

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

## August 1st thru November 30, 2003

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**Weather:** The bigger story of the period related to weather was the lack of rain for Aug/Sep/Oct. The average for that particular three-month period is 9.82". MBS Airport received a mere 3.74" for that three-month period, which is a whopping 6.08" less than normal. Aside from Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>, where close to an inch of rain fell, there were only eight days that rained close to or just over .25". November reversed that dry trend as it rained 1.89" above the average for the month.

Temperatures were pretty much average for the four month period with no record highs or lows. September's high temps were 3.3 degrees above average for daytime highs but night-time lows were 2.7 degrees below average. Overall, though temperatures were moderate for the four-month, fall period. (See attached weather charts for details.)

**Summary:** A total of 237 species were observed for the fall period of 2003, which is seventeen species more than for the same period of 2002. Along with a higher number of species observed, the mega-rarities were much more impressive. Topping the list was a **White-tailed Sea Eagle** observed in Quanicassee, TU, by Myles Willard and Mark & Joanie Hubinger. Myles wrote a detailed report, which has been forwarded to the MBRC. Another great find for Myles & Mark was a **Rock Wren**, which, unfortunately, was a one-day wonder. (See photograph below.) Mark & Joanie observed a **Jaeger Sp.** on 10/19 at BCSRA, BA. There are very few SBA records of Jaeger's.

Birds of impressive note for the fall period included: **Red-throated Loon** on Tawas Bay, IO on 11/23; **Red-necked Grebe** at BCSRA, BA on 11/09; four **American White Pelicans** at SNWR, SA from 08/06 through 08/22; **Brant** at Grindstone City, HU on 11/10; all three **Scoter** species, which now seem to be regularly sighted somewhere on Saginaw Bay; 28 species of shorebirds including **Piping Plover**, **American Avocet**, **Whimbrel** (photo below), **Purple Sandpiper**, **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**, and **Long-billed Dowitcher**; a single **Acadian Flycatcher** at Murphy Lake, TU; **Northern Mockingbird** in the Mayville area, TU; **Bohemian Waxwing** near Port Crescent State Park, HU, and 27 species of Warblers including a single **Brewster's Warbler** in Bangor Twp, BA.

The following passerines lingered longer than normal and coincided with late reporting dates of other passerines in the state: Yellow-billed Cuckoo on 10/10 at SNWR, SA; Eastern Phoebe in Tuscola County on 11/06; Palm Warbler at Tawas Pt, IO on 10/25; White-crowned Sparrow in Midland, MI on 11/24, and Baltimore Oriole in Bangor Twp, BA on 11/06.



Whimbrel Photo by: Roger Eriksson  
Taken 8/3/03 in East Tawas, IO



Rock Wren Photo by: M. Willard  
Taken 10/20/03 at  
Nayanquing Point, BA

**New SBA fall early date: Rusty Blackbird** on 09/10 at BCSRA, BA by Glenn & Ellen Peterson

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***Good birding and, as always, thanks for sending in your seasonal reports!!!***

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comment
RED-THROATED LOON:	1	11/23	Tawas Bay., IO	RE - Videotaped
COMMON LOON:	1	11/22	Au Gres River, AR	JZ – Also noted in BA, HU, IO
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	4	10/30	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – Also noted in HU, MI, SA
HORNED GREBE:	1	10/21	Haitcho Pk, SA	JS
	20	11/15	Finn Rd. Pk, BA	M&JH - Peak Count - Also noted in IO, HU
RED-NECKED GREBE:	1	11/08	Tawas Point SP, IO	BB – Also noted in BA, HU
EARED GREBE:	None to report.			
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	4	08/06	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – There through 08/22 per DP
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:	500+	09/18	Karn Plant, BA	JS & JZ – Peak count. – Also noted in HU, IO, SA
AMERICAN BITTERN:	1	08/26	SNWR, SA	BG
LEAST BITTERN:	None to report.			
GREAT BLUE HERON:	Noted in AR, BA, HU, IO, TU – Peak of 56 on 08/20 @ SNWR, SA – BG, CS, LA			
GREAT EGRET:	<b>262</b>	08/20	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Peak count.
	1	11/15	Saginaw River, SA	M&JH – Last date – Also noted in BA
SNOWY EGRET:	None to report.			
CATTLE EGRET:	None to report.			
GREEN HERON:	1	09/17	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – Also noted in HU, SA
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:	22	08/27	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Peak count.
	7	10/29	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date. – Also noted in SA
TURKEY VULTURE:	22	08/25	SNWR, SA	DP
	15	09/12	Iosco County	WM – Also noted in AR, BA, HU, MI, TU
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:	None to report			
SNOW GOOSE:	<b>52</b>	10/24	East Tawas, IO	RE
	<b>65</b>	11/10	Port Huron, HU	MW
	21	11/17	MCV Pond, MI	JZ
	22	11/21	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also noted in AR, BA, HU
ROSS' GOOSE	None to report			
BRANT:	1	11/10	Grindstone City, HU	MW
CANADA GOOSE:	<b>14,226</b>	11/25	SNWR, SA	RM - Also noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, TU
MUTE SWAN:	35	09/06	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – Also noted in AR, HU, IO
TUNDRA SWAN:	5	10/08	Bayport Area, HU	TB - First returns. - Also noted in AR, IO
	975	11/19	Hampton Twp, BA	SM – Peak count.
TRUMPETER SWAN:	43	11/09	Westgate	BB – Peak count.
WOOD DUCK:	96	08/20	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also noted in BA, MI, TU
GADWALL:	3	11/15	Dow Ponds, MI	JZ – Also noted in BA, SA

AMERICAN WIGEON:	150	10/23	BCSRA, BA	G&EP - Also noted in HU, SA
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA			
MALLARD:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, TU – Peak count of <b>8664</b> on 11/25 @ SNWR, SA – RM			
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	1	10/17	East Tawas, IO	RE – Also noted in HU, SA
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	3	11/30	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in HU, MI, SA
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	1	11/29	Oscoda, IO	JZ – Also noted in BA, HU, SA
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	230	10/29	SNWR, SA	BG – Also noted in BA, HU, IO, MI
CANVASBACK:	Noted in HU - MW			
REDHEAD:	50	11/11	Three Mile Pk, IO	JS, MH – Also noted in HU, SA
RING-NECKED DUCK:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA			
GREATER SCAUP:	10	10/15	Tawas Pte., IO	JZ – Also noted in BA, HU
LESSER SCAUP:	165	10/18	Tawas Point SP, IO	BB – Peak count.
	1	11/05	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in HU, MI
SURF SCOTER:	2	11/10	Sebawaing, HU	MW
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	2	10/24	Tawas Bay, IO	RE
BLACK SCOTER:	4	10/18	Tawas Pt, IO	BB
	2	11/11	Tawas Bay, IO	JS, MH
	4	11/15	Finn Rd. Pk, BA	M&JH
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	3	11/11	Tawas Bay, IO	JS, MH – Also noted in BA, HU
BUFFLEHEAD:	30	11/11	Tawas Bay, IO	JS, MH - Also noted in BA, HU, MI, SA
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	~350	11/11	Three Mile Pk, IO	JS, MH – Peak count - Also noted in BA, HU, MI
HOODED MERGANSER:	120+	11/13	BCSRA, BA	JZ - Also noted in HU, IO, MI, SA
COMMON MERGANSER:	48	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS - Also noted in BA, HU, MI
	~2500	11/17	MCV Pond, MI	JZ
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	~1500	11/11	Tawas Bay, IO	JS, MH - Also noted in AR, BA, HU
RUDDY DUCK:	120+	11/15	Dow Ponds, MI	JZ – Also noted in BA, HU, SA
OSPREY:	4	08/14	Tuttle Marsh, IO	JZ – Appeared to be a pair w/ 2 juveniles.
	1	08/20	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also noted in BA, TU
BALD EAGLE:	17	10/23	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Peak count. Also noted in BA, HU, IO, TU
WHITE-TAILED SEA EAGLE:	1 ad.	09/28	Quanicassee, TU	MW, M&JH – Documentation forwarded to MBRC
NORTHERN HARRIER:	1	10/23	Iosco County	WM – Also noted in BA, HU, SA, TU
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1	11/25	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Also noted in HU, IO, MI, SA, TU
COOPER'S HAWK:	Noted in AR, BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU			
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1	11/21	Caro Area, TU	MW
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	Noted in Tuscola County – MW			

BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	Noted in Tuscola County – MW			
RED-TAILED HAWK:	Noted in BA, HU, SA, TU			
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	1	10/24	Tuttle Marsh, IO	RE – Also noted in BA, HU, SA
GOLDEN EAGLE:	None to report.			
AMERICAN KESTREL:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU			
MERLIN:	1	09/05	Tawas Pte., IO	CP
	2	09/23	SNWR, SA	BG, CS
	1	11/11	Nayanquing Pt., BA	JS, MH
	1	11/15	Tawas Bay Area, IO	RE
PEREGRINE FALCON:	1	08/20	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also (2) there on 10/03
	1	09/26	East Tawas, IO	RE
	1	11/08	Fish Pte., TU	SF
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, SA, TU			
RUFFED GROUSE:	3	08/14	Tuttle Marsh, IO	JZ – hen w/ 2 young
	1	11/11	Tawas Pte., IO	JS, MH – Also noted in TU
WILD TURKEY:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU – Peak of 41 on 11/19 @ SNWR, SA - DP			
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:	None to report.			
VIRGINIA RAIL:	1	09/01	Quan. River, TU	SM, CM
SORA:	7	09/01	Quan. River, TU	SM, CM – Also noted in BA
	1	10/09	SNWR, SA	DP – Last date
COMMON MOORHEN:	2	09/15	SNWR, SA	DP – Last date. – Also noted in BA
AMERICAN COOT:	32	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Also noted in BA
SANDHILL CRANE:	38	11/21	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	165	10/08	Bayport Area, HU	TB – Peak count Also noted in BA, IO, SA
AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER:	3	10/17	East Tawas, IO	RE – Also noted in BA, HU, SA
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	52	08/15	SNWR, SA	DP – Also noted in AR, BA, HU, IO
PIPING PLOVER:	1 juv	08/02	East Tawas, IO	RE - Not banded
	1	09/20	East Tawas, IO	RE – Also unbanded
KILLDEER:	1	11/28	Tawas Pte., IO	JSo – Last date. – Also noted in AR, BA, HU, SA, TU Peak of <b>215</b> on 08/15 @ SNWR, SA – DP
AMERICAN AVOCET:	1	10/13	SNWR, SA	JSo
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	98	10/30	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak count.
	1	11/09	Iargo Springs, IO	BB – “Walking around, feeding on the ice!”
	1	11/23	Tawas Bay, IO	RE – Last date. Also noted in BA, HU, TU
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	<b>474</b>	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP Peak count. – Also noted in BA, IO, HU, TU
	10	11/08	Bayport Area, HU	TB – Last date.
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	1	09/11	SNWR SA	DP – Also noted in BA, HU, IO Peak of 24 on 8/7 @ SNWR, SA – DP

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WILLET:	None to report.			
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	1	09/19	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak of 13 there on 8/15 Also noted in BA, IO, TU
WHIMBREL:	1	08/02	East Tawas, IO	RE
HUDSONIAN GODWIT:	None to report.			
MARbled GODWIT:	None to report.			
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	2	08/08	East Tawas, IO	RE – Last there on 09/01
RED KNOT:	None to report.			
SANDERLING:	120+	10/11	East Tawas, IO	RE – Also noted in HU
	1	11/30	Hampton Twp, BA	JS
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	339	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak count
	1	10/26	Nayanquing Pte., BA	M&JH – Also noted in HU, SA
WESTERN SANDPIPER:	None to report.			
LEAST SANDPIPER:	231	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak count
	1	09/15	FSL, SA	JS – Last date. Also noted in AR, IO, HU
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	2	09/01	Quan. River, TU	SM, CM
	1	09/03	SNWR, SA	DP
	1	10/11	East Tawas, IO	RE
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	12	09/05	Tawas Pte., IO	CP – Also noted in BA, SA
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	369	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak count. Also noted in BA, IO
	40	11/08	Bayport Area, HU	TB
PURPLE SANDPIPER:	1	11/28	Oscoda, IO	JSo – At the AuSable River Mouth. Still there on 11/29 as observed by JZ
	1	11/30	Finn Rd. Pk., BA	DD – Viewed at close range for some time.
DUNLIN:	200+	10/26	Nayanquing Pte., BA	M&JH – Peak count.
	20	11/30	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in HU, SA
STILT SANDPIPER:	34	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak count. Last (7) there on 09/25 Also noted in BA, HU, IO
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:	1	08/30	East Tawas, IO	RE
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	60	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP – Peak count.
	1	08/15	Northport Marina, AR	JZ
	2	09/02	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in IO
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:	4	10/10	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – ID'd by call
DOWITCHER SP:	8	09/11	Hampton Twp, BA	M&JH
	2	10/10	SNWR, SA	DP
WILSON'S SNIPE:	1	11/11	Nayanquing Pte., BA	JS – Last date. Also noted in HU, TU Peak of 25 on 9/19 @ SNWR, SA – DP
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1	09/13	Pt Aux Barques, HU	KO, et.al. – Also noted in TU
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:	2	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP
	2	09/15	FSL, SA	JS

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RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:	None to report.			
JAEGER SP:	1	10/19	BCSRA, BA	M&JH – Very few SBA records! Mark noted, “We observed the dark, pointy winged bird with white crescents on the upper wing. The bird was larger than the Boney’s and roughly the same size as the Ring-billed Gull that buzzed it.
FRANKLIN'S GULL:	None to report.			
LITTLE GULL:	None to report.			
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	600+	11/25	Hampton Twp, BA	SM – Peak count. - Also noted in HU, IO, MI, SA
RING-BILLED GULL:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, TU – Peak of <b>1187</b> on 11/12 @ SNWR, SA – BG			
HERRING GULL:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, SA, TU			
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1 ad	11/08	BCSRA, BA	M&JH, G&EP – Presumably “Lester” returns for the 14 <sup>th</sup> fall in a row!
GLAUCOUS GULL:	None to report.			
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	12	11/12	East Tawas, IO	RE – Peak count - Also noted in BA, HU
CASPIAN TERN:	2	11/03	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date - Also noted in HU, IO, SA
COMMON TERN:	15	09/01	East Tawas, IO	RE – Also noted in HU
FORSTER'S TERN:	21	08/20	Pinconning Pk, BA	JZ
BLACK TERN:	None to report.			
ROCK DOVE:	100	Present thru period, Bay City, BA - Also noted in HU, SA, TU		
MOURNING DOVE:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, TU – Peak count of <b>275</b> on 08/31 @ Curtis Rd, SA – B&AG			
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	09/23	SNWR, SA	BG, CS
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	4	08/07	SNWR, SA	DP
	1	09/09	Bay County	DD
	1	10/10	SNWR, SA	JSo – Quite late.
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	<b>23</b>	10/12	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also noted in TU
GREAT HORNED OWL:	Noted in BA, MI, SA, TU			
SNOWY OWL:	None to report.			
BARRED OWL:	1	09/02	Albee Twp, SA	JSo – Also noted in TU
LONG-EARED OWL:	1	11/22	Homer Twp, MI	G&JV
SHORT-EARED OWL:	1	11/06	Hampton Twp, BA	SM
	8	11/19	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also 1 @ SNWR, SA on 11/25 - RM
	1	11/26	Bradford Rd, TU	SM, CM
	2	11/29	Bayport Area, HU	TB – Also there on 11/30.
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:	None to report.			
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	1	09/06	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – Also noted in MI, TU
WHIP-POOR-WILL:	None to report.			
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	1	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Also noted in BA, HU, MI

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:	1	09/25	Homer Twp, MI	G&JV – Last date. Also noted in BA, IO, SA, TU
BELTED KINGFISHER:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU			
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	1	11/13	Bayport Area, HU	TB – Also noted in BA, MI
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, TU			
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	1	10/01	Crow Island, SA	JZ – Also noted in BA
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU			
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU			
NORTHERN FLICKER:	2	11/19	CNC, MI	JZ – Also noted in BA, HU, TU
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	2	09/10	SNWR, SA	LA
	1	11/08	Highbanks Trail, IO	BB
	1	11/21	Murphy Lake, TU	MW
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	1	10/03	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date. – Also noted in HU, IO, SA
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:	1	09/15	Mayville, TU	MW
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	1	08/02	Hampton Twp, BA	JS
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	1	08/20	SNWR, SA	BG, CS, LA – Also noted in BA
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	1	08/06	SNWR, SA	BG, CS
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	1	08/07	Murphy Lake, TU	MW
EASTERN PHOEBE:	1	11/06	Tuscola County	MH – Last date; quite late Also noted in BA, HU, IO, MI
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	2	09/09	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last Date. – Also noted in IO, SA, TU
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	1	09/15	FSL, SA	JS – Last date. Also noted in BA, HU, IO, TU
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	10/19	Nayanquing Pt., BA	M&JH - Also noted in BA, IO, TU
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	None to Report.			
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	1	09/14	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Last date. – Also noted in SA, TU
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	1	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Last date – Also noted in BA, TU
WARBLING VIREO:	1	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Also noted in BA, TU
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:	1	09/08	Mayville, TU	MW – Also noted in BA, IO
RED-EYED VIREO:	1	10/21	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Last date. – Also noted in IO, MI, SA, TU
BLUE JAY:	Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU			
AMERICAN CROW:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU			
COMMON RAVEN:	6	11/08	Highbanks Trails, IO	BB
HORNED LARK:	30	11/06	Tuscola County	MH – Peak count – Also noted in BA, HU, IO
PURPLE MARTIN:	1	08/09	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – Also noted in TU
TREE SWALLOW:	325	09/15	FSL, SA	JS – Peak count. Also noted in BA, HU, IO, TU Last (50) on 09/28 @ SNWR, SA – BG, CS



NO. ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	50	08/06	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Also noted in BA
BANK SWALLOW:	<b>2200</b>	08/14	Curtis Rd, SA	BG, CS – HUGE migratory flock.
CLIFF SWALLOW:				Noted colony @ neighbor's barn in Mayville, TU – MW
BARN SWALLOW:	5	09/15	FSL, SA	JS – Last date. Also noted in BA, HU, TU
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:				Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU
TUFTED TITMOUSE:				Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU – Peak of 15 @ GPNC, SA - JZ
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:				Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU - Peak of (4) on 10/22 @ Saginaw Twp, SA – M&JH
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:				Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU
BROWN CREEPER:	1	09/01	BCSRA, BA	G&EP - Also noted in HU, MI, SA, TU
ROCK WREN:	1	10/20	Nayanquing Pt., BA	MW, MH – FIRST SBA RECORD!
CAROLINA WREN:	1	08/01	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP, MW
	1	08/17	Bridgeport Twp, SA	JSo – Also there on 10/11
	1	11/04	Bridgeport Twp, SA	LA – There until 11/10
HOUSE WREN:	1	10/02	CNC, MI	JZ – et.al. - Also noted in BA, HU, IO, SA, TU
WINTER WREN:	1	11/17	Murphy Lake, TU	MW - Also noted in BA, IO, SA
SEDGE WREN:	1	08/31	Tuttle Marsh, IO	BB – Also noted in SA
MARSH WREN:	3	10/09	SNWR, SA	DP – Also noted in BA, HU
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	1	10/23	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Last date. Also noted in BA, IO, MI, TU
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	1	10/31	Tawas Pte., IO	CP – Last date. Also noted in BA, IO, MI, SA, TU
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	1	09/17	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date. Peak of 5 there on 09/02 Also noted in IO, SA, TU
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	1	08/06	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Also noted in HU, TU
	3	11/28	SNWR, SA	DP
VEERY:				Noted in Tuscola County - MW
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:	1	09/13	Whiskey Harbor, HU	KO, et.al.
	1	09/11	Hampton Twp, BA	MH, MW
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	1	09/30	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Last date. Also noted in TU
HERMIT THRUSH:	1	10/17	Tawas Point SP, IO	BB – Last date. – Also noted in BA, MI, SA
WOOD THRUSH:	2	10/10	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Also noted in TU
AMERICAN ROBIN:				Noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, SA, TU
GRAY CATBIRD:	1	10/23	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – Last date. Also noted in HU, MI, SA, TU
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:	1	11/27	Mayville Area, TU	MW – had one broken wing feather
BROWN THRASHER:	3	09/18	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date. – Also noted in IO, TU
EUROPEAN STARLING:				Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU – Peak count of <b>2100</b> on 08/31 @ SNWR, SA – B&AG

AMERICAN PIPIT:	70 1	09/05 11/11	Bayport Area, HU Nayanquing Pt., BA	TB – Also noted in IO, SA, TU JS, MH – Last date.
CEDAR WAXWING:	5	11/22	Huron County	Per Mich-Listers - Also noted in BA, MI, SA, TU
BOHEMIAN WAXWING:	1	11/22	Huron County	Per Mich-Listers
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	1	09/07	Albee Twp, SA	JSo – Also noted in BA, TU
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	7	09/10	SNWR, SA	BG, CS
BREWSTER'S WARBLER:	1	09/18	Bangor Twp, BA	EP – “Ellen observed the Brewster's with strong gold wingbars, strong black eyeline, and yellow breast & cap-make it out to be a first generation adult male.”
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	1	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS - Also noted in BA, IO, MI, TU
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:	2	10/24	SNWR, SA	JSo – Last date. Also noted in BA, TU
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	1	10/07	SNWR, SA	BG, CS - Also noted in BA, IO, MI, TU
NORTHERN PARULA:	1	09/28	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Last date. – Also noted in BA
YELLOW WARBLER:	2	09/05	Tawas Pte., IO	CP – Also noted in BA, SA, TU
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	1	09/18	Karn Plant, BA	JS, JZ – Last date. – Also noted in MI, SA, TU
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	1	09/28	Midland, MI	JZ – Also noted in BA, IO, SA, TU
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	1	09/28	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Last date. – Also noted in BA, IO, TU
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:	1	09/29	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date. Also noted in TU
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	50+ 2	10/18 11/08	GPNC, SA Tawas Point SP, IO	JZ – Peak count. BB – Last date. Also noted in BA, HU, MI, TU
BLACK-THR. GREEN WARBLER:	1	10/02	CNC, MI	JZ – et.al. - Also noted in BA, IO, SA, TU
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	1	09/23	Midland, MI	JZ – Also noted in BA, IO, SA, TU
PINE WARBLER:	1	09/28	Midland, MI	JZ – Also noted in IO, TU
PALM WARBLER:	20 1	09/02 10/25	Tawas Pte., IO Tawas Pte., IO	BB – Peak count. RE – Quite late! Also noted in BA, HU, SA
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:	3	09/23	Midland, MI	JZ – Also noted in BA, TU
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:	40 1	09/02 09/28	Tawas Point SP, IO SNWR, SA	BB – Peak count. BG, CS – Last date. – Also noted in BA, IO, TU
CERULEAN WARBLER:	None to report.			
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:	1	10/03	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Last Date. Also noted in BA, IO, MI, TU
AMERICAN REDSTART:	12	09/02	Tawas Point SP, IO	BB – Peak count. 9/2 must've been a great warbler fallout!
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:	2 None to report.	10/04	Saginaw Twp, SA	M&JH – Last date – Also noted in BA, IO, MI, TU
OVENBIRD:	1	09/21	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Also noted in SA, TU
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	1	09/10	SNWR, SA	LA
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:	None to report.			

MOURNING WARBLER:	1	09/13	Whiskey Harbor, HU	Ko, et.al. – Also noted in BA, TU
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	1	10/26	Hampton Twp, BA	SM – Last Date - Also noted in IO, SA, TU
WILSON'S WARBLER:	1	09/10	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in IO, SA, TU
CANADA WARBLER:	Noted in Tuscola County – MW			
SCARLET TANAGER:	1	09/19	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Last date. Also noted in SA, TU
EASTERN TOWHEE:	1	10/26	Bay County	DD – Last date. Also noted in MI, TU
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	6 142	10/19 11/25	Harbor Beach, HU SNWR, SA	KO, et.al. - Also noted in AR, BA, IO, TU RM – Peak count.
CHIPPING SPARROW:	1	10/19	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Last date. - Also noted in HU, TU
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	None to report.			
FIELD SPARROW:	1	10/19	Harbor Beach, HU	KO, et.al. - Also noted in BA, IO
VESPER SPARROW:	1	08/22	Hampton Twp, BA	JS
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	1	10/19	Grindstone City, HU	KO, et.al. - Also noted in BA, TU Peak of 17 on 10/07 @ SNWR, SA – BG, CS
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	None to report.			
HENSLow'S SPARROW:	None to report.			
FOX SPARROW:	1	10/17	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Peak of (13) at their home (Bangor Twp, BA) on 10/25 with the last (1) there on 11/21. Also noted in HU
SONG SPARROW:	1	CTP	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in HU, IO, MI, SA, TU
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	1	11/03	Saginaw Twp, SA	M&JH - Also noted in BA, HU, IO
SWAMP SPARROW:	1	11/29	Tuscola County	M&JH – Last Date - Also noted in BA, IO, MI, SA Baby fledged from nest on 09/07 @ Murphy Lake, TU – MW
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	3	09/28	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Also noted in BA, HU, IO, MI, TU
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	1	11/24	Midland, MI	JZ – Quite late! Also noted in BA, HU, IO, TU
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	1 48	09/25 11/21	Caro Area, TU SNWR, SA	MW – Also noted in BA, HU, IO BG, CS, LA
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	42 20+ 1 2 15+ 1	09/21 10/17 10/19 11/06 11/08 11/15	Nayanquing Pt, BA East Tawas, IO Port Hope, HU Tuscola County Spaulding Twp, SA Tawas Bay , IO	DD RE – First (1) there on 09/20 KO, et.al. MH JSo RE
SNOW BUNTING:	20 ~1000	10/19 11/11	Nayanquing Pt., BA Nayanquing Pt., BA	M&JH – First returns. JS, MH - Also noted in AR, HU, SA, TU
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU			
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	1	09/28	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – Last date. Also noted in IO, MI, TU
INDIGO BUNTING:	1	09/28	SNWR, SA	BG, CS – Also noted in BA, IO, TU

BOBOLINK:	10	08/31	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Also noted in SA
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	2500	10/29	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Peak count. – Also noted in HU, SA, TU
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	1	10/13	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Determined by call. – Also noted in IO, TU
MEADOWLARK SP:	3	10/30	Pincon. Twp, BA	MH, MW – Also noted in HU, IO
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	None to report.			
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	1	09/10	BCSRA, BA	G&EP – <b><i>New SBA Fall early date!</i></b>
	8	11/07	Tawas Point SP, IO	BB - Last date. Also noted in HUSA, TU
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:	None to report.			
COMMON GRACKLE:	2500	10/29	Hampton Twp, BA	JS – Peak count. - Also noted in HU, SA, TU
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	50	08/31	Curtis Rd, SA	B&AG – Also noted in BA, HU, TU
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	1	11/06	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP – <b><i>Only SBA's second November record!</i></b> Also noted in HU, MI, SA, TU
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	None to report.			
PINE GROSBEAK:	None to report.			
PURPLE FINCH:	3	10/17	East Tawas, IO	RE – BB also reported 3 on same day at Tawas.
	1	11/25	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP - Also noted in AR, HU, SA, TU
HOUSE FINCH:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, TU			
RED CROSSBILL:	None to report.			
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:	None to report.			
COMMON REDPOLL:	None to report.			
PINE SISKIN:	1	10/25	Bangor Twp, BA	G&EP
	1	11/04	Mayville, TU	MW
	8	11/25	Bayport Area, HU	TB
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, SA, TU - Peak count of 62 on 11/05 @ Bangor Twp, BA G&EP			
EVENING GROSBEAK:	8	10/11	East Tawas, IO	RE
HOUSE SPARROW:	Noted in BA, HU, MI, TU			

**TOTAL: 237 Species**

OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE THE SAGINAW BAY AREA:

CATTLE EGRET:	4	10/12	Marquette County	M&JH
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**Observer Key:**

LA	Larry Abraham	BM	Brad Murphy
TB	Tom Beachy	G&TN	Gary & Tess Nelkie
BB	Bob Bell	KO	Karl Overman
RE	Roger Eriksson	JP	Jan Palland
SF	Steve Frye	DP	David Peters
G&DG	Gus & Delores Gavit	G&EP	Glen & Ellen Peterson
JG	Jack Gillespie	MP	Mike Petrucha

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AG	Ann Grefe	CP	Caleb Putnam
BG	Bob Grefe	BR	Betty Rainwater
JH	Jeanne Henderson	ES	Ed Smith
PH	Pearl Horton	JS	Joe Soehnel
M&JH	Mark & Joanie Hubinger	Jso	Jeff Sommer
RM	Rick McAvinchey	CS	Carolyn Szaroletta
WM	William McKenzie	G&JV	George & Judy Vogel
CM	Chris Madziar	M&MW	Myles & Marilyn Willard
SM	Stan Madziar	JZ	Jerry Ziarno

**Abbreviations:**

AR	Arenac County	MI	Midland County
BA	Bay County	NMB	Northern Michigan Message Board
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	PTP	Present through period
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SA	Saginaw County
FSL	Freeland Sewage Lagoon	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
GPNC	Green Point Nature Center	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
HU	Huron County	SSGA	Shiawassee State Game Area
IO	Iosco County	TU	Tuscola County
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond)		

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