

# BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

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## Our Winter Birds - The Common Goldeneye

by S. Rosenberg, with drawing by Dave Stimac

Winter is here and that means the Common Goldeneye is among us. One of the last migrants to move south, the presence of these small diving ducks foretells of cold weather to come. While some early migrants can appear in September, peak levels are not obtained until mid-November with a reduction to final winter levels occurring by mid-December.

### Check Them Out!

This species is easily viewed throughout the Saginaw Bay where there is open water close to the Bay. Particularly good spots are the Karn Plant and the Saginaw River Mouth in Bay City (if not frozen) where good closeups are possible. For detailed directions consult *Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay*, by Ron Weeks. While Common Goldeneyes can be found at inland locations such as the Dow Ponds/MCV Pond in Midland close views are seldom afforded.

### Take a Second Look.

Courtship displays begin in December and are at their peak in mid-March as pair bonds are established for the breeding season. Social displays of male Common Goldeneyes are more diverse, complex and spectacular than any other North American Waterfowl. Not to mention unpredictable! Typically displays involve small groups of two females and three to five males, but larger groups can occur. The drawing by Dave Stimac on this page shows the male Common Goldeneye performing the "Head-throw" display. This is the most common of a series of complex Head-throw

displays in which a rattling *rrrrt* is uttered while the head is on the back. Also look for the "Head-throw-kick" and "Bowsprit" displays - see the figure on the next page. Be sure to look for aggressive actions from one male Common Goldeneye towards another. Look very carefully as these are initiated by the female! The female Common Goldeneye will "Incite" the male they are bonding with to attack neighboring males. However, this will often just cause the male follow more closely

and shake his head.

When they do attack it is often done from below the surface.

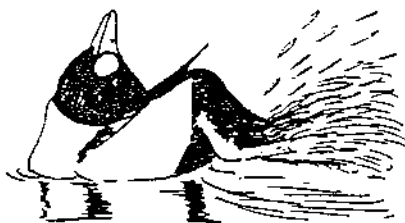
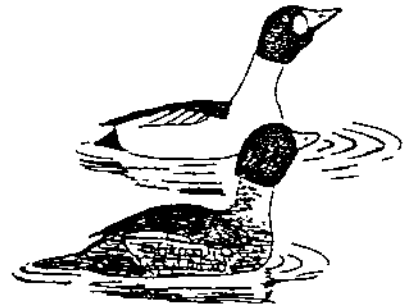
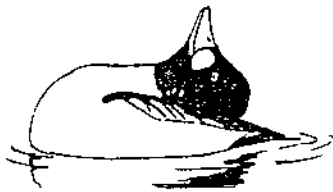
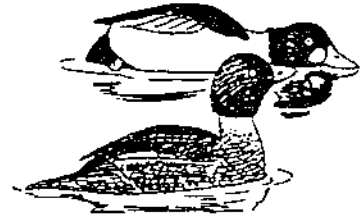
They are also magnificent in flight and you should have plenty of opportunity to study their typical "diver" flight pattern. Especially at dusk or dawn on the bay when these day feeders move to or from their deeper water nighttime

rafts.

### Think About Summer.

While eying our flashy winter visitor think about what the next year has in store for these ducks. As tree cavity nesters, the females are quite loyal to the previous year's nest hole, or in the case of first time breeders the vicinity of their birth. With significant range overlap with Wood Ducks one might assume that nest competition could be fierce, however, Prince noted that in New Brunswick, Common Goldeneyes were more prone to using "bucket" type cavities and selected more open woods, near the edges of fields or marshes than did Wood Ducks. Male Common Goldeneyes desert their mates shortly after incubation is





Left Figures, from top to bottom.  
The "Slow Head-throw-kick" display.  
Photocopied from Johnsgard (1965).

Right Figures, from top to bottom.  
The male "Bowsprit" display. The  
female is "Head-pumping". Photocopied  
from Johnsgard (1965).

initiated and migrate to preferred lakes and rivers for the postmuptial molt. As with most of the North American *Anas* ducks, the women do all the work! Unfortunately for Common Goldeneyes, the girls just aren't that adept raising their young. Mortality is high and females often misplace chicks moving from one area to another.

#### Goldeneye Factoids.

In 1925 Common Goldeneye were noted for their food value and advertised at a street value of two goldeneyes per Mallard.

Common Goldeneyes congregate near Point Pelee Ontario to enjoy high concentrations of Zebra Mussels (study dates 1990-91). Mussel populations are unaffected by the diving duck rafts as the region freezes in winter allowing regeneration of the mussel population. However, their presence greatly impacts where Common Goldeneyes stopover in migration.

Although most closely related to the Barrow's Goldeneye, the Common Goldeneye is also closely related to the Hooded Merganser and Smew.

For You Identification Specialists, Check Out: Natural hybrids between the Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula*, and Barrow's Goldeneye, *B. islandica*. Canadian Field-Naturalist 108(2): 195-198, 1994.

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News From The SBA  
Midland Junior Audubon  
by Steve Rosenberg

Starting in February Midland will have it's very own Junior Audubon, sponsored by the Midland Nature Club. The group is being organized by Susan Stephens, Julie Lavigne and myself. Anyone in the 7 county SBA area is welcome to join, just contact me at 631-7666 to sign up. Our tentative schedule of events is:

February	Animal Tracking
March	Fossils, Minerals, Rocks
April	Spring Duck Migration
May	Bog Study
June	Marsh Birds
July	Butterfly Study

Our mission is fourfold:

1. To provide youth with a opportunities for broader and more in-depth study of the natural sciences.
2. To provide youth with leadership opportunities in planning and organizing workshops.
3. To introduce youth to various vocational opportunities related to natural science.
4. To encourage a life-long love of, and stewardship ethic towards nature.

We already have a strong committed core group of parents and kids and would love to have anyone else who wants to participate. The new group will focus on the 6th grade and up, with younger kids welcome to attend with their older siblings. All participants of club activities must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Florida: A Birding Excursion  
the Kalamazoo Nature Center

Southern Florida is a birder's paradise! Escape the cold weather and join us for this 9 day excursion to observe and learn about the tremendous variety of birds and other wildlife which inhabit this sub-tropical are. Whether you're a beginning birder or experienced, this trip will be a great way to explore this unique region. The trip begins and ends in Tampa, FL and includes birding at Myakka River State Park, Sanibel Island's Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Marco Island, Big Cypress Swamp, Tamiami Trail and Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. One highlight of the trip will be 3 days and 2 nights in Everglades National Park.

Well over 100 species of birds will be seen (many at close range) including herons, egrets, ibis, pelicans, raptors, rails, shorebirds and passerines. We will also look for specialties including Reddish Egret, Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, Everglade's Kite, Short-tailed Hawk, Crested Caracara, Limpkin, Purple Gallinule, Wilson's and Snowy Plover, White-crowned Pidgeon, Smooth-billed Ani, Burrowing Owl and much more.

Trip leaders are KNC Naturalist Chip Francke and wildlife artist Tom Ford. Both have extensive birding experience in Florida and look forward to sharing these special "warm" places with you. Trip cost is \$875 which includes 9 nights motel accommodations (double occupancy), transportation via van from Tampa, all leadership costs, park fees and one dinner at Flamingo Lodge Restaurant. The fee does not include your transportation from your home to Tampa or meals. An option of riding in the KNC van from Michigan for an additional fee will be offered.

For more info contact Chip Francke at 616 381-1574. Registration deadline is January 15.

## Keep a Watchful Eye on Finches

Norris Ingells

The following is a reprint of an article published on 11/15/95 by Norris Ingells in the Lansing State Journal. Thanks to Joe Soehnel for providing us with this important information.

### Disease plagues birds on the East Coast, may be heading to Midwest.

Perhaps because they're so common and not particularly pretty, house finches don't usually excite folks with bird feeders.

Now, however, there's a good reason for you to keep an eye on these familiar feathered friends.

A bacterial disease called mycoplasma has been infecting finches in several Eastern states, and was recently reported as close as Indiana.

So far, no cases have been reported in Michigan, says Tom Cooley, a Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist and pathologist at Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area.

"Indiana is the furthest west it has been reported," Cooley said. "Most everything else has been out on the East Coast."

Though harmless to humans, it's serious and usually fatal disease for birds.

"It causes an inflammation of the lining around the eyeball and the eye can become closed," said Cooley. "They fly erratically and appear blurry-eyed. There's not a lot you can do about it."

"Because they eat together, and roost together, there's a likelihood of it spreading," he said.

Commercial chicken and turkey producers routinely vaccinate their birds against the disease, he said.

Biologists are taking the outbreak seriously.

"It's apparently able to go into any avian species - mourning doves, song sparrows, goldfinches, cardinals," said Don Beaver, a Michigan State University ornithologist.

He recommends weekly cleaning of feeders, especially those with flat surfaces where feces and other mess may accumulate and where the birds walk around in it. You may want to use a disinfectant.

Tube feeders aren't as much of a problem because birds can only sit on the perches one at a time and there's very little flat surface where excrement can pile up.

Cooley is asking feeder owners to keep an eye out for birds with the disease. If you observe finches acting like they can't see where they're going or find dead ones around your feeder, take it to your nearest DNR field office and they'll see that Cooley gets it.

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## Fall Hotspots - Nayanquing Point WA

S. Rosenberg

Nayanquing Point Wildlife Area is one of my favorite fall birding spots. I head there primarily for migrating waterbirds and I find the spot extremely reliable for large numbers of Tundra Swans, Canvasback, Hooded Mergansers, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead, Redhead, Pied-billed Grebes and several other interesting waterbirds.

This year was no exception as the Tundra Swans began to arrive in mass in early November, peaking by mid-November and still around by Thanksgiving. At the peak there were 2000 of our northern friends. In fact I would say that we had a low peak count this year. Certainly one can find more Tundra Swans in the spring (5-10000) around Fish Point to Bayport, but it is a hit or miss proposition. The birds move around the bay quite a bit and the window of opportunity is narrow and variable. In contrast, the migration window is quite reliable in the fall and large numbers of birds are easily found at Nayanquing! Just walk to the beach and you are guaranteed several hundred at a minimum. Don't forget to check out Erickson, Sherman and Anderson roads for waterbird rafts as they can spread to over a couple of miles.

I generally start at the beach near the tower as the swans are most often found just offshore. Next head to the tower as Sherman and Anderson roads are in view. Look for more swans and the diver rafts. If visible from the tower then head directly to Sherman and Anderson roads, otherwise head north to Erickson road. Look for good numbers of Pied-billed Grebes (>20), American Coots (>500) and Hooded Mergansers (>20). The South pool can provide some nice closeups of dabblers and divers if it isn't frozen yet. In the South pool

and just outside along the perimeter dike is where large numbers of buffleheads (>100) often congregate.

The large rafts of diving ducks are always present at this time and in late November Nayanquing is one of the best places to view large numbers of Canvasback and in the SBA. A little more luck is required with the diving duck rafts as wind and temperature effect how close they come to shore. I have had them so close I had to hide in the trees to avoid flushing them. Of course flushing 2,000+ Canvasback can be entertainment enough. At other times I've wished I were on a boat as prevailing winds did not favor a close view.

This year's late hunting season (through November) combined with the early freeze Thanksgiving week made it difficult to find large groups of Hooded Mergansers and kept the Canvasback and Redheads at a distance. But many other waterbirds were still readily viewed in great numbers. Keep Nayanquing in mind next fall if viewing large numbers of Tundra Swans is your goal. Best diving duck viewing will occur when the wind is from the east as the birds tend to stay closer to shore. If hunters are about, the diving duck rafts tend to move north up the beach a couple of hundred yards or south to Anderson road.

Don't forget to eye every bird as two years ago and Oldsquaw, Black Scoter and a Surf Scoter were found amongst the diving ducks. Who knows maybe a fall Tufted Duck will occur.

By the way, birds aren't the only game in town. A long careful scan from the tower into the nearby fields can turn up deer, foxes and the occasional mink.

# Fall '95 Report - The Hot Birds S. Rosenberg

The fall of '95 will be remembered for:

1. Waterbirds, waterbirds, waterbirds!!!
2. Several notable Owl sightings.
3. 11 new SBA record sightings.
4. A mediocre species count for the period.

Among the waterbird highlights were (in taxonomic order):

Red-throated Loon	Tawas Point SP
Snowy Egret	Karn Plant
Tricolored Heron	Nayanquing Pt
Glossy Ibis	Shiawassee NWR
Brant	Tawas Point SP
Black Scoter	Tawas Point SP
American Avocet	Shiawassee NWR
Willet	Nayanquing Point
Hudsonian Godwit	Shiawassee NWR
Marbled Godwit	Nayanquing Pt
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Several locales
Red-necked Phalarope	Two locations
Franklin's Gull	Karn Plant
Little Gull	Tawas Point SP
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Two locations
Black-legged Kittiwake	Saginaw River

In addition an SBA fall high 320 Ruddy Ducks and an SBA record high 56 Baird Sandpipers were recorded from the Dow Ponds as well as the first Arenac County Moorhen record. Once again extraordinary waterfowl rafts were present at Nayanquing Point and Tobico Marsh and Tawas Point maintained it's reputation as one of the best fall waterbird migrant traps in the region.

All in all a fantastic waterbird season!!!

For the Owls:

Snowy Owl	Saginaw River
Long-eared Owl	Tawas point SP
Short-eared Owl	Several locations
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Tawas point SP

Other record high sightings include: an SBA high 10 Merlins (yes that was ten!!!), an SBA high 255 Mourning Doves, SBA high 20 Swamp Sparrows, SBA high 300 Bobolinks, SBA fall high 32 Yellow-head Blackbirds and an SBA high 190 House Finches. New late records were recorded for Tree Swallow (11/7), Barn Swallow (11/3) and Veery (10/2).

Despite all the hoopla a mediocre 229 species were recorded for the period including no reports of:

Broad-winged Hawk  
Willow Flycatcher  
Alder Flycatcher  
Bank Swallow  
Wood Thrush  
Northern Waterthrush  
Mourning Warbler  
Field Sparrow

This probably reflects a lack of coverage (or reporting from) the appropriate habitats as all of these species were readily found earlier in the year and are usually reported in the fall.

The winter period is already shaping up with some interesting birds, but you'll have to wait a couple of months to hear the scoop.



## Fall '95 Report - The Sightings

As is customary the emphasis is upon early, peak and late dates as well as notable sightings. Sightings that occur outside of the dashed lines in Ron Week's Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay are considered notable and are published even if the sighting is not the early, late or peak. In addition, reports that seem notable for a particular region even if not the early, late or peak are generally published. For migrants or breeders already reported in the summer period the early fall date is somewhat irrelevant and is generally not published. Similarly, late dates for species known to winter here or are known to be here in December at the time of compilation of this newsletter are generally not published.

### Red-throated Loon

1	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	Only report.
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Limited coverage this fall at Tawas Point for flyby waterbirds.

### Common Loon

1	9/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB
82	10/15	Au Sable RM, Io	SR
1	11/25	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB

### Pied-billed Grebe

10	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR,RW
13	9/8	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB
26	9/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	11/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS

### Horned Grebe

1	9/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR	No large numbers this fall.
11	10/29	Alabaster Twp, Io	GZ	
2	11/6	Hu	TB	

### Red-necked Grebe

1	10/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW,SR
4	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW

### Eared Grebe

1	9/9	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS et al
1	9/23	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR

### Double-crested Cormorant

950	9/9	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS
552	9/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
750	10/6	Karn Plant, Ba	JS

Noted through period at Saginaw River and the Karn Plant.

### American Bittern

1	8/5-9	CNC, Mi	HS	Interesting location.
1	9/1-29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
3	10/14	Cotter Rd, Ba	SM	
1	10/28	Cotter Rd, Ba	SM	

### Great Blue Heron

123	9/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	65 left on 11/8.
2	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, R&MP	

### Great Egret

289	8/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	Notable for this far north. High November count.
7	9/8	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB	
9	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

### Snowy Egret

1	9/2	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS
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### Tricolored Heron

1	8/16	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	Last date this bird was seen.
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This bird was documented during the summer period.

### Green Heron

5	8/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
2	9/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

43	10/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Late away from warm water.
1 im.	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	
1	11/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	11/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	

### Glossy Ibis

1	8/18-21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, RW, et. al.	9th SBA record!
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Documentation included for state compiler.

### Tundra Swan

23	10/12	Hu	TB	1200 left on 11/18
2000	11/12	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	SR, LR, LH	

Noted through period.				
Mute Swan				
8	10/21	Bay City SP, Ba	SR	Peak count.
Snow Goose				
4	9/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
12	10/2	Midland, Mi	RA	
134	11/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	90% blue phase.
1	11/23	Dow Corning, Mi	RA	
Brant*				
1	11/2	Tawas Point SP, Io	RP	5th SBA record.
Canada Goose				
17113	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
Wood Duck				
30	8/19	CNC, Mi	PK	Good inland count.
245	8/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
50	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR, RW	
1	11/29	Saginaw R, Ba	RW	Noted into winter period.
Green-winged Teal				
20	8/5	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW, BB et al	
250	10/19	Tobico Marsh SGA, Ba	RW	
918	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Seen from summer period.
1	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last report.
American Black Duck				
807	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Mallard				
14169	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Northern Pintail				
3	8/9	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
500	10/19	Tobico Marsh SGA, Ba	RW	
2	11/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	GZ	
Blue-winged Teal				
230	9/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
30	9/9	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	GZ	
1	10/8	Tobico Marsh SGA, Ba	SR, LR	Unusual October bird.
1	10/8	Hu	TB	
3	10/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	10/14	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, GS	
3	10/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Northern Shoveler				
291	10/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
48	10/24	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Gadwall				
39	10/17	MCV Pond, Mi	RW, SR, EK	
20	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last reported date.
American Wigeon				
639	10/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1000	10/21	Bay City SP, Ba	SR	
Noted through end of period from the Saginaw River.				
Canvasback				
3	10/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR, RW, EK	First migrants.
290	10/25	MCV Pond, Mi	RW	High inland count.
487	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	A few summered here.
500	11/12	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	SR, LR, LH	
1	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Redhead				
600	11/4	Hu	TB	
1	11/5	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	SR	Many, but hard to count.
Ring-necked Duck				
7	8/26	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB	
1	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR, RW	
250	10/19	Tobico Marsh SGA, Ba	RW	
382	11/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Greater Scaup				
4	9/23	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR	Early.
I was able to see the birds in flight and observe the white primary bar on the males.				
2	10/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR, RW	

We were able to see the extensive white primary bar.				
300	10/15	Three Mile Park, lo	SR	3-500 more probables.
4	11/18	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	SR	
Lesser Scaup				
1	9/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
45	11/6	Hu	TB	
Oldsquaw				
30	10/15	Hu	TB	
58	10/28	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW	
13	11/25	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Black Scoter				
1	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW,SR, BB	
4	10/30	Hu	TB	
Surf Scoter				
3	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	SR, RW, BB	
White-winged Scoter				
12	10/15	Au Sable RM, lo	SR	
400	10/22	Three Mile Park, lo	RW,BB, D&ES	Regular locale.
3	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Dark-winged Scoter Sp.				
7	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB, RW, SR	
5	10/21	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW, BB	
2	10/22	Three Mile Park, lo	RW, D&ES	
3	10/28	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW	
Common Goldeneye				
1	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
65	11/25	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Noted through end of period.				
Bufflehead				
3	10/15	Au Sable RM, lo	SR	
133	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
65	11/25	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Noted through period.				
Hooded Merganser				
40	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
30	11/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
14	11/24	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Noted through period.				
Common Merganser				
1	9/16	Alabaster, lo	JS,GS	
4776	11/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
6500	11/17	MCV Pond, Mi	RW	
Noted through end of period.				
Red-breasted Merganser				
6	9/24	Tawas Point SP, lo	SR	
950	10/15	Three Mile Park, lo	SR	
3500	10/28	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW	
Noted through end of period.				
Ruddy Duck				
9	9/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	New fall high!
320	10/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
219	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
7	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Turkey Vulture				
15	10/8	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
3	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Osprey				
1	8/26	Tuttle Marsh WA, lo	BB	
1	8/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	9/6,11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	9/13	Saginaw R, Ba	JS	
1	10/9	CNC, Mi	CNC visitor	
Bald Eagle				
11	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Noted through period.				
Northern Harrier				
4	8/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
4	8/13	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	TW	

Noted through period.			
Sharp-shinned Hawk			
1	9/9	Karn Plant, Ba	RW et al
3	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB
2	12/1	East Tawas, lo	GN, PJ, PCo
Cooper's Hawk			
Noted through period.			
Northern Goshawk			
1	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB
Red-shouldered Hawk			
No Reports.			
Broad-winged Hawk			
No Reports.			
Red-tailed Hawk			
19	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB
17	11/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
The perennial dark phase bird showed up for its 7th year on 11/6.			
Noted through period.			
Rough-legged Hawk			
1	10/16	CNC, Mi	JS,GS
5	11/2	Bay City SP, Ba	JS
Noted through end of period.			
American Kestrel			
Noted through period.			
Merlin			
1	9/25	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW
10	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW,SR,BB
1	10/21	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB
1	11/1	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS
Peregrine Falcon			
1	8/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG
1	9/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	9/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG
1	9/9	Karn Plant, Ba	SR, RW, et.al.
1	9/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	9/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	10/1	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW,SR
1	10/6	Bay City SP, Ba	JS
1	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW,SR,BB
1	10/8	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB
1	10/21	Alabaster, lo	BB
Ring-necked Pheasant			
Noted through period.			
Ruffed Grouse			
1	10/10	Midland, Mi	GZ
1	10/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	ED
Wild Turkey			
25	11/21	CNC, Mi	CH
Noted through period.			
Northern Bobwhite			
1	11/25	Midland, Mi	GZ
Virginia Rail			
3	10/14	Cotter Rd, Ba	SM
Sora			
2	8/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
Common Moorhen			
20	8/16	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW
18	8/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
3	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR,RW
2	10/6	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
American Coot			
331	10/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
249	10/17	MCV Pond, Mi	RW,SR,EK
1	11/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
Noted through period at MCV.			
Sandhill Crane			
1	8/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RW
2	10/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP

New SBA high!

Tundra race imm.

Tundra race ad.

Very late date.

First Arenac county record!

1	10/27.30	Hu	TB	
Black-bellied Plover				
4	8/1	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
15	10/1	Finn Road, Ba	JS,GS	
14	10/26	Hu	TB	
American Golden-Plover				
1	10/8	Hu	TB	
3	10/26	Fish Point WA, Tu	TH,MM	
Semipalmated Plover				
3	8/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK	
14	8/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
2	10/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR, RW, EK	Several late reports this year.
1	10/19-20	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN	
1	10/21	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW,BB	
3	10/24	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Present for some time.
Killdeer				
114	8/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	11/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
American Avocet				
1	8/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Greater Yellowlegs				
35	9/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
11	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
154	8/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
4	11/4	Hu	TB	
Solitary Sandpiper				
1	8/1	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
7	8/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
2	9/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Willet				
1	?	Nayanquing Point WA	BA	Seen in early August
Spotted Sandpiper				
15	8/22	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	10/1	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW,SR	
1	10/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Hudsonian Godwit				
1	9/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Marbled Godwit				
1	8/5	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	BB,RW,RH et al	First noted in summer.
Ruddy Turnstone				
2	8/1	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
5	8/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK	
1	9/11	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
Red Knot				
2	8/13	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	TW	
2	9/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Juveniles.
1*	10/18	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN	
Sanderling				
2	8/12	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR	
37	9/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN	
8	11/4	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
137	8/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	10/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Least Sandpiper				
31	8/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
75	8/9	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
1	10/20	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
4	10/26	Fish Point WA, Tu	TH,MM	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
3	8/4	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	Adults.
5	8/12	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR	
3	8/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	9/9	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RW et al	
No juveniles noted, these generally come through in late October.				
Baird's Sandpiper				
1	8/4	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	Adult.

56	8/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	New SBA high count!
1	9/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
50	8/9	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
75	9/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
2	11/6	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
Dunlin				
3	9/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	
188	10/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Two seen from previous period.
150	10/28	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
1	11/25	Karn Plant, Ba	SR, JS	
Stilt Sandpiper				
1	8/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK	
12	8/9-16	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	One definite juvenile on 8/9.
10	8/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR	
2	9/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
1	8/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK	
2	8/4	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	Adults.
1	8/6	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	via TW	
2	8/22	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	8/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Only 4 previous August records.				
Dowitcher sp.				
1	8/4	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK	
29	9/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
9	11/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Almost certainly L-B based on the late date.				
Short-billed Dowitcher				
15	8/9	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	
28	8/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	8/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR	
Common Snipe				
10	8/26	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB	
25	10/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	ED	
American Woodcock				
1	10/12	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
1	11/4	Coleman, Mi	RL	
Wilson's Phalarope				
1	8/24	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
1	8/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Red-necked Phalarope				
1	8/22	Quanicassee SGA, Tu	DD	
1	8/22-30	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, et.al.	
Red Phalarope				
1	10/21	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB, RW	
Appeared to be a juvenile bird. The 300th bird for Iosco County! Also only the fourth SBA record!				
Franklin's Gull				
1	10/14-15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS,RW	
Little Gull*				
2	11/2	Tawas Point SP, Io	RP	Adults.
Bonaparte's Gull				
2	8/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	SR	
210	9/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR	
300	10/21	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB, RW	
362	11/5	Cheboyganing Cr, Saginaw	DP	
300	11/16	Saginaw R, Ba	JS	
Noted through period.				
Ring-billed Gull				
2530	11/14	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	
2051	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Herring Gull				
2802	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Glaucous Gull				
1	10/21	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB, RW	Quite early.
1	11/4	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, BB	
Noted through end of period in small numbers.				

Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	9/25	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	Second Mi record! A molting adult.
	1	10/15-11/6	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
Great Black-backed Gull	4	8/26	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
	6	10/21	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	All adults.
	6	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
	1	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Adult.
Noted through end of period.					
Black-legged Kittiwake	1	11/13,22	Saginaw R, Ba	RW	1st winter birds. Possibly same bird.
Caspian Tern	30	9/19	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
	1	11/2	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
Common Tern	550	8/26	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
	500	10/14	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	
	3	11/11	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	
Forster's Tern	100	10/14	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	
	6	11/2	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
Black Tern	8	8/13	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	SR	
	1	8/26	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB	
Rock Dove	100	8/1	Bay City, Ba	JS	
Noted through period.					
Mourning Dove	255	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	New SBA peak!
Noted through period.					
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR,RW	
Eastern Screech-Owl	14	8/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG	
	2	10/10	GPELC, Sa	DP	
Great Horned Owl	Singles noted through period.				
Snowy Owl	1	11/13	Saginaw R, Ba	GC	
Barred Owl	1	8/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
	1	10/10	GPELC, Sa	DP	
	1	11/19	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, SC	
Long-eared Owl	1	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW, BB, BD	Also seen on 11/4.
	1	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, R&MP	
Short-eared Owl	1	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	
	3	10/28	Au Gres RM, Ar	RW	
	2	11/4	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, BB	
	1	11/16	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN	
	2	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, R&MP	
Common Nighthawk	10	9/5	Saginaw, Sa	DP	
	15	9/29	Saginaw, Sa	DP	
Chimney Swift	1	9/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	9/25	Sanford Lake, Mi	JD	
Belted Kingfisher	7	8/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
	1	9/27	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	Seen through October.
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	8/22	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	Two adults and a juv.
	1	10/13	GPELC, Sa	SD	
Red-bellied Woodpecker					

Noted through period.			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
1	8/5	CNC, Mi	PK
1	9/23	Barstow Woods, Mi	SR
1	10/2	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS
1	10/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW,BB,SR
Only reports.			
Downy Woodpecker			
Noted through period.			
Hairy Woodpecker			
Noted through period.			
Northern Flicker			
16	8/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	10/30	Hu	TB
Noted through period.			
Pileated Woodpecker			
1	11/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	11/26	Green Pt NC, Sa	RW
Olive-sided Flycatcher			
1	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR, RW
2	8/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG
Eastern Wood Pewee			
16	8/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG
4	9/27	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
Willow Flycatcher			
No Reports.			
Alder Flycatcher			
No Reports.			
Least Flycatcher			
1	9/27	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS
			2cd latest ever for SBA.
Eastern Phoebe			
5	8/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG
1	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW
Great-crested Flycatcher			
2	9/15	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS,GS
Eastern Kingbird			
6	9/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB
1	9/8	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB
Horned Lark			
30	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW
Noted through period.			
Purple Martin			
200	9/7	Ba	GP
Tree Swallow			
1000	9/2	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	EK
1100	9/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	11/4	Midland, Mi	GZ
1	11/6-7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
An immature bird seen foraging over the Spaulding Drain. New SBA late date!			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
50	8/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	RW
1	9/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
Bank Swallow			
No Reports.			
Cliff Swallow			
1	9/22	Hu	TB
Barn Swallow			
8	8/26	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB
1	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	Barb Dodge
			New SBA late!
Blue Jay			
125	10/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB
Noted through period.			
American Crow			
109	11/24	Saginaw, Sa	DP
Noted through period.			
Common Raven			
3	11/4	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB
			Same day as good hawk flight.
It would be interesting to know where these birds ended up at the end of the day!			



Black-capped Chickadee				
70	9/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
Noted through period.				
Tufted Titmouse				
6	9/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
Noted through period.				
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
5	9/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR	
Notable invasion year. Noted through period.				
White-breasted Nuthatch				
29	9/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
Noted through period.				
Brown Creeper				
6	11/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Noted through period.				
Carolina Wren				
No Reports.				
House Wren				
1	9/30	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	
Winter Wren				
1	9/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR	
4	10/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB,RW,SR	
1	10/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Sedge Wren				
1	8/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Marsh Wren				
1	9/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Only report.
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
1	9/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR	
50	10/8	Oak Grove, Ba	JS,GS	
2	11/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
1	9/23	Barstow Woods, Mi	SR	
50	10/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN	
1	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
1	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	SR,RW	
Eastern Bluebird				
17	10/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
15	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW,BB	
5	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	RP	
Veery				
1	10/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	New SBA late!
Bob had many generous looks at this one.				
Gray-cheeked Thrush				
No Reports.				
Swainson's Thrush				
1	9/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
3	9/18	Mi	RW	
1	9/29	CNC Wetlands, Mi	RW	
Hermit Thrush				
1	9/8	CNC, Mi	PK	
5	10/8	Oak Grove, Ba	JS,GS	
4	11/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
American Robin				
50	10/16	CNC, Mi	JS,GS	
4	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Gray Catbird				
3	9/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
1	10/20	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
Brown Thrasher				
2	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	RP	Rare November record.
American Pipit				
1	9/19	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
10	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	
4	11/4	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
Bohemian Waxwing				
30	10/21	Wenonah Park, Ba	JS	

14	11/28	CNC, Mi	JL,PS	
Cedar Waxwing				
15	9/4	CNC, Mi	PK, JL	
Noted through period.				
Northern Shrike				
1	10/28	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW	
3	11/12	Tawas Point SP, lo	GN, R&MP	
1	11/30	Hu	TB	
European Starling				
4000	11/14	Saginaw R, Ba	RW	
Flying upriver to the Karn Plant at dusk. New SBA high!				
Solitary Vireo				
1	10/8	Midland, Mi	GZ	Flew into window.
Yellow-throated Vireo				
1	9/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Warbling Vireo				
2	9/1	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
Philadelphia Vireo				
No Reports.				
Red-eyed Vireo				
1	9/27	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
Golden-winged Warbler				
1	9/8	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Tennessee Warbler				
1	9/8	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
2	9/18	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
1	10/1	Finn Road, Ba	JS,GS	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
1	9/22	Midland, Mi	EK	Very early.
Nashville Warbler				
1	10/2	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
Northern Parula Warbler				
1	9/17	Tawas Point SP, lo	G&TN	
Yellow Warbler				
2	8/26	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
2	9/18	Wenonah Park, Ba	JS	
Magnolia Warbler				
1	8/25	Rollways Rd, lo	BB	
3	9/18	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
1	10/8	Wenonah Park, Ba	JS,GS	
Cape May Warbler				
1	9/8	Tuttle Marsh WA, lo	BB	
1	9/29	Hampton Twp	DD	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
1	9/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DD	
1	10/1	Tawas Point SP, lo	SR, RW	
1	10/6	Midland, Mi	RA	
1	10/6	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	
1	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW,SR,BB	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
5	9/24	Tawas Point SP, lo	SR	First noted at a migrant trap.
100	10/28	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW	
4	11/4	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
1	9/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
5	9/23	Barstow Woods, Mi	SR	
1	10/8	Oak Grove, Ba	JS,GS	
Blackburnian Warbler				
1	8/25	Rollways Rd, lo	BB	
1	8/28	CNC, Mi	PK	
1	9/1	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
Pine Warbler				
1	8/25	Rollways Rd, lo	BB	
Palm Warbler				
1	9/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	
10	10/7	Tawas Point SP, lo	RW,SR	
1	10/8	Tawas Point SP, lo	BB	

Bay-breasted Warbler				
1	9/16	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DD	
4	9/18	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
1	10/1	Finn Road, Ba	GS	
Blackpoll Warbler				
1	8/28	CNC, Mi	PK	
3	9/7-8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
1	10/1	Finn Road, Ba	JS,GS	
Cerulean Warbler				
No Reports.				
Black-and-white Warbler				
1	9/27	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
American Redstart				
1	9/27	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
Feature bird winner (Ron ran out of time to include the usual expanded feature bird section but notes the winter feature bird is the last Bohemian Waxwing).				
Prothonotary Warbler				
No Reports.				
Ovenbird				
1	9/8	Tuttle Marsh WA, Io	BB	
Northern Waterthrush				
No Reports.				
Louisiana Waterthrush				
No Reports.				
Common Yellowthroat				
1	11/5	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	DP	
Wilson's Warbler				
3	9/1	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
Canada Warbler				
1	9/1	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
Scarlet Tanager				
17	9/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
1	11/11	Bangor Twp, Ba	JG	Very late!
Be sure to check those late tanagers carefully as Summer Tanagers can occur well north of their range in winter; these sightings are often of birds at feeders!				
Northern Cardinal				
9	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Noted through period.				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
3	8/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BB	
1	9/27	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
Indigo Bunting				
10	10/21	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB,RW	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
1	10/28	Baldwin Twp, Io	RW	
American Tree Sparrow				
1	10/20	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
100	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Chipping Sparrow				
1	10/25	Wenonah Park, Ba	JS	
Field Sparrow				
No Reports.				
Vesper Sparrow				
1	10/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Singing!
Savannah Sparrow				
1	9/27	Hu	TB	Very few reported this fall.
Grasshopper Sparrow				
No Reports.				
Henslow's Sparrow				
No Reports.				
Fox Sparrow				
1	10/20	Midland, Mi	EK	
3	10/21	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	
5	10/27	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	
1	11/4	Midland, Mi	GZ	
Lots of sightings this fall.				
Song Sparrow				
25	8/9	CNC Wetlands, Mi	PK	One bird was nearby at his cottage.

1	11/30	Hu	TB	
Lincoln's Sparrow				
1	10/1	Waterworks Park, Mi	RW	
1	10/20	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
1	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN, R&MP	2cd latest date!
Swamp Sparrow				
20	10/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	SR, RW	New SBA high!
1	11/5	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	DP	
White-throated Sparrow				
4	9/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
40	9/30	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	
1	11/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
White-crowned Sparrow				
2	9/18	Midland, Mi	EK	
27	10/6	Hampton Twp	DD	
27	10/6	Midland, Mi	EK	
1	11/24	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
Dark-eyed Junco				
20	10/7	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
25	11/2	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
Lapland Longspur				
1	10/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
1	10/26	Fish Point WA, Tu	TH,MM	
1	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW	
3	11/4	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
Snow Bunting				
20	10/20	Tawas Point SP, Io	GN	
300	11/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,GS	
44	11/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Bobolink				
300	8/24	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	New SBA high!
This flock present earlier in week.				
2	9/1	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
Red-winged Blackbird				
3000	10/26	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	
20 min. flyover. Noted through mid-Nov in Hampton Twp.				
1	11/21	Hu	TB	
100,000 Blackbird Sp. were counted by RW on 10/30 at the Saginaw River Mouth.				
Eastern Meadowlark				
5	10/21	Midland, Mi	RA	
2	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
32	8/16	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	RW	New fall high!
Rusty Blackbird				
8	10/1	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW,SR	
250	10/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	
3	11/13	Essexville, Ba	JS	
Common Grackle				
30000	10/26	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS	20 min. flyover.
Noted through period.				
Brown-headed Cowbird				
7	10/29	1724 E. Salzburg Rd, Ba	L&MB	
Noted through period.				
Northern Oriole				
1	9/1	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	Last report.
Pine Grosbeak				
1	11/4	Huron City, Hu	KO	
2	11/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	ED	
Purple Finch				
1	8/27	Wigwam Bay WA (E), Ar	RW,SR	
1	10/21	1724 E. Salzburg Rd, Ba	L&MB	
1	10/27	Sanford Lake, Mi	JD	
2	10/28,30	Midland, Mi	RA	
1	11/3	Hu	TB	
2	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
House Finch				
193	10/8	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB	New SBA high! Migrants?
Noted through period.				

Common Redpoll			
100	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	RP
3	11/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP Individuals remaining through end of period.
17,18	11/24,25	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB
2	11/30	Linwood, Ba	G&EP feeder birds
Pine Siskin			
4	10/26	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS
5	10/28	Tawas Point SP, Io	RW
2	11/11	Midland, Mi	GZ
American Goldfinch			
200	11/12	Tawas Point SP, Io	RP
Noted through period.			
Evening Grosbeak			
8	11/3	Tawas Point SP, Io	BB,BD,RW Also seen the next day.
4	11/4	Chevy Woods, Ba	JS
175	11/7	Hu	TB
1	11/15	1724 E. Salzburg Rd, Ba	L&MB
3	11/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	ED
20	11/29	Hu	TB
House Sparrow			
Noted through period.			

#### Exotics

Red-crested Pochard			
1	11/4	Haithco Rec Area, SA	RW And one later date.
This male was seen on two occasions feeding with Redheads and Scaup.			

#### Corrections From Summer '95

Tricolored Heron			
1	6/20	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	LH
This was a typo as LH saw the bird on 7/20. Thus, the actual first report was from KK and RW:			
1	7/19	Nayanquing Pt WA, Ba	KK, RW
LeConte's Sparrow			
28	7/5	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW
These were actually Least Sandpipers. The 4-letter code for Leconte's Sparrow, lesp, was entered accidentally instead of lesa for Least Sandpiper in the SBA database.			

#### Records From Outside The SBA

As a service to SBA birders I will forward sightings from regions in Michigan but outside the SBA to the state compiler along with this newsletter. Please include these on a separate page from your SBA sightings.

## OBSERVERS:

LA	Larry Abrahams	JM	Jean Madziar
MA	Margaret Alyea	SM	Stan Madziar
RA	Ron Annelin	MM	Mike Mencotti
DB	Dennis Brooks	DM	Doug McWhirter
MB	Marianne Barrowman	KM	Kip Miller
TB	Tom Beachy	MEM	Mary Ellen Miller
EJB	Emma Jean Beattie	SMi	Sandy Miner
BB	Bob Bell	JN	Joe Natzik
J&JB	Jack & Joanne Bouck	mo	many observers
KB	Karen Burroughs	KO	Karl Overman
RB	Russ Bussick	DP	David Peters
M&LB	Mary & Lloyd Buzzard	G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
AB	Adam Byrne	MPe	Mike Petruchia
SC	Scott Calkins	R&MP	Rod & Marlene Planck
H&BC	Hugh & Bonnie Campbell	JR	Jack Reinoehl
KC	Katherine Carothers	P&LRa	Paul & Lisa Rasette
PC	Phil Chu	LR	Lyn Rosenberg
GC	Gene Clark	RR	Ray Roach
PCo	Pam Cousins	HS	Helmut Schreck
SD	Steve Dushane	LR	Lyn Rosenberg
DD	Dan Duso	SR	Steve Rosenberg
DE	Duane Essenmacher	SRo	Stephen Ross
ME	Monica Essenmacher	SS	Steve Santner
CG	Chuck Gartner	MS	Mary Shorkey
JG	Jack Gillespie	WS	Wendy Skory
BG	Bob Grefe	JSm	Janeen Smith
TH	Tom Heatley	JS	Joe Soehnel
JHe	Jeanne Henderson	GS	Grant Soehnel
CH	Carrie Hilbrandt	PS	Phil Stephens
RH	Roger Hill	D&ES	Dave and Erica Stimac
LH	Larry Hyman	KT	Kevin Thomas
DJ	Don Jenette	VT	Val Trabucchi
M&JH	Mark & Joanne Hubinger	GV	George Vogel
PJ	Pam Jenkins	LW	Larry Weeks
KK	Kevin Kane	RW	Ron Weeks
PK	Pat Keeler	EW	Edith Woods
BK	Bob Kemp	MW	Myles Willard
EK	Eugene Kenaga	M&MW	Myles & Marilyn Willard
RL	Randy Lednický	BW	Bruce Winchell
JLe	Jim Lesser	GZ	Gerald Ziarno
JLi	Janea Little		

## ABBREVIATIONS

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Ar	Arenac County
Ba	Bay County
CBC	Christmas Bird Count
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center
CP	County Park
DASRBA	Detroit Audubon Society Rare Bird Alert
DDI	Diked Disposal Island
HCHW	Huron County Hawk Watch
Hu	Huron County
Io	Iosco County
MCV Pond	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond
Mi	Midland County
NAMC	North American Migration count
NC	Nature Center
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
Sa	Saginaw County
SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
SGA	State Game Area
SL	Sewage Lagoons
SP	State Park
tp	through period
Tu	Tuscola County
Twp	Township
WA	Wildlife Area

## VERIFICATION OF RARE OR RECORD SIGHTINGS:

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Rare or record sightings should be documented in order to guarantee inclusion in the SBA permanent record or for acceptance at the state level. Documentation refers to a description of the observed field marks that led to the identification and uniquely describes that species. Undocumented sightings may be noted as such in the newsletter, by an asterisk \*. It is in your hands to know when a sighting requires documentation and to provide it. In addition birds that are not unusual but provide an extreme identification challenge (especially when not vocalizing) should be documented. I have no control over the state compiler or other users of these records but can predict that failure to include documentation for a rare or record sighting will almost guarantee its omission from Michigan Birds and most other publications. To help you decide whether a sighting requires documentation please refer to the accepted standard reference "Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area" by Ron Weeks. This is available at the Chippewa Nature Center, ABA sales or directly from Ron. A rare or record sighting is defined as any occurrence outside of the dashed or solid lines in Ron's book. New peak counts should be documented to let me know if you gave a careful count or just estimated roughly.. For birds with <20 known sightings all occurrences should be documented. I always highlight exceptional sightings in the newsletter with a remark such as, **New Peak Count!** or **New Spring Early!**, so if you haven't already provided information on the sighting please do so once you receive the newsletter. For information on how to provide proper documentation please contact me (often a phone conversation is sufficient).

## WEATHER FEATURE:

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The Midland Barstow Airport no longer records weather data on weekends. Therefore, I have opted to omit the weather graphs for the fall period owing to incomplete data. Hopefully it will be possible to include weather graphs in future newsletters.