



BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

August 1-November 30, 1993

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Summary: This season saw the most thorough fall coverage ever for the SBA with over thirty observers reporting sightings. Although no incredible rarities were discovered (other than one possible western hummer), a host of new early dates, late dates, and high counts were recorded. The earlies were probably due more to the intensive coverage than to the few early fronts moving down from Canada. The lates were somewhat expected with virtually no freeze-up of most open water noted through the period.

The best birds included nine White Pelicans that flew by Tawas Pt on Sept 12th and were found the next day at the MCV Ponds in Midland. Another unidentified jaeger was sighted at Tawas on Oct 29th. This time the bird was an adult. A possible Black-chinned Hummingbird hung on into early November inside someone's house! This potential first state record has yet to be verified, but preliminary measurements of the bird were outside those of Ruby-throated. An adult LeConte's Sparrow paid a visit to the Wilderness Arboretum in Huron County in mid-September. A probable Hoary Redpoll was seen for nearly a week at Tawas Pt and a White-winged Crossbill was noted from a feeder in Huron County in early November.

Of the eleven near fall earlies, the most interesting -but perhaps not unexpected-were a Red-throated Loon, two Red-necked Grebes, a Surf Scoter, and a White-winged Scoter seen flying by Tawas Pt, lo on Sept 26th. Other notable earlies were an August 5th Yellow-bellied Flycatcher from Tawas Pt, a September 27th Tree Sparrow from the Thumb, twenty-one Bohemian Waxwings from Bay City on November 2nd, and five Pine Grosbeaks on Oct 30th in Bay Port.

The amazing nineteen new late fall dates were headed up by the group of a late lingering marsh birds kicked up by Stan Madziar along Lake Huron just east of Bay City. They included American Bittern on Nov 6th, Least Bittern on Oct 18th, Virginia Rail through Nov 29th, Marsh Wren into December, and Common Yellowthroat on Nov 26th. Other impressive lates included Great Egret from Fish Pt on Nov 21st, Green-backed Heron and Gray-cheeked Thrush on Oct 29th at Whiskey Harbor, Broad-winged Hawk on Oct 23rd at Port Crescent, and Eastern Wood Pewee on Oct 14th, Barn Swallow on Oct 22nd, and Red-eyed Vireo on Oct 23rd all from Tawas Pt.

Impressive high counts included 950 Double-crested Cormorants from the Karn Plant on Sept 1st, 5000 Tundra Swans on Nov 15th from Bay Port, 3200 Canvasbacks and 4000 Greater Scaup from Nayanquing in late November and 30000 (yes four zeros) from Bay City SP in mid-October. In all, eleven new SBA high counts and seven new seasonal highs were reported.

In general, waterfowl numbers were up. This was especially so for divers. The effects of zebra mussels? Loons and Horned Grebes were down from previous years as were shorebird (probably due to lack of habitat with the high lake levels) and gull numbers. Raptors were varied with ten Peregrine and seven Merlin sightings and only a single Rough-legged Hawk report. Thrushes were common at times as were warblers. Winter finches made an impressive return with both Pine and Evening Grosbeaks being sighted numerous times and Redpolls were seen in good numbers during late October and early November. Noticeably absent for the period were Bobwhite, Red-necked Phalarope, Whip-poor-will, and Northern Parula.

A total of 235 species were noted for the period. Many thanks to everyone for sending their reports on time. I needed a lot as this summary took me a whopping 25 hours (done in five days) to complete.

REPORTS

RED-THROATED LOON:

1 9/26 Tawas Pt, lo MW **New SBA fall early!**
This birds were ID'd by Myles at a great distance (~3/4 mile or more). Flapping rate was used as the key field mark. I saw it also (and agree it looked different), but am less confident in long distance loon identification.

1 10/13 Harbor Beach, Hu MW Flying in harbor.
3 10/21 Tawas Pt, lo MW Distant flybys.
1 10/23 Tawas Pt, lo RW, SR

Seen at close range flying by with a Common Loon for comparison. The smaller size, shorter leg extension, and distinctive body carriage were noted on this bird.

1 11/17 Tawas Pt, lo MW
This bird was seen swimming in deep water off of the finishing access. Bill shape and clean demarcation line between back fore and hind neck were used to identify this bird.

COMMON LOON:

15 9/13 Tawas Pt, lo RW, R&MP Some seen on 9/12.
60+ 10/14 Tawas Pt, lo RW
110 10/24 Port Hope, Hu MW One large flock!
1 11/29 Saginaw River, Ba JS Last date.

Also noted from MCV, Mi (SR, RW).

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

12 8/1 Nayanquing Pt, Ba SR
1 11/14 Tobico Lagoon, Ba RW Seen into Dec in Ba.

Also noted from Mi, Sa, Tu, and Hu.

HORNED GREBE:

1 9/26 Tawas Pt, lo RW, MW, BB First date.
20 10/14 Tawas Pt, lo RW Peak count.

Noted through period at MCV, Mi (4 on 11/30-SR). Also reported from Ar, Ba, and Hu

RED-NECKED GREBE:

2 9/26 Tawas Pt, lo RW, MW, BB **New SBA fall early!**
1 10/14 Tawas Pt, lo RW
1 10/28-29 MCV, Mi RW, EK, SR
2 11/11 Tawas Pt, lo BB
1 11/12 Tawas Pt, lo BB Last date.

EARED GREBE:

1 9/14,15 Dow Ponds, Mi EK, RW et al
1 10/12,16 Dow Ponds, Mi RW, SR The Sept. bird?

WHITE PELICAN:

9 9/12 Tawas Pt, lo R&MP, RH
9 9/13-15 MCV, Mi DV, EK, RW

These same nine birds were reported from Coloma, Berrien County shortly after leaving Midland!

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

950 9/1 Karn Plant, Ba SR **New SBA high!**
157 9/17 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Impressive inland #.

Noted through period at Karn Plant, Ba (JS). Late birds away from Bay City include 1 on 11/14 at Tawas (BB) and 4 on 11/15 at Bay Port, Hu (TB). Also reported from lo, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1 8/26 Midland, Mi RA Within city limits.
1 11/6 Nebobish Road, Ba SM **New SBA late date!**

Also noted from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW), Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP), and Rose Island, Hu (MW).

LEAST BITTERN:

1 10/18 Cotter Road, Ba SM **New SBA late date!**

Also noted from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (8/9-DP) and Karn Plant, Ba (8/19-JS).

GREAT BLUE HERON:

67 9/17 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

Noted through period. Reported from lo, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

GREAT EGRET:

69 8/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Peak.
4 11/14 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
1 11/21 Fish Pt, Tu MW **New SBA late date!**

Also noted from Tawas Pt and Tuttle Marsh, lo (still rare there-BB, RW), Ba, and Hu. Numbers down a bit.

SNOWY EGRET:

First Karn Plant sightings were noted in mid-July.

3 8/18-30 Karn Plant, Ba MW, SR Ties SBA peak count.
1 9/17 Karn Plant, Ba JS **New SBA late date!**



One noted from Crane Creek, Ohio the next day. This bird?

CATTLE EGRET:

[No reports.]

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

1	10/8	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	Somewhat late.
1	10/29	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	New SBA late date!

Also noted from Shiawassee NWR, Sa with peak of 6 on 8/12 (DP).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

18	10/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Last seen 11/5 (MW).
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Peak of 11 on 9/17 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

TUNDRA SWAN:

1	thru 8/27	Eagle Bay, Hu	ME et al	Few August records.
2	9/1	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	
2	10/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Also at Nayan (G&EP).
1500	11/11	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
4000	11/14	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	SR	
5000	11/15	Bay Port, Hu	TB	New high fall count.

Peak of 34 on 11/14 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from Io, Mi (300-RA), and Tu.

MUTE SWAN:

Reported from Tobico, Ba (3 on 11/20-SR); Dow Ponds, Mi; and Eagle Bay and Whiskey Harbor, Hu.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

[No reports.]

SNOW GOOSE:

1	9/28	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	SR	First report.
107	10/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
50	10/28	Shiawassee Flats, Sa	MW	

Noted through period at SNWR, Sa. Also noted from Bay Port (TB) and Whiskey Harbor, Hu (MW).

CANADA GOOSE:

23606	11/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
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Also noted from Io, Ar, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu. Many Richardson's reported this fall.

WOOD DUCK:

120	8/16	Sebewaing SL, Hu	MW	Highest count.
90	9/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

Noted through period at SNWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from Io, Ba, and Mi.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

429	10/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
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First migrants noted at Tawas Pt, Io on 8/14 with peak of 30 on 10/3 (RW). Noted through period at SNWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

2446	11/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
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Also noted from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu.

MALLARD:

10800	11/21	Bay Port area, Hu	ME	In cornfields.
22547	11/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.

Also noted from Io, Ar, Ba, and Mi.

NORTHERN PINTAIL:

380	10/13	Tobico Lagoon, Ba	SR	Peak count.
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A few noted tp. Peak of only 22 on 10/26 at SNWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from Io, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

72	9/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
2	10/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last date.

Also reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu.

NORTHERN SHOVELER:

145	10/6	Sebewaing SL, Hu	MW	New SBA high!
52	11/14	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	SR	

Also noted from SNWR, Sa with a peak of only 6 on 11/4. Five still there on 11/24 (DP).

GADWALL:

Peak of 34 noted at MCV, Mi (EK, RW). Also noted from Ba, Sa, and Hu. No high counts this fall.

AMERICAN WIGEON:

410	10/13	Tobico Lagoon, Ba	SR	Peak count.
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Small numbers noted at Nayanquing Pt, Ba through period. Also noted from Io, Mi, Sa, and Hu.

CANVASBACK:

3200	11/20	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	SR	New SBA high!
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Over a thousand present tp. Also noted from Io, Mi, Sa, and Hu. Numbers average elsewhere.

REDHEAD:

60	10/29	Harbor Beach, Hu	MW	Peak.
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Noted in small numbers through period at Nayanquing Pt, Ba. Also noted from Io, Mi, and Sa.

RING-NECKED DUCK:

600 10/23 Alabaster, Io RW, SR Peak count.

Noted in small numbers through period at Nayanquing Pt, Ba. Also noted from Mi, Sa, Tu, and Hu.

GREATER SCAUP:

2 10/27 East Tawas, Io RW, EK

Certainly many fly by Tawas, but positive identification is often impossible on distant flying birds.

6 11/7 Tawas Pt, Io RW

1 11/14 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

4000 11/28 Nayanquing Pt, Ba SR **New SBA high!**

These were originally (and later by me) identified as Lesser Scaup, but Myles Willard later convinced me these were all Greater. An amazing raft of divers present through at least early December.

LESSER SCAUP:

106 10/24 Sebawaing SL, Hu MW Peak.

25 11/27 Hampton Twp, Ba JS

Also noted from Io, Mi, Sa, and Hu.

SCAUP SP.:

200 11/12 Tawas Pt, Io BB

OLDSQUAW:

3 10/14 Tawas Pt, Io RW **New SBA fall early!**

7 10/17 MCV, Mi RW, SR Good inland count.

52 10/30 Tawas Pt, Io RW, BB, MW, SR Precise count.

100+ 10/31 Tawas Pt, Io MW New fall high.

Singles noted tp. Also noted inland at MCV, Mi on 10/27 (1-RW) and 11/18 (2-RW, SR). Reported from Saginaw River, Ba (RW) and Pigeon, Hu (TB).

BLACK SCOTER:

The only report of this species this fall was of one flying north past Tawas Pt, Io on the early date of 9/26. It was originally called a Black due to the lack of any distinguishing marks, the scoter build, and its small size. This record has been placed under Scoter sp. (dark-winged) as the best rule of thumb is not to call dark-winged scoters unless distinctive marks are seen (i.e. white spots on the face, a white or buffy chin, etc). Adult male Black Scoters are extremely rare in Michigan and should not be assumed due to a lack of marks. Flying birds at Tawas birds are always backlit in the mornings are particularly difficult to see sufficiently for identification.

SURF SCOTER:

1 9/26 Tawas Pt, Io RW, MW, BB **New SBA fall early!**

The white facial spots were noted on this bird.

3 10/2 Tawas Pt, Io BB One on 10/3 (RW, BB).

1 10/13 Whiskey Harbor, Hu MW

2 10/29 Tawas Pt, Io BB

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:

1 9/26 Tawas Pt, Io BB, MW, RW **New SBA fall early!**

6 10/17 MCV, Mi RW, SR Good inland number.

31 10/23 Tawas Pt, Io RW, SR Peak count.

1 11/21 Bay Port, Hu MW

11 11/28 Tawas Pt, Io BB Last date.

SCOTER SP. (dark-winged):

1 9/26 Tawas Pt, Io MW, BB, RW Described above.

1 10/23 Tawas Pt, Io RW, SR

1 11/13 MCV, Mi SR Probable Surf.

Well over a hundred scoters were noted passing by Tawas this fall!

COMMON GOLDENEYE:

2 10/9 Tawas Pt, Io RW, BB, RH First returns.

200 11/27 Callahan Road, Ba JS Peak.

Also noted from Ar, Mi, and Hu.

BUFFLEHEAD:

1 9/28 Dow Ponds, Mi SR First return.

200 10/30 Tawas Pt, Io MW, RW, BB, SR Rough estimate.

210 11/7 Tawas Pt, Io RW **New SBA high!**

173 11/7 MCV, Mi SR 14 more at Dow Ponds.

Also reported from Ar, Ba, Mi, Sa, and Hu.

HOODED MERGANSER:

82 11/14 Nayanquing Pt, Ba SR **New SBA high!**

66 11/14 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

Reported through period at Nayanquing Pt, Ba. Also noted from Io, Ar, Mi, and Hu.

COMMON MERGANSER:

4000 11/28 MCV, Mi SR Peak count.



1000 11/28 Tawas Pt, lo BB Flying south.
 First noted on 10/15 with peak of 2107 on 11/14 at SNWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from lo, Ba, and Hu.
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:
 ~5000 10/23&27 Tawas Pt, lo RW, SR, EK
 ~3000 late October H Beach-Port Hope, Hu MW
 Also noted from Ar, Ba, and Mi.
RUDDY DUCK:
 97 9/14 Dow Ponds, Mi RW
 12 10/12 Dow Ponds, Mi RW Peak.
 12 11/30 Dow Ponds, Mi SR Last date.
 Also noted from SNWR, Sa and Caseville & Sumac Island, Hu.
TURKEY VULTURE:
 53 8/6 Eagle Bay, Hu ME Peak.
 1 10/22 Tawas Pt, lo MW, DP Last report.
 Also noted from Ba, Mi, Sa, and Hu
OSPREY:
 1 8/8 Nayanquing Pt, Ba G&EP
 1 8/25 Freeland, Sa RA
 1 9/9,17 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Also noted in Ba (JS).
 1 10/3 Tawas Pt, lo BB Last report.
BALD EAGLE:
 8 8/26&11/4 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Peak.
 Also noted from lo, Ba, Mi, and Hu.
NORTHERN HARRIER:
 Noted tp with peak of 5 on 9/30 at SNWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from lo, Ba, Mi, and Hu.
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:
 1 8/28 Tawas Pt, lo RW First return.
 5 10/3 Tawas Pt, lo RW Peak.
 1 11/20 Tawas Pt, lo SR Eating a passerine.
 Also noted from Mi, Sa, and Hu.
COOPER'S HAWK:
 Scattered sightings tp. Noted in lo, Ar, Ba, Mi, Sa, and Hu.
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:
 2 10/13 Shiawassee NWR, Sa BG
 Also seen at Bay Port, Hu (11/6-TB); Au Gres, Ar (11/11-MW); and Fremont Twp, Tu (11/20-MW).
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:
 1 8/25 Rose Island, Hu ME Only report.
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:
 1 10/23 Port Crescent SP, Hu ME **New SBA late date!**
 Over a month past the previous late date. Also noted from Sebawaing SL, Hu (8-22-MW).
RED-TAILED HAWK:
 Regular sightings tp. Peak of 12 on 11/4 at SNWR, Sa (DP). A dark phase bird Dave Peters has seen for the last six winters returned on 10/26. Also noted from lo, Ba, Mi, and Hu.
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:
 1 10/29 Tawas Pt, lo BB Only report!
GOLDEN EAGLE:
 [No reports.]
AMERICAN KESTREL:
 Common through period. Noted from lo, Ba, Mi, and Hu.
MERLIN:
 1 fem 9/15-21 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
 1 10/22 Tawas Pt, lo DP
 Also noted from Tawas on 9/24&26 and 10/3&9 (RW, MW, BB) and from Murphy Lake, Tu on 10/11 (MW).
PEREGRINE FALCON:
 1 9/25 Fremont Twp, Tu MW
 1; 2 9/30; 10/2 Shiawassee NWR, Sa MP, DP Also noted on 10/4.
 1 11/25, 27 Tawas Pt, lo BB **New SBA late date!**
 Noted from Tawas on 10/2 (RW-tundra race), 10/9 (RW, BB, RH), and 10/23 (RW, SR). Also noted on 10/3 at I-75 & Wilder Road, Ba and on 10/9 from Karn Plant, Ba (JS).
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:
 Scattered sightings through period. Reported from Ba and Hu.
RUFFED GROUSE:
 Scattered sightings through period. Reported from Tu only.
WILD TURKEY:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from lo, Ar, and Hu. 18 noted from Bangor Twp, Ba (JG).
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:



[No reports!]

VIRGINIA RAIL:

1	8/2	Finn Road Park, Ba	JS	
young	9/5	Tuttle Marsh, lo	BB	
1	11/27-29	Cotter Road, Ba	SM	New SBA late date!

Flushed from cattails while he was out hunting. Rail shape, long bill, and tracks in snow noted.

SORA:

2	8/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
1	8/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Only reports.

COMMON MOORHEN:

1	10/8	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RW	First lo record!
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Also noted from SNWR, Sa (DP), Karn Plant Ba (peak of 9 on 8/19-SR); Quanicassee, Tu (MW); and Sumac Island, Hu (ME).

AMERICAN COOT:

124	11/8	MCV, Mi	EK, RW	Peak.
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Noted through end of period at Nayanquing, Ba and MCV, Mi (RW et al). Also seen in lo, Sa, Tu, and Hu.

SANDHILL CRANE:

3	10/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
2	10/29	M-13 near SNWR, Sa	MH	Only reports.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

1	8/10	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First report.
22	9/27	Bay Port, Hu	TB	
1	10/15	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	Last.

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER:

3	9/6&8	Bay Port, Hu	MW, NS	
1	11/6	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	Last date.

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:

2	9/26	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, MW	Last date.
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Peak of 6 on 8/19 at SNWR, Sa (DP) and 9/22 at Bay City SP, Ba (SR). Also noted from Hu and Mi.

PIPING PLOVER:

[No reports.]

KILLDEER:

80	8/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
108	9/6&8	Bay Port, Hu	MW	
2	10/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last.

AMERICAN AVOCET:

[No reports.]

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

25	9/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
7	11/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG, DP	
1	11/5	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	Last.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

84	8/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
3	10/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Last date.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

1	10/2	Bay City SP, Ba	SR	
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Peak of three noted at several locations in Sa (DP) and Hu (ME, MW)

WILLET:

[No reports.]

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

30	8/13	Sebewaing SL, Hu	MW	Peak.
2	10/1	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Last report.

UPLAND SANDPIPER:

[No reports.] A very early migrant.

WHIMBREL:

[No reports.]

HUDSONIAN GODWIT:

One sketchy report of two birds wading in a pond on 10/20 at Verona SGA (DE).

MARbled GODWIT:

[No reports.]

RUDDY TURNSTONE:

9	8/30	Karn Plant, Ba	MW	
1	9/10	Saginaw River, Ba	JS	

Two were anonymously recorded on the bird board at Jennison NC, Ba on 10/14-quite late.

RED KNOT:

1	10/2	Tawas Pt, lo	RA	Only report.
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SANDPELING:
30 10/4&5 Caseville, Hu TB
- 11/12 Tawas Pt, Io BB

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:
30 8/12 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
3 9/23 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

WESTERN SANDPIPER:
[No reports.]

LEAST SANDPIPER:
39 8/12 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
2 10/7 Karn Plant, Ba JS

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:
1 9/14 MCV, Mi EK
1 10/14 Tawas Pt, Io RW Only reports.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:
1 8/7 Karn Plant, Ba JS
3 9/20 Karn Plant, Ba JS Last.
Singles noted from Tawas Pt, Io (8/28-RW); Coleman SL, Mi (RW, KK); SNWR, Sa (8/26-DP); Port Austin SL, Hu 8/9-ME); and Sebewaing SL, Hu (8/18&22-MW). Numbers down due to lack of habitat.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:
11 8/26 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
15 9/6 Coleman SL, Mi KK, RW
3 10/14 Karn Plant, Ba JS

DUNLIN:
1 9/2 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP New SBA fall early!
85 10/28 Pigeon SL, Hu TB Arrived in mid-Sept.
111 10/26 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Peak.
1 11/12 Tawas Pt, Io BB Last.

STILT SANDPIPER:
43 8/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP New fall high.
1 im 9/26 Tawas Pt, Io RW, MW, BB Rare at Tawas.
19 10/9 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Last.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:
1 9/6 Coleman SL, Mi RW, KK First Mi record!

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:
24 8/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
1 9/4 Sebewaing SL, Hu MW
2 9/6 Coleman SL, Mi KK, RW Few reports.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:
[No reports.]

DOWITCHER SP.:
6 10/7 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

COMMON SNIFE:
10 8/26 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
1 11/11 Hampton Twp, Ba JS
1 11/27 Cotter Road, Ba SM Last date.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK:
1 10/28 Vassar, Tu MW Numbers down.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:
1 8/1 Nayanquing Pt, Ba SR Molting.
1 8/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:
[No reports.] First time in a while.

JAEGER SP.:
1 ad 10/29 Tawas Pt, Io BB
Bob wrote "looked like an intermediate morph adult or sub-adult Parasitic per Seabirds/Harrison". This marks the second year in a row a jaeger has been seen at Tawas the last week in October.

BONAPARTE'S GULL:
750 10/21 Karn Plant, Ba JS Peak.
200 11/27 Hampton Twp, Ba JS

RING-BILLED GULL:
Common through period. Peak of ~2000 (mixed with Herrings) from MCV, Mi in November.

HERRING GULL:
Common through period. Peak of ~2000 from MCV, Mi (SR, RW, EK et al). Estimates ranged widely but at least 4000 gulls (often in one large raft) were seen on the ponds through November.

ICELAND GULL:



Myles Willard reported an adult white-winged gull standing next to an adult Glaucous near Port Hope, Hu on 11/26. He noticed that it had about a two-inch primary extension, but the primaries were pure white with no dusky tips. The dusky tips are typical of Kumlien's Gull-the race normally seen in this area. He said there was only a little streaking on the head. Possibilities are that it was a light extreme of Kumlien's Gull, a nominate form Iceland as pictured in most field guides, or maybe even a hybrid.

GLAUCOUS GULL:

1	10/29	Harbor Beach, Hu	MW	At Tawas the next day.
2	11/25	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:

1	10/1 tp	Bay City SP, Ba	MW et al	Lester returns again.
1	11/22	MCV, MI	RW, EK	First MI record!

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

14	9/1	Harbor Beach, Hu	MW	
15	10/22	Tawas Pt, lo	MW	

COMMON TERN:

1200	8/19	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Peak.
1	10/23	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	

CASPIAN TERN:

78	8/10	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
3	10/16	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, SR	Last report.

FORSTER'S TERN:

~50	8/18	Karn Plant, Ba	MW	Peak count.
1	10/23	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	

BLACK TERN:

4	9/1	Bay Port, Hu	TB	Last date.
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ROCK DOVE:

Common through period. Peak of 150 at Bay City, Ba(JS).

MOURNING DOVE:

Common tp. Peak of 303 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Pure albino reported from Hampton Twp, Ba (JS).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	8/1	Baldwin Twp, lo	RW	Calling at dawn.
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YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	8/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
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EASTERN SCREECH OWL:

25	9/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG, DP, BW	
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Also noted from Oak Grove, Ba (11/14-JS) and Midland, Mi (10/24-RA)..

GREAT HORNED OWL:

Noted from Au Gres, Ar (MW); Oak Grove, Ba (JS); Fremont Twp, Tu (2-MW); and Bay Port, Hu (TB).

SNOWY OWL:

1	10/29	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	First report.
2	11/30	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	

Also noted from Au Gres Ar (RW); MCV, Mi (DV) and Waldo/Shuette Roads, Mi (PS); and Sumac Island, Hu (MW).

BARRED OWL:

3	9/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG, DP, BW	
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LONG-EARED OWL:

[No reports.]

SHORT-EARED OWL:

1	10/30	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, MW, BB	Flying in off the lake.
2	10/31	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

118	9/6	East Tawas, lo	DP	Peak.
2	10/6	Saginaw, Sa	DP	Last.

WHIP-POOR-WILL:

[No reports.]

CHIMNEY SWIFT:

5	9/16	Bay City, Ba	JS	Last and peak.
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RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

4	8/28	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	New fall high!
1	9/22	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	Last.

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD:

A female/immature bird visited a feeder at Keshville, Sa from mid-October until November 5th. The bird actually spent some days inside the house after the feeder it was using was moved indoors! The bird was captured and sent by Sandy Miner to Florida via Northwest Airlines. Preliminary measurements of the bird when it arrived in Florida were outside of the normal range of Ruby-throated Hummingbird implying



May have been a Black-chinned Hummingbird. More detailed measurements were requested along with photographs to confirm its identity. More information next summary. Any late lingering hummer should be checked thoroughly and photographed if possible. Most vagrant Rufous, Allen's, and Black-chinned records are from late fall.

BELTED KINGFISHER:

Scattered sightings tp.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

3	9/3	Gabel Road, Sa	DP	
1	11/13	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Last.

Also noted from Arenac (MW) and Wilderness Arb, Hu (ME).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:

Peak of 4 at SNWR, Sa (BG). Also noted from Tu and Hu.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:

1	9/29	Wenonah Park, Ba	JS
1	10/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP

Also noted from Bay City SP, Ba (2 on 10/1-MW) and Stratford Woods, Mi (10/5-RW).

DOWNY WOODPECKER:

Common tp. Peak of 8 on 10/11 at SNWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

HAIRY WOODPECKER:

Fairly common through period. Reported from Io, Mi, Sa, Tu, and Hu.

NORTHERN FLICKER:

Noted through period from Midland, Mi (EK). Peak of 15 on 8/30 at Karn Plant, Ba (MW). Also reported from Io, Tu, and Hu.

PILEATED WOODPECKER:

Reported from Chippewa NC, Mi (JH); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (BG-2 on 9/30, DP); and Tawas Pt and Tawas City, Io (BB).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:

2	8/26	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
3	8/27-29	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME

One also seen at nearby Port Crescent SP, Hu on 8/27. Two of these birds actually sang. This location has been a hot spot for this species and many other flycatchers just before Labor Day.

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:

9	8/6	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
1 im	10/14	Tawas Pt, Io	RW

New SBA late date!

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:

1	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK
1	8/28	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
1	9/4	Wilderness Arb, Hu	MW

New SBA fall early!

Bob heard what he thought was a Yellow-bellied singing and calling before he saw this bird.

Photographed.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

1-2	8/4-9/5	Port Crescent area, Hu	ME
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These were all singing birds presumably remaining on territory. Peak of 2 on 8/4.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:

3	8/6	Grindstone City, Hu	ME
1	9/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP

Peak.

New SBA late date!

Also noted from Tawas Lake, Io (RW) and Arms Road, Ba (JS).

ALDER FLYCATCHER:

1	9/19	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
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New SBA late date!

Other late dates have been recorded for the preceding two species, but most have been identified without the birds vocalizing. As I understand it, all Willow/Alder types are currently banded as Traill's Flycatcher as even in-hand measurements are not deemed adequate for separating the two species.

LEAST FLYCATCHER:

8	8/26	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
1	9/19	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME

Most singing.

Singing. Last date.

EASTERN PHOEBE:

1	10/17	Tawas Pt, Io	BB
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Last date.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:

4	8/21-22	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
1	9/19	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME

Last date.

EASTERN KINGBIRD:

15	8/14	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BK, BB
1	9/17	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA

2nd latest ever in SBA.

HORNED LARK:

Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, and Hu.

PURPLE MARTIN:

40	8/4	Lake Twp, Hu	ME	Peak.
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1	9/5	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	
TREE SWALLOW:				
500	9/10	Freeland SL, Sa	JS	
500	9/22	Sebewaing, Hu	TB	
5	10/14	CNC Wetlands, Mi	RW	Last.
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:				
30	9/5	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, BB	
2	9/10	Freeland SL, Sa	JS	
BANK SWALLOW:				
156	8/4	Saginaw River, Ba	JS	
2	9/12	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
CLIFF SWALLOW:				
1	9/5	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	
BARN SWALLOW:				
1	10/6	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	
1 im	10/22	Tawas Pt, lo	DP	New SBA late date!
There was only one known October record for this species prior to this fall! No high counts reported.				
BLUE JAY:				
Common tp. Peak of 250+ at Tawas Pt, lo on 10/3 (RW, BB).				
AMERICAN CROW:				
Common tp. Peak of 84 reported on 11/24 from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).				
COMMON RAVEN:				
1	late Oct/early Nov	Port Crescent SP	JLe	
1	11/14	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
Also reported from the Tawas Airport (2 on 8/1-RW) and Vaughn Creek, lo (3 on 9/26-MW).				
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:				
Common tp. Peak of 200 noted from Tawas Pt, lo on 10/2 (RA). New SBA peak count. Large numbers all over this fall with Tawas providing several large counts.				
TUFTED TITMOUSE:				
Noted tp. Peak of 7 noted 10/11 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).				
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:				
Extremely common this fall. Almost every report noted an abundance of this species. The peak count was of 10 on 9/4 at Tawas Pt, lo (RW).				
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:				
Common tp. Peak of 8 reported from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).				
BROWN CREEPER:				
Scattered sightings tp. Peak of 6 on 10/11 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).				
CAROLINA WREN:				
Noted from Midland, Mi during the late October (MWi) and from 11/8-14 from Oak Beach, Hu (ME).				
HOUSE WREN:				
1	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	Last and late.
Peak of 5 reported from Eagle Bay on 9/1 (MW).				
WINTER WREN:				
2	9/21	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	First migrants reported.
1	11/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last and very late.
Peak of 3 on 10/22 at Tawas Pt, lo (DP). Also reported from Ba and Hu.				
SEDGE WREN:				
1	9/5	Arms Road, Ba	JS	Few Sept records.
MARSH WREN:				
1	10/23	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
Noted tp. Nebobish Road, Ba SM New SBA late!				
Peak of 5 on 8/4 from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (SR).				
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:				
1	9/24	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	First return.
30	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:				
1	9/4	Rush Lake, Hu	ME	First return.
40	9/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Peak.
40	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	
8	10/29	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	Last.
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:				
1	10/10	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	3rd October record.
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:				
10	10/11	Caro, Tu	MW	
2,1	11/6	Tawas Pt, Bald Twp, lo	RW, SR	
1	11/12,14	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	



1	11/23	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	Last.
There were only a couple known November records before this fall.				
3	8/25	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
1	9/4	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	Last.
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:				
2	9/24	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
1	10/29	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	New SBA late date!
This has to be one of the latest dates ever for the STATE! The latest record I could find was of one from the Kalamazoo area for October 21st. Myles had been looking at many Hermits all fall and said this one had no eye ring and no red tail. He did say it had less yellowish wash than other Gray-cheekeds he has seen. This preserve is excellent for holding every late birds.				
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:				
1	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK	
1	8/28	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	Also Tawas (RW).
4	9/17	Liberty Grove, Ba	JS	New locale?
1	10/7	Midland, Mi	RA	Last.
HERMIT THRUSH:				
1	9/26	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	First migrant noted.
30	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	Also last date reported.
WOOD THRUSH:				
1	8/6	Grindstone City, Hu	ME	Singing.
1	9/17	Midland, Mi	RA	Last.
AMERICAN ROBIN:				
78	10/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	11/14	Tobico Lagoon, Ba	RW	Last report.
GRAY CATBIRD:				
16	9/19	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
1	10/7	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	Last.
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:				
2	thru 8/11	Wallace/Copeland, Hu	ME	Nesting locale.
1	11/11	Bay City, Ba	MW	
BROWN THRASHER:				
2	9/23	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	Also at Myle's house.
WATER PIPIT:				
1	9/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
30	10/2	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Peak.
3,1	11/6,7	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last. Quite late.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING:				
21	11/2	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	New SBA fall early!
These birds were observed at close range for five minutes. Cinnamon undertail and grayish bellies were noted. This was the only fall sighting.				
CEDAR WAXWING:				
60	8/22	Sebewaing SL, Hu	MW	Peak count.
NORTHERN SHRIKE:				
1	10/29	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
1	11/12	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA	
2	11/14	PCSP & Dwight Twp, Hu	ME	Few detected this fall.
Also noted from Sebewaing and Grindstone City area, Hu (TB, KO).				
EUROPEAN STARLING:				
Common tp. Peak of 1000+ noted in Bay City on 11/29 (JS). Non-CBC peak count I believe.				
SOLITARY VIREO:				
2	8/26	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
1	10/5	Stratford Woods, Mi	RW	Also on 9/30 in Mi.
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:				
3	9/11	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
1	9/22	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	
WARBLING VIREO:				
1	9/10	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	Last date.
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:				
1	8/27	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
3	9/4	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
1	9/24	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Last and late.
RED-EYED VIREO:				
2,1	8/6	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	New SBA high!
1	10/23	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, SR	New SBA late date!



BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:

1	8/28	Baldwin Twp, Io	RW	Rare that far north.
1	9/18	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	Ties SBA late date.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:

1	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK	
1	8/27	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	
2	8/28	Baldwin Twp, Io	RW	Only reports.

TENNESSEE WARBLER:

1	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK	Also one July record.
3	8/14	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BB, BK	
15	8/28	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
1	10/10	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Very late.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:

1-2	10/3	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BB
1	10/16	Stratford Woods, Mi	RW

Also noted at Waterworks Park, Mi (10/4-RW); Tawas Pt, Io (10/9-RW); and Whiskey Harbor, Hu (10/13-MW). All of the birds I saw were foraging low in the weeds as opposed to up in trees.

NASHVILLE WARBLER:

6	9/11	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	Peak.
2	10/5	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	Also at Chevy Woods.
3	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	

NORTHERN PARULA:

[No reports.] I like to know why certain falls these birds are so hard to come by and other years...

YELLOW WARBLER:

12	8/14	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
11	9/17	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA	Many for so late!

This was amazingly the latest record by almost three weeks. Late hanging family groups?

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:

1	9/30	Midland, Mi	RW	Last.
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This was my treat for attending a sick son. Peak only 3 on 9/11 in Fremont Twp, Tu (MW).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER:

15	9/4	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Peak.
1	10/9	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	2nd latest ever.

CAPE MAY WARBLER:

2	8/1	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	1st migrants in July.
2	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK	
40	8/29	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BB	Ties peak count!
1	10/3	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:

1	9/4	Oak Grove, Ba; Arb, Hu	JS; ME	First migrants.
5	9/12	Tawas Pt, Io	R&MP	Peak.
1	10/11	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	New SBA late date!

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:

4	8/7	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Attended young!
1	11/14	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Last report.

Reports of 40 on 9/26 from Tawas Pt, Io (9/26-MW et al) and Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME). Another early count of 40 was noted on 8/14 at Tawas (RW, BB, BK).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:

1	10/3	Tawas Pt, Io	RW
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Peak of only 4 on 8/29 at Tawas Pt, Io (RW, BB). Missed entirely by JS & ME!

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:

1	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK	1st migrant in July.
3	9/4	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Also at Oak Grove (JS).
2	9/18	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	Very few records!

PINE WARBLER:

Still singing on territory in Baldwin Twp, Io on 9/4-5 (RW)! Migrants reported from Tawas Pt, Io (8/14-BK, RW) and Oak Beach, Hu (9/26-ME).

1	10/29	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	Late.
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PALM WARBLER:

5	9/4	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	First report.
50	9/26	Tawas Pt, Io	MW et al	Peak.
1	10/17	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
5	10/22	Tawas Pt, Io	DP	Ties SBA late date!

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:

1	8/4	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	First report.
4	8/5	Tawas Pt, Io	BK	



4	9/23	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	Also at Myle's.
BLACK-POLL WARBLER:				
3	8/28	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	First report.
1	10/10	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	New SBA late date!
Even the yellow toes were seen on Oct 10th bird! Numbers were way down with a peak of only 4 birds noted on 9/23 at Waterworks Park, Mi (RW)!				
CEPHEAN WARBLER:				
[No reports.]				
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:				
3	8/14	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
1	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	New SBA late date!
AMERICAN REDSTART:				
10	9/4&5	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BB	
1-2	10/3	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last report.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:				
[No reports.]				
OVENBIRD:				
1	9/26	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last report.
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:				
1	8/14	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BK	
2	8/28	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:				
[No reports.]				
CONNECTICUT WARBLER:				
1 heard	8/27	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	Sang for a while.
MOORING WARBLER:				
1 im	8/7	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
1	8/15	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
1 ad male	8/28	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last.
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:				
8	9/19	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	Peak.
1	10/17	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Quite late.
1	11/26	Nebobish Road, Ba	SM	New SBA late date!
This bird was pished in to close range revealing the lack of wing bars and eye ring and the yellow throat.				
This bird is noted on CBCs in the southern part of the state on some years.				
WILSON'S WARBLER:				
1	8/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First report.
8	8/29	Tawas Pt, Io	BB, RW	Peak.
1	9/13	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, R&MP et al	Last report.
CANADA WARBLER:				
1	8/25	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	
1	9/17	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA	
1	9/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	New SBA late date!
SCARLET TANAGER:				
1	9/23	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
NORTHERN CARDINAL:				
Common tp. Peak of 15 noted at Fostoria, Tu (MW). New non-SBA peak count!				
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:				
6	9/1	Liberty Woods, Ba	JS	
1	9/21	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
INDIGO BUNTING:				
3	8/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
1	9/23	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	Last report.
RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:				
1	10/6	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	Last.
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:				
1	9/27	Bay Port, Hu	TB	New SBA fall early!
85	11/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	Peak.
CHIPPING SPARROW:				
30	9/17	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA	Peak.
1	11/6	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	A bit late.
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:				
[No reports.]				
FIELD SPARROW:				
2	10/13	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last.
LESPER SPARROW:				



1	8/20	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
2	10/13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	Only reports!
SAVANNAH SPARROW:				
20	9/26	Tawas Pt, lo	RW et al	Peak.
1	11/6	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	Last date.
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:				
[No reports.]				
HENSLOW'S SPARROW:				
[No reports.]				
LECONTE'S SPARROW:				
1	9/11	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	New SBA early!
A well-described adult bird. It was found preening in the open before returning to sedge habitat!				
FOX SPARROW:				
2	10/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First report.
1	11/18	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	2nd latest ever.
SONG SPARROW:				
Noted in small numbers tp. Peak of 10 reported on 10/12 at CNC Wetlands, Mi (RW).				
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:				
1	9/5	Baldwin Twp, lo	RW	First migrant.
1	10/13	CNC Wetlands, Mi	RW	
1	10/22	Tawas Pt, lo	DP	New SBA late date!
Several October records were reported this year. I have seen this species as late as Nov 1st at Whitefish Point. Caution should be used, however, as im Song Sparrows can have very gray faces and lightly streaked buffy breasts. I thought for sure I had one this Nov 6th until I got in my <u>scope</u> .				
SWAMP SPARROW:				
8	11/6	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	Peak and last report.
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:				
2	8/1	Tawas Airport, lo	RW	Singing on territory.
1	9/5	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	First probable migrant.
30	9/23	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
Noted tp in Midland, Mi (EK).				
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:				
1	9/16	Bay Port, Hu	TB	
8	9/26	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	No large numbers.
4	10/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK	
1	11/17	Linwood, Ba	GP, M&JH, LA	
DARK-EYED JUNCO:				
1	9/16	Tawas Pt, lo	MW	First return.
Seen on 9/19 in Hu (ME), 9/20 Karn Plant, Ba (JS), and 9/22 Sebewaing, Hu (TB).				
40	10/13	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	Peak.
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:				
1	9/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First return.
5	9/26	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, MW, BB	
3	10/13	CNC Wetlands, Mi	RW	
4	10/27	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, EK	One calling in a tree!
8	11/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
1	11/21	Bach , Hu	MW	It's a town in s. Hu.
A good year for small groups. Two more records from Tawas not included (RW).				
SNOW BUNTING:				
1	10/13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
200	11/16	Tri-City Airport, Sa	ME	
500	11/21	Bach, Hu	MW	Peak.
BOBOLINK:				
136	9/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
1	9/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last.
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:				
5000+	October	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
Around a hundred still present in Hampton Twp, Ba at end of period (JS).				
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:				
15	10/20	Auburn, Ba	RA	Peak.
1	11/7	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:				
1	9/9	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Only full report.
MEs report was marked as one bird seen but no location or date was given.				
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:				
15	9/26	Tawas Pt, lo	BB, RW, MW	First report.



250	11/7	Bay County	GP, M&JH, LA	
42	11/11	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Peak count.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

[No reports.]

COMMON GRACKLE:

5000+	October	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	About 100 there tp.
30000	10/15	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	

The flocks of blackbirds, grackles, and cowbirds that stage in the area of the Saginaw River mouth, Ba each year are incredible. Joe Soehnel describes continuous streams running for 45 minutes. When I mention this total to him he replied that even 100,000 bird counts would not surprise him. He has not made a concerted effort to count and separate the species totals of these mixed flocks. Myles said the flock was predominately grackles and he did not bother to estimate the other species mixed in.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

Common tp. About a hundred noted through period in Hampton Twp, Ba (JS). A peak of 200 was reported from Caseville, Hu but no date given (MW).

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

1	9/1	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	Also Eagle B, Hu (MW).
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PINE GROSBEAK:

5	10/30	Bay Port, Hu	TB	New SBA early!
1	11/6-7	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, SR	One also on 11/12 (BB).
1	11/7	Vaughn Creek, lo	MW	
1	11/9	Caro, Tu	MW	
1	11/10	M-20/Homer Rds, Mi	DK	
6	11/15	Bay Port, Hu	TB	
1	11/20	Midland, Mi	DD	
27	11/28	H Beach-Port Hope, Hu	KO	Groups of 12 and 15.

PURPLE FINCH:

Scattered sightings tp. Adults feeding young at Wilderness Arb, Hu (ME).

HOUSE FINCH:

Common tp. No large counts reported. Ten reported tp in Hampton Twp, Ba (JS).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:

1	11/3	Oak Beach, Hu	ME, MW et al
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Reported at feeder or feeders in the area for a couple of weeks before the above date.

COMMON REDPOL:

130	10/27	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, EK	First and peak.
50	10/31	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	
45	11/14	Salzburg Road, Ba	RW	Last date reported.

Also noted on several other trips to Tawas and from Hu (MW, ME).

HOARY REDPOL:

There were reports of a single frosty "white-rumped" Redpoll from Tawas Pt, lo on 11/6 (RW, SR) and again on 11/14 (BB). I saw the bird at a distance of ten feet with my 30X scope for about five minutes. It was frostier than the others with a smallish bill and a white rump. It had fairly strong flank streaking which led me to believe Common Redpoll. Further review of specimens in the U of M collection showed me that the bird I saw was within the variation of the birds labeled as Hoarys. This will be a mute point soon as they will likely be lumped soon.

PINE SISKIN:

1	9/5	Midland, Mi	EK	
1	9/26	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	10 there on 10/10.

Scattered sightings through rest of period.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common tp. Peak of 100 on 10/14 at Tawas Pt, lo (BB).

EVENING GROSBEAK:

1	9/16	Oak Beach, Hu	ZK	First report.
30	11/1	Saginaw, Sa	BG	Peak.

Numerous sightings from lo, Ba, and Mi. Will they hang around

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common tp. Estimate of 25 reported tp in Hampton Twp, Ba (JS).

TOTAL: 235 species + possible Iceland Gull, B-C Humm, and Hoary Redpoll

RECORDS FROM OUTSIDE THE SBA

For future reference, please include outside birds only when you know it will not be reported otherwise. All birds seen at Whitefish Pt, Chippewa will be reported by the counters there (if seen by the counters). Please also include the county along with the location they were seen.



NORTHERN GOSHAWK:			
	9/15	Raco, Chippewa	MW
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:			
	11/5	Lapeer, Lapeer	MW
GOLDEN EAGLE:			
	8/27	Isle Royale, Houghton	SR
SANDHILL CRANE:			
	8 8 10/9	Round Lake, Clare	KK
SPRUCE GROUSE:			
	1 9/16	Raco, Chippewa	MW
SHORT-EARED OWL:			
	1 11/5	Port Sanilac, Sanilac	MW, BG
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:			
	3 10/30	Hubbard Lake, Alpena	VT
CHIPPING SPARROW:			
	150 9/16	Raco, Chippewa	MW

ADDENDUM/CORRECTIONS

Summer 1993 Corrections

The Willet noted on 7/29 at the Karn Plant, Ba was seen by Joe Soehnel (JS not TK).
BB = Bob Bell. His initials were left off the legend.

OBSERVERS:

RA	Ron Annelin	MO	Many Observers
TB	Tom Beachy	KO	Karl Overman
DD	Deores Dinkle	DP	David Peters
DE	Duane Essenmacher	G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
ME	Monica Essenmacher	MP	Mike Petrucha
JG	Jack Gillespie	R&MP	Rod & Marlene Planck
BG	Bob Grefe	SR	Steve Rosenberg
JH	Jeannie Henderson	NS	Napier Shelton
RH	Roger Hill	JS	Joe Soehnel
M&JH	Mark & Joanne Hubinger	PS	Phil Stephens
KK	Kevin Kane	KT	Kevin Thomas
BK	Bob Kemp	VT	Val Trabucchi
EK	Eugene Kenaga	DV	Derk Vokal
DK	Deana Klingensmith	TW	Terry Walsh
ZK	Z. Kornacki	RW	Ron Weeks
RK	Randy Kursinsky	MWi	Myrtle Wilke
JLe	Jim Lesser	MW	Myles Willard
JL	Janea Little	BW	Bruce Winchell
SM	Stan Madziar		

ABBREVIATIONS

*	Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.
Ba	Bay County
fem	female
Hu	Huron County
im	immature
Io	Iosco County
MCV Pond	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond (formerly Consumer's Pond)
Mi	Midland County
NC	Nature Center
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
Sa	Saginaw County
SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
SL	Sewage Lagoons
SP	State Park
to	through period
T	Tuscola County

