

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

March 1 through May 31, 1988

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Summary:

This was probably the best spring on record in the SBA area for rare and unusual birds. At the top of the list were three state rarities: Green-tailed Towhee, Ruff and Mississippi Kite. Unfortunately all three were seen for less than 24 hours and only by a handful of lucky observers, even though the Kite was in a residential area of Midland and the Towhee was by the guard hut at the Karn Plant! The supporting cast of other good birds this spring included Red-throated Loon, Red-necked and Eared Grebes, Snowy Egret, Peregrine, Marbled and Hudsonian Godwits, Baird's Sandpiper, Little Gull, Connecticut Warbler and Dickcissel. Unusual birds holding territories in the area included Saw-whet Owl, Prothonotary Warbler and Henslow's Sparrow. A grand total of 241 species was recorded in the SBA during the period.

Waterfowl seemed down at several locations such as Fish Point in March. Common migrants were hard to find in the first weeks of May due to north winds and clear skies, consequently there were few very early arrival dates. Semipalmated Plovers and Wilson's Phalaropes were distinctly commoner than usual, Indigo Buntings and Nighthawks appeared down, and Willow and Alder Flycatchers arrived later than usual.

A Big Day attempt on May 16 was very successful despite being somewhat hampered by strong north winds and poor migration. The route included Tawas, Mio, the Bay "hot-spots" and Tuscola County. 170 species were recorded despite many "easy" misses such as Black-and-White Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow and Snipe. This is the second best Michigan total after the record of 175 obtained in SE Michigan. Perhaps 180+ is possible next year?

SIGHTINGS

COMMON LOON:

1 4/23, 5/7 Consumer's Pond, Mi RW, TW Not common inland
5/28

1 5/6, 5/20 Tawas Point, Io CF

RED-THROATED LOON:

2 5/28 Consumer's Pond, Mi RW Rare inland, 2nd Midland record.

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

1 3/14 Saginaw R. mouth, Ba RW 1st of spring.

HORNED GREBE:

3 3/26 Midland RA

1 4/17 Fish Point, Tu CF

1 4/18 Quanicassee, Tu JS, RW

22 4/23 Dow & Consumer's Ponds, Mi RW High number inland.

RED-NECKED GREBE:

3 4/28 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RW Most SBA records have also been inland.

EARED GREBE:

1 4/15 Au Sable R. mouth, Io RA

1 5/28tp Dow Ponds, Mi RW, TW 3rd record here in 3 years.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

5 3/30 Karn Plant, Ba JS, RW

50 4/23 Karn Plant, Ba CF

10 max. 4/17 tp Consumer's Pond, Mi TW

9 4/23 Chippewa NC, Mi TW 1st CNC record.

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1 4/22 Kawkawlin Cr, Ba RA

1 4/26 Tuscola Co MW

1 5/16 Nayanquing, Ba BDT

LEAST BITTERN:

1 5/23 Houghton Lk., Ro CF

1 5/27 Oak Grove, Ba JS

1 5/29 Nayanquing, Ba G&EP, MW

3 on territory in S Tuscola and N Lapeer Co.'s (MW)

GREAT BLUE HERON:

2 3/12 Karn Plant, Ba JS, RW

GREAT EGRET:

1 4/23 Fish Point, Tu CF 1st of year.

1 5/11 Gladwin Co. RA

1 5/15 Kawkawlin Flood., Mi GZ 2 uncommon inland records.

6 5/30 Tobico, Ba JS Highest number seen.

SNOWY EGRET:

1 5/30 Tobico, Ba JS, RW

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

1 5/5 Bay Co. G&EP 1st of year

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:

30 max 4/21 tp Karn Plant, Ba JS

TUNDRA SWAN:

Several records of flocks of hundreds from 3/10 to late March.

2500 3/21 Tuscola Co CF Largest number.

512 3/16 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RWei Peak count.

1 5/21 Freeland SP, Sa MH Late date

MUTE SWAN:

Seen on and off through period in Mi and Ba.

CANADA GOOSE:

4500 max	thru Mar	Fish Point, Tu	MO	
3000	3/5	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	A high number for location.
16309	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RW	Peak count

SNOW GOOSE:

4	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei
1	4/1	Tuscola Co.	MW

WOOD DUCK:

22	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count
1	3/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

	3/20	Quanicassee, Tu	TW	1st of spring.
485	4/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

Seen through period, but uncommon in late May.

965	3/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.
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MALLARD:

Common through period.

3918	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.
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NORTHERN PINTAIL:

2	3/5	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	1st of spring.
150	3/12	Fish Point, Tu	JS	
274	4/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

	3/26	Fish Point, Tu	RA	1st of spring.
108	4/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

NORTHERN SHOVELER:

2	3/26	Quanicassee, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
119	4/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

GADWALL:

2	3/18	Quanicassee, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
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AMERICAN WIGEON:

2	3/10	Quanicassee, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
126	4/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

CANVASBACK:

Small flocks (<20) in late Mar and early April.

3	3/14	Saginaw R. mouth, Ba	RW	1st of spring.
30	3/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	
46	3/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.
1	5/30-6/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	Late date.

REDHEAD:

10	3/14	Saginaw R. mouth, Ba	RW	1st of spring.
111	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

RING-NECKED DUCK:

1	3/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
pair	5/22	Houghton Lk. Ro	CF	
151	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

GREATER SCAUP:

3	3/5	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW, TW	1st of spring.
7 max	3/27-4/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW, RW	

LESSER SCAUP:

4	3/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
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300	4/3	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
241	4/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

OLDSQUAW:

1	4/16	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
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WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:

4	5/22-23	Tawas Pt, Io	MH	
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COMMON GOLDENEYE:
Seen from beginning of period to 4/23.

100 max	3/5-4/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	
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BUFFLEHEAD:

3	3/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
	5/12	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	last of spring.
59	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

HOODED MERGANSER:

pair	3/5	Karn Plant, Ba	TW	1st of spring.
11	3/27	Fish Point, Tu	TW	
8	3/27	Quanicassee, Tu	TW	
1	5/16	Nayanquing, Ba	BDT	

COMMON MERGANSER:
Seen from beginning of period to 5/16.

890	3/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.
1 male	5/16	Tawas Point, Io	BDT	

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:

50 max	3/5-5/4	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW, TW	
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RUDDY DUCK:
Small numbers through period.

1	3/5	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW, TW, CF	1st of spring.
139	4/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RWei	Peak count.

TURKEY VULTURE:
Frequent through period after late Mar.

	3/23	Mi & Tu	CF, MW	1st of spring.
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OSPREY:

1	4/10	Tuscola Co.	MW	
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Several records through period - more than last year.

MISSISSIPPI KITE:

1 imm.	5/22-23	Midland, Mi	RA, CF, RG	1st SBA and 4th Mich. record.
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BALD EAGLE:
Active nests in Iosco County (CF) and at Shiawassee (RG).

1	3/18	Fish Pt., Tu	MW	
1	4/22	Kawkawlin Flood., Mi	RA	

NORTHERN HARRIER:
Singles seen occasionally throughout period.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:
Singles seen occasionally throughout period.

COOPER'S HAWK:
Singles seen occasionally throughout period.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK:

1	4/21	Tuscola Co.	MW	Only record.
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RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:

1	3/19	Fish Point, Tu	CF	
1	5/16	Nayanquing, Ba	BDT	

On territory at Murphy Lake, Tu (MW).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK:

1	4/17	Quanicassee, Tu	CF	
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Nesting in Midland city limits, Mi

CF

Late and few in Tuscola Co. (MW)

RED-TAILED HAWK:

Seen frequently through period.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:

1 3/9 Saginaw, Sa
1 3/15 Karn Plant, Ba
1 4/5 Tuscola Co.

JS
RW
G&EP, MW

AMERICAN KESTREL:

Seen often through period.

MERLIN:

1 5/6 Tawas Point, Io
1 5/28 Tawas Pt, Io

CF
RW

PEREGRINE FALCON:

1 5/13 Nayanquing, Ba

RW

RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

Seen fairly often through period.

RUFFED GROUSE:

Reported from Tawas Pt., Kawkwlin Flooding, Tuscola (nest) and Gladwin Co.'s.

WILD TURKEY:

25 max April Midland, Mi TW

NORTHERN BOBWHITE:

2 5/31 Hampton Twp., Ba JS

Good numbers on territory in Mayville area, Tu (6 on 4/8) (MW)

KING RAIL:

1 heard 5/16 Nayanquing, Ba BDT
1 heard 5/31 Crow Island, Sa MH

Same site as last year.

VIRGINIA RAIL:

1 5/15 Tuscola Co MW
1 5/16, 19 Nayanquing, Ba BDT, CF
1 5/22 Crow I, Sa TW

SORA:

1 4/28 Shiawassee, Sa RW 1st of year.

COMMON MOORHEN:

1 4/21 Shiawassee, Sa RG 1st of year.

AMERICAN COOT:

1 3/18 Karn Plant, Ba JS 1st of year.

SANDHILL CRANE:

2 pr 4/9 tp Molasses R. Flood., Gl CF

Nesting in Tuscola Co. at same site as last year(per MW).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

2 5/10 Karn Plant, Ba JS 1st of year.
35 5/28 Nayanquing, Ba RW

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER:

5/4 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.
2 5/7 Quanicassee, Tu TW, CF
1 5/22 Nayanquing, Ba TW

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:

Numbers up everywhere this spring.

1 5/3 Quanicassee, Tu RW 1st of year.
125 5/25 Shiawassee, Sa RW

KILLDEER:

1 3/2 Oak Grove, Ba JS 1st of year.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

1	3/23	Fish Pt., Tu	RW	1st of year.
50	4/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
2	5/29	Nayanquing, Ba	TW, RW, CF	Late.
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:				
1	4/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of year.
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:				
1	4/30	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of year.
4	5/16	Quanicassee, Tu	BDT	Highest number.
WILLET:				
1	5/10	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Now recorded annually.
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:				
1	4/28	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of year.
UPLAND SANDPIPER:				
	5/13	Caro, Tu	MW	Only record.
WHIMBREL:				
4,2	5/21,28	Tawas Pt., Tu	RW	
HUDSONIAN GODWIT:				
2	5/13	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	
1	5/20	Shiawassee, Sa	RG	
MARbled GODWIT:				
1	5/16-21	Quanicassee, Tu	BDT, CF	
RUDDY TURNSTONE:				
1	5/15	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, TW	1st of year.
[RED KNOT: no records]				
SANDERLING:				
2	5/9	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	1st of year.
12	5/30	Nayanquing, Ba	JS	
10	5/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:				
2	5/16	Tobico, Ba	BDT	1st of year.
100	5/30	Nayanquing, Ba	JS	
200	5/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
LEAST SANDPIPER:				
12	5/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	1st of year.
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:				
5	5/23	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of year.
1	5/29	Nayanquing, Ba	TW, RW, CF	
4	5/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:				
1	5/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	An unusual spring record.
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:				
7	3/23	Fish Pt., Tu	RW	1st of year.
200	5/7	Quanicassee, Tu	TW	
DUNLIN:				
2	4/3	Nayanquing, Ba	RW, MH	1st of year.
RUFF:				
1	5/28	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	2nd SBA record.
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:				
Small numbers in mid-May at usual locations.				
2	5/7	Quanicassee, Tu	TW	1st of year.
25	5/16	Tawas Pt., Io	BDT	
COMMON SNIPE:				
1	3/26	Fish Pt., Tu	MW, RW	1st of year.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK:

3/25	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of year.
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RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:

1	5/30tp	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW
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WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

Large numbers this year.

1	5/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of year.
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7	5/21	Freeland SP, Sa	MH
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8	5/22	SRDDI, Ba	RW
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10	5/29	Nayanquing, Ba	TW, RW, CF
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4	May	Shiawassee	RW
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1	5/29	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
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BONAPARTE'S GULL:

6	4/3	Fish Point, Tu	TW	1st of spring.
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LITTLE GULL:

1	5/8	Tawas Pt., Io	MW
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RING-BILLED GULL:

Common through period.

HERRING GULL:

Present through period.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

1	3/12	Quanicassee, Tu	JS, RW	Not frequent in spring.
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GLAUCOUS GULL:

1	4/1	Bayport, Hu	RW, MW
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CASPIAN TERN:

4/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW
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COMMON TERN:

4/29	Bay City, Ba	JS	1st of year.
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25 prs on piers in Saginaw R. between Veteran's and Lafayette bridges in Bay City.

FORSTER'S TERN:

1	4/3	Fish Point, Tu	TW	1st of year; early.
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BLACK TERN:

5	5/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	1st of year.
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ROCK DOVE:

Common through period.

MOURNING DOVE:

Common through period.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	5/16	Juniata, Tu	BDT	1st of year.
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YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	5/15	Kawkawlin Flood., Mi	GZ	1st of year
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	5/29	Tuscola Co.	MW
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1	5/31	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF
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SCREECH OWL:

6 heard	3/12	Tuscola Co.	MW
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GREAT HORNED OWL:

Noted through period.

SNOWY OWL:

3	3/5	Karn Plant, Ba	TW, RW
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3	3/27	Quanicassee, Tu	TW, CF
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1	4/10	Nayanquing, Ba	G&EP
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BARRED OWL:

Noted occasionally through period in Midland, Gladwin, Saginaw & Tuscola Co.'s.

SHORT-EARED OWL:

1 3/8 Shiawassee NWR, Sa R.Weide (per CF)

1 5/6 Tawas Pt., Io CF

SAW-WHET OWL:

1 dead 3/15 Midland Co. CF

On territory in Tuscola Co. from 4/10 (MW)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

Only a few noted in SBA.

1 5/8 Fish Pt., Tu RW 1st of year.

WHIP-POOR-WILL:

Many singing on nesting grounds in Iosco Co on 5/16 (BDT).

1 5/16 Tawas Pt., Io BDT

CHIMNEY SWIFT:

1 4/26 Bay City JS 1st of year.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

3 5/8 Tawas Pt, Io G&EP, MW 1st of year.

20+ 5/16 Tawas Pt., Io BDT

BELTED KINGFISHER:

1 3/5 Karn Plant, Ba RW 1st of spring.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

1 5/9 Midland Co. CF

50 5/8 Tawas Pt., Io MW Very high number.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:

Present through period.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:

1 4/2 Shiawassee, Sa RW 1st of spring.

1 5/8 Gladwin Co. CF

DOWNY WOODPECKER:

Common through period.

HAIRY WOODPECKER:

Common through period.

NORTHERN FLICKER:

Common through period.

PILEATED WOODPECKER:

1 3/21 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

[OLIVE-SIDED & YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: no records]

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:

5/16 tp SBA MO

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

Present on territory at Murphy Lake, Tu. from 5/14(MW)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:

1 5/16 Nayanquing, Ba BDT 1st of year.

ALDER FLYCATCHER:

5/13 Bay Co. RA

2 5/28 Tawas Pt. Tu RW

LEAST FLYCATCHER:

5/8 Gladwin Co. CF 1st of year.

EASTERN PHOEBE:

3/24 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER:

5/6 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

EASTERN KINGBIRD:

4/30 Kawkawlin Flood., Mi GZ *'s down at Chippewa NC, Mi.

HORNED LARK:

Common through period.

PURPLE MARTIN:

2 4/17 Fish Pt., Tu CF 1st of year.

TREE SWALLOW:

1 3/17 Dow Ponds, Mi RW 1st of year.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:

3 4/21 Shiawassee, Sa RW 1st of year.

BANK SWALLOW:

5/4 Karn Plant JS 1st of year.

CLIFF SWALLOW:

1 5/7 Tawas Pt., Io MW 1st of year.

BARN SWALLOW:

1 4/12 Hampton Twp., Ba JS 1st of year.

BLUE JAY:

Common through period.

AMERICAN CROW:

Common through period.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:

Common through period.

TUFTED TITMOUSE:

Common through period.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

3/18-4/28 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Common through period.

BROWN CREEPER:

Noted through period.

HOUSE WREN:

5/3 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

WINTER WREN:

3 5/1 Tawas Pt., Tu RW

1 5/12 Oak Grove, Ba JS

Late record for non-breeder.

On territory at Murphy Lake, Tu from 5/1 (MW).

SEDGE WREN:

Present on territory in Tuscola Co from 5/25 (MW).

MARSH WREN:

5/5 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:

3/6 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:

4/13 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

1 5/21 Tawas Pt., Tu RW Late date.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:

2 5/3 Tawas Pt. G&EP 1st of year.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD:

3/9 Tuscola Co. MW Some winter in Tu.

VEERY:

1 5/8 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

[GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: no records]

SWAINSON'S THRUSH:

5/9 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

HERMIT THRUSH:

4/13 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

WOOD THRUSH:

5/2	Tuscola Co	MW	1st of year.
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AMERICAN ROBIN:

3/6	Midland, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
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GRAY CATBIRD:

3	5/8	Fish Pt., Tu	RW	1st of year.
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NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:

1	5/6-8	Tawas Pt, Io	CF, G&EP, MW	
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1	5/12	Saginaw Co.	CF	
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BROWN THRASHER:

1	4/27	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	1st of year.
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WATER PIPIT:

1	5/1	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
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1	5/16	Tawas Pt., Io	BDT	Fewer than usual.
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CEDAR WAXWING:

Common through period.

NORTHERN SHRIKE:

1	3/2-5	Fish Pt, Tu	JS, RW	
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1	3/25	Gladwin Co.	RA	
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1	4/1	Huron Co.	MW, RW	
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STARLING:

Common through period.

SOLITARY VIREO:

Singing on territory in Iosco Co. from 5/7 (MW, BDT)

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:

1	5/16	Tawas Pt., Io	BDT	1st of year.
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WARBLING VIREO:

5	5/6	Shiawassee, Ba	RG	1st of year.
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PHILADELPHIA VIREO:

	5/9	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of year.
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	5/25	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	Last record.
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RED-EYED VIREO:

	5/9	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of year.
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BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:

2	5/3	Tawas Pt., Io	G&EP	1st of year.
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GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:

Several pairs on territory in Tuscola Co. from 5/12 (MW)

1 Brewster's Warbler at Tawas on 5/8 (G&EP, MW)

TENNESSEE WARBLER:

	5/8	Tawas Pt, Io	G&EP, MW	1st of year.
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	5/20	SBA	CF	Last record.
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[ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: no records]

NASHVILLE WARBLER:

	5/3	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of year.
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NORTHERN PARULA:

1	5/21	Tawas Pt., Tu	RW	Only record.
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YELLOW WARBLER:

1	5/4	Karn Plant, Ba	RW	1st of year.
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CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:

	5/6	SBA	MO	1st of year.
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MAGNOLIA WARBLER:

1	4/30	Kawkawlin Flood., Mi	GZ	1st of year, early.
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CAPE MAY WARBLER:

8	5/8	Fish Pt., Tu	RW	1st of year.
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BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:				
5/9	SBA	CF	1st of year.	
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:				
4/20	SBA	CF	1st of year.	
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:				
5/3	Tawas Pt., Io	G&EP	1st of year.	
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:				
5/6	SBA	MO	1st of year.	
PINE WARBLER:				
1	5/1 Tawas Pt., Io	RW	1st of year.	
PALM WARBLER:				
1	5/1 Tawas Pt., Io	RW	1st of year.	
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:				
5/6	SBA	CF	1st of year.	
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:				
1	5/16 Tawas Pt., Io	BDT	1st of year.	
1	5/28 Tawas Pt., Io	RW	Last record.	
[CERULEAN WARBLER: no records]				
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:				
1	5/5 Shiawassee, Sa	RG	1st of year.	
AMERICAN REDSTART:				
5/12	SBA	CF, JS	1st of year.	
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:				
1	5/27 Shiawassee	RG	Return to last year's site.	
OVENBIRD:				
5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of year.	
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:				
5/1	Arenac Co.	RW	1st of year.	
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:				
On territory at Murphy Lake, Tu from 4/24				
CONNECTICUT WARBLER:		MW		
1	5/21 Jennison NC, Ba	T. Wells, K. Overman	Rare in SBA.	
MOURNING WARBLER:				
5/14	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of year.	
1	5/16, 20 Tawas Pt., Io	BDT, CF		
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:				
5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of year.	
WILSON'S WARBLER:				
1	5/12 Oak Grove, Ba	JS	1st of year.	
1	5/28 Tawas Pt., Io	RW		
CANADA WARBLER:				
5/14	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of year.	
SCARLET TANAGER:				
5/8	SBA	CF	1st of year.	
NORTHERN CARDINAL:				
Common through period.				
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:				
5/1	Midland	GZ	1st of year.	
INDIGO BUNTING:				
10	5/13 Tawas Pt., Io	RW	1st of year.	
DICKCISSEL:				
1	5/8 Tawas Pt., Io	MW		

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE:

1 5/14 Karn Plant, Ba RW,JS,MW 2nd SBA record and the first spring Michigan record.

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:

3/14 Midland Co. CF 1st of spring.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:

1 4/27 Oak Grove, Ba JS Last record.

CHIPPING SPARROW:

1 4/4 Midland, Mi TW 1st of year, early.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:

1 5/21 Tawas Pt., Io RW An uncommon migrant.

1 5/15 Murphy Lake, Tu MW

FIELD SPARROW:

3/31 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

VESPER SPARROW:

15 4/3 Fish Pt., Tu TW 1st of year.

SAVANNAH SPARROW:

1 3/25 Dow Ponds, Mi RW 1st of year, early.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

On territory in several locations in Tuscola Co. from 5/11 (MW)

HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

1 on territory in Tuscola Co. from 5/4 (MW)

FOX SPARROW:

3/29 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

5 3/23 Shiawassee, Sa RG

2 4/15 Oak Grove, Ba JS Last record.

SONG SPARROW:

Common through period.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

1 4/21 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year, early

SWAMP SPARROW:

4/9 Karn, Ba; Quan, Tu JS 1st of year.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

3/27 SBA CF 1st of year.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:

2 5/7 SBA G&EP 1st of year.

5/20 SBA CF Last record.

DARK-EYED JUNCO:

4/30 Chippewa NC, Mi CF Last record.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR:

6 3/4 Shiawassee, Sa RG

18 5/13 Shiawassee, Sa RG Quite late.

SNOW BUNTING:

12 3/19 Quanicassee, Tu JS Last record.

BOBOLINK:

5/4 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

150 5/8 Tawas Pt., Io MW Large passage.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

7 3/2 Fish Pt., Tu RW 1st of spring.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

1 3/5 Fish Pt., Tu JS 1st of spring.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK:

1 4/1 nr. Bad Axe, Hu MW

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

Seen at more locations around the bay than last year.

	4/14	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	1st of year.
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RUSTY BLACKBIRD:

	3/14	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of spring.
12	4/9	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	Last record.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

10	4/17,23	Tuscola Co.	CF	
6 max	mid-May	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	Will they nest here?

COMMON GRACKLE:

2	3/4	SBA	G&EP	1st of year.
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BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

	3/11	SBA	CF	Probably winters through.
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ORCHARD ORIOLE:

1	5/7	Nayanquing	TW	
1	5/8	Tawas Pt.	G&EP, MW	
4	5/9	Tawas Pt., Io	RW	
1	5/11	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	
2	5/22	Tawas Pt., Io	MH	

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

	5/4	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of year.
200+	5/8	Tawas Pt., Io	G&EP, MW	Large passage.

PURPLE FINCH:

	3/29-5/26	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	
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HOUSE FINCH:

Common through period.

COMMON REDPOLL:

100	3/27	Fish Point, Tu	TW	
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Smaller numbers through March.

PINE SISKIN:

Small numbers through period.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common through period.

EVENING GROSBEAK:

	4/1	Midland	CF	
1	5/1	Linwood, Ba	G&EP	

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common through period.

TOTAL: 241 SPECIES**OTHER RECORDS OUTSIDE SBA****COMMON LOON**

Nesting in Ogemaw Co. (RA)

NORTHERN GOSHAWK

1	3/27	Ogemaw Co	RA	
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BALD EAGLE

Active nests in Oscoda County (CF, TW) and Seney NWR (TW).

SPRUCE GROUSE

Seen copulating in Oscoda Co. on 4/26 (Randy Marzolo, US Forest Service, per CF).

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

4	5/24	N of Manistique, Schoolcraft Co	TW	
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SHORT-EARED OWL:

2 3/15 Silverwood, Lapeer co. MW

WHIMBREL

700+ 5/25 WPBO CF, Rod Planck

RED KNOT

8 5/25 WPBO CF, Rod Planck

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO

1 5/21 Indian Springs Metro Park, Oakland Co. TW

GRAY JAY

3/29 Luce Co. RA

COMMON RAVEN

Reared young in Oscoda Co. at Kirtland's area (CF, TW)

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD

1 5/23 Vermillion, Chippewa Co TW

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

on nest 5/27 Allegan Co. JL

on nest 5/28 Benzie Co. JL

NORTHERN PARULA

1 5/23 Crawford Co CF

HENSLOW'S SPARROW

5 singing 5/21 Indian Springs Metro Park, Oakland Co. TW

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

3 5/24 Seney NWR TW

OBSERVERS

RA Ron Annelin
 CF Chip Francke
 RG Bob Grefe
 MH Mark Hubinger
 JL Janea Little
 MO Many Observers
 G&EP Glenn & Ellen Peterson
 BDT "Big Day Team": CF, TW, RW, MW.
 JS Joe Soehnel
 TW Terry Walsh
 RW Ron Weeks
 RWei Rick Weide
 MW Myles Willard
 GZ Betty Ziano

ABBREVIATIONS

Ba Bay County
 Hu Huron County
 Io Iosco County
 Mi Midland County
 Sa Saginaw County
 SBA Saginaw Bay Area
 SP Sewage Ponds
 SRDDI Saginaw River Diked Disposal Island, Bay County
 Tu Tuscola County