

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

August 1st thru November 30, 1999

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Weather: The pattern of warmer fall weather continued into the third year as temperatures remained, for the most part, above normal. Fall '99 was the third warmest fall on record at MBS International Airport, according to Mark Torregrossa, News5 Meteorologist. August was actually below normal for average high; however, the three remaining months for the fall period were above normal as indicated by the following table:

| Month | Average High | Normal Average High | Departure from Normal |
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| August | 76.6 | 79.0 | -2.4 |
| September | 76.2 | 70.9 | +5.3 |
| October | 59.9 | 58.8 | +1.1 |
| November | 51.8 | 45.3 | +6.5 |

Precipitation was far below normal as also evidenced in the Fall season of 1998. Fall '99 (again according to Mark Torregrossa) was the fifth driest fall on record. The first and only rainfall of over one inch for the four month reporting period didn't occur until September 28th when 3.14" fell at MBS International Airport. The table below indicates just how much less rain the area received compared with normal rainfall for each month.

| Month | Actual Rainfall | Average Rainfall | Departure from Normal |
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| August | 1.85" | 3.20" | -1.35" |
| September | 4.37" | 3.91" | +0.46" |
| October | 1.26" | 2.47" | -1.21" |
| November | 0.63" | 2.56" | -1.93" |

Summary: *"The bird"* of the fall season was the SBA's first ever **Townsend's Solitaire** which was observed by Doug McWhirter on October 27th at Tawas Pointe, Iosco County. (The complete documentation has been sent to the state-wide compiler.) Coming in at a close second was a report from Mike Ladenberger of a **Barn Owl** at Nayanquing Pointe on 8/28. Other fall 'goodies' for birders included: a 'regular' fall siting of **Ross' Goose** since 1994 @ SNWR; a **Willet** in Hampton Twp on 10/10 which beat the previous late date by 25 days; **Golden Eagle** @ Port Austin; **Northern Saw-Whet Owl** @ Tawas Pointe; **Connecticut Warbler** in Mayville on 09/06; **Dickcissel** @ Tawas Pte, and **Red Crossbill** in Hampton Twp (which may be the first record for Bay County).

New SBA fall late dates included: Willet in Hampton Twp on 10/10 (mentioned above); Blackburnian Warbler in Saginaw on 10/30; Canada Warbler in Frankenmuth on 10/02, and Fox Sparrow at the Chippewa Nature Center's bird feeders on 11/24.

New SBA Peak count included: 35 Common Moorhens at Tobico Marsh on 09/15.

Birding Information: As you peruse this survey, you'll notice a departure from previous reports with regard to species order. This and future surveys are consistent with the 7th Edition of the AOU Check-list of North American Birds. This list can be found via a link on the Saginaw Bay Birding (<http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>) web page.

Speaking of the Saginaw Bay Birding web page . . . You will now be able to find (from this survey forward and a survey from two years ago) the seasonal surveys along with weekly Rare Bird reports, both state-wide and Southeast Michigan. Look for other updates/additions as I find the time to make changes!

| Species | Number | Date | Location | Observers / Comment |
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| COMMON LOON: | 11 1 | 09/17 11/02 | Tawas Pte, Io Huron Co. | DM, KT TB - (1) lingered on Sanford Lake into Dec - JD |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | 64 1 | 10/01 10/31 | Pinconning Beach, Ba BCSRA, Ba | DM, KT - Peak count G&EP - Last date - Also noted in Mi, Io, Ar |
| HORNED GREBE: | 3 4 3 | 09/17 10/27 11/28 | Tawas Pte, Io Karn Plant, Ba Tawas Pte, Io | DM, KT JS G&TN - Last date. |
| RED-NECKED GREBE: | 1 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, Io | DM |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | 1500+ | 09/05 | Karn Plant, Ba (Present thru Period) | JS - Roosting birds at Windy Pte were startled out of the Cottonwoods by a freighter's blasting horn near sunset! Also noted in Sa, Mi, Io, Ar |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | 2 1 | 08/03 10/12 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp, Ba | BG, LA SM |
| LEAST BITTERN: | None | | | |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | 2 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Peak of 88 on 11/26 @ SNWR, Sa - BG Also noted in Mi, Io, Ar | | |
| GREAT EGRET: | 165 1 | 09/30 11/11 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | BG, CS, BW - Peak count. BG, CS, LA - Last Date. - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Ar |
| CATTLE EGRET: | 1 | 08/2-7 | Nay Pte, Ba | DA - As Don wrote to JZ, "I had a Cattle Egret following my tractor around as I was mowing the dikes on the refuge. The bird actually stood on the fender of the tractor for a short distance." |
| GREEN-BACKED HERON: | 1 | 10/19 | Taw Cemetary Pond, Io | GN - Last date. Also Noted in Sa, Mi, Ba |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | 16 6 | 08/25 10/20 | SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba | BG, CS - Peak count JS - Last date. Also noted in Io |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | 44 1 | 10/11 10/31 | Sanford, Mi Tawas Pte, Io | JD - Kettling over Sanford. G&TN - Also noted in Ar, Mi, Io, Sa, Ba |
| GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: | None | | | |
| SNOW GOOSE: | 1 43 | 09/27 11/09 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP BG, CS - Peak count - Also noted in Hu |
| ROSS' GOOSE | 1 | 10/06 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Observed annually in the fall at SNWR since 1994! |
| CANADA GOOSE: | 17,177 | 11/23 | SNWR, Sa | SNWR Staff - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Io, Ar |
| MUTE SWAN: | 40 | 11/21 | Nay Pte, Ba | BR |
| TUNDRA SWAN: | 950 | 11/15 | Huron Co. | TB Peak count. - Also noted in Ba, Sa |
| WOOD DUCK: | 120 | 09/15 | Tobico Marsh, Ba | JZ - Also noted in Sa, Mi, Io |
| GADWALL: | 93 | 11/12 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Io |

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| AMERICAN WIGEON: | 24 | 11/14 | Tobico Marsh, Ba | JZ |
| AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: | 1,197 | 11/23 | SNWR, Sa | SNWR Staff - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Ar |
| MALLARD: | 31,205 | 11/23 | SNWR, Sa | SNWR Staff - Also noted in Ba, lo, Mi, Ar |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | 24 2 | 09/15 10/07 | Tobico Marsh, Ba SNWR, Sa | JZ BG, CS - Last date. Also noted in Mi, lo |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER: | 85 3 | 09/30 11/21 | Huron Co. Nay Pte, Ba | TB BR - Last date. Also noted in Mi, Sa, lo |
| NORTHERN PINTAIL: | 219 1 | 10/29 11/29 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | SNWR Staff BG, CS - Also noted in lo, Ba |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | 2,504 | 10/29 | SNWR, Sa | SNWR Staff - Also noted in Ba, Hu, lo, Ar |
| CANVASBACK: | 250 | 10/27 | Huron Co. | TB. - Also noted in Sa, Ba |
| REDHEAD: | 1 350 | 10/19 11/02 | SNWR, Sa Huron Co. | BG, CS TB - Peak count. Also noted in Ba, lo |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | 62 | 11/14 | Tobico Marsh, Ba | JZ |
| GREATER SCAUP: | 2 3 | 11/14 11/15 | Tobico Marsh, Ba Tawas Pte, lo | JZ G&TN |
| LESSER SCAUP: | 1 | 09/17 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM, KT - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Sa |
| SURF SCOTER: | 4 1 1 | 10/27 10/26 11/21 | Tawas Pte, lo Huron Co. Tawas Pte, lo | DM TB GN |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | 1 11 | 10/01 11/11 | Tawas Pte, lo Tawas Pte, lo | DM, KT BB - Peak and last. |
| BLACK SCOTER: | None | | | |
| OLDSQUAW: | 6 160 | 10/29 11/11 | Tawas Pte, lo Tawas Pte, lo | BB BB - Peak count. |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | 2 70 | 10/29 11/28 | Tawas Pte, lo Tawas Pte, lo | BB G&TN - Peak count. - Also noted in Mi, Ba, Ar |
| COMMON GOLDENEYE: | 16 200+ | 10/29 11/28 | Tawas Pte, lo Tawas Pte, lo | BB G&TN - Peak count. - Also noted in Ba, Hu, Ar |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | 14 | 09/06 | Nay Pte, Ba | JS - Through end of period. Also noted in Sa, Hu, lo |
| COMMON MERGANSER: | 2 | 09/17 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM, KT - Also noted in Ba |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | 17 1750 | 09/17 11/11 | Tawas Pte, lo Karn Plant, Ba | DM, KT - Also noted in Mi, Hu JS - Peak count. |
| RUDDY DUCK: | 10 30 | 09/30 11/30 | Huron Co. MCV Pond, Mi | TB - Also noted in Sa, Ba JZ - Last date. |
| OSPREY: | 1 1 | 08/08 10/05 | Linwood Bch-Ba SNWR, Sa | JS/GS DP - Last date. Also noted in Mi, lo |

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| BALD EAGLE: | 1 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Peak of 8 on 11/09 @ SNWR, Sa BG, CS | | |
| | | Also noted in Mi, Hu, lo | | |
| NORTHERN HARRIER: | 13 | 11/23 | SNWR, Sa | BG - Peak count - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Hu, lo, Ar |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | 1 | 11/09 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Also noted in Mi, lo, Ba |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | 1 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi | | |
| NORTHERN GOSHAWK: | None | | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | None | | | |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | None | | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | 2 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - <i>"Perennial wintering dark/rufous morph individual returned for the twelfth year on 10/15 @ SNWR, Sa"</i> - DP. Also noted in lo | | |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | 1 | 09/30 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS, BW - First date. |
| | 8+ | 10/21 | SNWR, Sa | DP - 8+ after 10/21 Also noted in Ba, Mi, Hu, lo |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | 1 | 11/17 | Port Austin, Hu | JZ - Jerry wrote, "Soaring over harbor, flushed many of the geese and other waterfowl. Observed directly overhead. Smaller head and underwing pattern diagnostic. |
| AMERICAN KESTREL: | 1 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo, Ar | | |
| MERLIN: | 1 | 09/10 | Tawas Pte, lo | BB - Also noted there on 11/30 - JZ |
| | 1 | 09/11 | Dow Ponds, Mi | ML |
| | 1 | 09/16 | SNWR, Sa | DP - "Hunting Savannah Sparrows." |
| PEREGRINE FALCON: | 1 | 09/11 | Tawas Pte, lo | BB - Also noted there on 9/21 - JZ |
| | 1 | 09/13 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Continental (anatum) |
| | 1 | 09/22 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Tundra (tundrias) |
| RING-NECKED PHEASANT: | 2 | 11/06 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS - Also noted in Mi |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | 1 | 09/30 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Also noted in Mi, Ba |
| WILD TURKEY: | 1 | 08/27 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Also noted in Mi, lo, Ba |
| NORTHERN BOBWHITE: | None | | | |
| VIRGINIA RAIL: | 1 | 09/11 | Tobico Marsh, Ba | JZ - 2 @ BCSRA on 08/02 - H&JSc |
| SORA: | 4 | 09/02 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak Count. |
| | 1 | 10/12 | Hampton Twp, Ba | SM - Last date. |
| COMMON MOORHEN: | 35 | 09/15 | Tobico Marsh, Ba | JZ - New SBA peak count! |
| | 1 | 09/25 | Nay Pte, Ba | JZ - Last date. |
| AMERICAN COOT: | 150 | 10/27 | AuGres, Ar | DM - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Sa, lo, Hu |
| SANDHILL CRANE: | 4 | 11/09 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | 1 | 08/19 | SNWR, Sa | DP - First return. |
| | 4 | 10/31 | Tawas Pte, lo | G&TN - Last date. Also noted in Ba, Ar |

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| AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: | 4 7 | 08/29 09/22 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - First returns. DP - Last date. | Also noted in Ba, lo |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | 11 1 | 08/05 09/21 | SNWR, Sa Tawas Pte, lo | DP - Peak count. JZ - Last date. | Also noted in Ba |
| PIPING PLOVER: | None | | | | |
| KILLDEER: | 241 1 | 09/06 11/19 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP - Last Date. | Also noted in Ba, Mi |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | 61 1 | 10/15 11/26 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP New SBA late date! | Also noted in Ba, Hu, lo |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | 290 1 | 08/05 11/15 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP - Last date. | Also noted in Ba, Hu, lo |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | 11 1 | 08/05 10/21 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP - Last date. | Also noted in Mi, lo, Ba |
| WILLET: | 1 | 10/10 | Hampton Twp, Ba | DD - Photographed. - New SBA late date by 25 days! | |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | 17 1 | 08/12 09/22 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak Count. DP - Last date. | Also noted in Ba, lo, Mi |
| WHIMBREL: | None | | | | |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | None | | | | |
| MARBLED GODWIT: | None | | | | |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | 4 | 08/29 | SNWR, Sa | DP | |
| RED KNOT: | None | | | | |
| SANDERLING: | 65 9 | 10/10 11/14 | Hampton Twp, Ba Tawas Pte, lo | DD - Peak count. G&TN - Last date. | |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | 130 6 | 08/05 10/10 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp, Ba | DP - Peak count. DD - Last date. | Also noted in lo |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | None | | | | |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | 131 2 | 08/05 10/10 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp, Ba | DP - Peak count. DD - Last date. | Also noted in lo |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | None | | | | |
| BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: | 1 1 | 09/13 10/10 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp, Ba | DP DD | |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | 459 14 | 10/15 11/12 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP - Last date. | Also noted in Ba, Hu, lo |
| DUNLIN: | 99 2 | 10/21 11/15 | SNWR, Sa Frankenlust Twp, Ba | DP - Peak count. JS - Last date. | Also noted in lo, Ar |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | 48 2 | 09/06 09/22 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP - Last date. | |

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| BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: | 6 1 | 09/06 09/02 | SNWR, Sa Tawas Pte, lo | DP, JD BB | |
| SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: | 42 | 08/19 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Also noted in lo | |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | 6 2 | 10/15 10/27 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. DP All identification by call note. | |
| COMMON SNIBE: | 46 | 10/27 11/26 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp, Ba | DP - Peak count. SM - Last date. | Also noted in Mi, Hu, lo |
| AMERICAN WOODCOCK: | 1 | 10/30 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM - Also noted in Ba, Sa | |
| WILSON'S PHALAROPE: | None | | | | |
| RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: | 1 | 08/26 | BCSRA, Ba | GP & MW | |
| FRANKLIN'S GULL: | 2 | 10/15 | SNWR, Sa | DP - No 'hurricane-like' front to push the masses that we had last November. | |
| LITTLE GULL: | None | | | | |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | 1 210 | 08/05 10/27 | SNWR, Sa AuGres, Ar | DP - First return. DM - Peak count | Also noted in Mi, lo |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | 100 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Mi, lo, Ar Peak count of 330 @ BCSRA, Ba - H&JSc | | | |
| HERRING GULL: | 25 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba, lo, Ar - A partially albinistic, immature Hering Gull was observed (JS,MW) on 10/21 & 10/22. It was a striking bird in that its outer primaries were pure white which contrasted beautifully with its darker secondaries and underwing linings in flight. Other features noted was a lighter, lower mandible, lighter head and neck, and small smudge behind its eyes. | | | |
| THAYER'S GULL: | None | | | | |
| ICELAND GULL: | None | | | | |
| LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: | 1 1 1 | 09/21 11/05 11/30 | BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa Tawas Pte, lo | TW DP, JD - Also on 11/23 @ SNWR, Sa BG G&TN | |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | 2 1 | 11/09 11/27 | Huron Co. Tawas Pte, lo | TB TP | |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | 2 24 | 09/04 11/11 | Tawas Pte, lo Karn Plant, Ba | JS JS | Also noted in Ar |
| BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: | None | | | | |
| CASPIAN TERN: | 91 1 | 08/25 10/23 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp, Ba | BG, CS - Peak count. JS - Last date. | Also noted in Hu, lo |
| COMMON TERN: | 857 3 | 09/26 11/01 | Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba | JS - Peak count. JS - Last date. | Also noted in lo |
| FORSTER'S TERN: | 1 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM. | Also noted in Hu, Ba, Ar |
| BLACK TERN: | 4 | 09/06 | SNWR, Sa | DP | Also noted in lo |

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| ROCK DOVE: | 100 | Present thru period, Bay City, Ba - Also noted in Mi, lo | | |
| MOURNING DOVE: | 262 | 08/19 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Peak. - Also noted in Ba, Mi, lo, Ar |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | 1 | 09/17 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM, KT |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | None | | | |
| BARN OWL: | 1 | 08/28 | Nay Pte, Ba | ML, SL - No documentation provided. |
| EASTERN SCREECH OWL: | 7 | 09/04 | SNWR, Sa | DP, BG - Peak count. Also noted in Ba, Mi |
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | 2 | 11/06 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo |
| SNOWY OWL: | 1 | 11/30 | Tawas Pte, lo | GN |
| BARRED OWL: | 1 | 09/03 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | BB |
| | 2 | 11/17 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | None | | | |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | 1 | 10/28 | Huron Co. | TB |
| | 1 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM |
| | 2 | 11/05 | SNWR, Sa | DP, JD - Peak of 6 on 11/29 @ SNWR, - BG, CS |
| | 1 | 11/29 | Hampton Twp, Ba | SM |
| NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: | 1 | 10/01 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM, KT |
| COMMON NIGHTHAWK: | 17 | 08/27 | Bay City, Ba | DD - Peak count. |
| | 1 | 09/18 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Also noted in Mi |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | 7 | 09/03 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | BB |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | 2 | 09/26 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Last Date. Also noted in lo |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: | 2 | 09/18 | Midland Co. | JZ - Also noted in Sa, lo |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | 1 | 11/26 | SNWR, Sa | BG - Last date. - Also noted in Ba, Mi, lo, Ar |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | None | | | |
| RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: | 1 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo | | |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | 2 | 10/09 | GPNC, Sa | M&JH - Last date. Also noted in Ba |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | 2 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo, Ar | | |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | 1 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo | | |
| NORTHERN FLICKER: | 12 | 10/05 | Tawas Pte, lo | JZ |
| | 2 | 10/31 | SRSGA, Sa | M&JH - Also noted in Mi, lo |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | 2 | 10/29 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CSLA |
| | 1 | 11/08 | CNC, Mi | ML - Also noted in Huron Co on 11/24 - TB |
| EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE: | 1 | 10/08 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last date. Also noted in Ba, lo, Tu |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | None | | | |

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| ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: | None | | | |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | None | | | |
| WILLOW FLYCATCHER: | 1 | 09/21 | Tawas Pte, Io | JZ - Jerry wrote, "Empidonax Flyc. in thick evergreens. Did not call. Id'd as this species based on upward tail flicking." |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER: | 1 | 09/17 | Bay Co. | DM, KT - Last date. |
| EASTERN PHOEBE: | 1 | 10/30 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Also noted in Mi, Sa, Ba |
| GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | 1 | 09/14 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS - Also noted in Sa, Mi, Io |
| EASTERN KINGBIRD: | 1 | 09/11 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Also noted in Ba |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | 1 | 10/19 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - TB noted that a N. Shrike killed and ate a Goldfinch at his feeder on 11/20. Some people have all the luck! Also noted in Ba, Mi, Hu, Io |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | 1 | 09/08 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last one singing @ SWNR |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | 1 | 10/07 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
| | 1 | 10/10 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Last date. |
| WARBLING VIREO: | 7 | 08/08 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
| | 1 | 09/17 | Bay Co. | DM, KT - Last date. |
| PHILADELPHIA VIREO: | 1 | 09/24 | BCSRA, Ba | G&EP - Last date. |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | 3 | 09/17 | Tawas Pte, Io | DM, KT - Also noted in Sa, Ba |
| BLUE JAY: | 140 | 09/21 | Tawas Pte, Io | JZ - Peak count. Also noted in Ba, Mi, Sa, Ar |
| AMERICAN CROW: | 2 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Peak of 61 on 11/19-SNWR, Sa - BG, CS Also noted in Mi, Io, Ar | | |
| COMMON RAVEN: | 2 | 11/28 | Lumberman's Mon., Io | DP, JD |
| HORNED LARK: | 1 | 11/26 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS |
| | 14 | 10/08 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Also noted in Io |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | 8 | 09/06 | Oak Grove, Ba | JS - Also noted in Ba |
| TREE SWALLOW: | 2,820 | 09/17 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Peak count by far! |
| | 2 | 10/05 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS - Last date. - Also noted in Io |
| NO. ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | None | | | |
| BANK SWALLOW: | None | | | |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | 3 | 09/11 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Last date. |
| BARN SWALLOW: | 2 | 09/17 | Nay Pte, Ba | DM, KT |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | 3 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi, Io, Ar Peak count of 110 on 10/27 @ Tawas Pte, Io - DM | | |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE: | 2 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Peak count of 22 on 08/19 @ SNWR, Sa - BG, CS - Also noted in Mi, Io | | |

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| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 1 | | Present thru Period, Hampton Twp, Ba | - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 2 | | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba. | Also noted in Mi, lo, Ar, Sa |
| BROWN CREEPER: | 1 | | Present thru period, SNWR, Sa. | Also noted in Ba, Mi, lo |
| HOUSE WREN: | 1 | 10/05 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Also noted in Ba, Mi, lo |
| WINTER WREN: | 1 | 11/13 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Last Date - Also noted in Sa, lo |
| SEDGE WREN: | None | | | |
| MARSH WREN: | 1 | 09/17 | Nay Pte, Ba | DM, KT - Also noted in Sa |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | 1 80 | 09/08 10/27 | Hampton Twp, Ba Tawas Pte, lo | JS - Last (1) on 11/12 @ Tawas Pte, lo - BB DM - Peak count. - Also noted in Mi, Hu, Ar |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | 3 30 | 09/18 09/21 | Hampton Twp, Ba Tawas Pte, lo | GS JZ - Last (1) on 10/29 @ Tawas Pte, lo - BB |
| BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: | 7 1 | 08/08 09/17 | SNWR, Sa Bay Co. | BG, CS DM, KT - Last date. - Also noted in Ba |
| EASTERN BLUEBIRD: | 15 2 | 10/07 11/26 | SNWR, Sa Midland, Mi | BG, CS - Peak count. BR - Also noted in Ba, lo |
| TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: | 1 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM - <i>First EVER for the SBA!</i> Notes sent on to state compiler. |
| VEERY: | None | | | |
| GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: | 1 15 | 09/16 09/17 | Sag Twp, Sa Tawas Pte, lo | M&JH DM, KT - Peak count (<i>Interestingly, SBA peak was 20 banded on 14 Sep 62 by VanVelzen @ Tawas Pte, lo</i>) |
| | 2 | 10/10 | Hampton Twp, Ba | DD - Last date. |
| SWAINSON'S THRUSH: | 35 1 | 09/17 10/15 | Tawas Pte, lo Bangor Twp, Ba | DM, KT - Peak count. G&EP - Last date. - Also noted in Sa, Ba, lo |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | 1 | 10/26 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS, GS - Last date. - Also noted in Sa, lo, Ba |
| WOOD THRUSH: | 1 | 10/13 | Midland, Mi | RA - Quite late! |
| AMERICAN ROBIN: | 1+ | | Present thru period, Midland, Mi. | Also noted in Ba, Ar |
| GRAY CATBIRD: | 1 | 10/05 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last date. Also noted in Ba, Mi, lo |
| NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: | None | | | |
| BROWN THRASHER: | 1 | 09/13 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last date. Also noted in Ba, lo |
| EUROPEAN STARLING: | 5,000 | 10/23 | Karn Plant, Ba | JS - Part of the mass 'blackbird species' staging at the Karn. Also noted in Mi, lo, Sa, Ar |
| AMERICAN PIPIT: | 1 30 1 | 09/17 10/27 11/19 | SNWR, Sa Tawas Pte, lo SNWR, Sa | DP DM - Peak count. - Also noted in Ba BG, CS - Last date. |
| BOHEMIAN WAXWING: | None | | | |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | 52 | 10/11 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. Also noted in Ba, Mi, Hu, lo, Ar |

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| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | None | | | |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: | None | | | |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER: | 1 | 10/11 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Io |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | 1 | 09/15 | CNC, Mi | PK |
| | 1 | 10/11 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last date. - Also noted in Tu, Ba, Io |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | 2 | 10/09 | GPNC, Sa | M&JH - Last date. Also noted in Ba, Mi, Io |
| NORTHERN PARULA: | 1 - fem | 10/07 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last Date - Also noted in Io, Tu |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | 10 | 08/06 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Peak count. |
| | 1 | 09/10 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Last date. Also noted in Ba |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | 1 | 09/22 | BCSRA, Ba | G&EP - Last date. Also noted in Io |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | 1 | 09/30 | BCSRA, Ba | ML - Also noted in Sa, Mi, Io, Ba |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | 1 | 09/19 | BCSRA, Ba | G&EP - Last date. |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | 1 | 09/30 | BCSRA, Ba | ML - Last Date Also noted in Sa, Ba |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: | 51 | 09/24 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Peak count. |
| | 2 | 10/19 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS Also noted in Ba, Mi, Io, Ar |
| BLACK-THR. GREEN WARBLER: | 1 | 10/02 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Last Date. Also noted in Sa, Io |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | 1 | 10/30 | Saginaw, Sa | PH - New SBA late date! Bird was observed in a bush right outside Pat's window and stayed for roughly five minutes. |
| PINE WARBLER: | 1 | 09/10 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB Also noted in Sa |
| PALM WARBLER: | 50+ | 09/21 | Tawas Pte, Io | JZ - Peak count |
| | 1 | 10/09 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Last Date. Also noted in Mi, Ba |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | 3 | 09/20 | BCSRA, Ba | G&EP - Last date. |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | 1 | 09/26 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Last Date Also noted in Io |
| CERULEAN WARBLER: | None | | | |
| BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: | 1 | 09/24 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Last date. Also noted in Ba, Io, Mi |
| AMERICAN REDSTART: | 1 | 10/02 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Last Date - Also noted in Sa, Io |
| PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: | 1 | 08/03 | SNWR, Sa | BG, LA |
| | 1 | 08/23 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP - Glen wrote, "Amazingly, our first warbler sighting after we moved in (to thier new home)." |
| OVENBIRD: | 1 | 10/07 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last Date - Also noted in Io, Mi, Ba |
| NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: | None | | | |
| LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: | None | | | |
| CONNECTICUT WARBLER: | 1 | 09/06 | Mayville, Tu | MW |

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| MOURNING WARBLER: | 1 | 08/18 | Tobico Marsh-Ba | GS | |
| | 1 | 09/03 | BCSRA, Ba | G&EP - Last date. | / |
| COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: | 1 | 11/09 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Last Date | Also noted in Ba, lo |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | 1 | 08/11 | Frankenmuth, Sa | HSc | |
| | 1 | 09/16 | BCSRA, Ba | G&EP - Last date. | |
| CANADA WARBLER: | 1 | 10/02 | Frankenmuth, Sa | H&JSc - <i>New SBA late date!</i> | |
| SCARLET TANAGER: | 3 | 08/03 | SNWR, Sa | BG, LA - Last (1) on 9/22 @ BCSRA, Ba - G&EP | |
| EASTERN TOWHEE: | 1 | 08/06 | Knute Rd., lo | BB | |
| AMERICAN TREE SPARROW: | 1 | 10/17 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP - First returns. | |
| | 145 | 11/09 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Peak count | Also noted in Mi, lo, Ar |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | 5 | 08/16 | Sanford Lake, Mi | JD | |
| | 1 | 11/01 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP | |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: | 1 | 09/11 | Tawas Pte, lo | BB | |
| FIELD SPARROW: | 1 | 09/11 | CNC, Mi | ML - Also noted in lo | |
| VESPER SPARROW: | 1 | 09/06 | Nay Pte, Ba | JS | |
| | 1 | 10/19 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Last date. | Also noted in lo |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | 23 | 08/25 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Peak count | |
| | 2 | 11/19 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Last Date. | |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | None | | | | |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | None | | | | |
| FOX SPARROW: | 8 | 10/28 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. | Also noted in Ba, lo |
| | 1 | 11/24 | CNC, Mi | GW - <i>New SBA late date!</i> | |
| SONG SPARROW: | 2 | 11/06 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo, Ar | |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | 1 | 10/14 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP - Last date. | - Also noted in Mi |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | 19 | 10/05 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. | |
| | 1 | 10/31 | SRSGA, Sa | M&JH - Also noted in Ba, Ar | |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | 1 | 09/06 | Oak Grove, Ba | JS - First date. | |
| | 75 | 09/26 | Hampton Twp, Ba | GS - Peak Count. | |
| | 1 | 11/14 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP - Last date. | Also noted in Sag, Mi, Hu, lo, Ar |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | 1 | 09/26 | Mi Co | BR - First date. | |
| | 50 | 10/05 | Tawas Pte, lo | JZ - Peak count. | |
| | 1 | 11/01 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP - Last date. | Also noted in Ba, Sa |
| DARK-EYED JUNCO: | 1 | 09/16 | Bangor Twp, Ba | G&EP First date. | - Also noted in Ba, lo, Ar |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | 1 | 10/10 | Tawas Pte, lo | BB | |
| | 18 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM | |
| | 1+ | 11/19 | SNWR, Sa | DP - "A mixed flock of longspurs & buntings." | |
| | 4 | 11/22 | Huron Co. | TB - Also noted in Ar | |

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| SNOW BUNTING: | 8 | 10/18 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak of 1000's on 11/22 in Huron Co. TB Also noted in Ba, Mi, Ar |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL: | 2 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba. Also noted in Mi, lo, Ar, Sa | | |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | 1 | 09/30 | BCSRA, Ba | ML - Also noted in Sa, lo |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | 2 | 10/05 | SNWR, Sa | DP - 1 male/1female - Also noted in lo |
| DICKCISSEL: | 1 | 09/11 | Tawas Pte, lo | BB |
| BOBOLINK: | 75 | 09/14 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. - Also noted in Ba, Ar |
| RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: | 45,000 | 10/23 | Karn Plant, Ba | JS - For several weeks each fall, great numbers of 'blackbirds' stage at the Karn Plant, primarily roosting in the Phragmites. Red-wings stream out in a south-southeasterly flow in the morning to feed in harvested farm fields then return in the evening to roost. 45,000 was derived as follows: I estimated the number of flying Red-winged Blackbirds between two transmission towers to be 150. I followed one bird between the towers and it took five seconds for it to fly that distance. The birds flew in a steady stream for twenty-five minutes. Formula: $(150 \times 12) \times 25$. Also noted in Mi, lo, Ar |
| EASTERN MEADOWLARK: | 1 | 10/24 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS - Also noted in Mi |
| YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: | None | | | |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | 12 246 1 | 09/30 11/12 11/30 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa Tawas Pte, lo | BG, CS, BW - First returns. DP GN Last date. Also noted in Mi, Ba, lo |
| BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: | 3 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, lo | DM |
| COMMON GRACKLE: | 50,000 | 10/23 | Karn Plant, Ba | JS - This was part of the mass staging of blackbird species at the Karn Plant as described w/ Red-wings. Grackles fly out in a westerly direction much more explosively than Red-wings. Their numbers were much more difficult to estimate as they took less than fifteen minutes to depart and were more widespread and massive. - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo |
| BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: | 125 | Oct | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS - Also noted in lo |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE: | 2 | 09/06 | Oak Grove, Ba | JS - Also noted in Sa, Mi |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | None | | | |
| PURPLE FINCH: | 1 9 | 10/09 10/27 | Sanford Lake, Mi Tawas Pte, lo | JD - Also noted in Sa, Ar, Ba DM - Last Date. |
| HOUSE FINCH: | 20 | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba - Also noted in Sa, Mi, lo | | |
| RED CROSSBILL: | 2 | 11/06 | Hampton Twp, Ba | These birds came in low, flying in a westerly direction in the mid afternoon which was sunny. Their somewhat deeper, two-noted, buzzy calls alerted me before they flew over my home. They both had reddish bodies with brownish wings. |

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| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | None | | | |
| COMMON REDPOLL: | 75 | 10/27 | Tawas Pte, Io | DM |
| | 20 | 11/15 | Huron Co | TB - Also noted in Ba, Sa |
| PINE SISKIN: | 25 | 10/10 | Tawas Pte, Io | BB - Also noted in Io, Ba, Mi |
| AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: | 4 | | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba | - Also noted in Sa, Mi, Io, Ar |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | None | | | |
| HOUSE SPARROW: | 10 | | Present thru period, Hampton Twp, Ba. | - Also noted in Mi, Io, Ar, Sa |
| TOTAL: 220 Species | | | | |

OMISSIONS from previous reports:

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| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | 356 | 07/24 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | 20 | 07/24 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. - Also noted in Ba |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | 18 | 07/30 | SNWR, Sa | DP - Peak count. |

Observer Key:

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| LA | Larry Abraham | JL | Janea Little |
| DA | Don Avers | DM | Doug McWhirter |
| TB | Tom Beachy | G&TN | Gary & Tess Nelkie |
| BB | Bob Bell | TP | Tom Pavlik |
| JD | Jan Dennett | DP | David Peters |
| MD | Marcia Dilling | G&EP | Glen & Ellen Peterson |
| JD | Janie Dinsmore | BR | Betty Rainwater |
| DD | Dan Duso | H&JSc | Heinz & Jane Schwarm |
| BG | Bob Grefe | GS | Grant Soehnel |
| JH | Jeanne Henderson | JS | Joe Soehnel |
| M&JH | Mark & Joanie Hubinger | CS | Carolyn Szaroletta |
| PH | Pat Hubinger | KT | Kevin Thomas |
| BI | Bob Irwin | TW | Tex Wells |
| PK | Pat Keeler | GW | Grant Winchell |
| ML | Mike Ladenberger | JZ | Jerry Ziarno |
| SL | Sara Ladenberger | | |

Abbreviations:

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| Ar | Arenac County | MCV | Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond) |
| Ba | Bay County | Mi | Midland County |
| BCSRA | Bay City State Recreation Area | Sa | Saginaw County |
| CNC | Chippewa Nature Center | SBA | Saginaw Bay Area |
| GPNC | Green Point Nature Center | SNWR | Shiawasee National Wildlife Refuge |
| Hu | Huron County | SRSQA | Shiawasee River State Game Area |
| Io | Iosco County | Tu | Tuscola County |