

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

August 1st, 2015 thru November 30th, 2015

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Summary: A total of 243 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the SBA this autumn, continuing the recent above average trend, (the 1989 - 2014 seasonal average is 236). This report lists each of these species, along with the highest reported individual count for each, first and last dates as applicable, and the SBA counties in which each was noted. The exception to this is Trumpeter Swan. Per request of the state seasonal compiler, all records submitted for this species are listed. An impressive number of seven new all-time peak counts were recorded, as well as two new fall season high counts, and three new fall late dates. Rarity-wise, two species on the MBRC Review List were reported. Observation coverage was adequate throughout the area, with the possible exception of Arenac. Species-wise, overall observer coverage (number of reports per species) was bias towards waterbirds. Climatically, temperatures were more or less average in the first three months, but drifted further into above average in November, (a situation prevailing throughout the continent). Although ice coverage on shallow areas was present for a few days, the season ended with essentially no ice coverage, quite a change from the last two years. Precipitation in August and September seemed notable not for the number of days of rain, but 1"+ single day events occurring weekly. This pattern subsided in October and November. A rough comparison of the atypically mild climate at the end of this season to SBA bird populations appears to illustrate that with known exceptions by species as a whole, or erratic exceptions by individuals within a species, birds tend not to alter their long established patterns here in the SBA solely in response to annual (short-term) variations in climate. (This is not to say such changes are likely or unlikely over the longer term.)

This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2015, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on winter 2015-2016 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to Joe Soehnel at saginawbaybirding@gmail.com .

*Many thanks to all observers who contributed their sightings directly to this compilation. Your efforts result in a significantly more accurate and thorough report.
And, as always, a special thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing input.*

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comments
GRTR WHITE-FRNTD GOOSE:	10	11/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - 9 adult age + 1 immature age
	4	11/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - 3 adult age + 1 immature age
SNOW GOOSE:	1	10/5	Harbor Beach area, Hu	CV - first date
	34	11/19	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
CHEN SP:	1	10/9	Oil City area, Mi	RMD
CACKLING GOOSE:	7	10/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in lo
CANADA GOOSE:	13918	11/25	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
MUTE SWAN:	23	11/25	Harbor Beach, Hu	SF - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
TRUMPETER SWAN:	2	8/7 - 8/24	SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE
	2	8/8 - 8/29	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE,WWS,TS
	4	9/2	SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE
	5	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS
	3	9/17 - 9/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS
	17	10/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS
	6	10/8	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS
	29	10/14	SNWR, Sa	JMS
	8	10/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE
	4	10/31	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE
	1	11/5	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE
	3	11/6	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE
	9	11/9	Tuttle Marsh, lo	MH
	9	11/10	SNWR, Sa	RAE
	11	11/10	Tuttle Marsh, lo	WWS
	16	11/14	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE
	11	11/20	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE
7	11/25	SNWR, Sa	RAE	
TUNDRA SWAN:	16	10/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date
	121	10/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
WOOD DUCK:	504	8/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
GADWALL:	326	10/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Tu
AMERICAN WIGEON:	2414	10/14	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	234	10/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
MALLARD:	8206	11/25	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	403	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi
	1	11/13	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - last date



When we think of birding, listing of species is the obvious priority of the pastime these days. But the appreciation of birds and their world is the deepest felt pleasure of birding, and this image of a pair of preening Blue-winged Teal in eclipse plumage, taken by Joe Soehnel in Kawkawclin Twp, Ba., portrays this aspect as well as any.

NORTHERN SHOVELER:	253	11/19	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	801	10/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	1885	10/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
CANVASBACK:	4	10/12	Dow Ponds, Mi	JMS - first date
	18	10/14	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu
REDHEAD:	7794	11/27	Tawas Bay, lo	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
RING-NECKED DUCK:	1	8/5	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - first date
	250	11/5	Tobico Marsh, Ba	CS - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
GREATER SCAUP:	4	10/5	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - first date
	694	11/14	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Tu

LESSER SCAUP:	3 27	9/23 11/2	Port Austin, Hu Tawas Bay, lo	CV - first date WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
SCAUP SP:	21	10/16	Port Austin, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi
SURF SCOTER:	1	10/22	Harbor Beach, Hu	DD,MW - first date
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	3 9	10/5 11/25	Lighthouse Park, Hu Lighthouse Park, Hu	CV - first date SF - also noted in lo
BLACK SCOTER:	2 9	10/23 11/9	Tawas Bay, lo Dow Ponds, Mi	RAE - first date RMD,JMS - also noted in Hu
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	1 41	10/23 11/25	Tawas Bay, lo Grindstone City, Hu	RAE - first date SF
BUFFLEHEAD:	1 169	8/15 11/21	Freeland SL, Sa Tawas Bay, lo	JZ - first date RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	1 164	10/20 11/23	Alabaster Twp., lo Linwood, Ba	RAE - first date MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa
HOODED MERGANSER:	119	11/13	Arenac Twp., Ar	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
COMMON MERGANSER:	14 1710	8/20 11/22	TPSP, lo Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - first date MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	1 16	8/20 11/25	TPSP, lo Tawas Bay, lo	RMD - first date RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa
RUDDY DUCK:	300	10/14	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	6	11/25	Unionville area, Tu	JEV - also noted in Sa
RUFFED GROUSE:	6	10/24	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - also noted in Mi,Tu
WILD TURKEY:	40	9/4	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in lo,Sa,Tu
RED-THROATED LOON:	1	11/25	Port Austin, Hu	SF
COMMON LOON:	16	10/4	Tawas Bay, lo	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	369	9/30	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
HORNED GREBE:	2 34	9/30 10/25	Dow Ponds, Mi Tawas Bay, lo	JMS - first date RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa
RED-NECKED GREBE:	1 2	9/23 11/2	Port Austin, Hu Tawas Bay, lo	CV - first date WWS
EARED GREBE:	1	11/25	Lighthouse Park, Hu	SF
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	1200	10/4	Tawas Bay, lo	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	17	10/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD,MH,VT - present thru 10/14 (JZ,MKE)
AMERICAN BITTERN:	2	8/12	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo
	1	10/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
LEAST BITTERN:	1	8/3	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in lo
	1	9/1	BCSRA, Ba	CS - last date
GREAT BLUE HERON:	49	8/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	466	9/2	SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu
	5	11/21	Kam Plant, Ba	JMS - last date
SNOWY EGRET:	4	9/13	Linwood, Ba	DD
	1	10/6	Linwood, Ba	DD - last date
CATTLE EGRET:	7	8/11	BCSRA, Ba	CS - 5 adult, 2 immature
	2	10/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
GREEN HERON:	10	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
	1	9/27	SNWR, Sa	AB - last date
BLK-CROWND NIGHT- HERON:	43	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo
	2	11/10	SNWR, Sa	RAE - last date
*PLEGADIS SP:	1	11/10	SNWR, Sa	RAE - new SBA fall late date (and the first fall record in 27 years) - photographed - pending MBRC acceptance
TURKEY VULTURE:	62	9/30	Midland, Mi	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
	2	10/24	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - last date
OSPREY:	5	8/15	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa
	1	9/22	BCSRA, Ba	CS - last date
NORTHERN HARRIER:	6	10/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1	10/10	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
COOPER'S HAWK:	2	9/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1	11/13	NPSWA, Ba	MKE
BALD EAGLE:	9	11/25	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	3	9/20	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in lo,Tu
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	1	8/12	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Mi
	1	9/12	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - last date
RED-TAILED HAWK:	9	8/21	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	1	10/21	FPSWA, Tu	DD - first date
	1	11/25	Lighthouse Park, Hu	SF - also noted in Mi

GOLDEN EAGLE:	2	9/21	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu
VIRGINIA RAIL:	40	8/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - new SBA peak count
	1	10/14	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date- also noted in Ba,lo
SORA:	79	9/2	SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE - new SBA peak count
	1	10/14	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date - also noted in Ba,lo
COMMON GALLINULE:	69	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu
	1	10/30	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - last date
AMERICAN COOT:	1165	10/25	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
SANDHILL CRANE:	1789	11/19	SNWR, Sa	RAE - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN AVOCET:	12	8/19	Dow Ponds, Mi	SS - new SBA fall high count - also noted in Sa
	1	11/9	Tuttle Marsh, lo	MH - present thru 11/15(RAE - last date)



While American Avocets are recorded annually in the SBA, they occur more consistently in the southern counties. Wayne Shawl documented a much rarer stopover in Iosco Co. this fall, at Tuttle Marsh.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	32 3	9/23 11/3	SNWR, Sa FPSWA, Tu	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi CS - last date
AMERICAN GOLDEN- PLOVER:	16	10/19	FPSWA, Tu	DD - last date - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	11 3	9/2 10/18	SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,RAE - also noted in lo JMS - last date
KILLDEER:	141 1	9/23 11/25	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu RAE - last date
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	9 2	8/7 10/7	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi DJP - last date
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	12 1	8/2 9/26	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu RMD - last date
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	47 3	10/14 11/11	SNWR, Sa FPSWA, Tu	JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi CS - last date
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	147 1	9/17 11/15	SNWR, Sa Tuttle Marsh, lo	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu RAE - last date
WHIMBREL:	6	9/9	Pinconning Park, Ba	per SBB.org
HUDSONIAN GODWIT:	3 2	10/18 10/25	Karn Plant, Ba FPSWA, Tu	JMS - also noted in Sa CS - last date
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	1	9/15	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ
RED KNOT:	1	8/21- 8/24	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE,DD
STILT SANDPIPER:	16 2	9/2 10/1	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE - also noted in Ba JMS - last date
SANDERLING:	4 2	9/5 10/18	Port Austin, Hu Karn Plant, Ba	CV - also noted in lo JMS - last date
DUNLIN:	1 229 1	9/30 11/4 11/25	Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu RAE - last date
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	3 1	8/20 10/22	TPSP, lo Tuttle Marsh, lo	RMD - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa RAE - last date
LEAST SANDPIPER:	88 3	8/21 9/13	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	RAE - also noted in lo,Sa RMD - last date
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	16 1	10/4 11/25	Tuttle Marsh, lo SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu RAE - new SBA fall late date
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:	7 2	8/2 9/4	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS JMS - last date

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	43 1	9/17 11/19	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu RAE - last date
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	4 33 2	8/10 8/20 10/7	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba Kawkawlin Twp., Ba BCSRA, Ba	JMS - first date RMD - also noted in lo,Sa CS - last date
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	12 8	8/28 9/2	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ba JMS,RAE
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:	1 3	9/30 10/1	Crow Island SGA, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - first date JMS - last date
WILSON'S SNIPE:	18 1	10/10 11/13	CNC, Mi FPSWA, Tu	RMD,MH - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa JEV - last date
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1	10/26	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - last date - also noted in lo,Sa
*RED PHALAROPE:	1 1	10/3 10/7	BCSRA, Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	LD - pending MBRC acceptance TT - pending MNRC acceptance
PHALAROPE SP:	1	10/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	4 721	8/5 10/18	Dow Ponds, Mi Karn Plant, Ba	RMD - first date JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa,Tu
LITTLE GULL:	1 1 1	9/14 10/16 11/7	Dow Ponds, Mi Tawas Bay, lo Tawas Bay, lo	MKE - immature age WWS RAE - adult age
FRANKLIN'S GULL:	1 1	10/12 11/13	Dow Ponds, Mi Linwood, Ba	JMS - present thru 10/13 (MKE) MKE
RING-BILLED GULL:	1200	11/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
HERRING GULL:	800	11/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
THAYER'S / ICELAND GULL:	1	11/17	FPSWA, Tu	JEV
LESSER BLCK-BACKED GULL:	1 2	9/29 10/14	Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa	MKE - first date JMS - also noted in Ba
GLAUCOUS GULL:	1	11/13	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - first date - also noted in Ba
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1 2	10/4 10/16	BCSRA, Ba Port Austin, Hu	DD - first date MKE - also noted in Ar,Tu
CASPIAN TERN:	47 1	8/10 10/18	NPSWA, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in lo,Mi,Sa JMS - last date
BLACK TERN:	58 1	8/2 8/28	Tawas Lake, lo SNWR, Sa	RAE RMD - last date
COMMON TERN:	250 5	8/21 9/18	AuSable Point, lo Linwood, Ba	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu SH - last date

FORSTER'S TERN:	3 1	8/27 10/5	BCSRA, Ba FPSWA, Tu	GSP - also noted in lo,Sa MKE - last date
ROCK PIGEON:	108	9/4	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
MOURNING DOVE:	70	10/30	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	8/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	8/29	Tuttle Marsh, lo	WWS - last date
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	2	10/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
GREAT HORNED OWL:	3	8/26	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in lo,Tu
SNOWY OWL:	1	10/22	Lake Twp., Hu	BK - first date - also noted in Sa
BARRED OWL:	2	11/6	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Tu
SHORT-EARED OWL:	5	10/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	111 4	8/16 9/1	Alabaster Twp., lo Beaver Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu MKE - last date
EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL:	2 2	8/21 9/21	Hegwood Forest, lo Jerome Twp., Mi	RMD ME - last date
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	68 10	8/26 9/26	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu RMD - last date
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	12 1	8/25 9/19	Greendale Twp., Mi Koylton Twp., Tu	RMD - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa JEV - last date
BELTED KINGFISHER:	10 1	8/17 11/17	Tuttle Marsh, lo SNWR, Sa	WWS,TS - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu DJP - last date
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	4	8/30	Alabaster Twp., lo	JMS - also noted in Mi
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	8	9/20	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
YLLW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	2 2	9/20 9/29	Greendale Twp., Mi BCSRA, Ba	RMD - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa CS
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	10	9/20	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	4	8/17	Cooke dam area, lo	WWS,TS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN FLICKER:	19	9/2	SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	6	9/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN KESTREL:	3	10/16	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
MERLIN:	2	9/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi
PEREGRINE FALCON:	2	9/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	1	8/12	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - first date
	2	8/26	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba
	1	9/4	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - last date
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	11	8/25	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
	1	9/26	SNWR, Sa	RMD - last date
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:	1	9/4	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - first date
	1	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	2	9/1	Beaver Twp., Ba	MKE
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	1	8/4	Tuttle Marsh, lo	WWS
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	1	8/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba
	1	8/12	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date
TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER:	1	8/27	Laur Big Salt River Park, Mi	JZ - last date
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	2	8/30	Alabaster Twp., lo	JMS - also noted in Sa
	1	9/8	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - last date
EASTERN PHOEBE:	12	9/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
	1	10/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	6	8/26	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Tu
	1	9/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	14	8/12	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in lo,Mi,Tu
	1	8/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	10/23	Tuttle Marsh, lo	RAE - first date - also noted in Hu
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	1	8/21	Hegwood Forest, lo	RMD - also noted in Mi,Sa
	1	9/25	BCSRA, Ba	MKE - last date
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	4	9/27	Au Sable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu
	1	10/20	TPSP, lo	RAE - last date
WARBLING VIREO:	6	9/3	SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi
	1	9/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:	1	9/4	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - first date
	4	9/11	Pinconning Park, Ba	per SBB.org - also noted in lo,Sa
	1	9/22	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - last date



An image of a Philadelphia Vireo in the SBA is unique in and of itself, let alone one of the exceptional quality achieved by Doug Jackson at Tawas Point State Park, Io. this fall.

RED-EYED VIREO:	14	8/26	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa
	1	9/27	Au Sable State Forest, Mi	RMD - last date
BLUE JAY:	48	9/27	Au Sable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	426	10/4	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
COMMON RAVEN:	4	10/16	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Hu,Mi
HORNED LARK:	75	10/16	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	48	8/26	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Tu
	2	9/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date

PURPLE MARTIN:	750	8/12	FPSWA, Ba	DD - new SBA peak count
	1	8/30	Tawas Bay, lo	- also noted in Ba,Hu JMS - last date



One of the most spectacular sightings of the fall was the SBA recording breaking flock of Purple Martins that Dan Duso encountered at Fish Point State Wildlife Area, Tu. This flock was nearly double the size of any previously reported to Birds in the SBA seasonal report compilers.

TREE SWALLOW:	783	8/10	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
	1	11/2	Caseville SL, Hu	MKE - last date
BANK SWALLOW:	74	8/15	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE - last date, here and in Sa (JZ)
CLIFF SWALLOW:	2	8/24	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE - last date
BARN SWALLOW:	150	8/14	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE - also noted in Mi,Tu
	1	9/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	71	9/20	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	9	11/2	TPSP, lo	RAE - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
	9	11/22	Oil City area, Mi	RMD

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	6	11/26	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	7	8/31	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
BROWN CREEPER:	4	9/20	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
HOUSE WREN:	6 1	8/8 10/5	Golson Park, Ba Verona SGA, Hu	CS - also noted in lo,Mi,Sa,Tu MKE - last date
WINTER WREN:	1 1	9/13 11/7	BCSRA, Ba BCSRA, Ba	RMD - first date - also noted in lo,Mi CS - last date
MARSH WREN:	7 4	9/9 10/14	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba JMS - last date
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	6 1	8/21 9/12	TPSP, lo Pinconning Park, Ba	RMD - also noted in Mi,Sa RMD - last date
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	12	10/15	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	2 13 1	9/12 10/9 10/24	BCSRA, Ba Greendale Twp., Mi Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - first date RMD - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa,Tu RMD - last date
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	20	10/4	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
VEERY:	4 1	8/26 9/4	Geneva Twp., Mi Hampton Twp., Ba	RMD JMS - last date
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:	1 1	9/7 9/12	Averill Preserve, Mi Koylton Twp., Tu	JZ - first date JEV - last date
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	6 2	9/5 10/4	Greendale Twp., Mi Lighthouse Park, Hu	RMD - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu MKE - last date
HERMIT THRUSH:	9 4	10/5 10/20	Verona SGA, Hu TPSP, lo	MKE - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa RAE - last date
WOOD THRUSH:	2 1	8/23 9/19	Oil City area, Mi Oil City area, Mi	RMD - also noted in Sa RMD - last date
AMERICAN ROBIN:	231	10/19	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
GRAY CATBIRD:	13 1	8/25 11/2	Greendale Twp., Mi TPSP, lo	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu RAE - last date
BROWN THRASHER:	2 2 1	8/20 9/5 10/20	TPSP, lo Greendale Twp., Mi TPSP, lo	RMD - also noted in Ba,Tu RMD RAE - last date
EUROPEAN STARLING:	550	11/9	Dow Ponds, Mi	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN PIPIT:	2 165 47	9/20 10/4 11/13	Greendale Twp., Mi Tuttle Marsh, lo NPSWA, Ba	RMD - first date RAE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa,Tu MKE - last date

CEDAR WAXWING:	234	10/2	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	1	10/3	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - first date
	39	11/6	Mt. Haley Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Tu
SNOW BUNTING:	16	10/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD,VT - first date
	44	11/23	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Tu
OVENBIRD:	1	8/21	AuSable Point, lo	RMD - also noted in Mi
	1	9/5	TPSP, lo	RAE - last date
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	3	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - also noted in lo
	1	9/11	Pinconning Park, Ba	per SBB.org - last date
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	2	9/4	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - last date
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	1	9/5	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - last date
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	5	9/8	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,lo
	3	9/18	BCSRA, Ba	CS - last date
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	1	8/13	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - first date
	28	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - also noted in lo,Sa
	1	10/8	Bay City, Ba	CS - last date
ORANGE-CROWND WARBLER:	1	9/11	Hampton Twp., Ba	JZ - first date
	3	10/10	TPSP, lo	CS - also noted in Sa
	1	10/21	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - last date
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	7	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
	1	10/26	TPSP, lo	DLJ - last date
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	15	8/12	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa
	2	10/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - last date
AMERICAN REDSTART:	16	9/8	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
	1	9/29	BCSRA, Ba	CS - last date
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	4	8/21	TPSP, lo	RMD - first date
	1	9/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS- last date - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN PARULA:	1	8/29	Pinconning Park, Ba	RAE - first date
	3	9/18	BCSRA, Ba	CS
	1	9/26	SNWR, Sa	RMD - last date
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	19	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
	1	9/29	BCSRA, Ba	CS - last date
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:	5	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - first date, here and in lo (JMS)
	14	9/5	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa
	1	9/27	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - last date

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	7	8/21	TPSP, lo	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu
	1	9/8	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - last date
YELLOW WARBLER:	5	8/21	TPSP, lo	RMD - also noted in Sa
	1	9/11	Hampton Twp., Ba	JZ - last date
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	9	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
	1	9/19	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - last date
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:	1	8/21	TPSP, lo	RMD - first date
	11	9/19	TPSP, lo	RAE - also noted in Ba,Sa
	1	9/27	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - last date
BLK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:	1	8/26	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - first date
	2	9/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS
	1	10/6	Bay City, Ba	CS - last date
PALM WARBLER:	2	9/10	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - first date
	17	9/25	BCSRA, Ba	MKE - also noted in Hu,Mi
	3	10/10	TPSP, lo	CS - last date
PINE WARBLER:	5	9/20	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba
	5	9/25	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS
	1	9/27	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - last date
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	31	10/7	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu
	31	10/11	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE
	1	11/15	Baldwin Twp., lo	RAE - last date
PRAIRIE WARBLER:	1	8/2	TPSP, lo	RAE
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	5	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa
	3	9/27	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - last date
CANADA WARBLER:	1	8/18	Oil City area, Mi	RMD
	1	8/21	AuSable Point, lo	RMD - last date
WILSON'S WARBLER:	2	8/30	Sand Point Nature Preserve, Hu	CV - first date
	5	9/5	TPSP, lo	RAE - also noted in Ba
	1	9/19	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - last date
EASTERN TOWHEE:	16	8/26	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in lo,Tu
	16	9/27	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD
	1	10/11	Hampton Twp., Ba	PR - last date
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	15	10/16	Harbor Beach, Hu	MKE - first date, here and in lo(WWS)
	76	11/10	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Mi,Tu
CHIPPING SPARROW:	30	10/4	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
	1	10/16	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - last date
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	4	9/25	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	DL - also noted in Tu
	1	10/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - last date

FIELD SPARROW:	7 2	9/27 10/21	AuSable State Forest, Mi Oil City area, Mi	RMD RMD - last date
VESPER SPARROW:	4	10/16	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - last date - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu
LARK SPARROW:	1 1	9/16 10/5	TPSP, lo Verona SGA, Hu	TK,AK MKE
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	23	10/3	Jasper Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	2 1	9/25 10/5	Rush Lake SGA, Hu Verona SGA, Hu	DL MKE - last date
LECONTE'S SPARROW:	1	9/25	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	DL
FOX SPARROW:	2 7 1	10/9 10/25 11/5	Greendale Twp., Mi CNC, Mi Crow Island SGA, Sa	RMD - first date RMD,VT - also noted in Hu,lo RAE - last date
SONG SPARROW:	15 15	8/7 10/4	SNWR, Sa Geneva Twp., Mi	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu RMD
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	12 1	10/5 10/19	Verona SGA, Hu Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa MKE - last date
SWAMP SPARROW:	20	9/11	NPSWA, Ba	JZ - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	73 1	10/16 11/26	Lighthouse Park, Hu Koylton Twp., Tu	MKE - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa JEV - last date
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	2 134 1	9/23 10/4 11/2	SNWR, Sa Grindstone City,, Hu TPSP, lo	JMS - first date MKE - new SBA fall high count - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu RAE - last date
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	171	10/16	Lighthouse Park, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
SCARLET TANAGER:	4 1	9/5 9/27	Greendale Twp., Mi Koylton Twp., Tu	RMD - also noted in Ba,Sa JEV - last date
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	up to 8	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	12 1	8/17 10/3	Cooke Dam area, lo Jasper Twp., Mi	WWS,TS - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu RMD - last date
INDIGO BUNTING:	43 1	8/7 10/5	SNWR, Sa Lighthouse Park, Hu	JMS - also noted in lo,Mi,Tu CV - last date
BOBOLINK:	519 4	9/2 9/26	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	JMS,RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu RMD - last date



Roger Eriksson took advantage of the unique lighting provided between passing rain storms at Shiawassee NWR, Sa., to create this striking portrait of a Bobolink, resplendent in its basic plumage. Large, weedy wet grasslands are favored SBA stopovers for this species, fattening up for the long journey that lies ahead of them, to southern South America, the longest migration of any blackbird, and indeed one of the longest of any New World passerine.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	1250	8/26	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	7	10/4	Huron Twp., Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi,Tu
	1	11/1	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - last date

RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	5	9/23	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS - first date, here and in Hu (CV) and Sa (JMS)
	244	11/4	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Mi,Sa Tu
	4	11/15	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - last date
COMMON GRACKLE:	1300	11/11	Beaver Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	467	10/7	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Tu
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	4	8/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
	1	9/2	Midland, Mi	per JMS - last date
HOUSE FINCH:	8	8/6	BCSRA, Ba	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
PURPLE FINCH:	6	10/18	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
COMMON REDPOLL:	1	11/22	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - first date
	20	11/25	Port Hope, Hu	SF
PINE SISKIN:	965	10/4	Grindstone City, Hu	MKE - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	71	8/25	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
HOUSE SPARROW:	20	11/6	Mt. Haley Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu

TOTAL: 243 Species

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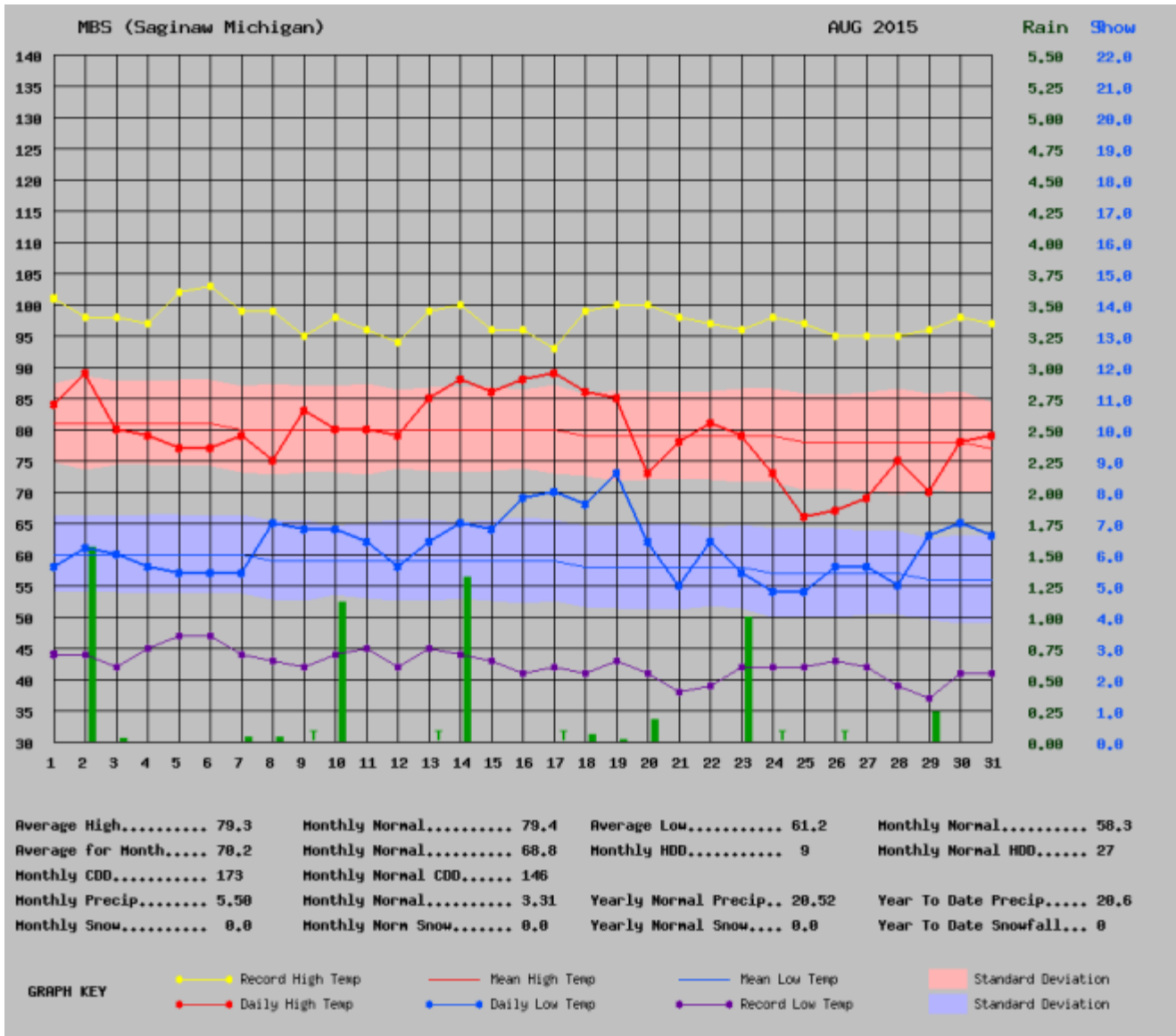
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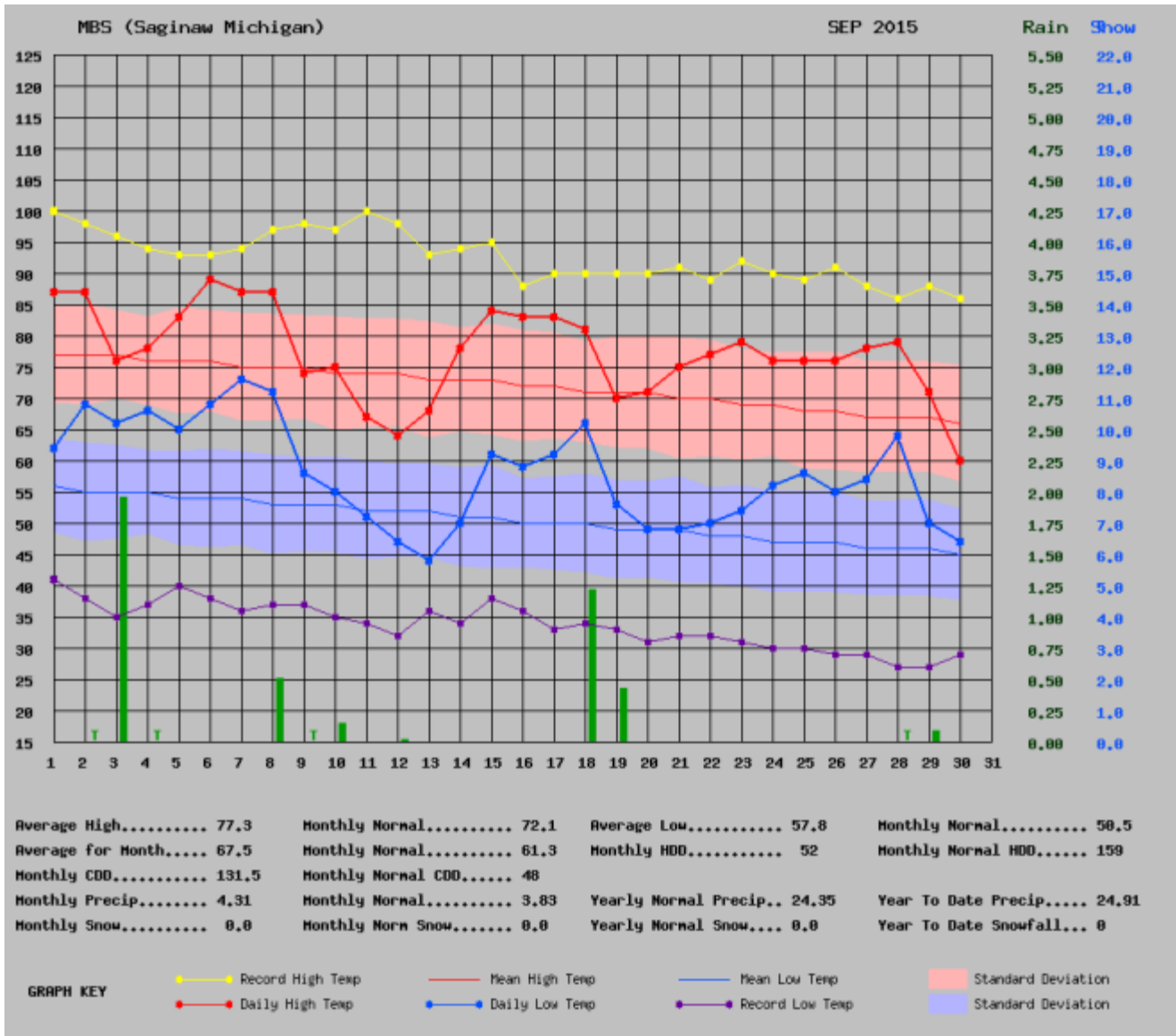
Abbreviations:

Ar	Arenac County	PCSP	Port Crescent State Park
Ba	Bay County	Sa	Saginaw County
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
FPSWA	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SL	Sewage Lagoon
Hu	Huron County	SF	State Forest
Io	Iosco County	SGA	State Game Area
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture	tp	throughout entire or remainder of period
Mi	Midland County	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
NPSWA	Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area	Tu	Tuscola County

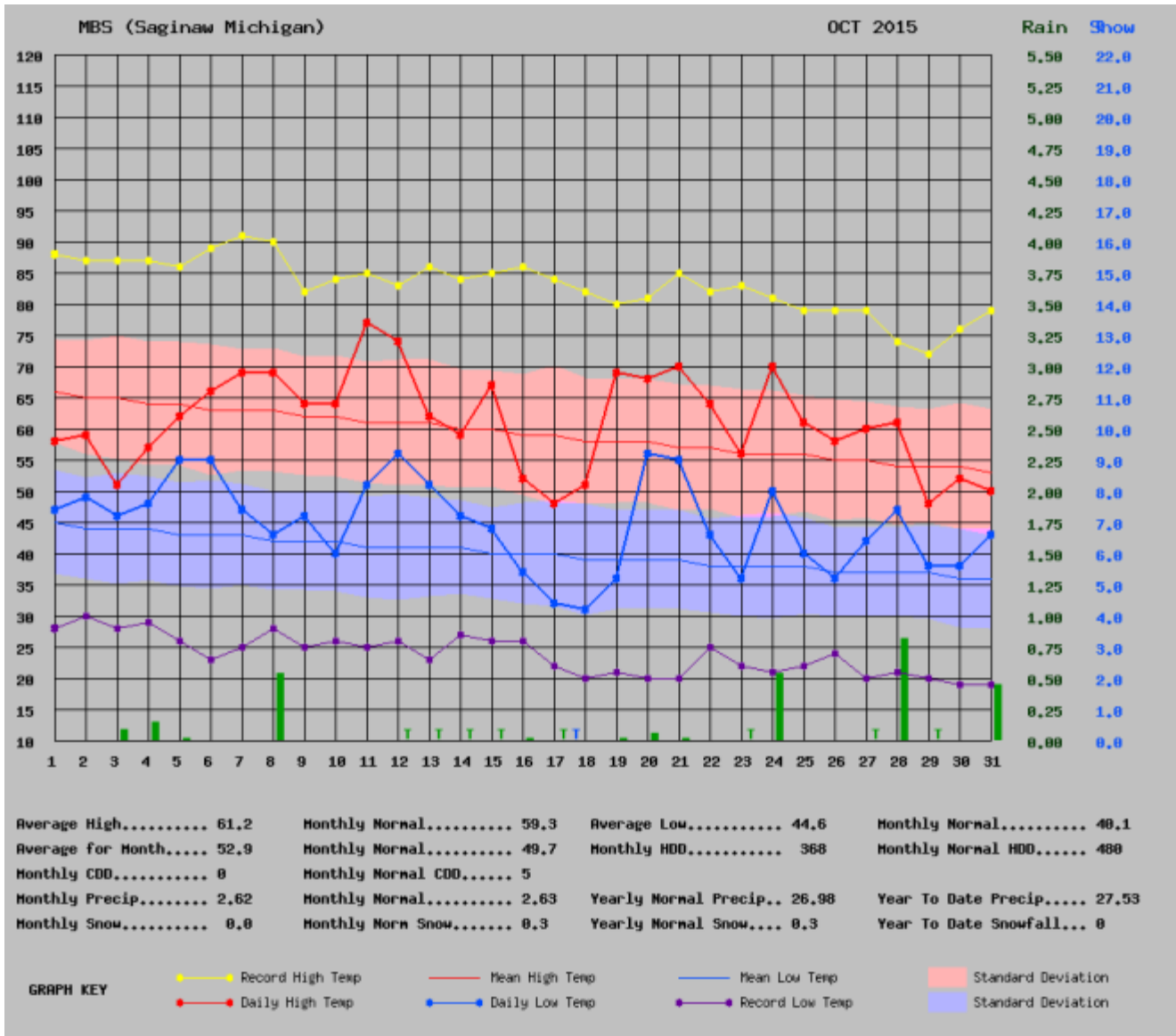
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