# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Summary: It appeared that observer effort was down a little this fall, particularly in the early weeks. There was also a slight drop in the number of observers as compared to the last few fall reports. Several species that were very likely present went unreported, but a few species that usually go undetected were observed. All totaled, 231 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported, a drop from recent years, but otherwise near average for the last twenty years. Numbers-wise, lower than normal peaks for many waterfowl species were notable. Several observers reported that higher than recent water levels in the Great Lakes reduced the unvegetated shoreline along Lake Huron, Saginaw Bay, and the Shiawassee River flats, thus eliminating much shorebird habitat in these locations. As far as new records go, it was noteworthy that once again, as in autumn 2008, eight new seasonal late dates were set. Interestingly, six of these were for insectivores that capture all or some of their prey in flight. Impressive new all-time peak counts were recorded for Ruddy Duck and Rusty Blackbird, and the rarely encountered Ruff\* and Nelson's Sparrow\* were reported. Red-headed **Woodpeckers** continued to be reported with an encouraging consistency.

> \*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:

Climatic conditions in the SBA this fall were somewhat of a seesaw affair. The unseasonably cool summer continued on into mid-August, when temperatures finally warmed-up to normal. This change proved to be short lived however, and by the end of August, the below normal regime was back in place. Then, in stark contrast, temperatures in September rose to above normal. Precipitation during the month was below normal, with next to no rain falling in the first twenty days. This situation came to an abrupt halt at the tail end of the month, as a cold front with strong gusty winds preceded another change in weather direction. The first half of October was quite unseasonably cold and wet, with November-like storms, and killing frosts occurring early on in the month. This dreariness eased in the last portion of October, making way for what was to be one of the most tranquil Novembers on record. After a cool first few days. consistently mild temperatures prevailed throughout the month, a near record low amount of precipitation fell, and the season ended without any snow on the ground or ice on the ponds.

(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 2000-2009, can be found at http://www.saginawbaybirding.org., along with updates on winter 2009-2010 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. Last but not least, thanks to all those who shared their photos of Birds in Saginaw Bay Area this past autumn.



Red-throated Loons by: Doug Jackson Taken 11/12/09 at Port Crescent, Hu



Scarlet Tanager by: Jan Zender-Romick Taken 11/20/09 at Midland, Mi



Golden-crowned Kinglet by: Paul Revard Taken 10/18/09 at



Olive-sided Flycatcher by: Joe Soehnel Taken 09/07/09 at Hampton Twp., Ba

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comments
GRTR WHITE-FRNTED GOOSE:	1	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP
SNOW GOOSE:	9 13	10/1 11/1	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Hu DJP
CACKLING GOOSE:	1 15	9/29 10/15	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP,DEP - first date DJP - peak count
CANADA GOOSE:	6631 1500+	10/15 11/1	SNWR, Sa Boutell Rd., Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Tu JMS - included a few diving, similar to those JMS observed last November
MUTE SWAN:	45	11/1	Tobico Marsh, Ba	DLJ - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
TUNDRA SWAN:	21 244	10/13 11/1	Linwood, Ba SNWR, Sa	JZ - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Tu
TRUMPETER SWAN:	2	10/11 -	SNWR, Sa	DJP,SFK
	1-2	tp 10/11 - 11/11	Kawkawlin R., Flooding, Mi	JMS,MKE
	15	11/7	Foote Pond, Io	DLJ
WOOD DUCK:	327	9/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - new SBA fall high count - also noted in Io,Mi,Tu
	12	11/1	Tobico Marsh, Ba	DLJ - last date, here and in Sa (JEV)
GADWALL:	82 35	10/21 11/1	SNWR, Sa Tobico Marsh, Ba	DJP - peak count DLJ - also noted in Mi,Tu
AMERICAN WIGEON:	5 117	8/27 10/8	Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa	JZ - also noted in Ba DEP - peak count
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	4 122	11/4 11/11	BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Io,Mi DJP
MALLARD:	1239	9/25	SNWR, Sa	DEP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	42 20	10/8 10/15	SNWR, Sa FPSWA, Tu	DEP - also noted in Ba JEV - last date, here and in Mi (MKE)
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	147	11/25	SNWR, Sa	DEP - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	1	11/11	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - also noted in Sa - It appears that very limited numbers of NOPI were present in the SBA this fall
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	1166 75	10/21 11/1	SNWR, Sa Tobico Marsh, Ba	DJP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu DLJ
CANVASBACK:	273	10/28	SNWR, Sa	SFK - also noted in Ba,Hu
REDHEAD:	12 25	10/27 11/7	Port Hope, Hu Harbor Beach, Hu	JZ JEV - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa
RING-NECKED DUCK:	411	10/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Mi
GREATER SCAUP:	75 200+	10/16 11/11	Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - first date - also noted in Sa JMS,MW

LESSER SCAUP:	300	10/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Sa
SURF SCOTER:	2 3	10/27 11/1- 11/11	Port Hope, Hu BCSRA, Ba	JZ JMS,MW,GSP,EMP
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	1 5	10/16 11/1- 11/4	BCSRA, Ba BCSRA, Ba	JMS,MW - first date - also noted in Hu JMS
BLACK SCOTER:	1	10/25	Port Austin, Hu	MW - first date
	4	10/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
	2	11/11	BCSRA, Ba	JMS,MW
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	1	11/7	TPSP, Io	JMS - first date - also noted in Ba,Hu
	5	11/23	AuGres River mouth, Ar	JZ
BUFFLEHEAD:	7 120	10/16 11/2 - 11/3	Dow Ponds, Mi MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ - first date MKE,JZ- peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	3	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - first date
	855	11/4	BCSRA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi
COMMON GOLDENEYE X HOODED MERGANSER:	1	11/11	AuSable River mouth, lo	JMS,MW
HOODED MERGANSER:	102	11/11	Stover Rd., Ar	JMS,MW - peak count -also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa
COMMON MERGANSER:	18	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR - first date
	400+	11/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	2	11/1	BCSRA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Mi
	15	11/23	Tawas Bay, Io	JZ
RUDDY DUCK:	2	8/22	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Sa
	<b>1000+</b>	11/3	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ - ties SBA peak count
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	1	9/15	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Hu,Sa
RUFFED GROUSE:	8	8/19	northwest Ar	DLJ - an adult w/7 juveniles
	3	9/27	KoyltonTwp., Tu	JEV
	2	10/4	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
	1	10/25	Gagetown, Hu	MW
WILD TURKEY:	12	11/1	Maplegrove Rd., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa
	31	11/30	Currie Golf Course, Mi	MKE
RED-THROATED LOON:	3	11/12	PCSP, Hu	DLJ - 1adult and 2 immature - ties SBA peak count
COMMON LOON:	1	9/10 - 10/4	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - also noted in Hu,Tu
	4	11/4	BCSRA, Ba	JMS
	1	11/12	Port Austin, Hu	DLJ
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	88	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Tu
	1	11/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE

HORNED GREBE:	1 3 1	10/13 11/6 11/7	Grindstone City, Hu PCSP, HU BCSRA, Ba	MKE - first date - also noted in Tu JEV GSP,EMP
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	5 1 4	8/6 10/11 10/24	Killarney Beach, Ba SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba	CC SFK per MW
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	260 10	9/5 11/30	Dow Ponds, Mi Dow Ponds, MI	MKE - the observer noted "140 perched on high-voltage wires (a sight!)" MKE -also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa
AMERICAN BITTERN:	1 1 1	9/22 10/15 10/25	NPSWA, Ba FPSWA, Tu Hampton Twp., Ba	JZ JEV SM
LEAST BITTERN:	1	9/2	SNWR, Sa	DEP
GREAT BLUE HERON:	42	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count, present here tp - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	443 6	9/24 11/11	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count DJP - last date - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
CATTLE EGRET:	1 1	8/13 11/1	Dow Ponds, Mi BCSRA, Ba	MKE - adult age JMS
GREEN HERON:	10 5	8/7 9/7	SNWR, Sa NPSWA, Ba	DJP,DEP JMS
BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON:	57 18	8/20 10/5	Dow Ponds, Mi Shiawassee R. SGA, Sa	MKE KL
TURKEY VULTURE:	231	10/11	SNWR, Sa	SFK - <b>new SBA fall high count</b> - All in view at the same time, an exceptional record for any location in the SBA except PCSP in the spring.
	1	11/13	Essexville, Ba	JMS - last date - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu
OSPREY:	4	8/7	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,RAE
BALD EAGLE:	18	8/1	SNWR, Sa	JB - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN HARRIER:	4 5	8/7 10/11	Tuttle Marsh, Io SNWR, Sa	WWS,RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Tu SFK
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1 2 2 1	8/31 9/5 10/11 11/1	TPSP, Io TPSP, Io SNWR, Sa Bangor Twp., Ba	JZ- also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu WWS,RAE SFK GEP - the observer noted "Checking out the feeders; I guess bird feeders dispense birds - from an accipiter's point of view".
COOPER'S HAWK:	2 2	8/22 11/21	Koylton Twp., Tu Hampton Twp., Ba	JEV - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa JMS
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1	9/1 9/13 - 9/27	Lake Huron shoreline, Io Koylton Twp., Tu	RAE - immature age JEV
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	1 2	8/2 10/25	Tyler Plains, Ar Koylton Twp., Tu	DLJ JEV

BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	4	8/4	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - 1 adult w/3 immature
	1	8/13	FPSWA, Tu	AR,MR
	1	9/20	Seven Mile Rd., Mi	MKE - last date
RED-TAILED HAWK:	5 10 1	8/30 10/11 10/14	TPSP, Io Koylton Twp., Tu SNWR, Sa	WWS,RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi JEV DJP - the perennial wintering dark western bird of intermediate (rufous) morph returns for the 23 <sup>rd</sup> year
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	1	9/22	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - <b>new SBA fall early</b> - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa
GOLDEN EAGLE:	1	11/5	Bridgeport, Sa	LMA
AMERICAN KESTREL:	3	9/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP,DEP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Tu
	2	10/26	Monitor Twp., Ba	GSP
MERLIN:	1	10/1	TPSP, Io	DLJ - also 1 here on 10/17(DLJ)
	1	10/11	PCSP, Hu	MW
	1	10/28	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE
PEREGRINE FALCON:	1	8/7	Karn Plant, Ba	SM - also noted in Mi
	1	9/22	FPSWA, Tu	JEV
	1	10/11	SNWR, Sa	SFK
VIRGINIA RAIL:	4	8/7	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1`	8/22	NPSWA, Ba	JZ - immature age
SORA:	1	8/7	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,RAE
	1	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP
COMMON MOORHEN:	10 11	9/24 9/24 10/1	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa Crow Island SGA, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba RAE - last date
AMERICAN COOT:	126	10/15	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,MI,Tu
	263	10/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
SANDHILL CRANE:	21	8/26	Lake Twp., Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	134	11/19	SNWR, Sa	SFK - peak count
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	1	8/31	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	GSP - first date - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa
	5	10/17	TPSP, Io	DLJ - peak count and last date
AM GOLDEN- PLOVER:	1	8/13	Bayport Quarry, Hu	JEV - first date
	1	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	1	10/1	TPSP, Io	DLJ - last date
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	7	8/7	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu
	1	10/26	SNWR, Sa	DEP - last date
KILLDEER:	130	8/13	Bayport Quarry, Hu	JEV - peak count - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
	2	11/11	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - last date
AMERICAN AVOCET:	2 2	8/3 9/26 - 9/27	LeBourdais Rd., Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	GSP et.al. JML,JZ
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	5	8/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo
	3	9/5	Port Austin, Hu	JMS - last date
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	9	9/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Hu
	1	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	40	9/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	1	11/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu
WILLET:	1	8/31	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	GSP - a nicely documented record
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	50	8/7	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo
	1	11/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
MARBLED GODWIT:	1	8/7 - 8/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP,DEP
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	2 2	8/7 8/10	TPSP, Io LeBourdais Rd., Ba	WWS,RAE,DLJ GSP
RED KNOT:	3	9/2	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	DLJ
SANDERLING:	5	8/3	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	GSP et.al first date - also noted in Io,Sa
	11	8/10	Lebourdais Rd., Ba	GSP - peak count
	3	11/1	BCSRA, Ba	JMS - last date
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	29	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba
	2	9/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
LEAST SANDPIPER:	66 4	8/7 10/27	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo DJP - last date
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	1	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	1	9/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	1	8/3	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	GSP et.al first date
	14	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	9	10/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
DUNLIN:	6	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first fall date - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi
	444	10/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	60	11/11	Ba / Ar Co. line, Ba	JMS,MW - last date
STILT SANDPIPER:	1	8/1	SNWR, Sa	JB - first date
	18	10/7	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	9	10/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
* RUFF:	1	9/20	TPSP, lo	DLJ - The observer has submitted photographic documentation to the MBRC for review. If accepted, this will represent the 1 <sup>st</sup> lo record and the 9 <sup>th</sup> SBA record.
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	4	8/7	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:	10 <b>68</b> 30	9/24 10/27 <b>11/3</b>	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - ID by voice DJP - ID by voice - <b>new SBA peak count</b> DJP - ID by voice and immature plumage - <b>new SBA fall late</b>
DOWITCHER SP:	13	9/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	6	10/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP
WILSON'S SNIPE:	50	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Mi
	1	11/29	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM - last date
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1	8/6	McNally Rd., Mi	MKE
	1	10/25	Quanicassee, Tu	AM

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:	1	8/25	SNWR, Sa	DEP,JDS
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:	2	10/9	SNWR, Sa	DEP,DJP - juvenile age
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	52	10/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
	1200+	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - peak count
RING-BILLED GULL:	1000+	8/20	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
HERRING GULL:	1227	11/1	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi
	50	11/7	Lighthouse Rd., Hu	JEV
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	10/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - first date - also noted in Ba,lo
CASPIAN TERN:	19	8/10	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	GSP - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa
	14	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,MW - last date
COMMON TERN:	43	8/31	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	GSP - also noted in lo
	9	9/2	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	DLJ - last date
BLACK TERN:	2	8/18	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JZ
ROCK PIGEON:	63	9/22	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu
	23	10/9	Bay City, Ba	GSP,EMP
MOURNING DOVE:	140	8/28	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu
	238	11/5	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	1	8/24	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - the observer noted "calling (unsolicited) in my backyard at 1:08 am"
	1	11/7	Midland, Mi	MKE - the observer noted "in my own backyard in broad daylight, presence announced loudly by the locals (jays, chickadees, nuthatches, etc). About 6 feet off the ground, perched in the middle of a spruce bough." - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
GREAT HORNED OWL:	5	10/5	Shiawassee R. SGA, Sa	KL - also noted in Tu
	3	11/29	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM
BARRED OWL:	1	9/1	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ
	1	10/11	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
	1	11/2	Bridgeport, Sa	LMA
LONG-EARED OWL:	3	11/5	SNWR, Sa	DJP
SHORT-EARED OWL:	1	11/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	18	8/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Mi,Tu
	23	8/27	SNWR, Sa	SFK
	20+	8/29	Baldwin Twp., Io	RAE
	2	8/30	Pinconning Twp., Ba	DLJ - last date
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	42	8/10	Saginaw River, Sa	DJP - also noted in Hu,Tu
	2	9/7	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - last date
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	8	9/10	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa
	1	10/15	Midland, Mi	JZ - last date

BELTED KINGFISHER:	10 1	8/14 11/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu,IoTu DJP - last date
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	2 1 3 1	8/2 8/26 9/10 11/28	Tyler Plains, Ar PCSP, Hu Cooke Dam area, Io Alabaster Rd., Io	DLJ - also noted in Sa,Tu MKE - juvenile age WWS JMS
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	1	11/12 11/21	CNC, Mi Hampton Twp., Ba	JML - the observer noted "storing what looked like wild grapes in the roof of our sugarhouse" - also noted in Ar,Hu,Tu JMS - also one noted on 11/24 in Saginaw, Sa (DJP), as this mature woodland nesting species seems to disperse into the more open woodlands of urban areas in late fall.
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	4 1	8/26 11/1	WBSWA, Ar FPSWA, Tu	DLJ - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi JEV
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	6 4	8/3 tp	Bangor Twp., Ba Midland, Mi	GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa,Tu JZ
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	2 1	8/16 tp	Bangor Twp., Ba Midland, Mi	GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu JZ
NORTHERN FLICKER:	6 5	8/6 9/10	Laur Big Salt R. Park, Mi Bangor Twp., Ba	MKE - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu GSP,EMP
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	3 3	8/22 9/10	Price Nature Center, Sa Cooke Dam area, Io	LMA - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi WWS
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	1 1 1	8/7 8/14 8/25 8/28	Dublin Rd., Mi Tittabawassee Trail, Mi 7 Mile Rd, Mi Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE MKE - "white fluff" noted MKE MKE - the observer noted - "Lowest perching OSFL I've seen about 10 feet up at the tip of a <i>toppled</i> dead tree."
	1	9/7	Knight Rd., Ba	JMS
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	10	8/25 <b>10/24</b>	Pine River Park, Mi Saginaw, Sa	MKE - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Tu DJP - <b>new SBA fall late</b> - the observer noted "Dark head, weak eye-ring, long and slim in appearance; an immature age bird w/ wing-bars buff colored".
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	1	8/6	Laur Big Salt R. Park, Mi	MKE
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCTCHR:	1 1	8/13 <b>10/8</b>	Pigeon Rd. access, Hu Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	JEV MKE - new SBA fall late - the observer noted "the size of the palm warblers flitting all aboutsaw the bird back and front vivid white wingbars and even crisp lightedged primaries on an olive brown bird Active little duffer with wing-flicks, tail twitches. Then the front. Yellow! Belly, undertail coverts, and bingothroat. Olive wash between throat and belly areas. Eye
				ring noted. Short bill. A wonderful colorful sight".

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	1 3	8/2 8/31	Pine River Park, Mi TPSP, Io	MKE - also noted in Sa JZ - last date
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	1 1	8/26 8/26	Wilderness Arboretum, Hu WBSWA, Ar	MKE DLJ
EMPIDONAX SP:	10	8/7	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE,DLJ
EASTERN PHOEBE:	4 2	8/7 10/13	TPSP, Io Coggins Rd., Ba	WWS,RAE,DLJ - also noted in Mi,Tu,Sa JZ - last date
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	3 1	8/7 10/10	Wahl Rd., Sa Koylton Twp., Tu	KL - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu JEV - last date, one day shy of SBA late
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	20+ 2	8/7 9/22	TPSP, Io FPSWA, Tu	WWS,RAE,DLJ JEV - last date - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	1	8/26	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Sa
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	2	8/26 10/17	WBSWA, Ar Koylton Twp., Tu	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Hu JEV - last date
WARBLING VIREO:	1 1	8/26 9/5	PCSP, Hu TPSP, Io	MKE WWS,RAE - last date
RED-EYED VIREO:	6 3	8/31 9/19	TPSP, Io SNWR, Sa	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi DJP - the observer noted: "a pair with a juvenile begging for food" - also 3 noted this date in Tu (JEV)
BLUE JAY:	500+	10/1	TPSP, lo	DLJ - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi.Sa,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	500 97	10/6 11/11	Bridgeport, Sa M-65 / Hale area, lo	LMA - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Tu JMS,MW
COMMON RAVEN:	2 3	9/5 10/4	TPSP, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS,RAE WWS
HORNED LARK:	29 35	9/30 11/11	SNWR, Sa Mt. Haley Twp., Mi	DJP - also noted in Hu,Tu GEV,MAL
PURPLE MARTIN:	50 4	8/13 <b>9/22</b>	Ridge Rd., Hu FPSWA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,lo JEV - <b>new SBA fall late</b> - 1 male and 3 female / immature
TREE SWALLOW:	912 20	9/7 10/17	NPSWA, Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	JMS - peak count - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu MKE - last date
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	12 1	8/7 <b>10/14</b>	East Tawas, Io SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Tu DJP <b>- ties SBA fall late</b>
BANK SWALLOW:	3 2	8/12 8/13	LeBourdais Rd., Ba FPSWA, Tu	GSP JEV
CLIFF SWALLOW:	2	9/7 <b>9/28</b>	NPSWA, Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Tu DJP - <b>new SBA fall late</b>
BARN SWALLOW:	62 2	8/23 10/11	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu SFK - last date

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	30	11/12	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
	up to 12	tp	Midland, Mi	JEV
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	20+	10/11	PCSP, Hu	MW - ties SBA peak count - the observer noted "probably 40+/- they were in every direction in oak savannah." - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
	1	11/12	CNC, Mi	JML - the observer noted "tearing apart an old (bald-faced) hornet nest". The compiler has observed this activity as well, as these birds (presumably) forage for larva that did not mature before end of the season.
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	1	8/10	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
	1	8/26	PCSP, Hu	MKE - also noted in lo,Mi,Sa
	8	11/15	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	6	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
	4	11/4	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
BROWN CREEPER:	2	10/12	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Io,Tu
	3	11/15	SNWR (GPELC), Sa	DLJ
CAROLINA WREN:	6	8/13	Mt. Haley Twp., Mi	KB - a pair w/ their 4 juveniles - ties SBA peak count - 1 noted here 11/15 as well
	1	11/28	Albee Twp., Sa	JDS
HOUSE WREN:	3	8/23	NPSWA, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa
	1	9/7	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - last date
WINTER WREN:	1	9/28	Midland, Mi	MKE - first date
	2	10/15	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba
	1	10/25	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE
MARSH WREN:	2	8/22	NPSWA, Ba	JZ - also noted in Sa,Hu
	3	11/25	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM - last date
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	12	10/1	TPSP, Io	DLJ - first date
	25	10/17	TPSP, Io	DLJ - peak count
	1	11/11	River Rd., Io	JMS,MW - also noted in Ba.Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	1	9/26	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - first date
	11	10/17	Midland, Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,Sa
	1	10/26	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	10	8/7	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ
	5	8/26	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
	1	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR - last date
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	20 44	9/26 10/25	Koylton Twp., Tu Pine River Park, Mi	JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa MKE - peak count - The observer noted "During this season, it's especially wonderful when I happen upon sizable bluebird parties alternately feeding in the grasses then flitting up into the trees (it's like they are taking turns being the look- outs) all the while issuing their plaintive little calls. Then all of a suddenpoof they all lift off together and fly to their next favored feeding spot."

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:	2	9/22	FPSWA, Tu	JEV
	1	9/27	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
	1	10/3	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	4	9/30	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu
	1	10/9	Schrieber Rd., Mi	MKE - last date
HERMIT THRUSH:	7	10/13	Loosemore Rd., Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa
	1	11/1	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - last date
WOOD THRUSH:	2 1	9/30 11/27	Koylton Twp., Tu Saginaw, Sa	JEV - also noted in Ba DJP - the observer noted "As I looked out the kitchen window, a thrush flew past and landed in the grape vines 15' from me. I expected a lingering HETH, but instead found the bright rusty cap / nape, heavy / bold black spotted undersides, and rich brown rump / tail of a WOTH".
AMERICAN ROBIN:	200+	10/25	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu
	2	11/29	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM
GRAY CATBIRD:	14 1	9/20 10/27	Patterson Rd., Mi Bangor Twp., Ba	MKE - peak count - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu GSP,EMP - last date
BROWN THRASHER:	3	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR
	2	9/23	Patterson Rd., Mi	MKE
EUROPEAN STARLING:	1000+	11/12	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN PIPIT:	25+	9/23	Freeland Sewage Ponds, Sa	JZ - first date - also noted in Hu,lo
	54	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	14	11/6	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
CEDAR WAXWING:	77	8/24	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
	300	10/9	Schrieber Rd., Mi	MKE - peak count
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	1	8/2	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar
	1	9/15	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - last date
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	1	8/2	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE
	1	8/23	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	1	9/15	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
	1	<b>10/25</b>	Grindstone City, Hu	KO,SJ - <b>new SBA fall late</b>
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:	1	8/31	TPSP, Io	JZ - also noted in Tu
	2	9/5	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE
	1	10/8	Mayville, Tu	MW
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	6	8/31	TPSP, Io	JZ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
	6	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR
	1	10/12	Ingersoll Twp., Mi	MKE - last date
NORTHERN PARULA:	2 3	9/10 9/22	Cooke Dam area, lo FPSWA, Tu	WWS - also noted in Ba JEV - last date
YELLOW WARBLER:	6	8/7	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE,DLJ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
	2	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR - last date

CHESNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	2	8/19	northwest Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba
	3	8/31	TPSP, Io	JZ
	1	9/22	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - last date
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	1	8/26	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu
	14	9/5	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE - peak count
	1	10/4	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	2	8/30 - 8/31	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE,JZ - also noted in Ba
	1	10/3	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:	2	8/31 10/9	TPSP, lo Schrieber Rd., Mi	JZ - also noted in Ba,Tu MKE - a female - last date
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	1	8/7	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu
	18	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR
	1	11/15	SNWR (GPELC), Sa	DLJ - last date
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	1	8/24	Deford SGA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu
	2	8/31	TPSP, Io	JZ
	1	10/6	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	1	8/26	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ
	3	8/30	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE
	3	9/22	FPSWA, Tu	JEV
	1	9/26	Bangor Twp., Ba	EMP - last date, here and in Tu (JEV)
PINE WARBLER:	1	9/22	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Io
	1	10/18	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE
PALM WARBLER:	1	9/7	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - first date - also noted in lo,Sa,Tu
	20	10/8	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - peak count
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:	1	8/27	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu
	3	8/31	TPSP, Io	JZ
	1	9/27	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:	1	9/4	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
	21	9/5	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE - also noted in Hu
	1	10/4	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	2 2 1	8/28 8/30 10/10	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi Pinconning Twp., Ba Koylton Twp., Tu	MKE - also noted in Ar,lo DLJ JEV - last date
AMERICAN REDSTART:	5	8/26	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu
	15	9/5	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE
	1	<b>10/12</b>	Averill Preserve, Mi	JZ <b>- new SBA fall late</b>
OVENBIRD:	1	8/19	northwest Ar	DLJ
	1	8/30	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE
	1	9/12	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	3	9/5	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:	1	8/7	Wahl Rd., Sa	KL - photographed
MOURNING WARBLER:	1	8/27	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
	1	9/11	TPSP, Io	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR - last date

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	12	8/2	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar, Hu, Io, Sa, Tu
	1	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS, MW - last date
WILSON'S WARBLER:	1	8/25	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - first date
	4	8/31	TPSP, Io	JZ
	4	9/9	Filion Rd, Hu	JEV
	1	9/15	Bangor Tp., Ba	GSP,EMP - last date
CANADA WARBLER:	1	8/19	northwest Ar	DLJ - also noted in lo
	1	9/7	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - last date
SCARLET TANAGER:	2 1	8/2 11/20	Pine River Park, Mi Midland, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba JZR per JML - identification by JZ using photos - a female - visiting a feeder - Interestingly, four of the five previous SBA SCTA records from October thru winter are also from Midland.
EASTERN TOWHEE:	4	8/19	northwest Ar	DLJ - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu
	1	10/12	Averill Preserve, Mi	JZ - last date
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	1	10/11	SNWR, Sa	SFK - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi
	237	11/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
CHIPPING SPARROW:	30	8/28	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
	1	10/30	Mayville, Tu	MW - last date
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	8	9/19	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - the observer confirmed separation from CHSP by plumage
	2	10/8	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - the observer confirmed separation from CHSP by plumage and silhouette.
FIELD SPARROW:	1	10/16	LeBourdais Rd., Ba	JMS,MW
	1	10/25	Harbor Beach, Hu	KO,SJ
VESPER SPARROW:	1	9/16	Phillips Rd., Tu	JEV
* NELSON'S SPARROW:	1	10/5	Verona SGA, Hu	BR,JEV - If accepted by the MBRC, (documentation has been submitted for review), this will represent the 1 <sup>st</sup> Hu record and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> SBA record.
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	36	8/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Mi,Tu
	8	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
FOX SPARROW:	1	10/4	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - first date
	6	10/16	Pinconning Twp., Ba	DLJ - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
	1	11/23	Bangor Twp., Ba	GEP,EMP
SONG SPARROW:	8	10/5	Verona SGA, Hu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
	4	11/1	SNWR, Sa	JEV - last date
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	1	8/2	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE - singing immature age bird - notably
	2	9/9 10/12	Filion Rd., Hu Ingersoll Twp., Mi	early for non-breeding location JEV MKE - last date - singing
SWAMP SPARROW:	4	8/18	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JZ - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
	1	11/16	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	8 ~80	9/11 10/12	TPSP, Io Averill Preserve, Mi	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR JZ - peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu	
	1	11/26	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP	
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	3	10/1	TPSP, Io	DLJ - first date - also noted in Mi,Sa	
	30	10/13	Grindstone City, Hu	MKE - peak count	
	1	10/22	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - last date	
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	26	9/10	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu	
	30	11/30	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE	
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	1	10/15	Hope Twp., Mi	MKE - first date	
	13	11/22	Albee Twp., Sa	JDS	
SNOW BUNTING:	1	10/20	MCV Ponds, Mi	MKE - first date	
	25	10/25	Corsair, Io	GN,TN - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa	
	75	11/11	Mt. Haley Twp., Mi	GEV,MAL	
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	28	8/22	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa	
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	8	8/15	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa	
	1	9/29	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - last date	
INDIGO BUNTING:	4	8/6	McNally Rd., Mi	MKE - also noted in Sa,Tu	
	1	8/12	BCSRA, Ba	GSP,EMP	
BOBOLINK:	44	9/7	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Tu	
	2	9/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date	
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	~2000	9/7	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Hu	
	~4000	11/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP	
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	5	9/30	SNWR, Sa	SFK - also noted in Mi	
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	1	8/2	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP	
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	5 <b>1500</b>	9/27 11/10	Koylton Twp., Tu SNWR, Sa	JEV - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi LMA - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - the observer noted "The flock was close and I was able to scan for over 20 minutes."	
COMMON GRACKLE:	200	9/19	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Sa,Tu	
	5	11/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS	
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	20	10/11	SNWR, Sa	SFK - also noted in Ba	
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	2	8/7	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE	
	1	8/28	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE - on nest	
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	28	8/2	Pine River Park, Mi	MKE - in a single flock, all immature age birds - peak count	
	1	9/11	TPSP, lo	WWS,RAE,DLJ,BB,PR - last date - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu	
PURPLE FINCH:	3	8/10	Albee Twp., Sa	JDS - also noted in Mi	
	2	10/5	Mayville, Tu	MW	
	2	11/12	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP	
HOUSE FINCH:	10	10/11	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa	
	11	10/28	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP	

PINE SISKIN:	1	10/5	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP, EMP
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	45	8/26	Sumac Island access, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu
	77	10/5	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP
EVENING GROSBEAK:	5	11/6	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - first date
	12	11/18	Tittabawassee Trail, Mi	MKE
HOUSE SPARROW:	42	8/2	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu

TOTAL: 231 Species

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#### **Observers:**

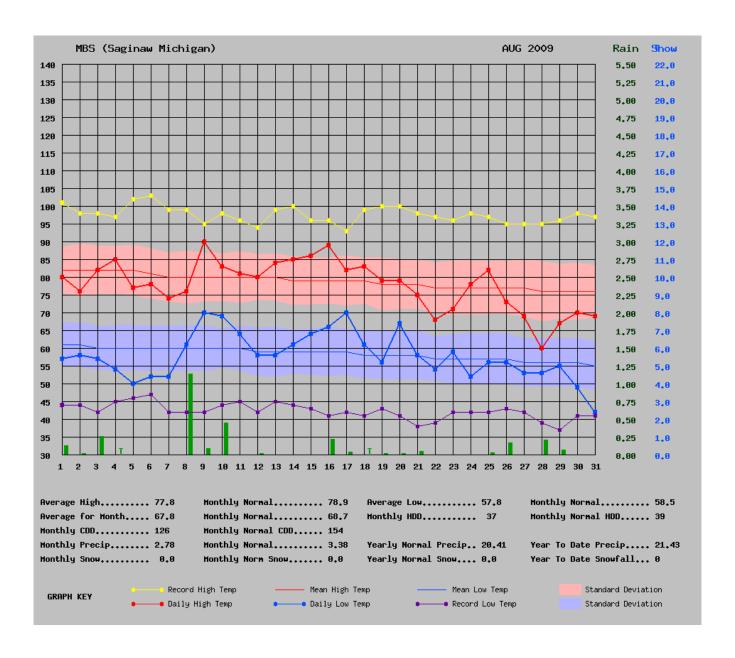
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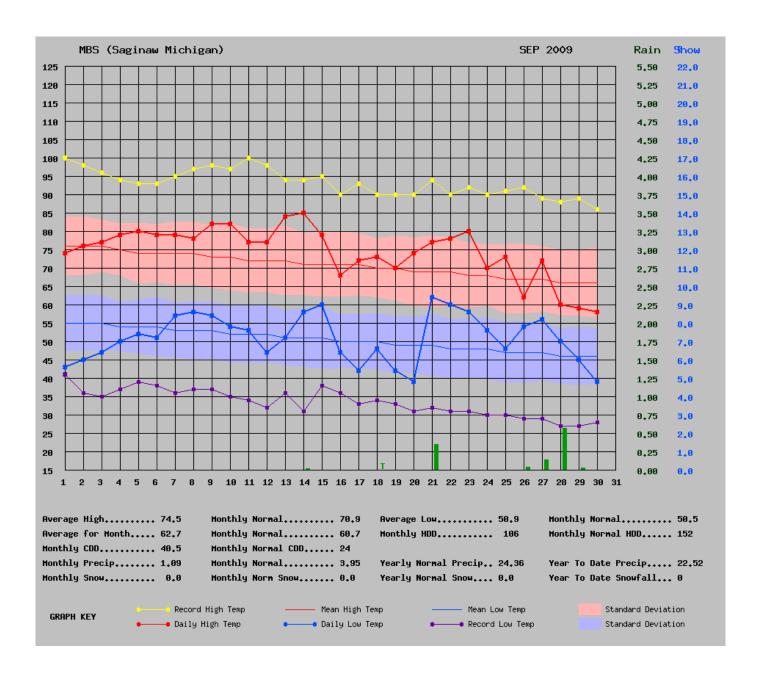
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Ва	Bay County	Sa	Saginaw County
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
<b>FPSWA</b>	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SGA	State Game Area
GPELC	Green Point Environmental Learning Cntr	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
Hu	Huron County	tp	throughout entire or remainder of period
lo	losco County	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	Tu	Tuscola County
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond)	WBSWA	Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area
Mi	Midland County		

<sup>\*</sup>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).

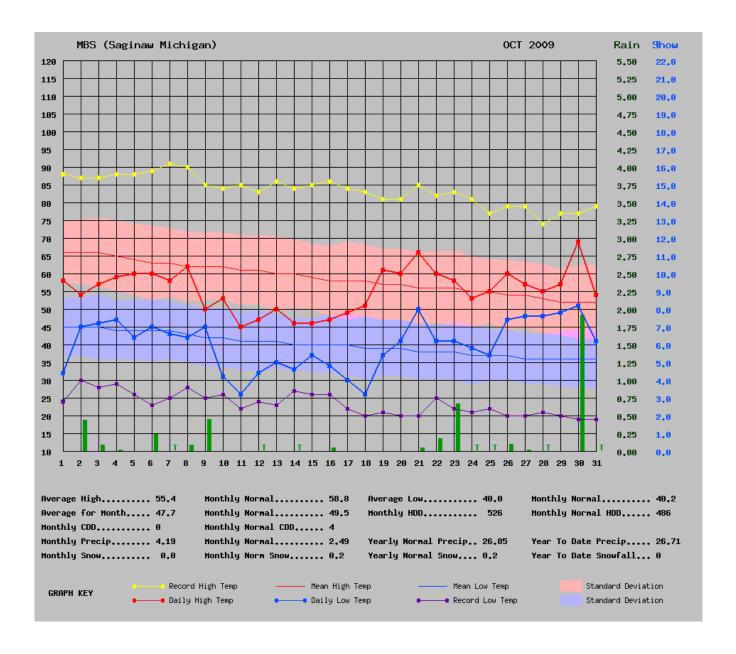
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