

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

June 1st, 2014 thru July 31st, 2014

Compiler: David J. Peters
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
6975 Mower Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48601
david_peters@fws.gov

Summary: The summer of 2014 was without a doubt one for the record books. A unprecedented seasonal total of **228** species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the Saginaw Bay Area this summer, fourteen more than the previous record, set back in 1992. This report lists each of these species, along with the highest reported individual count(s) for each, and a list of the SBA counties in which each was noted. Last departure dates and first arrival dates are listed for species that aren't present during the breeding season. Michigan rarities observed during the season included ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck** (2nd SBA record), ***White-winged Dove** (1st SBA record). SBA rarities reported include **White-eyed Vireo** and **Lark Sparrow**, representing the 1st Huron County records for both species. As in the previous several summer seasons, several new all-time peak counts were recorded in Midland County. Climatically, June was near average, but July had cooler than average temperatures and more than average precipitation. Due to increased Lake Huron water levels, exposed shore habitat was limited, but on the flip-side, flooded costal marsh habitat was abundant.

This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2014, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org.>, along with recent sightings from fall 2014 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to saginawbaybirding@gmail.com

Many thanks to all observers who contributed their sightings directly to this compilation. Your extra efforts result in a significantly more accurate and thorough report. A special thanks to everyone who took the time to compile and submit full county checklists, as the county occurrence data is a significant component of the report. And as always, additional thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing support.

| Species | Number | Date | Location | Observers / Comment |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|----------|--|
| * BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK: | 2 | 6/4 | TPSP, Io | WWS,MW,DD,JMS,DJP,AT,DLJ,MH,TN - 1 st Io record, 2 nd SBA record - pending MBRC acceptance based on (many) photographs |



Black-bellied Whistling Ducks at Tawas Point State Park, Io
June 4, 2014 by Wayne Shawl

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------|----------------------|--|
| CANADA GOOSE: | 396 | 6/3 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| MUTE SWAN: | 4 | 7/4 | BCSRA, Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa |
| TRUMPETER SWAN: | 6 | 6/1 | NPSWA, Ba | JZ - also noted in Ar |
| | 7 | 6/3 | SNWR, Sa | RAE |
| | 2 | 6/7 | Tawas Lake, Io | RAE |
| | 5 | 6/14 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | RAE |
| | 2 | 6/16 | SNWR, Sa | RAE |
| | 1 | 7/5 | SNWR, Sa | RAE |
| TUNDRA SWAN: | 1 | thru 7/8 | SNWR, Sa | DJP,JMS |
| WOOD DUCK: | 186 | 6/2 | SNWR, Sa | SFK,KK - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| GADWALL: | 4 | 7/10 | Standish lagoons, Ar | DLJ - also noted in Ba |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|------|---------------------|--|
| AMERICAN WIGEON: | 3 | 7/8 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar |
| AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: | 2 | 6/16 | SNWR, Sa | RAE |
| MALLARD: | 644 | 6/3 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | 19 | 6/22 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | WWS - also noted in Ba,Sa |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER: | 3 | 6/3 | SNWR, Sa | RAE - also noted in Ba |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | 94 | 7/18 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,Io |
| CANVASBACK: | 1 | 6/6 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JMS |
| REDHEAD: | 1 | 7/23 | NPSWA, Ba | DLJ - also noted in Sa |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | 1 | 6/6 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JMS |
| LESSER SCAUP: | 1 | 6/6 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JMS - also noted in Sa |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | 27 | 7/8 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ba,Io |
| COMMON MERGANSER: | | | | noted in Io (RAE) |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | 2 | 6/28 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JMS |
| RUDDY DUCK: | 7 | 6/6 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JMS - also noted in Sa |
| RING-NECKED PHEASANT: | 7 | 6/16 | Portsmouth Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | 12 | 6/19 | Moffatt Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Io,Mi |
| WILD TURKEY: | 24 | 6/13 | Bangor Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | 72 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io |
| DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT: | 650 | 7/24 | Au Gres, Ar | RAE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa |
| AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: | 13 | 7/20 | Karn Plant, Ba | JMS - also noted in Io,Sa |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | 4 | 7/19 | WBSWA, Ar | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa |
| LEAST BITTERN: | 3 | 7/25 | NPSWA, Ba | JMS |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | 180 | 6/10 | SNWR, Sa | JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu |
| GREAT EGRET: | 318 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu |
| SNOWY EGRET: | 2 | 6/1 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JZ - present thru 6/3 |
| | 1 | 6/23 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | GSP - present thru 7/25 |
| CATTLE EGRET: | 4 | 6/2 | SNWR, Sa | LMA - 1-3 noted here thru 6/11 (DJP,JMS) |
| | 7 | 7/29 | Bangor Twp., Ba | RMD,VT |
| GREEN HERON: | 9 | 7/5 | SNWR, Sa | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------|--|
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: | 39 | 6/1 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi |
| *GLOSSY IBIS: | 1 | thru 6/10 | SNWR, Sa | DJP, RAE - pending MBRC acceptance |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | 257 | 6/1 | PCHW, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| OSPREY: | 6 | 6/14 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi |
| BALD EAGLE: | 11 | 7/8 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| NORTHERN HARRIER: | 1 | 6/2 | PCHW, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | 2 | 6/1 | PCHW, Hu | MKE - also noted in Io,Tu |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | 1 | 7/4 | Cooke Dam area, Io | WWS,TS - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu |
| NORTHERN GOSHAWK: | 1 | 6/4 | Sand Lake area, Io | JMS |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | 2 | 6/1 | PCHW, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | 35 | 6/2 | PCHW, Hu | MKE - also noted in Io,Mi,Tu |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | 1 | 7/21 | Verona SGA, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| VIRGINIA RAIL: | 6 | 7/10 | Standish lagoons, Ar | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa |
| SORA: | 2 | 7/10 | Standish lagoons, Ar | DLJ - also noted in Sa |
| COMMON GALLINULE: | 9 | 7/5 | SNWR, Sa | RAE - also noted in Ba |
| AMERICAN COOT: | 34 | 7/5 | SNWR, Sa | RAE - also noted in |
| SANDHILL CRANE: | 187 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | 2 | 6/4 | TPSP, Io | JMS,DJP - last date - also noted in Ar,Ba |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | 3 | 6/1 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - last date |
| | 3 | 7/25 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - first date |
| PIPING PLOVER: | 2 | 6/4 | TPSP, Io | DJP,JMS |
| KILLDEER: | 78 | 7/23 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| *BLACK-NECKED STILT: | 1 | 6/25 | SNWR, Sa | LMA - photographed - pending MBRC acceptance |
| AMERICAN AVOCET: | 2 | 7/7 | SNWR, Sa | JW,GW |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | 13 | 7/25 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | 2 | 7/15 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - first date, here and in Tu (JEV) |
| | 19 | 7/25 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | 3 9 | 7/5 7/23 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | RAE - first date JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi |
| WILLET: | 1 | 7/2 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | GSP,JG - ties SBA fall early date |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | 1 2 111 | 6/3 6/27 7/23 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | RAE - last date DJP - first date JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba |
| UPLAND SANDPIPER: | 1 | 7/7 | Dwight Twp., Hu | MKE - also noted in lo |
| WHIMBREL: | 5 | 6/4 | TPSP, lo | JMS,DJP |
| RED KNOT: | 1 | 6/4 | TPSP, lo | WWS |
| SANDERLING: | 1 24 | 7/14 7/22 | Dow Ponds, Mi TPSP, lo | RMD,VT - ties SBA fall early date DLJ - also noted in Ba |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | 40 7 | 6/1 7/23 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa | JZ - last date JMS - first date |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | 5 1 33 | 6/1 7/1 7/8 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | JZ - last date DJP - first date JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | 4 | 6/1 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JZ - last date |
| BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: | 1 | 7/22 | TPSP, lo | DLJ - first date |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | 1 5 | 7/14 7/30 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa | JMS,RMD - first date JMS - also noted in lo |
| DUNLIN: | 30 5 | 6/1 6/8 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JZ - also noted in Sa GSP,EMP - last date |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | 1 | 7/23 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - first date |
| SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: | 1 19 | 7/2 7/25 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa | GSP,JG - first date DJP - also noted in Ar |
| DOWITCHER SP: | 1 | 7/23 | SNWR, Sa | JMS |
| WILSON'S SNIPE: | 22 | 7/31 | NPSWA, Ba | DLJ,AT - also noted in Sa |
| AMERICAN WOODCOCK: | 1 | 6/24 | PCSP, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | 87 | 6/8 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,lo |
| LITTLE GULL: | 1 4 2 | 6/19 6/23 7/16 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba Kawkawlin Twp., Ba Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | LD - first date DD - new SBA peak count GSP,EMP - last date |



Little Gull at Kawkawlin Twp., Ba on June 26, 2014 by Dan Duso
First summer age.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|--------------------|---|
| RING-BILLED GULL: | 75 | 6/2 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | GSP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| HERRING GULL: | 8 | 6/8 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | 1 | 6/21 | Ba | DD - 1 st summer age |
| CASPIAN TERN: | 21 | 7/14 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RMD,VT - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa |
| BLACK TERN: | 74 | 7/7 | Tawas Lake, Io | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa |
| COMMON TERN: | 198 | 7/17 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa |
| FORSTER'S TERN: | 250 | 7/7 | Au Gres, Ar | RAE - also noted in Ba,Sa |
| ROCK PIGEON: | 16 | 6/5 | Spaulding Twp., Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu |
| *WHITE-WINGED DOVE: | 1 | 6/8 | AuSable Twp. Io | TP - 1st SBA record - pending MBRC acceptance |
| MOURNING DOVE: | 38 | 7/28 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | GSP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | 1 | 7/9 | Verona SGA, Hu | MKE |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | 3 | 7/22 | Geneva Twp., Mi | MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|------|--------------------------|---|
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | 1 | 7/12 | NPSWA area, Ba | CS - also noted in Sa |
| SNOWY OWL: | 1 | 7/29 | FPSWA, Tu | DD - photographed |
| BARRED OWL: | 2 | 6/1 | Hume Twp., Hu | DD,MW - reported as nesting in Mi (JZ) - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi |
| COMMON NIGHTHAWK: | 4 | 6/4 | Wilbur Twp., Io | JMS,DJP - also noted in Sa |
| EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL: | 7 | 6/24 | PCSP, Hu | MKE - new SBA peak count |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | 81 | 6/13 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu |
| RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD: | 6 | 7/13 | Cooke Dam area, Io | WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | 5 | 7/25 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | 6 | 6/4 | Sand Lake area, Io | JMS,DJP - also noted Mi |
| RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: | 5 | 7/13 | Cooke Dam area, Io | WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| YELLOW-BELLID SAPSUCKER: | 4 | 7/19 | WBSWA, Ar | DLJ - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | 8 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | 4 | 6/20 | Bangor Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| NORTHERN FLICKER: | 17 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | 1 | 7/4 | Cooke Dam area, Io | WWS,TS - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu |
| AMERICAN KESTREL: | 6 | 7/18 | Spaulding Twp., Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo |
| MERLIN: | 1 | 6/4 | TPSP, Io | WWS |
| | 1 | 7/19 | SNWR, Sa | LMA |
| PEREGRINE FALCON: | 2 | 6/14 | Saginaw River, Ba | GSP,EMP |
| | 1 | 6/26 | MCV, Mi | JZ - the observer notes "Nesting with 4 young in various stages of fledging. First nesting report for Midland County. " - also noted in Sa |
| EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE: | 20 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu |
| YLLW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | 1 | 6/4 | Sand Lake area, Io | JMS,DJP |
| | 1 | 6/6 | Pine Haven, Mi | JMS |
| ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: | 2 | 6/6 | Pine Haven, Mi | JMS - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | 6 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Hu,lo |
| WILLOW FLYCATCHER: | 9 | 7/25 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|--|
| LEAST FLYCATCHER: | 7 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa - numbers in Hu and Sa have been in recent steady decline, and are now few in comparison (MKE,DJP). |
| EASTERN PHOEBE: | 5 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | RMD,VT - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | 6 | 6/12 | Geneva Twp., Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| EASTERN KINGBIRD: | 14 | 7/15 | SNWR, Sa | JMS- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| WHITE-EYED VIREO: | 1 | 6/1 - 6/24 | Hume Twp., Hu | DD,MW,MKE - 1 st Hu record, 10 th SBA record |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | 4 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | 2 | 7/12 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD,VT - also noted in Io |
| WARBLING VIREO: | 10 | 6/12 | Geneva Twp., Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | 29 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| BLUE JAY: | 23 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| AMERICAN CROW: | 47 | 7/26 | Wurtsmith Airport, Io | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| COMMON RAVEN: | 2 | 6/4 | Wilbur Twp., Io | JMS,DJP - also noted in Ar |
| HORNED LARK: | 4 | 7/31 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | 19 | 7/17 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| TREE SWALLOW: | 260 | 7/5 | NPSWA, Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | 88 | 7/24 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| BANK SWALLOW: | 106 | 7/18 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | 528 | 7/4 | Alabaster Twp., Ar | JMS - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa |
| BARN SWALLOW: | 75 | 7/29 | Au Gres, Ar | RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | 31 | 7/31 | Sanford area, Mi | RMD,ME - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE: | 14 | 7/31 | Sanford area, Mi | RMD,ME - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 6 | 7/31 | Sanford area, Mi | RMD,ME - also noted in Io,Tu |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 3 | 6/26 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| BROWN CREEPER: | 2 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Io,Sa |
| HOUSE WREN: | 4 | 7/17 | Koylton Twp., Tu | JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa |
| SEDGE WREN: | 4 | 6/16 | Portsmouth Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| MARSH WREN: | 24 | 7/18 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io |
| BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: | 4 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa |
| EASTERN BLUEBIRD: | 5 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu - MKE noted "numbers are alarmingly low" in Hu |
| VEERY: | 47 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Tu |
| SWAINSON'S THRUSH: | 1 | 7/13 | Hume Twp., Hu | MKE - an uncommon breeder in northern Huron Co. - also noted in Sa |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | 4 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Io |
| WOOD THRUSH: | 3 | 7/12 | Lee Twp., Mi | RMD,VT - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa,Tu - numbers noted as "lacking" in Hu (MKE) |
| AMERICAN ROBIN: | 23 | 7/17 | Rush Lake SGA, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| GRAY CATBIRD: | 15 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: | 1 | 6/1 - 6/4 | PCSP, Hu | MKE |
| | 1 | 6/29 | SNWR, Sa | SFK, KK |
| BROWN THRASHER: | 7 | 7/17 | Rush Lake SGA, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| EUROPEAN STARLING: | 515 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | 75 | 6/4 | TPSP, Io | WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| OVENBIRD:: | 21 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Tu - numbers noted as "lacking" in Hu (MKE) |
| LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:: | 2 | 7/12 | Greendale Twp., Mi | RMD,VT - also noted in |
| NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: | 7 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Io - numbers noted as "lacking" in Hu (MKE) |
| GOLDEN-WIGED WARBLER: | 3 | 6/4 | Moffatt Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Mi |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | 4 | 6/4 | Moffatt Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu |
| BREWSTER'S WARBLER: | 1 | 6/21 | Moffatt Twp., Ar | DLJ |
| BLACK & WHITE WARBLER: | 6 | 6/21 | Moffatt Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi |
| PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: | 4 | 6/10 | SNWR, Sa | JMS |
| ORANGE-CROWND WARBLER: | 1 | 6/1 | Hume Twp., Hu | DD,MW - new SBA spring late date |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | 13 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Io |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | 7 | 6/1 | Hume Twp., Hu | DD,MW - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi -numbers noted as "lacking" in Hu (MKE) |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|------------|--------------------------|---|
| COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: | 53 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| HOODED WARBLER: | 2 | 6/1 - 7/14 | Hume Twp., Hu | DD,MW,MKE |
| AMERICAN REDSTART: | 24 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu - breeding numbers appear to be healthy |
| KIRTLAND'S WARBLER: | 3 | 6/4 | Wilbur Twp., Io | JMS,DJP |
| CERULEAN WARBLER: | 1 | 7/22 | Geneva Twp., Mi | MKE |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | 1 | 7/17 | Rush Lake SGA, Hu | MKE |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | 31 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | 8 | 6/5 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa |
| PINE WARBLER: | 11 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Io |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: | | | | noted in Io (RAE) |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | 1 | 6/4 | PCSP, Hu | MKE - singing male |
| BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER: | 2 | 6/21 | Omer Plains, Ar | DLJ |
| CANADA WARBLER: | 4 | 6/21 | Moffatt Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Hu |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | 1 | 6/4 | TPSP, Io | JMS,DJP - last date |
| EASTERN TOWHEE: | 26 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | 6 | 6/19 | Deford SGA, Tu | JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: | 21 | 6/12 | Rush Lake SGA, Hu | MKE - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa |
| FIELD SPARROW: | 8 | 7/21 | Verona SGA, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu |
| VESPER SPARROW: | 6 | 6/7 | Jasper Twp., Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io |
| LARK SPARROW: | 1 | 7/3 | Verona SGA, Hu | MKE - 1st Hu record , 8 th SBA record - the observer noted "Song Sparrow-sized bird viewed head-on at distance of under 20 yards; clear whitish breast with prominent, large black central spot. Vivid chestnut, black, and white harlequin markings on head (bold mustache, chestnut auricular areas and alternating stripes of white and chestnut, the latter thinly outlined in black); a good-sized bill, rather light in color was in evidence. ...In profile, longish, substantial tail flashed white on tips and most clearly on outer retrices. The dorsal surfaces were of a muted ash-brown, lacking warm tones...in stark contrast to the color explosion on the head." |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|--|
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | 21 | 6/15 | Geneva Twp., Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | 2 | 6/1 | Wurtsmith Airport, Io | RAE - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | 3 | 6/22 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi |
| SONG SPARROW: | 52 | 7/25 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | 1 | 6/4 | Sand Lake area, Io | JMS,DJP |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | 21 | 7/12 | NPSWA area, Ba | CS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa - Interestingly, MKE notes that in Hu, this species finds that a dozen cattails in a ditch constitutes a "swamp". In contrast, DJP notes that in Sa, they are much more restrictive in territory selection. |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | 6 | 6/21 | Omer Plains, Ar | DLJ - also noted in Io |
| SCARLET TANAGER: | 11 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL: | up to 8 | tp | Midland, Mi | JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: | 29 | 7/3 | AuSable State Forest, Mi | RMD - new SBA summer high count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | 37 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| DICKCISSEL: | 1 | 6/10 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - first date - here for a SBA record fourth straight year |
| | 3 | 7/8 tp | SNWR, Sa | JMS |
| BOBOLINK: | 14 | 6/12 | Geneva Twp., Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: | 295 | 7/30 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| EASTERN MEADOWLARK: | 9 | 6/7 | Jasper Twp., Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu |
| WESTERN MEADOWLARK: | 1 | thru 6/12 | Geneva Twp., Mi | RMD,RAE |
| YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: | 14 | 7/12 | NPSWA area, Ba | CS - also noted in Sa |
| BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: | 12 | 6/4 | Wilbur Twp., Io | JMS,DJP |
| COMMON GRACKLE: | 104 | 7/25 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu |
| BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: | 48 | 6/29 | SNWR, Sa | SFK,KK - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| ORCHARD ORIOLE: | 5 | 6/10 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Hu,Mi |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE: | 12 | 7/12 | NPSWA area, Ba | CS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| PURPLE FINCH: | 5 | 7/22 | Geneva Twp., Mi | MKE - also noted in Ar,Io |
| HOUSE FINCH: | 10 | 7/28 | Bangor Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: | 52 | 6/12 | Rush Lake SGA, Hu | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| HOUSE SPARROW: | 33 | 7/28 | Bangor Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu |

TOTAL: 228 Species

Peak counts and early/late dates are designated such based upon records established in the publication *Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area* by Ron Weeks, published in 1995, and subsequent updates to the data by the compilers of the Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area report. Comments on seasonal occurrences also relate to information found in this exhaustively researched book, as well as species notations on the Michigan Bird Survey Form.

*Michigan Review List Species. Inclusion of records for these species in this report does not signify that they have been verified, only that an encounter was reported. The observation will not be considered an official SBA record until it has been reviewed and accepted by the Michigan Bird Records Committee (MBRC).

Observer Key:

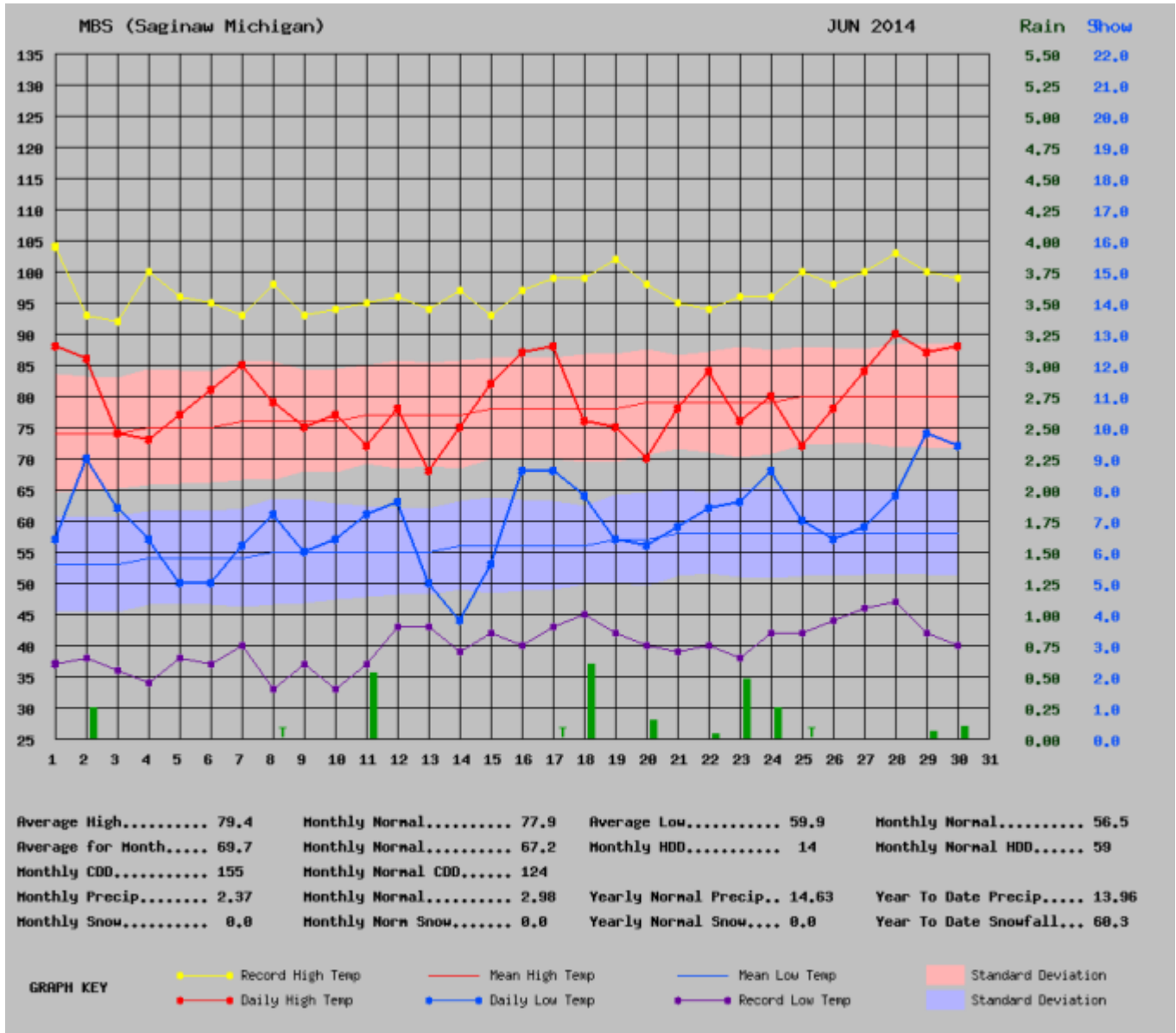
| | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| LMA | Larry M. Abraham | GSP | Glenn S. Peterson |
| LD | Louie Dombroski | EMP | Ellen M. Peterson |
| DD | Dan Duso | JR | Jack Reinoehl |
| RMD | Ryan M. Dziedzic | CS | Craig Schafer |
| ME | Melissa Eddy | TS | Toni Shawl |
| RAE | Roger A. Eriksson | WWS | Wayne W. Shawl |
| MKE | Monica K. Essenmacher | JMS | Joe M. Soehnel |
| JG | Jack Gillespie | VT | Val Trabucchi |
| MH | Matt Hegwood | AT | Al Turner |
| DLJ | Doug L. Jackson | JEV | Jim E VanAllen |
| KK | Karen Kahl | JW | Jacqui Wells |
| SFK | Steven F. Kahl | MW | Myles Willard |
| TN | Tess Nelkie | GW | Gail Whitson |
| TP | Todd Palgut | JZ | Jerry Ziarno |
| DJP | David J. Peters | | |

Eleven individuals generously submitted reports specifically for this compilation. Sightings were also obtained from postings on the saginawbaybirding.org spring migration update. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Abbreviations:

| | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Ar | Arenac County | PCHW | Port Crescent Hawk Watch |
| Ba | Bay County | PCSP | Port Crescent State Park |
| BCSRA | Bay City State Recreation Area | Sa | Saginaw County |
| CDF | Confined Disposal Facility | SBB.org | SaginawBayBirding.org |
| CNC | Chippewa Nature Center | SBA | Saginaw Bay Area |
| FPSWA | Fish Point State Wildlife Area | SGA | State Game Area |
| Hu | Huron County | SNWR | Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge |
| Io | Iosco County | tp | throughout entire or remainder of period |
| MBRC | Michigan Bird Records Committee | TPSP | Tawas Point State Park |
| MCV | Midland Cogeneration Venture | Tu | Tuscola County |
| Mi | Midland County | WBSWA | Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area |
| NPSWA | Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area | | |

June, 2014 Weather Graph – Saginaw, Michigan (MBS)



July, 2011 Weather Graph – Saginaw, Michigan (MBS)

