## **Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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- **Summary:** A total of 249 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported this fall, the second highest total ever for the season, exceeded only by 2007, and well above the 233 or so average. Several species that undertake periodic widespread winter movements were evident. Four new peak counts were established, as well as eight new seasonal late dates, and six new fall high counts. First ever SBA sightings were recorded for two species\*. With the exception of infrequent and rare occurrences, it is likely that the high number of species tallied the last two autumns can be attributed to the amount of observer effort and reporting. A welcome variety of reports were submitted directly for this autumn's compilation, with sightings made everywhere from major bird concentration points to individual backyards. Coverage was fairly good throughout the SBA, with Huron being the only county that didn't appear to receive the observer attention it deserves. Sites that were visited more frequently than they have been in quite a few fall seasons were the Dow Ponds in Midland County, and Crow Island SGA in Saginaw County.

\*Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

Weather\*\*: August was a pleasant month, with plenty of sunshine, and moderate temperatures prevailing. September temperatures were somewhat more of a mixed bag, but in the end, two degrees warmer than average. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, a cold front moving slowly over the state encountered the tropical plume of moisture left over from Lowell and Ike, and as a result rain fell, at times heavily, for a period of nearly a 52 hours. In sharp contrast, this drenching was followed immediately by a nearly two week stretch of dry weather. The dry trend continued more or less on in through October, while this month's temperatures ended below average, due to successive cold surges. November began quite warm, but this was soon to pass, and the month ended up colder than average. Snow arrived early and the total received was above average.

\*\*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 2000-2008, can be found at http://www.saginawbaybirding.org., along with updates on winter 2008-2009 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. Additional thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing input, as well as to Janea Little and the Chippewa Nature Center for reminding contributors to submit their records, and for distributing the final report. Last but not least, thanks to all those who shared their photos of Birds in Saginaw Bay Area this past autumn.



Common Loon by: Wayne Shawl Taken 10/07/08 at Cooke Dam area, lo



Sanderlings by: Bill McKenzie Taken 09/01/08 at Tawas Point, lo



Common Nighthawk by: Doug Jackson Taken 08/30/08 at Stover Rd., Ar



Merlins by: Roger Eriksson Taken 08/02/08 at Baldwin Twp., lo



Buff-breasted Sandpiper by: Roger Eriksson Taken 08/18/08 at Lake Huron shoreline, lo



Canada Warbler by: Doug Jackson Taken 08/07/08 at NW Arenac Co.

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comments
BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING- DUCK	1	9/29, 10/1	SNWR, Sa	DEP,DJP,JJD - 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>SBA record</b> , pending MBRC acceptance, documentation including photos has been submitted - possibly traveled northward with the remnants of Hurricane Ike? - observed only during a short period following sunrise on the two dates listed
SNOW GOOSE:	2	9/15	Hampton Twp., Ba	DD - first date
	5	10/18	Port Austin, Hu	MW
	17	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
CACKLING GOOSE:	12	10/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	15	11/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	11	11/10	Middlegrounds, Ba	LD
CANADA GOOSE:	250 <b>+</b> 6961	11/2	Bay City, Ba SNWR, Sa	JS - the observer noted these birds diving underwater in the Saginaw River, remaining submerged for 5-10 seconds. There is little or more often no mention in texts of such behavior by this species. DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi
MUTE SWAN:	131	10/22	AuGres, Ar	RE - peak count - at the Northport Marina - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa
TUNDRA SWAN:	2	10/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Hu
	450	11/11	Callahan Rd., Ba	JS
TRUMPETER SWAN:	4 2 9 6 6 present	8/1 8/9 - 11/26 8/16 10/4 11/10 11/29	Tuttle Marsh, Io SNWR, Sa Foote Dam, Io Cooke Dam area, Io Foote Dam, Io Iargo Springs, Io	WWS,RE DJP - same pair that were present during the summer WWS,RE - 2 adult, 7 immature WWS, RE - 3 adult, 3 immature WWS DJP - could be heard, but not seen
WOOD DUCK:	160 1	9/4 11/24	SNWR, Sa Shiawassee River SGA, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi DEP - last date - a drake shot by hunter
GADWALL:	88	11/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Io
	9	11/30	MCV Ponds, Mi	MKE
AMERICAN WIGEON:	1	8/2	Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJ - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa
	700+	10/11	Tobico Marsh, Ba	RD - peak count
	1	11/24	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	543	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
	12	11/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
MALLARD:	45	11/16	BCSRA, Ba	GP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi
	10865	11/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	158	9/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo
	2	10/15	Shiawassee River SGA, Sa	DEP - last date - both hens shot by hunters
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	36	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io
	<b>260+</b>	10/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - <b>new SBA fall high count</b>
	40	11/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE

NORTHERN PINTAIL:	3	9/25	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	500	10/30	Nayanquing Point, Ba	RD,MH - peak count
	3	11/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	1139	10/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Io
	3	11/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
CANVASBACK:	noted	10/25	Harbor Beach, Hu	KO,SJ,REp,CC - first date - interestingly, the species was otherwise noted only in Mi,Sa, and not in any numbers
REDHEAD:	70	10/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa
	3650	11/15	Douglas Dr., Io	RE - peak count
RING-NECKED DUCK:	2	10/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
	934	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
GREATER SCAUP:	12	10/23	TPSP, lo	RE,WWS - first date - also noted in Ba,Mi
	29	10/26	TPSP, lo	RE
LESSER SCAUP:	2	9/28	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE - also noted in Ar,Io
	25	11/24	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD
SCAUP SP:	275	10/23	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS,DJ
SURF SCOTER:	1	10/18	Port Austin, Hu	MW
	10	10/19	BCSRA, Ba	LD - 8 present on a few visits thru 10/31
	2	11/14	BCSRA, Ba	LD - last date at this location
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	2	10/31	BCSRA, Ba	LD
	4	11/14	BCSRA, Ba	LD
	1	11/15	BCSRA, Ba	LD - last date at this location
BLACK SCOTER:	3 3 4 10	10/10 10/19 11/4 11/6 - 11/11	Finn Rd. Park, Ba BCSRA, Ba TPSP, Io BCSRA, Ba	JS LD JS LD,JS - regarding the BCSRA scoters, LD noted that "the three scoter species were swimming together on most occasions"
	9	11/14	BCSRA, Ba	LD - last date at this location
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	6	10/23	TPSP, Io	RE,WWS - first date
	113	11/4	TPSP, Io	JS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi
	7	11/22	Tawas Bay, Io	RE
BUFFLEHEAD:	10	10/16	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - first date - also noted in ArBa,Hu,Io,Sa
	200	11/9	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ - peak count
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	1	9/18	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD,MH - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa
	300+	11/30	MCV Ponds, Mi	MKE
HOODED MERGANSER:	87	11/6	Stover Rd. Pond @ Pine	RE - peak count
	80	11/12	River, Ar Kawkawlin River, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
COMMON MERGANSER:	12	9/11	Tawas Bay, Io	RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa
	1500+	11/30	MCV Ponds, Mi	MKE
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	2	10/2	Baldwin Twp., Io	JS - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu
	370	11/22	Tawas Bay, Io	RE

RUDDY DUCK:	1	9/14	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE - first date - also noted Ba,lo
	760	11/3	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - peak count
	30	11/24	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	13	10/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - not noted elsewhere (?)
RUFFED GROUSE:	1	9/18	Pinconning Park, Ba	DJ - also noted in Tu
	7	11/14	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - peak count
WILD TURKEY:	24	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ba,Tu
	33	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:	3	8/4	Grindstone City, Hu	MKE
	1	9/12	Mayville, Tu	MW
RED-THROATED LOON:	2	11/4	Tawas Bay, Io	JS - at Jerry's Marina - such multiple bird
	1	11/21	Tawas Bay, Io	records are scarce in the SBA SG,LMA,CS
COMMON LOON:	1	8/5	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba
	6	10/23	TPSP, lo	RE,WWS
	1	11/22	Tawas Bay, lo	RE
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	53	9/7	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi
	2	11/11	Tobico Marsh, Ba	JS
HORNED GREBE:	5	9/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	11	10/23	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS,DJ - peak count
	5	11/9	Alabaster Rd., Io	RE - also noted in Ar,Hu
RED-NECKED GREBE:	1	10/25	Harbor Beach, Hu	KO,SJ,REp,CC
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	6	9/3-9/7	Crow Island SGA, Sa	DD,RE
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	850	9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - peak count - also noted in Ar,Sa
	1	11/23	AuSable River @ US-23, Io	RE
AMERICAN BITTERN:	1	8/2	Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJ
	1	8/16	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,RE
	1	8/27	SNWR, Sa	LMA
	1	10/25	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM - last date
GREAT BLUE HERON:	35	11/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
	2	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - present here tp
GREAT EGRET:	309	8/14	SNWR,Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
	1	11/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
GREEN HERON:	8	9/15	CNC, Mi	JZ - peak count - also noted in Io,Sa
	1	10/14	Finn Road Park, Ba	LD - last date
BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON:	20	8/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba
	1	10/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
TURKEY VULTURE:	33	10/12	Waldo Rd., Mi	MKE - peak count - also noted in
	1	11/9	AuGres River mouth, Ar	Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu RE - last date - juvenile age
OSPREY:	6	8/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Sa
	3	9/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
BALD EAGLE:	68	11/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - <b>new SBA fall high count</b> - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi

NORTHERN HARRIER:	6	9/27	SNWR, Sa	SG et.al peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1 3	9/6 10/3	Bangor Twp., Ba TPSP, Io	JS - first date - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu RE,DJ
	1	11/28	Poseyville Rd, Mi	MKE - the observer noted "straggly bird being chased by a(n) (American) crow"
	1	11/30	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP
COOPER'S HAWK:	2 2	10/3 11/28	TPSP, Io Wackerly Rd., Mi	RE,DJ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu MKE - the observer noted "territorial behavior"
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1	9/11	Patterson Rd., Mi	MKE - the observer noted "above medoing a low, slow, circular full soar"
	1	9/27- 10/3	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - immature age
	1 1	10/11 10/19- 10/23	TPSP, lo Koylton Twp., Tu	BB JV, per birders@umich.edu - a juvenile, observed (quietly) as it ate a wild turkey
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	3 1 1	8/6 9/27 10/9	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu Cooke Dam area, Io Tyler Plains, Ar	DJ,MW - all immature age WWS,RE DJ
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	1	8/25	Midland, Mi	MKE - also noted in Io
RED-TAILED HAWK:	1	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - the perennial wintering dark western bird of intermediate (rufous) morph returns for the 22 <sup>nd</sup> year
	7	11/28	SNWR,Sa	DJP- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	1 2	10/10 10/30	TPSP, Io Caro area, Tu	BB - first date - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa MW
GOLDEN EAGLE:	1 1	10/25 11/4	Ubly, Hu SNWR, Sa	KO,SJ,REp,CC - immature age DJP - immature age
AMERICAN KESTREL:	4 2	8/16 11/22	Nayanquing Point, Ba Monitor Twp., Ba	RE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu GP,EP
MERLIN:	6 1	8/1 10/4	Baldwin Twp., Io Oscoda City Park, Io	RE - 2 adults and 4 juvenile RE - a female - also noted in Ba,Sa
	1 1	10/11 10/30	TPSP, lo Ubly, Hu	BB MW
PEREGRINE FALCON:	1	8/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - the observer noted "soaring on a thermal w/ four TUVI below and four BAEA above"
	1	9/13 - 9/18	TPSP, lo	RE,RD,MH
	1	10/3	Bay City, Ba	SM
	1 1	10/4 11/13	Lake Twp., Hu SNWR, Sa	MKE SFK - immature age
VIRGINIA RAIL:	<b>13</b> 1	8/27 10/15	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	LMA - <b>new SBA fall high count</b> DJP - also noted in Ba,lo
Sora:	4 1	8/27 10/18	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	LMA - also noted in Io SM
RAIL SP.:	1	11/26	Quanicassee, Tu	SM

COMMON MOORHEN:	21 1	9/28 10/11	Crow Island SGA, Sa Nayanquing Point, Ba	RE - peak count RD - the observer noted "I only saw the rump as it moved into the cattails, but it had the distinctive clean white crissum either side a black, central band of feathers."
	1	10/22	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE - last date - the observer noted "foraging in the cattails and then swam into the more open water in the lagoon. It was viewed from my car with a spotting scopedefinitely a Common Moorhen, a dark bird, coot size, with dark bill, larger white tail sides and whitish side flank stripe."
AMERICAN COOT:	296	11/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
	1	11/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP
SANDHILL CRANE:	146	10/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
	38	11/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - present here thru end of the period -relative to the increase of this species in the SBA, note that 10 years ago there were just two November records.
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	1	8/19	Nayanquing Point, Ba	MW,NS - first date
	18	10/26	AuGres, Ar	RE - peak count  - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa
	4	11/4	TPSP, Io	JS - last date
AM GOLDEN- PLOVER:	1	8/26	Freeland Sewage lagoon, Sa	JZ - first date - also noted in Ar, lo
	2	9/25	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE
	1	9/28	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	17	10/15	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	JS - peak count - also noted in Io,Sa
	1	11/7	Linwood, Ba	MW - last date
KILLDEER:	79	8/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Io,Mi,Tu
	75	9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS
	19	11/9	AuGres, Ar	RE - last date
AMERICAN AVOCET:	3 1	11/9 11/9	Hampton Twp., Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	SF- <b>new SBA fall late(s)</b> JZ - possibly related to the similarly out-of- normal range Franklin's Gulls that also arrived in MI on this date?
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	7	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Io
	1	10/30	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RD,MH - last date
Solitary sandpiper:	20	8/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar
	1	9/27	SNWR, Sa	SG et.al last date
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	67 1	9/11 11/9	SNWR,Sa AuGres, Ar	DJP - peak count - also noted in Io RE - last date, here and in Hampton Twp., Ba (SM)
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	330	9/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
	2	11/6	AuGres, Ar	RE - last date
HUDSONIAN GODWIT:	1	8/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	2	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP
WHIMBREL:	1	8/18	Lake Huron shoreline, Io	RE
	1	9/26	Lake Huron shoreline, io	RE

RUDDY TURNSTONE:	1	8/30	TPSP, lo	JS - first date - also noted in Ar
	2	9/6	SNWR, Sa	LMA
	1	9/7	TPSP, lo	DJ
	1	9/19	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - juvenile age
SANDERLING:	6	8/17	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa
	17	8/30	TPSP, lo	JS - peak count
	2	11/4	TPSP, lo	JS - last date
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	84	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,lo
	1	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
WESTERN SANDPIPER:	1	8/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - 13 <sup>th</sup> SBA record, 4 <sup>th</sup> Mi record - pending MBRC acceptance, documentation has been submitted
LEAST SANDPIPER:	389	8/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	1	10/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	1	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	1	8/17	Lake Huron shoreline, Io	RE - first date
	29	9/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count and last date
PEEP SP:	50+	8/18	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - also noted in lo
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	29	8/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
	2	11/18	SNWR, Sa	JJD,DEP - last date
PURPLE SANDPIPER:	1	11/9- 11/14	AuSable River mouth @ Oscoda, lo	SG,RE,WWS
DUNLIN:	1	9/19	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - first date - adult age
	35	10/11	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RD - peak count - also noted in Ar
	8	11/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
STILT SANDPIPER:	53	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi
	1	9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - last date
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:	1	8/18	Lake Huron shoreline, Io	RE
	1	8/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1	9/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	12	9/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - juveniles - peak count
	1	9/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - juvenile - last date
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:	3 21	9/11 9/29	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - identified by call - first date DJP - identified by call - peak count and last date
DOWITCHER SP:	5	8/18	LeBourdais Rd, Ba	RE - also noted in Io
	54	9/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	2	9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS
WILSON'S SNIPE:	36	10/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io
	1	11/18	SNWR, Sa	JJD - last date
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1	8/17	Curtis & 11 Mile Rds., Mi	JZ
	1	10/30	Mayville, Tu	MW - also 1 this date in Mi (MKE)
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:	2	8/8	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
	2	9/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	2	9/18	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD,MH - last date, here and in Sa (DJP)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:	1	8/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - first date
	2	8/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
	2	9/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1	9/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
JAEGER SP:	1	11/11	Jones Rd., Ba	JS - a dark morph, swimming offshore
FRANKLIN'S GULL:	1 15 1	11/9 11/14 11/29	AuGres, Ar SNWR, Sa Saginaw River, Ba	SG DJP LD - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age - these three records represent the SBA's portion of numerous MI occurrences this Nov., similar to 1998, though far fewer in total number of birds, and not accompanied by gale force winds
LITTLE GULL:	1 1	11/13 11/28 - tp	AuGres, Ar Saginaw River mouth, Ba	RE - @ the Northport Marina LD - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	1	8/9	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - first date - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa
	700+	10/26	MCV Ponds, Mi	MKE
	1200	11/28	Saginaw River, Ba	LD - peak count
RING-BILLED GULL:	80	10/31	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
	5680	11/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1000	11/25	Saginaw River, Ba	LD - highest estimate at this location
HERRING GULL:	1	8/2	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu
	8166	11/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	11/7	SNWR, Sa	DJP - adult age
	2	11/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - both adult age
	4	11/25	SNWR, Sa	DJP - all adult age
GLAUCOUS GULL:	1	11/10	Sanford Lake, Mi	MKE - first date
	2	11/25	SNWR, Sa	DJP - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age & 3 <sup>rd</sup> winter age
	1	10/30	PCSP, Hu	MW
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	10/10	Finn Rd. Park, Ba	JS - first date
	4	11/30	Oscoda, Io	WWS
CASPIAN TERN:	38	8/18	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - peak count - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa
	6	10/23	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS,DJ - last date
COMMON TERN:	448	9/7	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - peak count - also noted in lo
	3	10/5	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - last date
FORSTER'S TERN:	39	10/5	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - peak count - also noted in lo
	1	11/9	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - last date
BLACK TERN:	4	8/19	Nayanquing Point, Ba	MW,NS - also noted in Ar,Io
	3	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
ROCK PIGEON:	75	11/21	Bay City, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu
	~150	11/28	Saginaw, Sa	DJP
MOURNING DOVE:	400+	9/25	Noggle Rd., Ar	RE - peak count - the observer noted "in sunflower fields" - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	8/25	SNWR, Sa	LMA
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	8/24	TPSP, lo	WWS,RE

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EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	1 1	9/4 11/4	SNWR, Sa Mayville, Tu	DJP - gray morph MW - also noted in Ba
GREAT HORNED OWL:	<b>8</b> 1	10/12 11/22	SNWR, Sa Mayville, Tu	SFK - <b>new SBA peak count</b> MW - also noted in Mi
SNOWY OWL:	1	11/10- 11/20	Oscoda, Io	CWG - first date - immature age - on the beach at Lake Huron near the AuSable River mouth - the observer noted it being mobbed by on separate occasions by blue
	1	11/11	Callahan Rd., Ba	jays and American crows JS - immature age - perched offshore on a large rock
	1	11/15- 11/29	TPSP, lo	JZ,DJ
	1	11/16	Saginaw River, Ba	LD - the observer noted "perched on a snag over the river after being chased by gulls"
BARRED OWL:	2 2	8/16 10/12	Wigwam Bay, Ar SNWR, Sa	DJ - also noted in Mi SFK
LONG-EARED OWL:	1 1	11/24 11/26	Caro, Tu SNWR, Sa	MW DJP
SHORT-EARED OWL:	1 8	9/21 10/25	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	JJD - first date SM - peak count
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	15	8/21	Saginaw Twp., Sa	SFK - the observer noted "foraging low, below the tree tops"
	48	8/30	Tawas/East Tawas, Io	JS - until around the late '80s, such counts were an annual occurrence in the SBA
	120+	8/30	Stover Rd., Ar	DJ - peak count - the first 100+ record in 15 years
	1	9/10	CNC, Mi	JL - last date
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	28 8	9/11 10/13	SNWR, Sa Bay City, Ba	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo LD - last date
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	2	8/18	Sanford Lake, Mi	JD - the observer noted "male & female @ cardinal flowers"
	8 1	9/6 9/26	Lake Huron shoreline, lo Bangor Twp., Ba	RE - peak count - also noted in Ar,Sa,Tu GP,EP - last date
RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD:	1	11/12- 11/28	Shields, Sa	JZ,JS,LMA,GP,EP,others - adult female - 1 <sup>st</sup> SBA record, pending MBRC acceptance - AC identified to species with the bird in-hand. AC notes some patterns emerging about the timing and length of stay of such birds in MI Those that arrive later (Sept thru Nov) most often will stay through the end of Dec or later. These birds are not really migrants, but are on a winter territoryaround the turn of the New Year they all start moving to a second winter territory (repositioning?) where they stay until they head to the breeding grounds in late Mar early Apr.
BELTED KINGFISHER:	3 1	8/14 10/16	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu DJP

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	4	11/1	Round Lake/Sand Lake, Io	DJ
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	3	11/1	Round Lake/Sand Lake, Io	DJ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	8	11/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	3	9/19	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Mi,Sa
	1	10/3	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - last date
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	4	8/6	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu
	11	11/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	5	11/3	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	3	11/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP
NORTHERN FLICKER:	17	9/19	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
	4	11/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	3	9/27	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Io,Mi
	1	11/11	Mayville, Tu	MW - a female, present thru end of period
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	1	8/23	CNC, Mi	per JL
	2	8/30	Stover Rd., Ar	DJ - last date
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	9	8/25	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
	1	9/30	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	3	8/6	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	MW,DJ
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCTCHR:	1	8/16	Wigwam Bay, Ar	DJ
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	noted		lo	RE
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	2	8/2	Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJ - also noted in Mi,Sa
	1	8/11	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - last date
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	1	8/25	Pinconning Park, Ba	DJ - last date - also noted in lo,Sa,Tu
EMPIDONAX SP:	1	8/17	Curtis & 11 Mile Rds., Mi	JZ
EASTERN PHOEBE:	3	8/7	TPSP, Io	RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	3	10/4	Wilderness Arboretum, Hu	MKE
	1	10/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	12	8/25	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Ar,Io,Tu
	1	9/10	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - last date
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	26	8/7	TPSP, Io	RE - peak count - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa
	2	9/7	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	RE - last date
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	10/21	Hubert Rd., Mi	MKE - first date - juvenile age - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu
	1	11/21	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE - observed as it captured a vole
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	2	9/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Io,Tu
	1	9/25	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	1	9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - first migrant date
	3	10/9	Tyler Plains, Ar	DJ - also noted in Hu,Io,Tu
	1	10/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
WARBLING VIREO:	4	8/25	Pinconning Park, Ba	DJ - also noted in Io
	8	9/6	SNWR, Sa	KO,REp,SJ - last date

PHILADELPHIA VIREO:	1	9/5	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - first date
	2	9/13	TPSP, Io	RE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
	1	9/27	Lake Huron shoreline, Io	RE - last date
RED-EYED VIREO:	9	9/13	TPSP, Io	RE - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa
	1	9/26	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLUE JAY:	200+	9/18	TPSP, Io	RD,MH - peak count
	12	11/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	18	11/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
	up to 40	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ
COMMON RAVEN:	1	11/12	Currie Golf Course, Mi	MKE - the observer noted the "huge wingspan (in comparison to crow)" and the "wedge shaped tail"
	6	11/29	Monument Rd., Io	DJP - at the roadside - also noted in Ar
HORNED LARK:	31	10/1	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in lo,Tu
PURPLE MARTIN:	6	8/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,RE - also noted Ar,Sa
	15	8/2	Bangor Twp., Ba	JS - peak count and last date
TREE SWALLOW:	1600+ 30	9/25 10/27	Crow Island SGA, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi	RE - peak count MKE - last date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	<b>186</b>	8/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP - <b>new SBA peak count</b>
	1	10/12	SNWR, Sa	SFK - last date - also noted in lo
BANK SWALLOW:	542	8/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
	"sev"	9/14	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE - last date
CLIFF SWALLOW:	3 1	8/15 <b>9/24</b>	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io DJP - <b>new SBA fall late</b> - immature age - the observer noted "With a flock of Barn Swallows that were perching intermittently above the overhead door opening on a storage building. Among CLSW characteristics clearly noted were the square tail and light forehead."
BARN SWALLOW:	24	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
	1	10/8	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
SWALLOW SP:	800+	9/6	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RE
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	32	8/25	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
	21	11/3	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	12	10/3	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu
	up to 10	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	1	8/18	Mayville, Tu	MW - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa
	20+	10/3	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - peak count
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	7	10/3	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	7	11/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP
BROWN CREEPER:	2	9/10	CNC, Mi	JL - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
	8	11/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP

CAROLINA WREN:	1 1 1 1 1	8/4 10/9 10/18 11/7 11/10 thru 11/18	Grindstone City, Hu Midland, Mi Bay City, Ba Essexville, Ba Sanford Lake, Mi Midland, Mi	MKE JZ RH JS JD - the observer noted "poking around under feeder" - the species has nested at this location MD - variability in annual reporting rates aside, it appears that CAWR occupation in the SBA is currently in an up period
HOUSE WREN:	4	9/23	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - also noted in Io,Tu
	1	10/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
WINTER WREN:	1	9/19	Hampton Twp., Ba	LMA - first date - also noted in Sa
	2	9/26	TPSP, Io	JZ
	2	10/4	Wilderness Arboretum, Hu	MKE
SEDGE WREN:	7	8/3	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Io
	1	9/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
MARSH WREN:	5	9/19	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa
	1	11/11	BCSRA, Ba	JS - last date
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	15	9/18	TPSP, Io	RD,MH - also noted Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	35	9/26	TPSP, Io	JZ - peak count
	1	11/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	8	9/13	TPSP, Io	RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
	30	9/26	TPSP, Io	JZ - peak count
	1	11/4	TPSP, Io	JS - last date
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	<b>15</b> 2	8/4	PCSP, Hu	MKE - <b>new SBA fall high count</b> - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu RE - last date
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	2 22 6	9/6 10/21 11/30	TPSP, Io Hubert Rd., Mi SNWR, Sa	MKE - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu DJP
VEERY:	1	9/9	Mayville, Tu	MW - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:	1	9/18	TPSP, Io	RD,MH
	1	9/30	Bay City, Ba	LD
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	1	9/11	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Io,Mi,Tu
	1	10/12	SNWR, Sa	SFK - last date
HERMIT THRUSH:	3	9/27	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Sa
	3	10/3	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS
	3	10/9	Tyler Plains, Ar	DJ
	3	10/11	Nayanquing Point, Ba	RD
	3	10/21	CNC, Mi	MKE - last date
WOOD THRUSH:	1	8/2	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Tu
	1	9/30	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - last date
AMERICAN ROBIN:	87	8/4	PCSP, Hu	MKE - all hatching year birds
	619	9/6	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Io,MI,Tu
	18	11/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - feeding on (native) hackberry fruit
GRAY CATBIRD:	7	9/5	BCSRA, Ba	GP - also noted in lo,Tu
	13	9/11	Patterson Rd., Mi	MKE - peak count
	5	10/12	Patterson Rd., Mi	MKE - last date, here and in Sa (SFK,JS)

BROWN THRASHER:	6	9/19	TPSP, lo	WWS,RE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
	4	9/26	TPSP, lo	JZ - last date
EUROPEAN STARLING:	5000+	9/12	SNWR, Sa	SG et.al MKE noted "flocks of hundreds continue to decimate the fruit crop" in Mi in November - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
AMERICAN PIPIT:	2	9/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba
	92	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	1	11/7	Lake Huron shoreline, Io	RE - last date
CEDAR WAXWING:	86	8/24	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
	140	10/21	Dow Memorial Library, Mi	MKE - peak count
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	1	9/15	CNC, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	2	8/6	Gibson Twp., Ba	DJ - also noted in lo
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	1	8/17	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - first date - also noted in Mi,Tu
	7	9/13	TPSP, lo	RE - peak count
	1	10/8	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - last date
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:	1	9/17	Patterson Rd., Mi	MKE - first date
	1	9/27	SNWR, Sa	LMA
	1	10/25	Harbor Beach, Hu	KO,SJ,Rep,CC - last date
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	7	8/24	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Sa,Tu
	1	10/16	Bay City, Ba	LD - last date
NORTHERN PARULA:	1	8/24	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Tu
	2	9/18	Pinconning Park, Ba	DJ
	2	9/27	SNWR, Sa	LMA
	1	<b>10/20</b>	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - <b>new SBA late date</b>
YELLOW WARBLER:	12	8/7	TPSP, lo	RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu
	1	9/12	TPSP, lo	RE - last date
CHESNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	2	8/24	TPSP, lo	WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu
	1	9/26	TPSP, lo	RE,JZ - last date
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	4	8/24	TPSP, lo	WWS,RE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa
	25	9/13	TPSP, lo	RE - peak count
	1	9/30	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	2	8/17	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - first date - also noted in Ba,Sa
	6	9/1	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE
	1	9/27	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:	7	9/13	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Sa,Tu
	1	10/9	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - last date
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	54	9/26	TPSP, lo	RE - peak count
	40	10/21	Dow Memorial Library, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Tu
	1	11/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	3	9/27	TPSP, Io	RE - also noted in Ba,Tu
	1	<b>10/13</b>	Prior Rd., Sa	SW - <b>ties SBA fall late</b>
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	3	9/13	TPSP, lo	RE- also noted in Ar,Tu
	1	9/26	TPSP, lo	RE,JZ - last date

PINE WARBLER:	3	8/7	TPSP, lo	RE - also noted in Mi
	7	9/26	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - peak count
	1	9/26	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
PALM WARBLER:	2	9/6	TPSP, lo	RE - first date - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi
	59	9/26	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - peak count - also 30 @ TPSP, lo (JZ)
	1	10/12	SNWR, Sa	SFK - last date
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:	1	9/1	Lake Huron shoreline, Io	RE - first date - also noted in Tu
	5	9/11	Patterson Rd., Mi	MKE - peak count
	1	10/3	Bay City, Ba	LD - last date
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:	2	8/30	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS
	22	9/13	TPSP, Io	RE - peak count
	1	10/1	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	2	8/7	TPSP, lo	RE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
	4	8/30	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS
	1	9/28	SNWR, Sa	SG - last date
AMERICAN REDSTART:	21	9/13	TPSP, lo	RE - new SBA fall high count - also noted
	1	10/10	TPSP, lo	in Ba,Sa,Tu BB - <b>ties (3-way) SBA fall late</b>
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:	1	9/21	TPSP, lo	SJ,SS - new SBA fall late
OVENBIRD:	6	9/27	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE - peak count - last date - also noted in Ba,Tu
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	1	8/24	TPSP, lo	WWS,RE
	1	8/30	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS - last date
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:	1	8/6	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	MW,DJ
MOURNING WARBLER:	1	8/8	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
	1	9/12	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - last date
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	9	9/12	TPSP, lo	RE - also noted in Ar,Sa,Tu
	1	11/12	BCSRA, Ba	LD - last date
WILSON'S WARBLER:	1	9/1	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - first date
	4	9/6	TPSP, Io	RE
	1	9/19	TPSP, Io	WWS,RE - last date
CANADA WARBLER:	1	8/1	Mayville, Tu	MW - also noted in Io
	1	8/7	NW Ar	DJ
	1	8/30	SNWR, Sa	LMA,CS
SCARLET TANAGER:	1	9/12	TPSP,lo	RE - also noted in Sa,Tu
	1	9/19	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - adult male in non-breeding plumage
	1	9/29	Bay City, Ba	LD - last date
EASTERN TOWHEE:	4	8/20	Mayville, Tu	MW - also noted in Io
	1	10/21	Homer Twp., Mi	GEV,JKV
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	2 140	10/23 11/6	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date, here and TPSP, Io (RE) DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
CHIPPING SPARROW:	12	9/28	BCSRA, Ba	GP - peak count - also noted in Io,Mi,Tu
	2	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	noted		ю	RE
FIELD SPARROW:	2	9/26	TPSP, Io	JZ
	1	10/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1	11/17	Finn Road Park, Ba	LD
VESPER SPARROW:	1	9/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - the observer noted "bright, fresh plumage" - also noted in Io
HENSLOW'S SPARROW:	1	10/12	CNC, Mi	MKE - <b>new SBA fall late</b> - the observer noted "(from) less than 10'a flat headed, big billed sparrow with a cool color face of no distinct pattern, contrasted strongly by a warm rufous color on the back, wings and tail a very distinct, staccato clear <i>tsik</i> call was given once."
LE CONTE'S SPARROW:	2	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - the observer noted "together in the same location, at one point within 10" of each another. Clearly noted were the small size, diagnostic plumage, and <i>tseep</i> call. One of the two had the pinkish lower mandible indicative of hatching year age, and was somewhat paler as well. This bird also provided a momentary but clear look at this species very pointed tail feathers."
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	66	10/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	2	10/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
FOX SPARROW:	2	10/3	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - first date - also noted in Sa
	7	10/27	Homer Twp., Mi	GEV,JKV - peak count
	2	11/19	Midland, Mi	MD - last date
SONG SPARROW:	38	10/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	1	11/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	1	9/16	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - first date - also noted in Io,Tu
	2	10/3	SNWR, SA	DJP
	1	10/20	BCSRA, Ba	LD - last date
SWAMP SPARROW:	4	9/19	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - also noted in Ar,Io
	22	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	1	11/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	1	9/5	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Tu
	100+	9/18	TPSP, Io	RD,MH - peak count
	1	11/30	Bridgeport Twp., Sa	LMA
HARRIS'S SPARROW:	1	10/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first year age - 11 <sup>th</sup> SBA record - the observer noted "Following an unfamiliar but distinctly <i>Zonotrichia</i> -like <i>chink</i> call in the tree above me, I came upon the bottom of a large sparrow with a pink lower mandible, and pure white undersides spotted with black on the upper breast and flanks, somewhat reminiscent of a HETH."
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	50+	9/18	TPSP, lo	RD,MH - first date and peak count
	1	11/15	Lake Huron shoreline, lo	RE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	1	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
	31	10/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count

LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	1 ~10	10/4 11/7	Lake Huron shoreline, Io RE Fairgrove, Tu MW	
SNOW BUNTING:	15 1000+	10/21 11/25	Albee Twp., Sa Dutcher Rd., Tu	SG - first date, here and in Ba (DD) KL - peak count - also noted in Hu,Io
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	24	11/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	7 1	8/14 10/17	Mayville, Tu Midland, Mi	MW - also noted in Ar,Io,Ba JZ - last date, nearly a full month after any others
INDIGO BUNTING:	6 1	8/12 10/10	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi SFK - last date
BOBOLINK:	<b>1096</b> 114	8/28 9/29	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - the observer noted "A single flock, utilizing a densely vegetated wet meadow and adjacent field of tall millet grass." DJP last date - also noted in Ba,lo
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RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	2500+ 564	9/12 11/15	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JS - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu DJP - the observer noted "95% of this late migrating flock were either females or 1 <sup>st</sup> winter aged males"
	1	11/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	<b>22</b> 3	10/2 10/29	Sagatoo Rd., Ar Bridgeport Twp., Sa	JS - <b>new SBA fall high count</b> LMA - last date - also noted in lo,Mi
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	3 1	8/19 9/14	Nayanquing Point, Ba Crow Island SGA, Sa	MW,NS RE - last date
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	2 75 1	9/16 10/11 11/30	Hampton Twp., Ba TPSP,Io SNWR, Sa	JS - first date - also noted in Mi,Tu JS - peak count - the Rusty Blackbird Working Group is monitoring this species' migration, in an effort to determine the causes of the major population declines, and develop an effective conservation plan. Please assist them by reporting your rusty blackbird sightings from this past autumn via eBird.com DJP
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COMMON GRACKLE:	125 2	9/9 10/9	Bangor Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	GP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu DJP - the observer noted "feeding on lethargic grasshoppers along the roadside on a chilly morning, the pair was interesting for still being in juvenile plumage at this date, with little or no discernible evidence of
	1	11/22	Bangor Twp., Ba	pre-basic molt or change in eye color" GP,EP
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	70	9/27	SNWR, Sa	SG et.al also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	1	9/11	Patterson Rd., MI	MKE - new SBA fall late - a female
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	8 5	8/7 8/18	TPSP, Io Sanford Lake, Mi	RE - also noted in Ar,Sa,Tu JD - the observer noted "2 female & 1 male @ nectar feeder, 1 male @ trumpet vine, 1
	1	9/8	Bangor Twp., Ba	female @ crabapple blossoms" GP,EP - last date

PURPLE FINCH:	1 27 48	8/6 11/3 11/4	Mayville, Tu Cooke Dam area, Io TPSP, Io	MW WWS - also noted in Sa JS - peak count	
HOUSE FINCH:	35	11/2	Bay City, Ba	JS - peak count also noted in lo,Mi,Sa,Tu	
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:	12 <b>27</b> 7	11/1 11/10 11/28	Larkin Twp., Mi Cooke Dam area, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	BR,MS - also noted in Hu WWS - <b>new SBA peak count</b> WWS - a major widespread movement southward by the species this fall	
COMMON REDPOLL:	5	11/11	Larkin Twp., Mi	МКЕ	
PINE SISKIN:	12	9/18	TPSP, lo	RD,MH - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu	
	800+	10/23	TPSP, Io	RE,WWS - peak count - the observers noted "flying towards and off the point in	
	606	11/4	TPSP, lo	groups of 50 - 150" JS - again, the observer noted "continual flocksflew into the south wind to the end of the point and then points beyond" - large numbers moved southward throughout eastern N. America this fall	
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	114	11/4	TPSP, lo	JS - peak count - the observer noted "smaller flocks of American Goldfinch replaced most of the siskin flocks around 11:00 (am) in the same pattern of movement, (towards the point and beyond)."	
	75	11/24	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu	
EVENING GROSBEAK:	noted		lo	RE	
HOUSE SPARROW:	~70 75	10/19 11/7	Saginaw Twp., Sa Bay City Mall, Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu GP,EP	
TOTAL: 249 Species					
<b>EXOTICS &amp; OTHERS</b>					
GRAYLAG GOOSE:	5	11/23	AuGres, Ar	RE - domestic variety - at Northport Marina	
WHOOPING CRANE:	1	8/2	AuGres, Ar	DJ - #44-07, a female from the eastern migratory reintroduction project	
BUDGERIGAR:	1	11/15	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - the observer noted "a yellow recessive pied variant, making a brief but colorful visit to the feeder"	

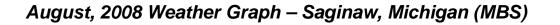
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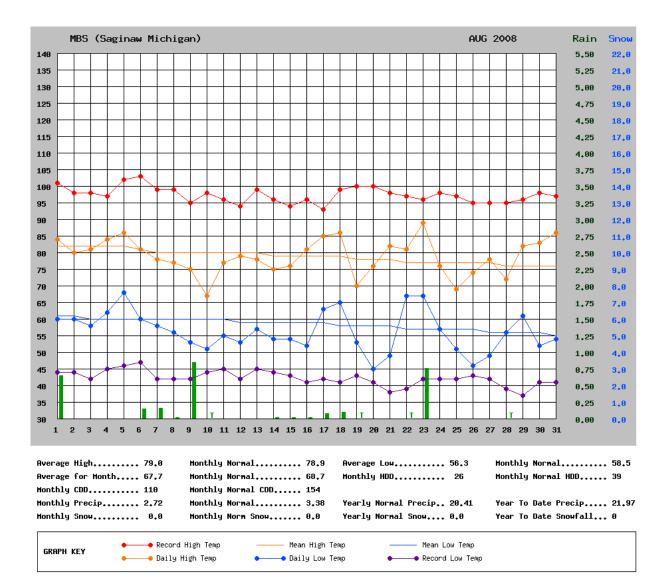
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BB	Bob Bell	JL	Janea Little			
CC	Cathy Carroll	SM	Stan Madziar			
AC	Allen Chartier	KO	Karl Overman			
JJD	Jim J. Dastyck	DJP	David J. Peters			
JD	Jan Dennett	DEP	Don E. Poppe			
MD	Marcia Dilling	GP	Glenn Peterson			
LD	Louie Dombroski	EP	Ellen Peterson			
DD	Dan Duso	BR	Betty Rainwater			
RD	Ryan Dziedzic	SS	Steve Santer			
REp	Robert Epstein	WWS	Wayne W. Shawl			
RE	Roger Eriksson	NS	Napier Shelton			
MKE	Monica K. Essenmacher	MS	Mike Snable			
SF	Steve Frye	JS	Joe Soehnel			
SG	Steve Gasser	CS	Carolyn Szaroletta			
CWG	Cory W. Gildersleeve	JV	Jim VanAllen			
MH	Mic Hamas	GEV	George E. Vogel			
DH	Dan Hansz	JKV	Judy K. Vogel			
RH	Roger Hill	SW	Steve Waltz			
DJ	Doug Jackson	MW	Myles Willard			
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SFK	Steve F. Kahl					

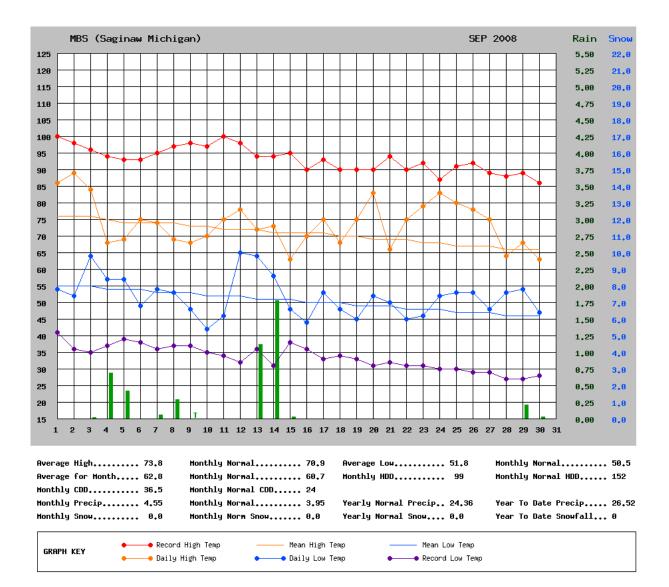
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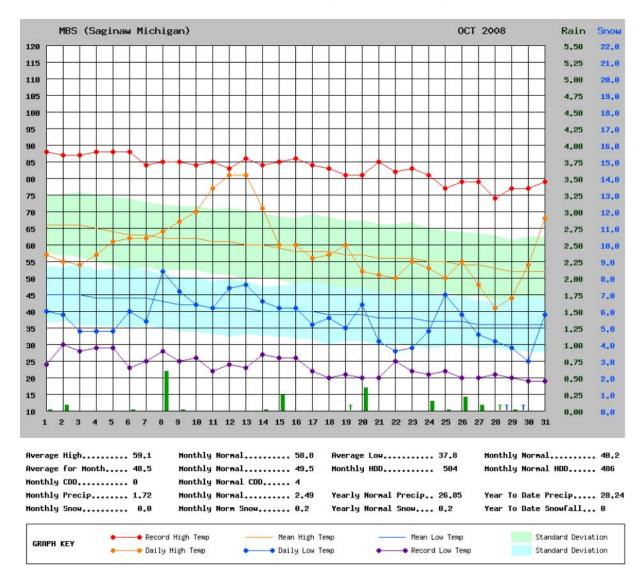
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Ar	Arenac County	Mi	Midland County
Ba	Bay County	PCSP	Port Crescent State Park
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	Sa	Saginaw County
CDF	Confined Disposal Facility	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
GPNC	Green Point Nature Center	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
HNC	Hartley Nature Center	SGA	State Game Area
Hu	Huron County	SRA	State Recreation Area
lo	losco County	tp	throughout entire or remainder of period
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond)	Tu	Tuscola County
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