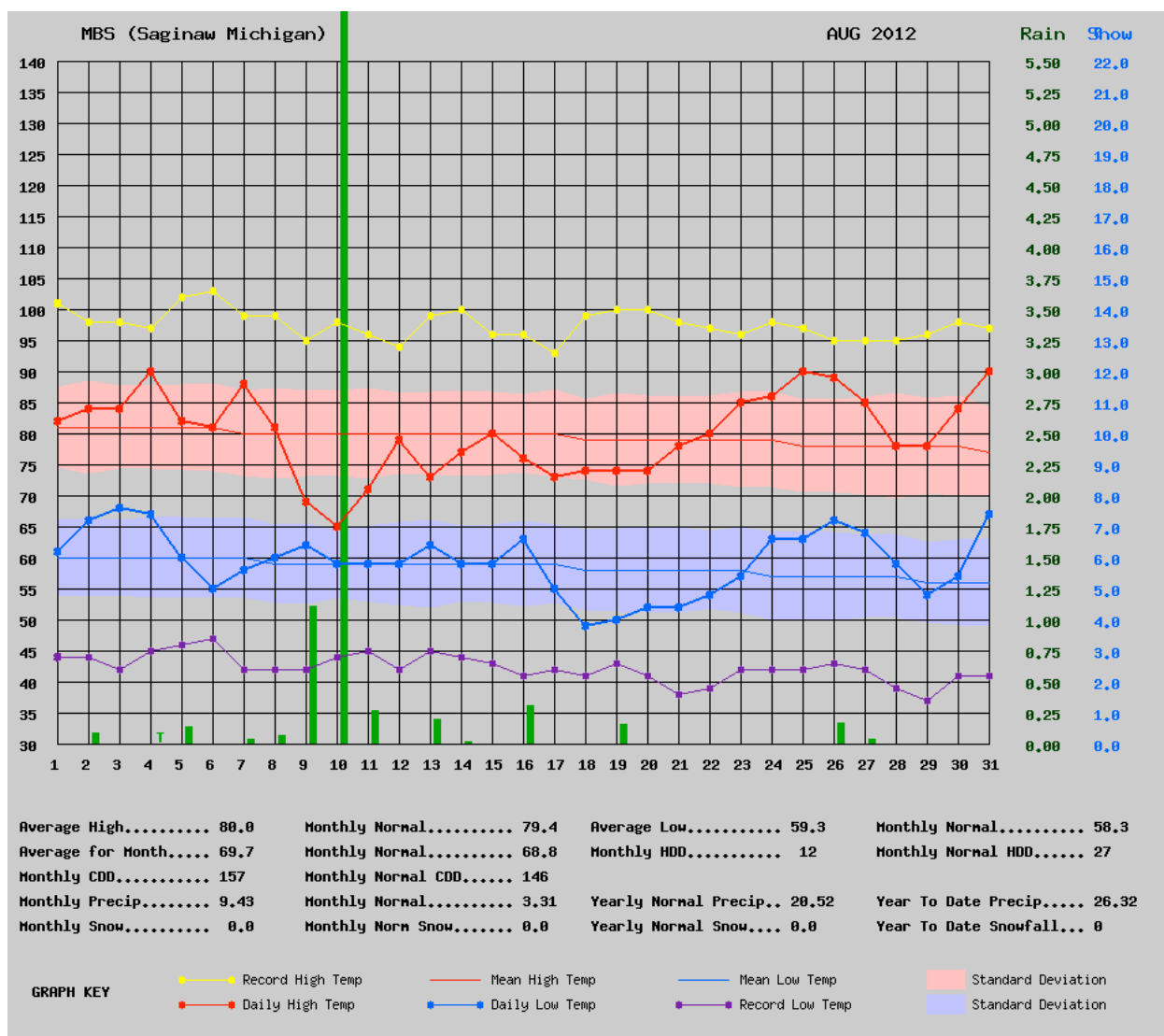
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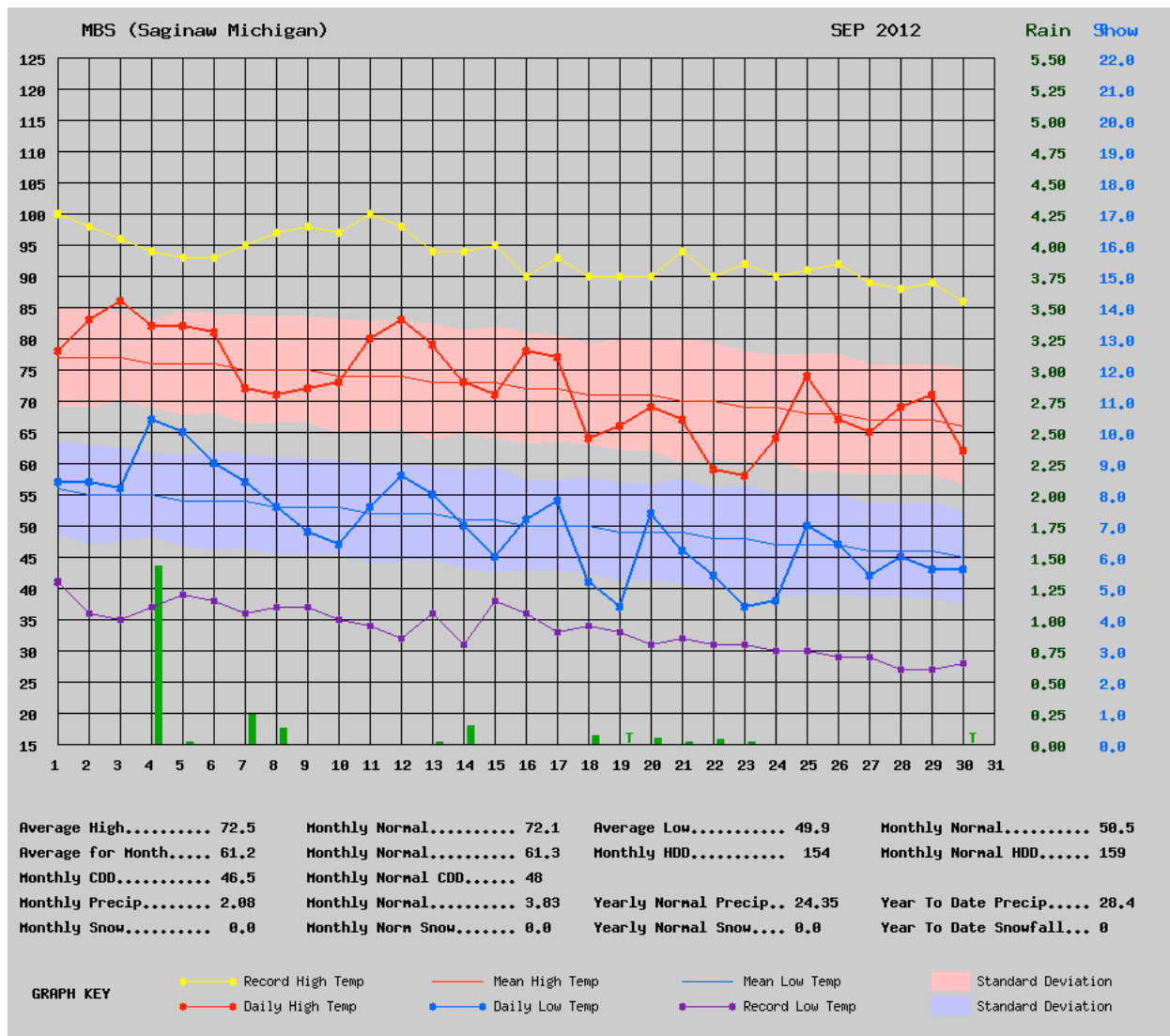
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Ba	Bay County	Sa	Saginaw County
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
FPSWA	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SF	State Forest
Hu	Huron County	SGA	State Game Area
Io	Iosco County	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
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MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
Mi	Midland County	Tu	Tuscola County

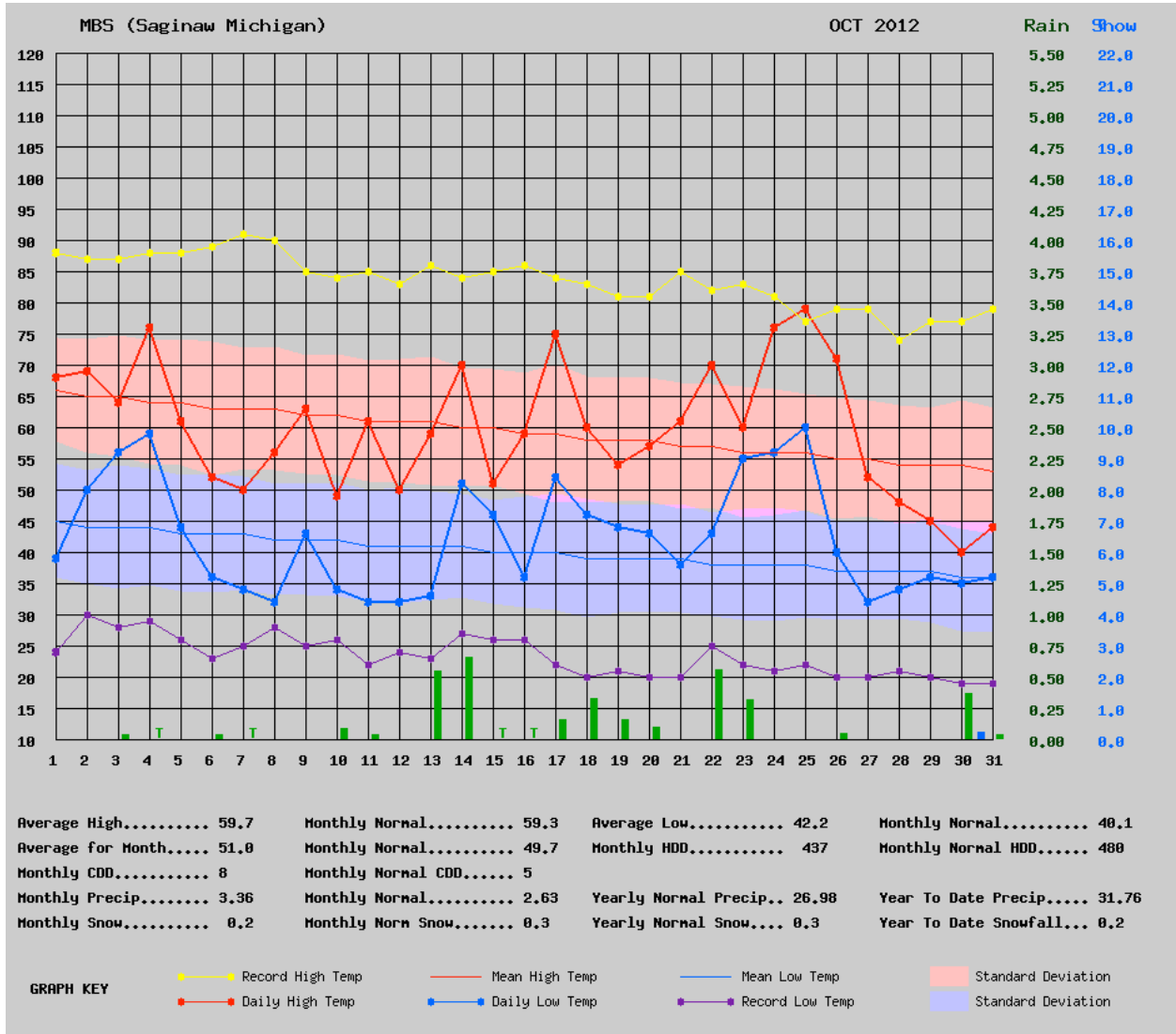
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