

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

August 1st thru November 30, 1998

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Weather: The fall season continued in the pattern of 1998 as being one of the milder years on record. Strong southwest winds with several fronts and a higher than normal jet stream kept temperatures moderate throughout the fall season. At no point in the fall season did any measurable snow develop in the lower portion of the SBA. Mid November did dump several inches of snow in the northern section of the SBA but was quickly melted away by above freezing temps and rain.

Precipitation was much below normal during the four month, fall season. Only three weather fronts produced rain of more than one inch in a given twenty-four hour period. The first wasn't until September 15th with 1.01", the second coming on October 7th with 3.02" and the last coming on November 10th and 11th with 1.48" and .79", respectively. Does this impact the lake levels? Seemingly so as the lake levels have dropped noticeably this year. Sand bars now extend further out into the Saginaw Bay even when there isn't a southerly wind to push out the bay.

Summary: Topping the list that will make eyes pop was a possible **Storm Petrel** species which was observed after the intense storm of November 10th and high, southwesterly winds of November 11th. The bird was observed for a short period of time on November 11th by Myles Willard and David Peters as it flew past them on Tawas Bay just above the crest of a near-shore wave. Their written descriptions are included in the species section of this survey.

"Good birds" that graced the SBA for the fall season included: a **Red-throated Loon** at Tawas Pte; **American White Pelican** at SNWR; single siting of **Brant** on 11/21 at Tawas Pte; an immature **Golden Eagle** at SNWR; two separate sitings of a single **American Avocet** at SNWR; a whopping **1014 Lesser Yellowlegs** at SNWR on 8/27; a **Hudsonian Godwit** at SNWR; **Long-billed Dowitcher** sitings at SNWR in October; **Olive-sided Flycatcher** on Bradford Road in Tuscola County; a **Western Kingbird** at Rush Lake, Huron County; a **Loggerhead Shrike** at Tuscola County; sitings of **Gray-cheeked Thrush** in three different counties; a **Yellow-breasted Chat** at Tawas Pointe; a **Dickcissel** from Tawas Pte, and a single **Pine Grosbeak** from the Caro area. (Tell me again why I don't get to SNWR or Tawas Pte more often?)

Description: The attached list of casual/accidental species is a key for all to use when such species are observed. The instructions and list was taken from the Michigan Bird Survey Form for the autumn Season (August 1 - November 30, 1998). Documentation for birds sited at very early or late times of the year is also necessary to be included at the state level. See **Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area** by Ron Weeks to determine late or early dates.

The reverse side of the list contains a reporting form for such species that require documentation. Use of the form is not required. If you feel that you need to include more details, etc. about a given sighting, feel free to add additional sheets or use your own format if you wish. (This information is merely included as a convenience to you.)

REPORTS

RED-THROATED LOON:

1 11/13 Tawas Pte. Io BB

COMMON LOON:

31 10/09 Tawas Pte. Io BB Peak count.
1 10/29 AuSable River Mouth, Io GZ
1 11/08 Karn Plant, Ba JS

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

1 CTP Karn Plant, Ba JS,GS
135 08/14 Nay Pte, Ba BB Peak count.
Also noted from Hu, Io, Mi, Sa.

HORNED GREBE:

11 11/08 Tawas Bay, Io GN
1 11/24 Bay Port area, Hu TB
1 11/22 Tawas Bay, Io G&TN

RED-NECKED GREBE:

No reports.

PETREL SP.:

1 11/11 Tawas Bay, Io MW,DP See both Myle's & David's notes
below . . .

Myles: While watching from shore in Tawas, a dark bird approached flying parallel to shore. Bird flew just over wave crest about thirty feet from shore. It seemed to use the updraft of the west wind of the last wave crest. (Record winds that day.) It also used some deep pumping wing beats at times. It had the shape of a Purple Martin or Tree Swallow at first glance. It was the size of a Black Tern or Merlin or Killdeer. It had a very short head/neck look with short bill. It was dark looking, almost jet black against water but a little less than solid black on back or inner wing area. The outer wing was pointed like a Merlin with no wing stripe as in most shore birds. Outer wing was very dark. The body and tail seemed solid black. Birds general jizz was different from anything I had ever seen. It looked most like a Purple Martin only double sized. Its flight style was that of a Storm Petrel using wave to "surf" along parallel to shore staying inches off surface. Its size, wing beat and shape most closely match Harrison's description of the Black Storm Petrel of Pacific Ocean. Both Dave and I were mentally unprepared for this siting and wasted valuable time trying to match up what we were seeing with a Michigan bird.

David: My first split-second impression was Black Tern (breeding plumage), which is of course quite contrary to this species molting and migration chronology. My second thought was a small falcon. Anyway, I guess I sort of just forgot about it after that, and went back to being enjoying the flocks of Franklin's Gull. I will go on record as agreeing fully with Myles in that this was an overall very dark, sharp sweptback winged bird, decidedly smaller than a Bonaparte's Gull, with a tail of noticeable length, a neck and beak not of notable length, flying swiftly over the inshore waters of the bay ("on the deck").

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:

3 present until 9/3 SNWR, Sa DP, BG Trio from the summer period.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

895 10/04 Karn Plant, Ba JS
Present through period at Karn Plant, Ba. Also noted in Hu, Io, Sa

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1 08/01 Nay Pte, Ba G&EP, M&JH
2 09/11 Tuttle Marsh, Io BB

LEAST BITTERN:

1 08/01 Nay Pte, Ba G&EP, M&JH

GREAT BLUE HERON:

Present through period at Karn Plant, Ba. JS Peak of 99 on 08/16, SNWR, Sa. BG
Also noted in Io

GREAT EGRET:

1 11/04 SNWR, Sa BG
Also noted in Hu, Ba. Peak 42 on 08/14 Tuttle Marsh, Io. BB

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

7	09/04	Tuttle Marsh, Io	G&TN	Peak count.
1	09/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Last date.

Also noted in Sa.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

22	09/08	Nay Pte, Ba	GZ
5	10/08	Karn Plant, Ba	JS

Also noted in Hu, Sa

TUNDRA SWAN:

1	10/09	Nay Pte, Ba	RB,KT	
3500	11/12	Bay Port area, Hu	TB	Peak count.

Also noted in Io

MUTE SWAN:

Reported from the typical Bay County locations. No large numbers reported.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

2	11/13	SNWR, Sa	MW
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SNOW GOOSE:

1	10/02	SNWR, Sa	BG	
74	11/13	SNWR, Sa	MW	Blue Phase

Also noted in Hu

BRANT:

1	11/21	Tawas Pte, Io	M&J K	Per conversation w/ Gary Nelkie, the
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Knowles came in to his business right after observing this bird on the cement slab at the end of the pointe. Mr. Knowles is a retired gentleman who remembers Brant when they were gamebirds when he was a duck hunter. They gave Gary & Tess a complete description. (Sorry that I don't have more to include.)

CANADA GOOSE:

13608	10/28	SNWR, Sa	RM
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Present through period Ba, Io, Mi

WOOD DUCK:

50	10/17	Bay Port Area, Hu	TB
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Also noted in Ba, Io, Sa.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

10	Present thru period.	Hampton Twp, Ba	SM
1403	11/24	SNWR, Sa	RM

Also noted in Ba, Io

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

1212	10/20	SNWR, Sa	RM
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Also noted in Hu, Ba, Io

MALLARD:

12742	10/28	SNWR, Sa	RM
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Present through period Ba, Mi, Io

NORTHERN PINTAIL:

1	10/09	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
99	10/20	SNWR, Sa	RM

BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

Noted in Sa, Ba, Tu, Io. Peak of 36 on 08/16 @ SNWR, Sa. BG

NORTHERN SHOVELER:

18	10/17	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
56	10/20	SNWR, Sa	RM

GADWALL:

1	10/17	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
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AMERICAN WIGEON:

60	09/08	Nay Pte, Ba	GZ
2	11/09	Karn Plant, Ba	JS

Also noted in Hu, Sa

CANVASBACK:			
40	11/30	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
REDHEAD:			
16	10/24	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
350	11/24	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
RING-NECKED DUCK:			
Noted in Io, Ba			
GREATER SCAUP:			
Noted in Hu, Ba, Io			
LESSER SCAUP:			
1	08/14	Nay Pte., Ba	BB
Also noted in Hu, Io, Sa			
OLDSQUAW:			
1	10/23	Tawas Pte, Io	GN,BB
1	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DP
1	11/24	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
BLACK SCOTER:			
1	10/09	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
20	10/15	SNWR, Sa	DP
SURF SCOTER:			
1	10/09	Tawas Pte, Io	RB,KT, BB
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:			
14	10/23	Tawas Pte, Io	GN, BB
COMMON GOLDENEYE:			
Noted in Ba, Hu, Io			
BUFFLEHEAD:			
5	10/23	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
Also noted in Hu, Ba			
HOODED MERGANSER:			
21	11/21	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
Also noted in Hu, Io			
COMMON MERGANSER:			
2	09/12	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
3500	11/28	MCV Ponds, Mi	GZ
Also noted in Io, Ba, Hu, Sa			
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:			
2500	10/04	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
Incredible feeding frenzy w/ equal number of gulls.			
Also noted in Hu, Io			
RUDDY DUCK:			
2	09/04	FSL, Sa	JS,GS
101	10/22	SNWR, Sa	BG
Also noted in Ba, Hu			
TURKEY VULTURE:			
47	09/22	Five Channels Dam, Io	G&TN
2	10/23	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
Also noted in Hu, Ar, Sa.			
OSPREY:			
1	08/30	Fish Pte, Tu	DD
1	10/13	Kawkawlin Twp, Ba	G&EP
Also noted in Ba, Io			
BALD EAGLE:			
Noted in Hu, Io, Ba. Peak of 18 on 11/13 @ SNWR, Sa. BG			
NORTHERN HARRIER:			
11	11/14	SNWR	BG, M&JH
Also noted in Hu, Ba, Mi, Tu, Io			

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:

1	08/30	SNWR, Sa	BG
1	11/27	Tawas City, Io	GN

Also noted in Hu.

COOPER'S HAWK:

Scattered sightings through period. Ba, Mi, Io

NORTHERN GOSHAWK:

1	10/21	Harbor Beach Area, Hu	MW
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RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:

1	09/11	Tuttle Marsh, Io	BB
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BROAD-WINGED HAWK:

No reports.

RED-TAILED HAWK:

Present through period. Ba, Mi, Io. Peak of 20 on 11/13 @ SNWR, Sa. BG

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:

2	11/13	Tuttle Marsh, Io	BB
1	11/14	Karn Plant, Ba	DB, BG

GOLDEN EAGLE:

1	11/13	SNWR	MW	Imm.
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AMERICAN KESTREL:

Present through period. Ba, Io

MERLIN:

1	09/02	Tawas Pte, Io	GN
1	10/10	Tawas Pte, Io	BB

Also noted in Hu, Sa, Mi

PEREGRINE FALCON:

2	08/07	SNWR, Sa	DP
1	09/01	Nay Pte, Ba	TP
1	09/26	Tawas Pte, Io	BB

Also 1 @ SNWR on 9/24. BG

RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

25	08/06	SNWR, Sa	BG
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Also noted in Io, Ba, Mi

RUFFED GROUSE:

10	08/14	Powerline Rd, Io	BB
2	10/20	Kawk Flooding, Mi	GZ

WILD TURKEY:

20	09/11	AuGres, Ar	BB
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Also noted in Ba, Io

NORTHERN BOBWHITE:

No Reports.

VIRGINIA RAIL:

1	08/11	SNWR, Sa	DP
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SORA:

1	09/11	SNWR, Sa	DP
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COMMON MOORHEN:

1	09/20	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
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Also noted in Ba

AMERICAN COOT:

200	11/24	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
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Also noted in Ba, Sa, Mi

SANDHILL CRANE:

3	09/24	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
1	11/20	SNWR	BG

Only the second SBA Nov Record.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

1	08/14	SNWR, Sa	DP
1	11/14	SNWR, Sa	DP

Last date.

Also noted in Io, Hu, Ba. Peak of 51 on 09/17, SNWR. DP

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER:

1	09/04	FSL, Sa	JS,GS
8	10/06	Portsmouth Twp, Ba	JS

Also noted in Sa, Io

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:

1	10/08	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
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Also noted in Hu, Io Peak of 32 on 08/21 at SNWR. DP

PIPING PLOVER:

No Reports.

KILLDEER:

256	09/09	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak Count.
12	11/18	SNWR, Sa	DP	Last date.

Also noted in Hu, Io

AMERICAN AVOCET:

1	08/21 to 09/03	SNWR, Sa	DP, BG
1	09/24 to 10/01	SNWR, Sa	DP

Few fall SBA records.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

43	09/03	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
3	11/03	SNWR, Sa	DP	

Also noted in Tu, Io, Hu

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

1014	08/27	SNWR, Sa	DP	Crushed previous SBA peak!
3	11/05	SNWR, Sa	DP	

Also noted in Hu, Ba, Io, Mi

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

8	08/07	SNWR, Sa	DP	
1	10/22	SNWR, Sa	DP	Tied SBA late date.

Also noted in Ba, Mi, Tu, Io

WILLET:

No Reports.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

1	10/22	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak of 28 on 8/7, SNWR. DP
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Also noted in Hu, Ba, Mi, Io

WHIMBREL:

No Reports.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT:

2	09/24	SNWR, Sa	DP	One present 10/15-10/22, SNWR. DP
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MARbled GODWIT:

No Reports.

RUDDY TURNSTONE:

1	09/19	Tawas Pte, Io	GN
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Also noted in Sa

RED KNOT:

2	08/27	SNWR, Sa	DP	3 on 9/3 at SWNR. DP
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SANDERLING:

2	10/23	Tawas Pte, Io	GN,BB
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Also noted in Ba, Hu, Sa

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:

129	08/07	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
1	10/04	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	

Also noted in Io

WESTERN SANDPIPER:

No Reports.

LEAST SANDPIPER:

284	08/21	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak count & new SBA peak!
1	10/04	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	

Also noted in Io

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

1	09/17	SNWR, Sa	DP
3	09/19	Tawas Pte, Io	GN

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:

1	08/21	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak of 23 on 9/3, SNWR. DP
1	10/04	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:

244	09/03	SNWR, Sa	DP
2	11/13	Frankenlust Twp, Ba	JS

Also noted in Io

DUNLIN:

1	09/17	SNWR, Sa	DP
248	10/28	SNWR, Sa	DP

Also noted in Ba

Last 55 on 11/18 at SNWR. DP

STILT SANDPIPER:

4	09/17	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak of 20 on 8/14, SNWR. DP
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BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:

1	08/14	SNWR, Sa	DP
4	09/04	FSL, Sa	J&GS

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:

53	09/22	SNWR, Sa	BG
1	09/12	Karn Plant, Ba	JS

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:

26	10/01	SNWR, Sa	DP	ID'd by call note.
2	10/28	SNWR, Sa	DP	Last positive ID by call note.

DOWITCHER SP.:

6	11/18	SNWR, Sa	DP	New SBA late date! David wrote, "too far away to be audible."
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COMMON SNIBE:

1	Present thru period.	Hampton Twp, Ba	SM
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Also noted in Hu, Sa

AMERICAN WOODCOCK:

1	08/25	Mayville, Tu	MW
1	09/30	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

1	08/14 - 8/21	SNWR, Sa	DP
1	09/20	Bay Port area, Hu	TB

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:

3	08/26	SNWR, Sa	BG
1	09/18	Quan, Tu	DD

FRANKLIN'S GULL:

1	11/06	Tawas Pte, Io	GN	Beat the Veteran's Day rush!
236	11/11	AuGres to Oscoda, Ar/Io	MW, DP	Another SBA peak count crushed!

David's notes included: 29 @ AuGres, Ar; 57 @ Tawas River mouth, Io; 54 @ AuSable River mouth, Io, and 96 @ Three Mile Park, Io.

Also noted in Ba, Sa, Mi, Hu

LITTLE GULL:

No reports.

BONAPARTE'S GULL:

1000+	11/09	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
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Also noted in Io

RING-BILLED GULL:

3325	11/04	SNWR, Sa	BG
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Also noted in Hu, Io, Ba

HERRING GULL:

750	10/24	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
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Also noted in Hu, Ba

THAYER'S GULL:

No Reports.

ICELAND GULL:

No Reports.

GLAUCOUS GULL:

1	11/13	Eagle Bay, Hu	MW
1	11/14	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
3	11/26	Bay Port area, Hu	TB

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:

1	10/15	BCSRA, Ba	GZ, G&EP
1	11/11 & 13	Karn Plant, Ba	JS

First record at Karn.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

8	10/29	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ
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Also noted in Hu, Mi, Sa, Ba, Io

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:

No Reports.

CASPIAN TERN:

3	10/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
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Last date.

Also noted in Sa, Io

COMMON TERN:

300	08/15	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
2	10/15	BCSRA, Ba	GZ

Also noted in Hu, Io

FORSTER'S TERN:

12	09/02	BCSRA, Ba	GZ
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BLACK TERN:

3	08/15	Nay Pte, Ba	BB
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ROCK DOVE:

Common through every period. Ba, Mi, Io Peak of 175, Bay City, Ba. JS

MOURNING DOVE:

182	11/28	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS
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Present through period. Ba, Mi, Io

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

No Reports.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	09/12	Tawas Pte, Io	BB
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EASTERN SCREECH OWL:

12	09/04	SNWR, Sa	DP, BG
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GREAT HORNED OWL:

Noted in Ba, Tu, Io

SNOWY OWL:

No Reports.

BARRED OWL:

3	09/14	SNWR, Sa	DP
1	09/25	Tuttle Marsh, Io	BB

Unsolicited.

LONG-EARED OWL:

No Reports.

SHORT-EARED OWL:

8	11/05 thur period	SNWR, Sa	DP, MW, BG	Peak of 14 on 11/5 & 11/25
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NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:

No reports.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

1	09/04	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak of 21 on 9/4, Saginaw, Sa.
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Also noted in Io

WHIP-POOR-WILL:

1	09/25	Tuttle Marsh, Io	BB
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CHIMNEY SWIFT:
6 09/26 Delta College, Sa GS
Also noted in Hu, Sa, Io

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:
1 09/09 Midland, Mi GZ Backyard.

BELTED KINGFISHER:
1 11/20 SNWR, Sa BG
Also noted in Ba.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:
1 09/12 thru 10/10 Tawas Pte, Io BB
1 10/24 SNWR M&JH

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:
Noted in Hu, Ba, Tu, Mi, Io

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:
3 10/07 Hampton Twp, Ba J&GS Backyard.
Also noted in Io

DOWNY WOODPECKER:
Regular through period. Ba, MI, Io

HAIRY WOODPECKER:
Scattered sightings through period. Ba, Mi, Io

NORTHERN FLICKER:
Present through period. Midland, Mi. GZ. Peak of 24 on 08/16 @ SNWR, Sa. BG
Also noted in Sa, Io, Ba.

PILEATED WOODPECKER:
1 10/15 BCSRA, Ba GZ
1 11/13 Eagle Run, Io BB

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:
1 09/18 Bradford Rd, Tu DD

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:
1 09/16 Fish Pte, Tu GZ
Also noted in Ba, Hu, Sa, Io

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:
1 09/16 Fish Pte, Tu GZ ID'd by distinctive call.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:
No Reports.

ALDER FLYCATCHER:
No Reports.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:
No Reports.

WILLOW/ALDER FLYCATCHER:
1 08/24 Hampton Twp, Ba GS

LEAST FLYCATCHER:
1 09/11 Mayville, Tu MW

EASTERN PHOEBE:
1 10/29 Saginaw Twp, Sa BG
Noted in Hu, Mi, Io

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:
1 09/11 Tawas Pte, Io BB
Also noted in Sa.

EASTERN KINGBIRD:
1 09/12 Tawas Pte, Io BB
Also noted in Ba, Sa.

WESTERN KINGBIRD:
1 10/16 Rush Lake, Hu New SBA (state?) late date! Photographed.

HORNED LARK:
1 (up to 4) SSTP SNWR, Sa DP
Also noted in Ba, Io

PURPLE MARTIN:
75 08/15 Linwood Beach, Ba J&GS
1 09/15 Nay Pte, Ba AB, KT
Also noted in Io

TREE SWALLOW:
2500 10/03 SNWR, Sa BG Peak Count
3 10/19 SNWR, Sa DP Last date.
Also noted in Mi, Io

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:
4 10/08 SNWR, Sa DP

BANK SWALLOW:
1 09/15 Nay Pte, Ba AB, KT

CLIFF SWALLOW:
1 09/15 Nay Pte, Ba AB, KT
Also noted in Sa, Io

BARN SWALLOW:
2 10/09 SNWR, Sa BG
Also noted in Sa, Io

BLUE JAY:
Present through period. Ba, Mi, Io

AMERICAN CROW:
Present through period. Ba, Mi, Io

COMMON RAVEN:
1 08/14 & 10/23 Rollway Rd/Powerline Rd, Io BB 3 @ Tuttle Marsh, Io on 08/14. BB

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:
Present though period. Ba, Mi, Io

TUFTED TITMOUSE:
Present through period. Mi, Ba

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:
Noted in Ba, Hu, Io, Sa

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:
Present though period. Ba, Mi. Peak of 15 @ SNWR, Sa. BG

BROWN CREEPER:
Noted in Hu, Ba, Sa, Io, Mi

CAROLINA WREN:
No Reports.

HOUSE WREN:
1 10/09 SNWR, Sa BG
Also noted in Ba.

WINTER WREN:
3 09/25 Oak Grove, Ba JS
1 11/05 Bay Port area, Hu TB

SEDGE WREN:
No Reports.

MARSH WREN:
1 10/15 Karn Plant, Ba GZ
Also noted in Sa.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:
1 09/14 Bay Port area, Hu TB
1 11/29 Bay Port area, Hu TB

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:
1 08/25 Hampton Twp, Ba GS
2 10/15 Hampton Twp, Ba GS
Also noted in Sa.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:
1 09/19 Tawas Pte, Io GN
Also noted in Ba.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD:

15	09/12	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
2	09/14	Mi Co	BW
2	09/29	SNWR, Sa	BG

VEERY:

No reports.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:

1	09/02	BCSRA, Ba	G&EP
1	09/11 & 15	Mayville, Tu	MW
1	10/20	Iosco Co.	GN

SWAINSON'S THRUSH:

1	09/30	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS
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Also noted in Tu.

HERMIT THRUSH:

1	10/17	Bay Port area, Hu	TB
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Also noted in Ba, Io

WOOD THRUSH:

1	09/11	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ
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AMERICAN ROBIN:

330	10/01	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	Steady stream over our home in the early morning.
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9	11/30	Homer Twp, Mi	EK
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GRAY CATBIRD:

1	10/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS
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Also noted in Tu, Io, Sa

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:

No reports.

BROWN THRASHER:

Noted in Ba.

AMERICAN PIPIT:

1	09/19	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS
1	11/14	SNWR, Sa	DP

Also noted in Hu, Io

BOHEMIAN WAXWING:

4	11/20	Oscoda, Io	MW, DP	Feeding on holly berries.
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CEDAR WAXWING:

Noted in Ba, Mi, Io

NORTHERN SHRIKE:

1	10/21	SNWR, Sa	DP	Also 1 @ SNWR, Sa on 11/20. BG
1	11/14	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS	
1	11/29	Bay Port area, Hu	TB	

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

1	10/31	Caro, Mayville Area. Tu	MW
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EUROPEAN STARLING:

1000	11/08	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
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Present though period. Ba, Mi

BLUE-HEADED VIREO:

1	09/07	Mayville, Tu	MW
1	09/19	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:

1	09/03	Mayville, Tu	MW
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WARBLING VIREO:

1	09/22	SNWR, Sa	BG
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PHILADELPHIA VIREO:

1	09/07	Mayville, Tu	MW
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RED-EYED VIREO:

2	09/22	SNWR, Sa	BG	Also noted in Tu, Ba.
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BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:					
1	08/02	Mayville, Tu	MW		
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:					
No reports.					
BREWSTER'S WARBLER:					
1	08/13	Mayville, Tu	MW	Photographed!	
TENNESSEE WARBLER:					
6	08/25	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS	Peak Count.	
1	09/13	Tawas Pte, Io	BR		
Also noted in Ba,					
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:					
1	09/11	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ		
NASHVILLE WARBLER:					
1	09/17	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD		
Also noted in Tu, Ba, Io					
NORTHERN PARULA:					
No reports.					
YELLOW WARBLER:					
1	09/13	Tawas Pte, Io	BR		
Also noted in Ba,					
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:					
1	08/25	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS		
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:					
4	08/29	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS		
2	10/07	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ		
CAPE MAY WARBLER:					
1	09/07	Mayville, Tu	MW		
Also noted in Ba,					
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:					
1	09/16	Fish Pte, Tu	DD		
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:					
28	09/29	SNWR, Sa	BG	Peak Count.	
2	10/29	Sag Twp, Sa	BG	Last date.	
Also noted in Hu, Tu, Ba					
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:					
1	09/29	BCSRA, Ba	G&EP		
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:					
1	08/29	Oak Grove, Ba	J&GS		
PINE WARBLER:					
1	09/15	Mayville, Tu	MW		
Also noted in Ba,					
PALM WARBLER:					
30+	09/12	Tawas Pte., Io	KO, MM, et.al.	Peak Count.	
1	11/06	Tawas Pte, Io	GN	Last date.	
Also noted in Hu, Ba					
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:					
3	08/29	Oak Grove, Ba	J&GS		
1	09/16	Fish Pte, Tu	DD		
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:					
1	09/07	Mayville, Tu	MW		
Also noted in Ba,					
CERULEAN WARBLER:					
No reports.					
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:					
1	09/11	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ		
AMERICAN REDSTART:					
2	10/07	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ	Also noted in Tu, Ba, Mi	

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:					
2	08/12	SNWR, Sa	BG		
OVENBIRD:					
1	09/12	Mid Co	BR		
	Also noted in Tu, Io, Ba				
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:					
1	08/06	SNWR, Sa	BG		
1	09/15	Nay Pte, Ba	AB, KT		
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:					
No reports.					
CONNECTICUT WARBLER:					
1	09/15	Mayville, Tu	MW		
MOURNING WARBLER:					
1	08/26	Mayville, Tu	MW		
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:					
1	11/25	Hampton Twp, Ba	SM		
	Also noted in Tu,				
WILSON'S WARBLER:					
1	08/25	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS		
1	09/16	Fish Pte, Tu	DD		
	Also noted in Io.				
CANADA WARBLER:					
1	08/28	BCSRA, Ba	G&EP		
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:					
1	09/20	Tawas Pte, Io	G&TN		
SCARLET TANAGER:					
2	09/07	Mayville, Tu	MW		
	Also noted in Sa.				
NORTHERN CARDINAL:					
	Present though period. Ba, Mi				
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:					
1	09/09	Bay Port area, Hu	TB		
	Also noted in Tu, Ba, Sa				
INDIGO BUNTING:					
1	09/15	Mayville, Tu	MW		
	Also noted in Mi, Sa.				
DICKSISSEL:					
1	09/12	Tawas Pte, Io	KO, MM, et.al.	Few SBA fall records.	
EASTERN TOWHEE:					
No reports. ??					
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:					
1	09/20	Bay Port area, Hu	TB		
211	11/05	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.	
	Also noted in Mi, Ba				
CHIPPING SPARROW:					
1	10/07	Mayville, Tu	MW	Backyard.	
	Also noted in Hu,				
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:					
1	09/15	Mayville, Tu	MW	Photographed.	
FIELD SPARROW:					
No reports.					
VESPER SPARROW:					
1	10/13	SNWR, Sa	DP		
	Also noted in Io, Hu				

SAVANNAH SPARROW:

43	09/29	SNWR, Sa	BG	
2	11/10	SNWR, Sa	DP	

Also noted in Hu, Ba

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

No reports.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

No reports.

FOX SPARROW:

1	11/14	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS	
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Also noted in Sa, Ba

SONG SPARROW:

37	09/29	SNWR, Sa	BG	
1	11/05	Bay Port area, Hu	TB	

Also noted in Ba,

LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

1	10/09	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS	
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Also noted in Sa.

SWAMP SPARROW:

2	10/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS	
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WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

12	09/11	Tawas Pte, Io	GZ	
65	09/29	SNWR, Sa	BG	Peak Count.
1	11/20	Homer Twp, Mi	EK	

Also noted in Ba, Tu,

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:

4	09/25	Nay Pte, Ba	GZ	
27	10/04	Tawas Pte, Io	G&TN	Peak Count
1	10/28	Bay Port area, Hu	TB	

Also noted in Mi, Sa

DARK-EYED JUNCO:

Noted in Hu, Ba, Tu, Mi

LAPLAND LONGSPUR:

2	09/15	Nay Pte, Ba	AB, KT	
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SNOW BUNTING:

8	10/16	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
500	11/24	Bay Port area, Hu	TB	

Also noted in Tu

BOBOLINK:

125	08/31	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak & last.
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Also noted in Ba

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

		Present through period. Ba, Mi		
20000	11/08	Hampton Twp, Ba	J&GS	

Steady streams passed by our home for over a week in the early morning and late afternoon to stage with Grackles and Starlings at Starlings at the Karn Plant, Ba.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

Present though period. Mi. Also noted in Hu, Sa

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

No reports.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD:

1+	09/15	Tuttle Marsh, Io	KO,MM,et.al.	Not sure of number but more than 1.
186	10/09	SNWR, Sa	BG	Peak count.

Also noted in Ba, Sa

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

No reports.

COMMON GRACKLE:

Present through period. Ba. Also noted in Mi.

15000 10/25 Hampton Twp, Ba J&GS

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

Present through period, Ba, Mi. Peak of 200 on 10/02, SNWR, Sa. BG

BALTIMORE ORIOLE:

1 08/30 Hampton Twp, Ba JS

Also noted in Sa.

PINE GROSBEAK:

1 11/09 Caro Area, Tu MW

PURPLE FINCH:

Noted in Hu, Tu, Ba

HOUSE FINCH:

Present though period. Ba, Mi

RED CROSSBILL:

No reports.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:

No reports.

COMMON REDPOLL:

No reports.

PINE SISKIN:10 11/13 SNWR, Sa MW
100+ 11/20 Iargo Springs, Io MW, DP**AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:**

Present through period. Ba, Mi, Sa

EVENING GROSBEAK:

No reports.

HOUSE SPARROW:

Present through period. Ba, Mi

TOTAL: 231 species**EXOTICS**

None to report.

OMISSIONS from previous reports

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:34 07/17 SNWR, Sa As noted by DP for peak summer count.
New SBA peak count!**OBSERVER KEY:**

RA	Ron Annelin	BG	Bob Grefe
TB	Tom Beachy	LH	Larry Hyman
JB	Jeff Buecking	EK	Gene Kenaga
BB	Bob Bell	M&JK	Mel & June Knowles
RB	Rick Brigham	SM	Stan Madziar
AB	Adam Byrne	RM	Rick McAvinchey
DB	Denny Brooks	GN	Gary Nelkie
SC	Scott Calkins	TN	Tess Nelkie
DD	Dan Duso	TP	Tom Pavlik

DP David Peters
G&EP Glenn & Ellen Peterson
BR Betty Rainwater
SR Steve Rosenberg
GS Grant Soehnel
JS Joe Soehnel

KT Kevin Thomas
RW Ron Weeks
MW Myles Willard
GZ Gerald Ziarno

ABBREVIATIONS

Ar Arenac County
Ba Bay County
BCSRA Bay City State Recreation Area (Formerly Bay City State Park)
CNC Chippewa Nature Center
Hu Huron County
Io Iosco County
MCV Pond Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond
Mi Midland County
NC Nature Center
NWR National Wildlife Refuge
Sa Saginaw County
SBA Saginaw Bay Area
SL Sewage Lagoons
SP State Park
Tu Tuscola County