

# BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

March 1 through May 31, 1989

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## Summary:

The spring of '89 lacked the astounding rarities of last spring, but fifteen different species were seen that did not make last spring's tally. These new species included: Cattle Egret, Greater White-fronted Goose, European Goldeneye, Surf Scoter, Piping Plover, Red Knot, Western Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Common Raven, Carolina Wren, Gray-cheeked Thrush, White-eyed Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Cerulean Warbler. Notable territorial birds included: Goshawk (2 nests at Midland), Saw-whet Owl, Henslow's Sparrow, and Orchard Oriole. The species total for the period was 239.

The weather, as usual, determined the pace of the migration. Strong west winds during the first week in May blew in such notables as Willet and Western Sandpiper. Cold north winds during the second week of May effectively compressed the passerine migration by stagnating the first major push. When the weather pattern broke during the third week, virtually all the migrant traps were hopping. Tawas Point was the most popular, with such goodies as White-eyed Vireo, Dickcissel, and Western Meadowlark reported.

A Big Day was attempted for the second straight year as Chip Francke, Terry Walsh, and Ron Weeks recorded a new state record of 178 species in a single 24-hour period on May 19. The best birds seen included Cattle Egret, Yellow Rail, and Saw-whet Owl. The record was short-lived, however, as another team racked up 182 species just two days later. New interest in running Big Day counts will almost surely drive the state record up to 190 species during the next decade.



## SIGHTINGS

### COMMON LOON:

1	4/5	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First CNC record.
8 max	4/9tp	Consumer's Pond, Mi	MO	Regular migrant here.
15	5/9	Tawas Point, Io	CF	Peak count.

### RED-THROATED LOON:

1	4/23	Consumer's Pond, Mi	TW, CF	3rd Midland record.
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### PIED-BILLED GREBE:

1	3/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First of spring.
10	5/8	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	Highest number seen.

### HORNED GREBE:

1	3/15	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of year.
8	4/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	TW	Peak count.
1	4/30	Consumer's Pond, Mi	TW	

[RED-NECKED GREBE: no records]

[EARED GREBE: no records]

### DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

30	4/12	Karn Plant, Ba	RW	First of year.
80	5/7	Consumer's Pond, Mi	TW	Common to end of period.

### AMERICAN BITTERN:

1	4/16	Tuscola Co.	MW	
1	4/18	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	
1	5/23	Bay Co.	CF	

[LEAST BITTERN: no records]

### GREAT BLUE HERON:

3	3/23	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First of spring.
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### GREAT EGRET:

3	4/14	Nayanquing, Ba	M&JH	First of spring.
13	5/29	Tobico, Ba	RW	Highest count.

[SNOWY EGRET: no records]

### CATTLE EGRET:

1	5/19	Karn Plant, Ba	BDT	Visitor from disposal island?
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### GREEN-BACKED HERON:

1	3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	First of spring.
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### BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:

10	4/7	Middle Grounds, Ba	CF	First of year.
20	5/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Highest count.
7	5/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Unusual inland.

### TUNDRA SWAN:

23	3/10	Fish Point, Tu	MW, RW	First of year.
9000	3/24	Ba, Tu, Hu Counties	RW	High numbers.
1	thru 5/21	Nayanquing, Ba	MO	

### MUTE SWAN:

1	5/1	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	Unpredictable.
1	5/18	Tobico, Ba	RW	

### CANADA GOOSE:

Common through period.

### GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

2	3/21	Fish Point, Tu	RW	Greenland race.
1	3/24-31	Fish Point, Tu	MO	
2	4/14	Nayanquing, Ba	M&JH	1st Bay Co. record?

### SNOW GOOSE:

5	3/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Wintering birds.
20	3/29	Fish Pt., Tu	MW	Peak count.
1	5/3	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	Last reported date.

**WOOD DUCK:**

1	3/14tp	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First date.
28	5/21	Nayanquing, Ba	G&EP	Highest count.

**GREEN-WINGED TEAL:**

25	3/25	Quanicassee, Tu	CF	Early date.
600	4/12	Quanicassee, Tu	MW	

**AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:**

Common through March and April. Scarce in May.

**MALLARD:**

Common throughout period.

**NORTHERN PINTAIL:**

	3/10	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
300	3/25	Quanicassee, Ba	MW	Highest count.

Noted through May at Nayanquing, Ba.

**BLUE-WINGED TEAL:**

10	3/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	1st of spring.
40	4/14	Tobico, Ba	M&JH	

**NORTHERN SHOVELER:**

1	3/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
25	3/28	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	

**GADWALL:**

1	3/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	1st of spring.
20	3/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	

**EUROPEAN WIGEON:**

1	4/12-13	Freeland SP, Sa	KK	2nd published SBA record.
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**AMERICAN WIGEON:**

1	3/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	1st of spring.
450	4/12	Wildfowl Bay, Tu	MW	

**CANVASBACK:**

10	3/24	Quanicassee, Ba	RW	1st of spring.
60	4/14	S. of Bay City, Ba	M&JH	
1	5/28-5/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW, RW	Late record.

**REDHEAD:**

4	3/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Early return.
300	4/12	Wildfowl Bay, Tu	MW	

**RING-NECKED DUCK:**

3	3/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of year.
50	3/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	CF	

**GREATER SCAUP:**

1	3/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of year.
20	3/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	High number inland.
1	3/31	Saginaw, Sa	JS	
6	5/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	Very late spring date.

**LESSER SCAUP:**

29	3/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
1100	4/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	Most he's seen there.

**OLDSQUAW:**

1	5/8	Tawas Pt., Io	CF	Only record.
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**SURF SCOTER:**

4	5/13	Tawas Pt., Io	RW	2nd SBA spring record.
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**WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:**

2	3/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	Winter wanderers.
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**COMMON GOLDENEYE:**

60	4/12	Wildfowl Bay, Hu	MW	
1	5/11	Karn Plant, Mi	JS	Late date.

**BUFFLEHEAD:**

1	3/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	1st of spring.
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30	5/8	Tawas Pt., Io	CF	
1	5/28	Nayanquing, Ba	TW	Late date.
HOODED MERGANSER:				
1	3/13	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of spring.
20	4/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Last date.
COMMON MERGANSER:				
1	5/19	Karn Plant, Ba	BDT	Last date.
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:				
2	3/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	1st of spring.
30	3/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	CF	
10	5/19	Tawas Pt., Io	BDT	Last date.
RUDDY DUCK:				
1	3/5	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
25	5/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
TURKEY VULTURE:				
1	3/25	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of spring.
39	4/4	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	High count.
OSPREY:				
1	4/4-5/3	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	
1	5/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	Last of spring.
BALD EAGLE:				
2	3/15	Sanford Lake, Mi	via CF	
1	4/19	Cass River, Tu	MW	
1	5/3	Consumers Pond, Mi	RW, JS	
NORTHERN HARRIER:				
1	3/6	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of spring.
Scattered sightings through period.				
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:				
1	3/8	Tuscola Co.	MW	
1	4/30	Bay County	GP	
2	5/9	Tawas Pt., Io	CF	
COOPER'S HAWK:				
Singles seen throughout period.				
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:				
2 nests in Midland County.				
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:				
1	3/20	Quanicassee, Tu	TW	
1	5/14	Murphy Lake, Tu	MW, RW	
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:				
1	4/21	Tuscola Co.	MW	
1	5/3	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	
Reported on territory north of Midland. TW				
RED-TAILED HAWK:				
Common throughout period.				
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:				
1	3/8	Shiawassee, Sa	M&JH	
5	3/19	Quanicassee, Tu	TW, CF	All in the air at once.
1 dark	3/19	Fish Point, Tu	TW	
1	4/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	Last of spring.
AMERICAN KESTREL:				
Common throughout period.				
MERLIN:				
1	4/23	Nayanquing, Ba	TW	
1	5/9	Tawas Point, Io	CF	
PEREGRINE FALCON:				
1	5/28	Nayanquing, Ba	TW	Buzzed a Great Horned Owl
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:				



Seen throughout period. More common this year.

RUFFED GROUSE:

Seen throughout period.

WILD TURKEY:

20 3/13 Gordonville Rd., Mi RW

3/21 Tuscola Co. MW

20 4/23 Iosco Co. CF

Seen throughout period at CNC. CF

NORTHERN BOBWHITE:

1 4/6 Bay County EP

5/14 Tuscola Co. MW

1 5/28 N of Midland, Mi TW

Unusual in Midland County

[KING RAIL: no records]

Crow Island habitat greatly changed.

VIRGINIA RAIL:

1 5/6 Tuscola Co. MW

Scattered sightings throughout May.

SDRA:

1 4/4 Tobico, Ba MW

Very early.

Scattered sightings throughout May.

COMMON MOORHEN:

2 5/20 Parish Rd., Ba M&JH

Only sighting.

AMERICAN COOT:

2 3/8 Nayanquing, Ba RW

First of spring.

100 4/18 Nayanquing, Ba RW

High count.

SANDHILL CRANE:

1 4/2 Tuscola Co. MW

Only SBA sighting.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

1 4/29 Karn Plant, Ba JS

First of spring.

10 5/21 Nayanquing, Ba CF

High count.

4 5/23 Dow Ponds, Mi RW

Last of spring.

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER:

10 4/27 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RG

SEMPALMATED PLOVER:

2 5/7 Nayanquing, Ba CF

12 5/19 Tawas Point, Io G&EP

1 5/31 Dow Ponds, Mi RW

PIPING PLOVER:

1 5/27 Tawas Point, Io RP

Rare SBA sighting.

KILLDEER:

1 3/10 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

1 4/4 Nayanquing, Ba RW

First of spring.

9 5/6 Nayanquing, Ba G&EP

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

1 3/27 Nayanquing, Ba RW

First of spring.

58 5/6 Nayanquing, Ba G&EP

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

1 5/3 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

1 5/19 Tawas Point, Io BDT, G&EP

WILLET:

4 5/5 Dow Ponds, Mi RW, CF, TW

Usually singles.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

1 4/25 Tuscola Co. MW

First of spring.

[UPLAND SANDPIPER: no records]

WHIMBREL:

10 5/19 Tawas Point, Io G&EP



2	5/21	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	Unusual inland.
15	5/28	Tawas Point, Io	RW, IG, G&EP	
1	5/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
[HUDSONIAN GODWIT: no records]				
[MARBLED GODWIT: no records]				
RUDDY TURNSTONE:				
1	5/17	Freeland SP, Sa	CF	First of year.
RED KNOT:				
2	5/21-5/25	Dow Ponds	TW, RW	
1	5/23	Tawas Point, Io	CF	
SANDERLING:				
4	5/19	Tawas Point, Io	BDT, G&EP	
8 max	5/21-5/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:				
1	5/7	Nayanquing, Ba	CF	First of spring.
200	5/28	Nayanquing, Ba	TW	Peak count.
WESTERN SANDPIPER:				
2	5/5-5/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Unusual and early.
LEAST SANDPIPER:				
5	5/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First of spring.
1	5/27	Tawas Point, Io	RP	Last of spring.
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:				
3	5/19	Nayanquing, Ba	BDT	First of spring.
1	5/24	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	
30	5/25 tp	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW, RW	Very high numbers.
20	5/27	Tawas Point, Io	RP	
[BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: no records]				
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:				
1	4/4	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	First of spring.
1	5/19	Nayanquing, Ba	BDT	Last of spring.
Very few records and no large numbers reported.				
DUNLIN:				
2	4/4	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	First of spring.
2000	5/19	Jones Rd., Ba	BDT	
STILT SANDPIPER:				
1	5/17	Freeland SP, Sa	CF	Unusual in spring.
1	5/21	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	
5	5/26	Nayanquing, Ba	PC, DP	
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:				
17	5/6	Nayanquing, Ba	G&EP	First of spring.
COMMON SNIBE:				
1	3/25	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:				
1	3/25	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:				
1	5/21-5/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW, RW	
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:				
2	5/6	Freeland SP, Sa	CF	
4	5/28	Nayanquing, Ba	TW	High count.
Scattered sightings throughout May.				
BONAPARTE'S GULL:				
2	3/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, IG	New SBA early date.
1	3/25	Bay City StPk, Ba	KK	
[LITTLE GULL: no records]				
RING-BILLED GULL:				
Common through period.				
HERRING GULL:				



Common through period.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

3	3/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
1	5/19	Tawas Point, Io	BDT	

GLAUCOUS GULL:

2	3/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
1	4/1	Quanicassee, Tu	RW	

CASPIAN TERN:

1	4/12 tp	Karn Plant, Ba	RW	First of spring.
9	4/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	TW	High number for location.

COMMON TERN:

2	4/15	Karn Plant, Ba	CF	
2	5/17	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	Few CNC records.

25 pair on Saginaw River & 16 pair at Dow Ponds.

FORSTER'S TERN:

2	4/18 tp	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	
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BLACK TERN:

1	4/30 tp	Nayanquing, Ba	G&EP	First of spring.
11	5/21	Consumers Pond, Mi	TW	High number for location.

ROCK DOVE:

Common through period.

MOURNING DOVE:

Common through period.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	5/16	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
4	5/29	Tobico, Ba	RW	

Several scattered sightings during late May.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	5/23	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
1	5/29	Tobico, Ba	RW	
1	5/30	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	

More Black-billed than Yellow-billed this spring.

SCREECH OWL:

1	5/17-5/19	Vassar, Tu	MW, RW	
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GREAT HORNED OWL:

Scattered sightings throughout period.

SNOWY OWL:

2	4/1	Tawas Point, Io	RP	
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BARRED OWL:

Scattered sightings throughout period.

SHORT-EARED OWL:

1	3/21	Saginaw County	ME	
4	3/26-4/14	Nayanquing, Ba	MO	

SAW-WHET OWL:

1	4/19	Tuscola Co.	MW, RW	
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COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

1	5/19	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
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WHIP-POOR-WILL:

3	5/16	Midland, Mi	BDT	First of spring.
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CHIMNEY SWIFT:

25	4/28 tp	Bay City, Ba	JS	First of spring.
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RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

2	5/15	Midland, Mi	CF	First of spring.
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1	5/15	Tuscola Co.	MW	
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100	5/19	Tawas Point, Io	BDT, G&EP	Extremely high numbers.
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BELTED KINGFISHER:

1	3/20 tp	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First of year.
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**RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:**

2	3/24	Oak Beach, Hu	RW	Over-wintering birds?
2	5/29	Bay City SP	RW	Entering nest cavity.

No large movement noted. Scattered sightings at Tawas Point.

**RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:**

1	4/14	Tobico, Ba	M&JH	
1	5/9, 5/13	Tawas Point, Io	RG, RW	North of normal range.

**YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:**

1	4/8	Illegible location.	SBA RA	First of spring.
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**DOWNY WOODPECKER:**

Common throughout period.

**HAIRY WOODPECKER:**

Common throughout period.

**NORTHERN FLICKER:**

1	4/4	Midland Co.	RA	First of year.
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**PILEATED WOODPECKER:**

1	4/19	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	
1	4/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	
1	5/8	Iosco Co.	CF	

**EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:**

1	5/13	Midland Co.	RA	First of spring.
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**YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:**

1	5/20	Tawas Point, Io	G&EP, MW, M&JH	Few SBA records.
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**ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:**

1	5/19 tp	Tuscola Co.	MW, BDT	First of year.
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**WILLOW FLYCATCHER:**

2	5/18	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	First of spring.
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**ALDER FLYCATCHER:**

	5/22 tp	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
2	5/29	Tobico, Ba	RW	

**LEAST FLYCATCHER:**

	5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of year.
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**EASTERN PHOEBE:**

1	3/24	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
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**GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER:**

1	5/6	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First of spring.
1	5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW	

**EASTERN KINGBIRD:**

1	5/1	Midland Co.	JL	First of spring.
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**HORNED LARK:**

Common throughout period.

**PURPLE MARTIN:**

	4/16	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
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**TREE SWALLOW:**

3	3/27	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	First of spring.
	3/27	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	

**NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:**

	4/20	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of year.
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**BANK SWALLOW:**

	4/23	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of year.
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**CLIFF SWALLOW:**

	5/6	Freeland SP, Sa	CF	First of year.
	5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW	

**BARN SWALLOW:**

1	4/4	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	First of year.
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**BLUE JAY:**

Common throughout period.

**AMERICAN CROW:**

Common throughout period.

**COMMON RAVEN:**

1 4/22 Iargo Springs, Io CF

**BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:**

Common throughout period.

**TUFTED TITMOUSE:**

Common throughout period.

**RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:**

Scattered sightings throughout period.

**WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:**

Common throughout period.

**BROWN CREEPER:**

Scattered sightings throughout period.

**CAROLINA WREN:**

1 3/8 Midland Co. GK Population expanding.

**HOUSE WREN:**

1 4/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RG First of spring.

**WINTER WREN:**

1 4/5 Bay City SP, Ba RW First of spring.

1 4/26 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

On territory at Murphy Lake, Tu. MW

**SEDGE WREN:**1 5/8 Nayanquing, Ba RW First of spring.  
Return to old site.**MARSH WREN:**

1 5/8 tp Karn Plant, Ba JS First of spring.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:**

1 3/26 Shiawassee NWR, Sa CF

12 3/29 Oak Grove, Ba JS

1 5/19 Tawas Point, Io G&amp;EP Late date.

**RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:**

1 4/16 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

1 5/19 Tawas Point, Io G&amp;EP

1 5/19 Bay City, Ba JS

**BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:**

1 5/5 Bay City SP, Ba KK First of spring.

**EASTERN BLUEBIRD:**

1 3/12 Chippewa NC, Mi CF First of spring.

**VEERY:**

1 5/6 Tobico, Ba CF First of spring.

**GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:**

1 5/28 Tawas Point, Io G&amp;EP Increasingly scarce.

**SWAINSON'S THRUSH:**

1 4/30 Bay City SP, Ba KK First of spring.

2 5/28 Tawas Point, Io RW, G&amp;EP Last date.

**HERMIT THRUSH:**

1 4/14 Tobico, Ba M&amp;JH First of spring.

**WOOD THRUSH:**

1 5/4 Tuscola Co. MW First of spring.

**AMERICAN ROBIN:**

1 3/9 Tuscola Co. MW First of year.

**GRAY CATBIRD:**

1 4/25 Tuscola Co. MW First of year.

[NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: no records]

**BROWN THRASHER:**

1 4/1 Oak Grove, Ba JS First of spring.



**WATER PIPIT:**

1	5/6	Freeland SP, Sa	CF	First of spring.
14	5/20	Tawas Pt., Io	M&JH	Peak count.

**CEDAR WAXWING:**

Common throughout period.

**NORTHERN SHRIKE:**

2	3/1	Caro, Tu	MW	
1	3/10	Fish Pt., Tu	RW	
1	3/21	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS	Last record.

**STARLING:**

Common through period.

**WHITE EYED-VIREO:**

1	5/20	Tawas Pt., Io	M&JH	Very few SBA records.
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**SOLITARY VIREO:**

1	5/14	Tuscola Co.	MW, RW	Only record submitted.
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**YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:**

2	5/8 tp	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
1	5/20	Tawas Pt., Io	M&JH	

Also reported at Chippewa NC, Pine Haven and Shiawassee NWR.

**WARBLING VIREO:**

1	5/6	Nayanquing, Ba	G&EP	First of year.
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**PHILADELPHIA VIREO:**

1	5/19	Bay City, Ba	JS	First of year.
1	5/20	Tawas Pt., Io	M&JH, G&EP	
1	5/23	Tawas Pt., Io	CF	

**RED-EYED VIREO:**

1	5/17	Ba, Tu, Mi	MO	First of year.
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**BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:**

	5/13 tp	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of year.
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**GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:**

	5/5	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First of spring.
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**TENNESSEE WARBLER:**

	5/14	Midland Co.	RA	First of spring.
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**ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:**

1	5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW, M&JH	
1	5/13	Tawas Point, Io	RW	Actually sang!
1	5/17	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	

**NASHVILLE WARBLER:**

	5/5	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First of spring.
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**NORTHERN PARULA:**

	5/5	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	
2	5/19-20	Tawas Pt., Io	G&EP, BDT, M&JH	

**YELLOW WARBLER:**

1	5/1	Midland, Mi	RW	
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**CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:**

	5/8	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of spring.
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**MAGNOLIA WARBLER:**

	5/15	Green Point NC, Sa	M&JH	First of spring.
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**CAPE MAY WARBLER:**

	5/5	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First of spring.
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**BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:**

	5/15	Green Point NC, Sa	M&JH	First of spring.
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**YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:**

	4/5	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First of spring.
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**BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:**

	4/29	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First of spring.
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**BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:**

5/4	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of year.
PINE WARBLER:			
5/8	Iosco Co.	CF	First of year.
PALM WARBLER:			
3 4/25	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	First of year.
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:			
5 5/18	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	First of year.
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:			
2 5/19	Tawas Pt., Io	MO	First of spring.
CERULEAN WARBLER:			
2 5/29 tp	Pine Haven, Mi	CF, RW	Two singing males.
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:			
4/29	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	First of spring.
AMERICAN REDSTART:			
1 5/15	Green Point NC, Sa	M&JH	First of spring.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:			
1 5/4	Chippewa NC, Mi	PS	1st CNC record!
OVENBIRD:			
5/5	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First of spring.
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:			
1 5/6	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of season.
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:			
1 5/4	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of season.
On territory in Myles' yard!			
MOURNING WARBLER:			
1 5/19	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of season.
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:			
4/29	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First of spring.
WILSON'S WARBLER:			
1 5/18	Bay City, Ba	JS, RW	First of year.
CANADA WARBLER:			
1 5/15	Green Point NC, Sa	M&JH	1st of spring.
SCARLET TANAGER:			
2 5/11	Tuscola Co.	MW	1st of spring.
NORTHERN CARDINAL:			
Common through period.			
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:			
5/4	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of spring.
INDIGO BUNTING:			
5/17	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	1st of spring.
DICKCISSEL:			
2 5/20	Tawas Pt., Io	MW, M&JH	More to follow?
RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:			
1 3/31	Tuscola Co.	MW	First of season.
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:			
1 5/2	Tawas Pt., Io	G&EP	Last date reported.
CHIPPING SPARROW:			
4/2	Midland Co.	RA	Early return.
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:			
3 5/13	Tawas Pt., Io	RW	1st of spring.
1 5/20	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
FIELD SPARROW:			
1 3/27	Nayanquing, Ba	RW	1st of spring.
VESPER SPARROW:			
4/13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	1st of spring.
SAVANNAH SPARROW:			
3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RG	First of year.



## GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

2 5/17 tp Caro, Tu MW, RW

## HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

1 5/17 tp Tuscola Co. MW, RW

2 5/19 Tuscola Co. BDT

## FOX SPARROW:

1 3/25 Quanicassee, Tu CF First record.

5 4/15 Oak Grove, Ba JS High count.

## SONG SPARROW:

Common through period.

## LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

1 5/14 Midland Co. RA First of spring.

1 5/29 Bay City SP, Ba RW Last date.

## SWAMP SPARROW:

1 3/31 Tuscola Co. MW First of spring.

## WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

1 4/17 Saginaw Twp., Sa M&JH First of spring.

## WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:

1 4/30 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of season.

## DARK-EYED JUNCO:

1 5/3 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of season.

## LAPLAND LONGSPUR:

60 4/21 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RG

1 5/6 Tuscola Co. MW, M&JH

## SNOW BUNTING:

4/3 SBA RA No location given.

## BOBOLINK:

5/4 Tuscola Co. MW First of year.

## RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

12 3/8 Shiawassee, Sa M&JH First of year.

10000 3/22 Karn Plant, Ba RW, JS

## EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

1 3/15 Karn Plant, Ba JS First of year.

## WESTERN MEADOWLARK:

1 5/21 Tawas Pt., Io KK Only record this spring.

## YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

1 4/4 Nayanquing, Ba RW First of year.

Numbers down at Nayanquing due to habitat destruction. TW

## RUSTY BLACKBIRD:

2 3/11 Bay Co. G&EP First of year.

50 4/25 Oak Grove, Ba JS

1 5/1 Nayanquing, Ba RW Last date.

## BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

3/25 Tuscola Co. CF First of year.

Back again at Karn Plant. RW, JS

## COMMON GRACKLE:

1 3/1 Tuscola Co. MW First of year.

5000 3/22 Karn Plant, Ba RW, JS

## BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

10 3/10 Karn Plant, Ba JS Wintered this year.

## ORCHARD ORIOLE:

2 5/11 tp Chippewa NC, Mi CF Possibly nesting.

1 5/13 Midland, Mi TW

4 5/19 Tawas Pt., Io BDT

5/21 Tawas Pt., Io KK

## NORTHERN ORIOLE:

1 5/4 E. Saginaw Co. M&JH First of spring.

**PURPLE FINCH:**

Scattered sightings through period.

**HOUSE FINCH:**

Common throughout period.

[COMMON REDPOLL: no records]

**PINE SISKIN:**

1 4/15 Karn Plant, Ba

JS

Only record this spring.

**AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:**

Common through period.

[EVENING GROSBEAK: no records]

**HOUSE SPARROW:**

Common throughout period.

**TOTAL: 239 species**

**OTHER RECORDS OUTSIDE SBA**

**GREAT EGRET:**

1 4/22 Round Lake, Cl

KK

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK:**

1 5/18 Mio, Os

CF

**MERLIN:**

1 5/6 Round Lake, Cl

KK

**YELLOW RAIL:**

Heard 5/19 Bentley Marsh, Gl

BDT

**SANDHILL CRANE:**

2 3/24 Isabella County

CF

3 5/23 Bentley Marsh, Gl

CF

**BLACK TERN:**

5/23 Bentley Marsh, Gl

CF

**NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:**

Heard 5/19 Gladwin County

BDT

**YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:**

2 5/26 Whitefish Point

CF

**SEDGE WREN:**

Heard 5/19 Bentley Marsh, Gl

BDT

**KENTUCKY WARBLER:**

1 5/11-5/12 Ann Arbor

RW



## OBSERVERS

RA	Ron Annelin
BDT	"Big Day Team": CF, TW, RW
PC	Phil Chu
ME	Monica Eschenmaker
CF	Chip Francke
IG	Ironna Garapetian
RG	Robert Grefe
M&JH	Mark and Joanie Hubinger
KK	Kevin Kane
GK	Gene Kenaga
JL	Janae Little
MO	Many observers
G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
RP	Rod Planck
DP	Dave Powell
PS	Phil Stephens
TW	Terry Walsh
RW	Ron Weeks
MW	Myles Willard

## ABBREVIATIONS

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