

SUMMER SBA SUMMARY

2000

The weather during the summer period remained consistently below average highs for long periods. Only 8 days were greater than 1° above average highs and only one day exceeded 90°. Interestingly, daily lows hovered around average. Precipitation was close to average for the summer period. However, early dryness may have affected some early bearing fruit. No pattern developed which obviously influenced birds or birding.

A total of 175 species were reported by approximately a dozen observers. Few real rarities were reported. However, a nice variety of unusual herons were reported including **Little Blue Heron**, **Snowy Egret**, **Tri-colored Heron**, and **Ibis (sp?)**. Both **bitterns** and **Black-crowned Night Herons** were reported at various locations. A **Peregrine Falcon** at Shiawassee NWR provided an unusual summer record. **Bobwhites** may be expanding northward again with recent mild winters, as they were reported for the first time at the Karn Plant and at Tawas Point (species # 295). **Black terns** were noted in encouraging numbers at multiple sites (although no breeding reports). **Orchard Orioles** nested at Tawas Point following their strong Spring showing.

The most interesting report of the summer remains unconfirmed as a pair of **Whooping Cranes** was reported in the Thumb by the media. The pair was said to originate from the 'non-migratory' flock in Florida. They were reported in a large private holding unavailable for viewing. In 1994 there was an unconfirmed sighting from this same general area.

On the negative side for the summer were the few reports of hawks and owls (only 1 kestrel reported). The common tern, whip-poor-will, and nighthawks were not observed in normal numbers.

Thanks for your efforts and reports – and good Fall birding. Thanks also to Chippewa Nature Center for funding mailing and copying.

Ron

Note: * indicates breeding evidence for county

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

June 1 – July 31, 2000

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REPORTS:

COMMON LOON:

Pairs reported from 8 Io* lakes with only 3 chicks fledged

GN, TN

PIED BILLED GREBE:

6/1&19	8	SNWR, Sa*
7/2	20	Nay Pte, Io
7/15	5	Karn, Ba*

JP, BG

JZ

JS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

6/2&30	max 125	Karn, Ba
7/14	25	Taw Pte, Io

JS, JZ

BB

AMERICAN BITTERN:

6/4	1	Tuttle Marsh, Io
6/8&19	1	SNWR, Sa
7/2	2	Nay Pte, Ba

GN

DP,BG,BW

JZ

LEAST BITTERN:

6/19	1	SNWR, Sa
6/30	1	Karn, Ba
7/13	1	SNWR, Sa

BG, BW

JS

DP

IBIS sp:

6/17	1	Nay Pte., Ba	details forwarded
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DD

GREAT BLUE HERON:

T.P.	(max 136)	nesting at SNWR, Sa*; also Mi, Ba, Io
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mob

LITTLE BLUE HERON:

6/20	1	Crow Is. SGA	nice details forwarded
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JZ

GREAT EGRET:

T.P.	max 167	max count at SNWR, Sa also reported Ba, Mi, Io
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mob

SNOWY EGRET:

6/30	1	Karn, Ba
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JS

TRI-COLORED HERON:

6/6-6/29	1	Nay Pte.	Details forwarded MJH, Michlisters
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GREEN HERON:

T.P.	2	Midland, Mi	RA
6/20	1	Crow Is, Sa	JZ
6/31	2	Tawas City, Io	GN

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

T.P.	max 4	multiple sightings, nesting on Little Charity Is, Ar	mob
T.P.	max 21 @ SNWR,	Sa also reported in Ba, Io, Mi, Hu	mob

CANADA GOOSE:

CTP	Max 95	Max. count at Nay Pte, Ba, also Io, Mi, Sa	mob
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MUTE SWAN:

6/17	36	Nay Pte, Ba	DD
6/20	2	Nay Pte, Ba	JZ

TRUMPETER SWAN:

7/23	2	Footte Pd., Io* (+3 cygnets) Not yet inc. in state count	GN,TN
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TUNDRA SWAN:

7/12	2	Middle Grounds Is. Hu(?) An interesting date	GN,TN
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WOOD DUCK:

T.P.	max 7 @ Kaw,Mi	Noted in Ba, Mi, Sa*, and Io	mob
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GADWALL:

6/18	4	SNWR, Sa	BG, BW
7/13	1	SNWR, Sa	DP

AMERICAN WIGEON:

7/13	2	SNWR, Sa	DP
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MALLARD:

CTP	max 60 @ Nay Pte, Ba		JZ and mob
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BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

6/2	2	Tuttle Marsh, Io	BB
6/15	7	SNWR, Sa	BG,CS
7/2	6	Nay Pte	JZ

NORTHERN SHOVELER:

6/15&19	11(max)	SNWR, Sa	BG,BW, CS
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GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

T.P.		SNWR	DP, BG, CS
6/22	5	Charity Is, Ar	
7/2	17	Nay Pte, Ba	JZ

REDHEAD:

6/19	4	SNWR, Sa	BG,BW
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RUDDY DUCK:

6/15&19	12	SNWR, Sa	BG,CS, BW
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OSPREY:

6/2&7/17	2	Tuttle Marsh, Io (only reports)	BB, GN,TN
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BALD EAGLE:

6/2	3	Eagle Run, Io	BB
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6/19	7	SNWR, Sa	(also reported Mi)	BG, BW
NORTHERN HARRIER:				
6/2&23	1	Tuttle Marsh, Io		BB
7/9	1	Tawas City, Io		GN
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:				
6/2	1	Eagle Run, Io	(low # of reports)	BB
COOPER'S HAWK:				
6/14	1	Hampton Twp Ba		JS
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:				
6/18	2	Corsair, Io* (nest with 2 young)		GN
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:				
6/3	1	Seven Mile Hill swamp, Io		BB
6/18	1	Midland, Mi		RA
BROAD-WINGED HAWK				
6/24	1	Edenville, Mi		RA
RED-TAILED HAWK:				
Various	2	Very few reports, Mi, Ba, Io only		
AMERICAN KESTREL:				
Various June dates	1	Auburn Ba	(only report)	RA
MERLIN:				
6/4	1	Taw Pte, Io		GN,TN
PEREGRINE FALCON:				
6/30,7/21,22	1	SNWR, Sa		BG,CS
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:				
7/9	1	Tawas City, Io*(female with 9 chicks), unusual also noted Ba, Mi		GN
BOBWHITE:				
6/4-TP	1	Taw Pte (species #295)(unusual # of sightings)		GN,TN, others
6/2	1	Larkin Twp, Mi		CS
6/30	1	Karn Plt., Ba(first for Karn also)		JS
RUFFED GROUSE:				
6/3	3	Seven mile hill swamp, Io (also Fountain Cr,Io)		BB
6/18	1	Murphy L. SGA, Tu		DP
WILD TURKEY:				
T.P.		reported from Mi and Io		
VIRGINIA RAIL:				
6/20	1	SNWR, Sa*(female with young)		refuge staff et al
COMMON MOORHEN:				
7/2	3	Nay Pte, Ba		JZ
COMMON GALLINULE:				
6/1	1	SNWR, Sa		JP
AMERICAN COOT:				
T.P.	max 35	Max @ Nay Pte, chicks @SNWR,Sa & Karn, Ba		
SANDHILL CRANE:				
6/20	3	SNWR, Sa		BG,CS,LA
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:				
7/13,20,22	1	SNWR,Sa		BG,DP
7/12	2	Wildfowl Bay, Hu		GN,TN
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:				
6/11	3	Taw Pte (last?)		GN,TN

7/6	1	SNWR, Sa	then 3 on 7/27	BG,DP
PIPING PLOVER:				
6/4	1	Taw Pte		fide Joe Schenk
KILLDEER:				
T.P.	Max. 313	Max @ SNWR (7/20, DP)		
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:				
6/28	3	first @ SNWR, max 32 on 7/20 (DP), multiple other sightings		
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:				
6/20	1	Nay Pte, Ba		JZ
7/20	463	SNWR, Sa	(other sightings)	DP
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:				
7/6&27	1, 3	SNWR, Sa		DP
7/16	3	Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi		JZ
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:				
T.P.	max 20 @ SNWR, Sa : also reported Io, Ba			
UPLAND SANDPIPER:				
6/3	2	May Rd. Io		GN,TN
6/28	2	River Rd. Io		GN,TN
RUDDY TURNSTONE:				
6/11	1	Taw Pte		TN,TN
7/3	7	SNWR		BG
SANDERLING:				
6/11	30	Taw Pte, Io, also 6/2		BB, GN,TN
6/14	8	Karn Plt. Ba (last)		JS
7/27	2	SNWR, Sa (first)		DP
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:				
6/13	45	SNWR, Sa	(last)	DP
7/2	4	Nay Pte, Ba	(first)	JZ
LEAST SANDPIPER:				
6/29 thru period.	Max. 326 @ SNWR on 6/13 (DP)			mob
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:				
6/2,10-13	14	SNWR, Sa & Nay Pte, Ba, & Taw Pte, Io		DP, BB, MJH,
PEEP SPECIES:				
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:				
7/13	2	SNWR, Sa (first)		BG
7/20	40	SNWR, Sa (peak)		DP
STILT SANDPIPER:				
7/20&27	1&3	SNWR, Sa	(no details)	DP
DUNLIN:				
6/2&11	5&1	Taw Pte, Io		BB,TN,GN
6/11	2	Nay Pte, Ba		MJH
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:				
6/28	3	SNWR, Sa (first) (max. 91 on 7/20)		DP, also BG,CS
7/2	4	Nay Pte, Ba		JZ
COMMON SNIPE:				
7/2	1	Nay Pte, Ba		JZ
7/20	2	SNWR, Sa		DP
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:				
6/8&7/13	2	SNWR, Sa		DP
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:				
6/10&22	1	Nay Pte, Ba		mich-listers, DD

BONAPARTE'S GULL:

6/11	70	Taw Pte., Io (last?)	GN,TN
7/18	5	SNWR, Sa (first)	DP

FRANKLIN'S GULL:

6/2	1	Oscoda, Io	Details forwarded F.S. McDonald
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RING-BILLED GULL:

T.P. Max 50 @ Nay Pte

HERRING GULL:

T.P. Max 25 @ Nay Pte

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

6/1	1	Taw Pte, Io	GN,TN
6/15	8	AuSable Pte., Io	GN

CASPIAN TERN:

T.P.	Max. 6	Nesting Little Charity Is, Ar: also Mi, Ba, Sa, Io	mob
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COMMON TERN:

T.P.	2	Sanford, Mi	(unusual location?) JD
7/14	2	Taw Pte, Io	BB

FORSTER'S TERN:

6/20	2	Nay Pte , Ba	JZ
7/1	4	CNC, Mi (no Common Terns at Dow Ponds?)	RA
7/15	1	Karn Plt., Ba	JS

BLACK TERN:

T.P. Max. 31 @ Middle Grounds. An encouraging # of sightings from multiple locations in Ba, Si, Tu, Io by many observers. No confirmed nesting reported

ROCK DOVE:

CTP

MOURNING DOVE:

CTP

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

6/11	2	Nay Pte (also 7/4)	MJH, DD
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YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

7/3	1	SGSGA, Sa (at least close)	CS, SK
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EASTERN SCREECH-OWL:

6/13, 7/14,15	1	Midland, Mi	RA
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GREAT HORNED OWL:

6/19	1	SNWR, Sa (No survey this yr at SNWR?)	BG,BW
6/20	1	Midland, Mi	RA
7/15	1	Alabaster, Io	JS,GS

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

T.P.	?	Saginaw, Sa	DP
6/23	1	Corsair, Io	BB

CHIMNEY SWIFT:

T.P.	Max. 47	Bay City, Ba also Io, Mi, Sa
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RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

T.P.	2	Reported from Mi*, Ba, Sa
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BELTED KINGFISHER:

T.P.	2	Reported from Ba, Mi*, Sa*
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RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

6/2	1	Seven mile hill swamp, Io	BB
6/23	1	Arenac, Ar	BB
7/23	1	Ba	DD

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:

T.P.	1	Ba, Mi reports	
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:			
6/3	1	Seven mile hill swamp	BB
DOWNY WOODPECKER:			
CTP			
HAIRY WOOPECKER:			
T.P.			
NORTHERN FLICKER:			
T.P.		Reports from Ba, Mi, Io	
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:			
6/2	1	Eagle Run, Io	BB
6/3	2	Seven mile hill swamp	BB
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:			
T.P.	Max. 5	Reports from Ba, Io, Mi, Sa	BG, CS, JZ, BB
ALDER FLYCATCHER:			
6/2	1	Eagle Run, Io	BB
6/3	2	Seven mile hill swamp	BB
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:			
6/19	2	SNWR, Sa	BG, BW
6/30	1	Karn Plt. Ba	JS
7/2	1	Nay Pte	JZ
LEAST FLYCATCHER:			
6/15	3	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
6/25	1	Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi	JZ
EASTERN PHOEBE:			
6/2	1	Eagle Run, Io	BB
6/3	1	Seven mile hill swamp	BB
T.P.	2	Midland, Mi	JZ
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:			
6/2	1	Midland, Mi	RA
6/15	3	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
Multiple	9	Various Io sites	BB
EASTERN KINGBIRD:			
T.P.		reports from Ba, Mi, Sa, Io	
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:			
7/15	2	Alabaster Twp., Io	JS, GS
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:			
6/23	1	Buck Pond, Io	BB
WARBLING VIREO:			
6/2	1	Tawas Pte., Io	BB
6/15	10	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
6/25	1	Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi	JZ
RED-EYED VIREO:			
T.P.	Max. 6	Reports from Mi, Sa, Io	
BLUE JAY:			
T.P.	1-3	Reports from Mi*, Ba*, Io	
AMERICAN CROW:			
CTP			

COMMON RAVEN:

6/3 1 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

HORNED LARK:

Present through Period, Ba RA

PURPLE MARTIN:

6/2 3 Taw Pte, Io (also 3 on 7/14 in Tawas City) BB

7/15 10 Tawas City, Io JS, GS

TREE SWALLOW:

T.P. Max 175 Karn Plt, Ba on 6/30. also reported Mi, Io JS, GZ,BB,RA

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:

6/2 1 Eagle Run, Io BB

6/10 2 Auburn, Ba RA

BANK SWALLOW:

7/2 30 Nay Pte, Ba JZ

7/14 7 Taw. Pte, Io BB

CLIFF SWALLOW:

T.P. 6 Midland, Mi* RA

7/14 80 Taw Pte., Io BB

BARN SWALLOW:

T.P. Max 125, Karn Plt, Ba also reported Io, Mi*,Ba*

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:

CTP

TUFTED TITMOUSE:

CTP

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

T.P. 2 *Pair feeding 4 young in Larkin Twp, Mi** Marcia Dilling

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

CTP reports from Io, Ba, Mi*,and Sa

BROWN CREEPER:

6/3,17,18 1 Midland, Mi Carrying food RA

6/3 1 Seven mile hill swamp BB

HOUSE WREN:

T.P. 2 Only reported from Sa* and Io JHS,BB

SEDGE WREN:

T.P. several singing SNWR,Sa DP

7/2 2 Nay Pte. Ba JZ

MARSH WREN:

6/2 2 Tuttle Marsh,Io BB

T.P. 'Numerous' SNWR,Sa Also reported Karn, Nay Pte,Ba DP,BG,BW,JZ,JS

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

6/2 1 Taw Pte Io, also Eagle run, Io BB

6/15 4 SNWR, Sa BG,CS

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

T.P. 1-3 Reported only from Io*, Mi* GN,TN,BB,RA

VEERY:

T.P. Max. 8 Reported from Hu, Ba(singing 7/12), Io BB,DPJZ,JS

HERMIT THRUSH:

6/3 2 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

6/23 2 Fountain creek, Io BB

WOOD THRUSH:

6/23 1 Powerline Rd, Io BB

AMERICAN ROBIN:

CTP

Sa*,Mi*

GRAY CATBIRD:

CTP

BROWN THRASHER:

June 1

Three sites in Io

BB

6/25 4

Kawkawlin, Mi

JZ

6/30 2

Karn Plt, Ba

JS

EUROPEAN STARLING:

CTP

CEDAR WAXWING:

6/3 1

Seven mile hill swamp, Io

BB

7/14 18

Tawas Pte, Io (also reported Ba, Mi, Sa)

BB

NASHVILLE WARBLER:

6/2 1

Eagle Run, Io

BB

6/3 5

Seven mile hill swamp, Io

BB

6/28 3

River Rd, Io

GN,TN

YELLOW WARBLER:

T.P. Max 23 @SNWR, Sa on 6/15, multiple other sites Ba, Mi, Io, Sa

mob

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:

6/2 4

Eagle run, Io

BB

MAGNOLIA WARBLER:

6/3 1

GPNS, Sa

BG,CS

6/23 1

Fountain Cr, Io

BB

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:

6/3 1

Seven mile hill swamp, Io

BB

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:

6/3 4

Seven mile hill swamp, Io

BB

6/23 1

Fountain Cr., Io

BB

PINE WARBLER:

6/3 1

Iargo spring, Io

BB

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:

6/28 2

River Rd, Io

GN,TN

PALM WARBLER:

6/4 1

Taw Pte, Io

GN,TN

BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:

6/2 1

Eagle Run, Io

BB

6/3 2

Seven mile hill swamp, Io

BB

6/23 2

Powerline Rd & Fountain Cr, Io

BB

AMERICAN REDSTART:

6/2 7

Eagle Run, Io

BB

6/25 1

Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi

JZ

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:

6/15 2

SNWR, Sa

BG,CS

OVENBIRD:

6/2 1

Eagle Run, Io

BB

6/3 6

Seven mile hill swamp, Io

BB

6/23 7

Powerline Rd & Fountain Cr, Io

BB

6/25 3

Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi

JZ

NORTH. WATERTHRUSH:

6/3 3 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

MOURNING WARBLER:

6/2 5 Eagle Run, Io BB

6/3 1 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

6/3 3 GPNS, Sa BG,CS

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:

T.P. Max 13 @SNWR,Sa. Also reported Io, Mi, Ba

CANADA WARBLER:

6/3 1 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

SCARLET TANAGER:

T.P. 1-3 Multiple reports Hu, Sa, Io

EASTERN TOWHEE:

T.P. 1 Reported only from Mi&Io RA,JD,BB

CHIPPING SPARROW:

CTP 1-3 Reports from Ba, Mi, Io, Sa

FIELD SPARROW:

6/3 3 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

6/3 1 Eagle run, Io BB

6/25 3 Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi JZ

VESPER SPARROW:

6/3 1 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

SAVANNAH SPARROW:

T.P. 7 Reports from Io, Mi, Ba

SONG SPARROW:

T.P. 10 Reports from Io, Sa*, Ba, Mi*

SWAMP SPARROW:

7/2 6 Nay Pte, Ba JZ

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

6/3 2 Seven mile hill swamp, Io BB

NORTHERN CARDINAL:

CTP

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

T.P. 3 Sanford, Mi JD

6/25 1 Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi JZ

INDIGO BUNTING:

T.P. Max 16 @ SNWR, Sa on 6/15. Also Mi & Io BG,CS,BB,RA

BOBOLINK:

T.P. Max 65 @ SNWR. Sa on 7/20. Also Io, Mi, Ba

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

T.P. Max 60 @ Nay Pte on 6/20. Also, Io. JZ

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

T.P. 1 Few reports, Io, Ba, Sa

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

6/6 1 Karn Plt, Ba JZ

6/9 1 East Tawas, Io Michlisters

6/11&20 4 Nay Pte, Ba JZ, MJH

RUSTY BLACKBIRD

7/2 45 Nay Pte, Ba JZ

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

6/23 7

Knut Rd., Io

BB

COMMON GRACKLE:

6/6 8

Karn Plt., Ba

JZ

6/2 3

Tuttle Marsh, Io

BB

7/14 4

Taw Pte., Io

BB

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

T.P. 1-2

Reports from Mi, Ba, Sa, Io

ORCHARD ORIOLE:

T.P. 2

Taw Pte, Io nested with 2 young

BB, GN, TN

BALTIMORE ORIOLE:

T.P. Max 10

Reports from Ba, Mi, Io, Sa

PURPLE FINCH:

6/2 1

Eagle run, Io

BB

6/23 1

Powerline Rd, Io

BB

6/30 1

May Rd, Io

GN, TN

HOUSE FINCH:

CTP

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

CTP

HOUSE SPARROW:

CTP

Outside SBA:**OBSERVER KEY:**

RA Ron Annelin

BB BobBell

BG Bob Grefe

SA Sandy Hoover

EK Eugene Kenaga

TN Tess Nelkie

JP Janie Peters

GS Grant Soehnel

CS Carolyn Szaroletta

G&JV Georg and Judy Vogel

RZ Ray Ziarno

LA Larry Abraham

DD Dan Duso

JD Jan Dennet

M&JH Mark and Joanie Hubinger

GN Gary Nelkie

DP Dave Peters

G&EP Glenn & Ellen Peterson

JS Joe Soehnel

JHS Jane & Heinz Schwarm

GZ Jerry Ziarno

ABBREVIATIONS

Ar Arenac County

CNC Chippewa Nature Center

Hu Huron County

MCV Pond Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond

NAMC North American Migration Count

NC Nature Center

NWR National Wildlife Refuge

SBA Saginaw Bay Area

SP State Park

Tu Tuscola County

Ba Bay County

DC Dow Corning Corp.

Io Iosco County

Mi Midland County

Nay Pte Nayanquing Point

GPNS Green Point NC

Sa Saginaw County

SL Sewage Lagoons

Taw Pte Tawas Point

Weather - Summer 2000

