

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

March 1 through May 31, 1990

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Summary: This period was excellent for a wide range of rare birds but was rather lackluster in terms of good passage of the commoner species. Highlights started early with 3 (elusive) **Ross's Geese** at Fish Point and a spectacular **Trumpeter Swan** at Nayanquing originating from the Minnesota introduced flock. A brief **Say's Phoebe** at Tawas Point provided the May excitement, and a **Piping Plover** at the Monitor Sugar Ponds in S Bay County was very unusual. The back-up cast of rarities included the now-regular **Eared Grebes** at the Dow Ponds, a couple of **Snowy Egrets**, 5 **White-fronted Geese**, 2 **Avocet** sightings and a **Stilt Sandpiper**, a **Little Gull**, a **Loggerhead Shrike** and a **White-eyed Vireo**.

There were good showings of **Mockingbirds**, **Peregrines**, **Merlins** and **Eagles** among others. In general, duck numbers were down; the Shiawassee counts are relatively low for example. Shorebird passage was mundane at best with low numbers in general (even with decent habitat at Nayanquing). Warbler passage was also unexceptional, hopefully because of weather conditions rather than reduced numbers of migrants. There were however some exceptional early arrival dates at the end of April when a warm spell with S winds brought in a large number of early migrants, notably in Tuscola County.

The annual Big Day attempt got off to a roaring start on May 21 when the team was 6 species ahead of last year's pace heading to Tawas. However, migration was essentially at a stand-still so that only 171 species were eventually tallied, with a host of common species missed. Maybe next year!

New hot-spots include a good hawk migration location in the Thumb at Caseville, Huron County. Bob Kemp's findings in the Higgins/Houghton Lake area will surely lure more SBA birders a few miles further north on a more regular basis, and Iosco County continues to hold surprises too!

REPORTS

COMMON LOON:

15 max 4/8 Tawas Point, Io RW, MH

Fewer at Consumer's Pond, Mi from 3/16 on (RW).

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

1 3/12 Karn Plant, Ba 1st of spring.

HORNED GREBE:

14 3/13 Consumer's Pond, Mi RW

4 4/19 Consumer's Pond, Mi RW

EARED GREBE:

2 5/27tp Dow Ponds, Mi RW, JS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

40 4/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

46 4/19 Consumer's Pond, Mi RW

100 5/2 Karn Plant, Ba JS

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1 4/23 Shiawassee NWR, Sa per DP 1st of year.

Noted at Erickson and Parish Rd, Ba; Fish Point, Tu (6) and Nayanquing Point, Ba (up to 3): good year.

LEAST BITTERN:

1 5/12 Tawas Point, Io RW, JS

1 5/23 Parrish Rd, Ba CF

GREAT BLUE HERON:

1 3/11 Fish Point, Tu CF

116 5/3 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

GREAT EGRET:

10 4/21 3 locations MO 1st of year.

18 5/15 Fish Point, Tu MW

18 5/3 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

SNOWY EGRET:

1 5/15 Quanicassee, Tu MW

1 5/28 Hampton Twp., Ba JS

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

1 4/27 Hampton Twp., Ba JS 1st of year

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

20 max 3/29 tp Karn Plant, Ba JS, RW

TUNDRA SWAN:

1500 3/24 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

2000 April Fish Point, Tu MO

1 3/22 tp Nayanquing Point, Ba RW, MO

MUTE SWAN:

1 4/20 tp Nayanquing Point, Ba RW

1 4/22 Freeland SL, Sa CF

TRUMPETER SWAN:

1 4/3-14 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW, JS, G&EP

A remarkable record of a bird from the Minnesota stock of about 100 released birds. This male (red tag #21) was hatched in 1985 and released in the spring of 1987 in Becker Co. MN. It had been seen near Des Moines, IA in the winter of 87-88 and returned to MN in spring 1988. It had not been seen since that time (via Steve Kittleston, Minnesota DNR per JS).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

5 3/17-21 Fish Point, Tu MH, MW

SNOW GOOSE:

13 3/12 Fish Point, Tu RW Maximum count.

2 3/22 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW

ROSS'S GOOSE*:

3 3/15 Fish Point, Tu RW

At least 1 remained until 3/21 (MO).

The 2nd SBA record, but they appear to becoming more frequent in Michigan.

CANADA GOOSE:

6579 4/13 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Peak count, lower than usual.

WOOD DUCK:

2 3/12 Karn Plant, Ba JS 1st of year.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

3 3/12 Fish Point, Tu RW 1st of year.

548	4/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:				
Seen through period, but uncommon in late May.				
612	4/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
MALLARD:				
Common through period.				
1763	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
NORTHERN PINTAIL:				
1	3/3	Saginaw R., Ba	RW, JS	
255	3/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:				
79	4/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count
NORTHERN SHOVELER:				
2	3/15	Fish Point, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
101	4/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
GADWALL:				
Only 2	4/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	3/3	Karn Plant, Ba	JS, RW	1st of year.
50	5/21	Nayanquing Point, Ba	CF, TW, RW	
AMERICAN WIGEON:				
1	3/12	Fish Point, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
200	3/28	Fish Point, Tu	MW	
182	4/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
CANVASBACK:				
Small flocks (<35) in late Mar and early April. 10 at Nayanquing Point, Ba on 5/21 were late.				
REDHEAD:				
1	3/12	Fish Point, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
51	3/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
RING-NECKED DUCK:				
50	3/12	Fish Point, Tu	RW	1st of spring.
90	3/31	Freeland SL, Sa	CF	
2521	3/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
GREATER SCAUP:				
20	4/17	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	RW, MW	
1	4/21	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
12	5/22	Au Gres, Ar	DP	
LESSER SCAUP:				
10	3/12	Fish Point, Tu	RW	
250	3/31	Freeland SL, Sa	CF	
11	3/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
OLDSQUAW:				
1	3/1-10	Chippewa NC, Mi	CF	Remaining from Feb.
BLACK SCOTER:				
1	5/26	Tawas Point, Io	RW	
[WHITE-WINGED SCOTER]: no records				
SURF SCOTER:				
1	4/19	Consumer's Pond, Mi	RW	
2	5/2-3	Fish Point, Tu	MW	
1	4/28-5/2	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
COMMON GOLDENEYE:				
Seen from beginning of period into April, no large numbers reported.				
	5/30	Bay Co.	RA	
BUFFLEHEAD:				
Noted from 3/12 on; still present at Tawas Point, Io and Nayanquing Point, Ba on 5/21 (CF, TW, RW).				
HOODED MERGANSER:				
5	3/5	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	1st of year.
16	3/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
35	3/30	Nayanquing Point, Ba	JS	
COMMON MERGANSER:				
Seen from beginning of period to 5/21.				
85	3/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
100 max		Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Low numbers.
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:				
21	4/7	Lake Linton, Sa	DP	High count inland.

300 4/5 Karn Plant, Ba JS

RUDDY DUCK:

Small numbers through period; noted in late May at Nayanquing Point, Ba, Dow Ponds and Freeland SL, Sa.

TURKEY VULTURE:

15 3/12 Bay Co. RA 1st of year.
3/16 Fish Point, Tu RW, JS

OSPREY:

3/15 N Huron Co. ME 1st of year.
1 4/17 Chippewa NC, Mi CF
6 4/22 Caseville, Hu RW, KK

BALD EAGLE:

7 max 3/5 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
2 4/13 Caseville, Hu RW
1 3/10 Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi RA
1 3/24, 5/20 Tawas Point, Io RA

2 pairs attempted to nest at 2 sites in Bay Co. but were unsuccessful; this is the first nesting attempt in Bay County since 1957 (JS). One pair raised one young at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

NORTHERN HARRIER:

Singles seen occasionally throughout period; down in Tuscola Co (MW).

5 4/13 Caseville, Hu RW

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:

22 4/8 N Huron Co ME
45 4/22 Caseville, Hu RW, KK
8 4/28 Oak Grove, Ba JS

COOPER'S HAWK:

Singles seen occasionally throughout period, in late May in Tu and Mi.

6 4/7 Caseville, Hu RW, MW

NORTHERN GOSHAWK:

4 sightings in Tu (MW).

1 pair raised young in a public park at Millington, Tu (MW, MO)

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:

10 3/16 Fish Point, Tu RW, JS

Numbers down in Tu.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK:

5 4/22 Caseville, Hu RW, KK.

RED-TAILED HAWK:

65 4/13 Caseville, Hu RW

Seen frequently through period.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:

Singles seen 3/7 - 4/22 in Tu, Sa and Hu.

5 4/13 Caseville, Hu RW

GOLDEN EAGLE:

1 imm 3/12 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RWe
1 imm 5/15 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

AMERICAN KESTREL:

Seen often through period.

MERLIN:

1 5/5 Tawas Point, Io MH
1 5/8 Fish Point, Tu MH
1 5/12 Tawas Point, Io MW
1 5/29 Saginaw River, Ba JS

PEREGRINE FALCON:

1 4/26 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
1 5/12, 16 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW, CF
1 5/19 Mayville, Tu MW
1 5/25 Tawas Point, Io CF

RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

Seen fairly often through period.

RUFFED GROUSE:

Noted in Mi and Tu.

WILD TURKEY:

Seen through period; numbers increasing.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE:

Noted from 4/8 in Tuscola.

[KING RAIL]: no records; extirpated from SBA?

VIRGINIA RAIL:

4/30 Fish Point, Tu MW 1st of year.

SORA:

1 4/26 Quanicassee, Tu JS 1st of year.

COMMON MOORHEN:

1 5/3 Fish Point, Tu MW 1st of year, numbers down.

4 5/21 Nayanquing Point, Ba CF, TW, RW

AMERICAN COOT:

1 3/3 Karn Plant, Ba JS 1st of year.

SANDHILL CRANE:

Raised 2 young at Millington, Tu (MW).

2 3/2 Freeland, Sa MH

4 3/12 Midland, Mi per TW

6 4/8 Huron Co. ME

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

70 5/21 N. Huron Co. ME

[LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER]: no records

SEMPALMATED PLOVER:

1 4/28 Nayanquing Point, Ba MH

50 5/16 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW

PIPING PLOVER:

1 5/15 Monitor Ponds, Ba JS, P&BD

A very rare inland record.

KILLDEER:

Large arrival on 3/12.

AMERICAN AVOCET:

2 4/28 Nayanquing Point, Ba P&BD

1 5/14-16 Shiawassee NWR, Sa BG, DP

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

1 4/5 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

60 4/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

3 5/19 Millington, Tu RW, MW

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

2 4/13 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP 1st of year.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

1 4/28 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

1 4/24 Freeland SL, Sa RW 1st of year.

UPLAND SANDPIPER:

2 5/19 M-46 & Ringle, Tu KO

Nesting in central Tuscola Co.

WHIMBREL:

15 5/23 Tawas Point, Io CF

1 5/26 Tawas Pt., Tu RW Few records.

[GODWIT SPP.]: no records

RUDDY TURNSTONE:

2 5/20 Bay City SP, Ba RW, KK 1st of year.

30 5/26 Dow RW

50 5/27 Bay City SP, Ba JH High number.

RED KNOT:

2 5/20 Tawas Point, Io MH

SANDERLING:

100+ 5/27 N. Huron Co. ME Only high number.

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:

5/16 Bay Co. MH 1st of year

150 5/29 Dow Ponds, Mi RW

LEAST SANDPIPER:

4/26 10 Hampton Twp, Ba JS 1st of year, no high #'s.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

4 5/14-23 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW

4 5/16 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

1 5/25 Karn Plant, Ba JS

2 5/29-31 Dow Ponds, Mi RW

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:

1 3/17 Fish Pt., Tu MH 1st of year.
 Very low numbers reported in April and May.

DUNLIN:

17 4/17 Nayanquing, Ba RW, KK 1st of year.
 250 5/15 MPA JS
 607 5/23 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
 500 5/21-23 Nayanquing Point, Ba MO

STILT SANDPIPER:

1 5/15 MPA JS
 1 5/16 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW, BK Uncommon in spring.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:

1 4/25 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW 1st of year; early.
 25 5/16 Tawas Pt., lo CF, TW, RW

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:

6 5/12 Nayanquing Point, Ba RA Unusual in spring.

COMMON SNIPE:

1 3/25 Fish Pt., Tu CF 1st of year.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK:

3/12 Mayville, Tu MW 1st of year.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:

1 5/27 tp Dow Ponds, Mi RW Regular at Dow at this time.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

6 5/14 Freeland SL, Sa RW
 2,1 5/3, 21 Nayanquing Point, Ba MH, CF, TW, RW
 2 5/28 tp Dow Ponds, Mi RW

BONAPARTE'S GULL:

2 3/12 Saginaw R., Ba JS 1st of year.
 20 5/29 Dow Ponds, Mi RW Unusual # late inland.

LITTLE GULL:

2 5/12 Tawas Pt., lo LG, MW

RING-BILLED GULL:

Common through period.

HERRING GULL:

Present through period.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

1 3/8 Karn Plant, Ba JS
 1 3/17 Tawas Point, lo DP
 1 4/7 Fillion Rd, Hu RW, MW
 1 5/23 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW, KK

GLAUCOUS GULL:

An unprecedented number of spring records.

3 3/17 Tawas Point, lo DP
 1 3/17 Fish Pt., Tu MW
 5 4/7 Whiskey Harbor, Hu RW, MW
 6 4/8 Tawas Point, lo RW, MH
 1 4/22 Sand Pt, Hu RW
 1 4/29 Tawas Point, lo G&EP
 1 5/15 Tawas Point, lo G&EP Very late date.

CASPIAN TERN:

5 4/5 Karn Plant, Ba JS 1st of year.

COMMON TERN:

4/26 Dow Ponds, Mi RW 1st of year.

Up to 25 prs at the Dow Ponds, Mi (RW).

FORSTER'S TERN:

1 3/25 Fish Point, Tu MW 1st of year; very early.

BLACK TERN:

1 5/6 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW 1st of year.

ROCK DOVE:

Common through period.

MOURNING DOVE:

Common through period.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

1 5/15 Chippewa NC, Mi CF Low numbers.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

1 5/12 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Low numbers.

SCREECH OWL:

Pairs located in Mayville, Tu and in Bay City, Ba where a red and gray phase nested by a busy suburban road.

GREAT HORNED OWL:

Noted through period, but numbers significantly down all across the region.

SNOWY OWL:

1 3/30-4/5 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW, MB

BARRED OWL:

Noted through period in Midland (2 nests located), Saginaw & Tuscola Co.'s.

SHORT-EARED OWL:

2 3/22-4/20 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW

SAW-WHET OWL:

Successfully fledged 5 chicks in a nest-box at Cat Lake, Tu (MW).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

Small numbers noted from 5/18.

WHIP-POOR-WILL:

1 4/24 Green Point, Sa MH
1 4/26 Midland, Mi TW Early arrivals.

CHIMNEY SWIFT:

3 4/29 Bay City, Ba JS 1st of year.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

1 4/29 Tawas Point, Io MW Very early.

BELTED KINGFISHER:

Noted through period.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

2 4/22 Caseville, Hu RW, KK

Small numbers reported through region.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:

Present through period; good numbers in Tu.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:

1, 3 4/9, 16 Green Point, Sa MH
3 4/12 Oak Grove, Ba JS

DOWNY WOODPECKER:

Common through period.

HAIRY WOODPECKER:

Common through period.

NORTHERN FLICKER:

Common through period.

PILEATED WOODPECKER:

1 4/8 Tawas Point, Io RW
1 5/28 Pinconning, Ar MW Not many records in this area.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:

1 5/18 Vanderbilt CP, Tu RW, MW Surprisingly rare in SBA.

[YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: no records]

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:

5/19 tp Tuscola Co RW, MW 1st of year.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

Up to 12 present on territory at Murphy Lake, Tu. from 5/19(MW)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:

1 5/16 Parrish Rd, Ba RW 1st of year.

ALDER FLYCATCHER:

1 5/28 Tobico, Ba RW

LEAST FLYCATCHER:

4/28 Mayville, Tu MW 1st of year, early.

EASTERN PHOEBE:

1 3/14 Midland, Mi TW 1st of year.

SAY'S PHOEBE*:

1 5/5 Tawas Point, Io M&JH Photographed.

The first SBA record and one of only a handful of Mi records. G&EP briefly noted a bird on 4/22 that could well have been a Say's Phoebe. Could this bird have been around for almost 2 weeks?

GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER:

4/26 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

EASTERN KINGBIRD:

4/27 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

HORNED LARK:

Common through period.

PURPLE MARTIN:

5 4/20 Bay City SP, Ba RW 1st of year.

TREE SWALLOW:

1 3/14 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP 1st of year.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:

4/22 Tu, Hu RW, MW 1st of year.

BANK SWALLOW:

100 5/2 Karn Plant, Ba JS 1st of year.

CLIFF SWALLOW:

8 5/8 Saginaw R., Ba JS 1st of year.

Nesting in Midland and Bay Co.

BARN SWALLOW:

1 4/20 SBA area MO 1st of year.

BLUE JAY:

Common through period.

AMERICAN CROW:

Common through period.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:

Common through period.

TUFTED TITMOUSE:

Common through period.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Noted in late April in Bay and Midland Co and in late May in Saginaw and Iosco Co.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Common through period.

BROWN CREEPER:

Noted through period.

HOUSE WREN:

1 4/26 Bay City SP, Ba, Mayville, Tu RW, MW 1st of year.

WINTER WREN:

1 4/22 Caro, Tu MW
1-2 3/13-4/16 Green Point NC, Sa MH, DP

SEDGE WREN:

1 4/28 Tawas Point, Io G&EP
15+ 5/15 Quanicassee, Tu RW

MARSH WREN:

5/2 Fish Point, Tu; Karn Plant, Ba MW, JS 1st of year.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:

Noted in late March-late April.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:

4/21 Oak Grove, Ba, Chippewa NC, Mi JS, G&EP 1st of year.
1 5/21 Tawas Pt., Tu CF, TW, RW Late date.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:

4/27 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.
1 4/27 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
16 4/28 Tawas Point, Io G&EP Numbers up in general.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD:

1 3/14 Midland, Mi TW Numbers seem up.

VEERY:

1 5/8 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:

1 5/15 Saginaw City, Sa PD Only report.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH:

5/11 Tobico, Ba RW 1st of year.

HERMIT THRUSH:

4/2 N Huron Co. ME 1st of year.

WOOD THRUSH:

4/28 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year; very early.

AMERICAN ROBIN:

3/5 Bay City SP, Ba JH 1st of spring.

GRAY CATBIRD:

4/27 Mayville, Tu MW 1st of year, early.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:

1 4/29, 5/9, 16 Tawas Pt, Io MW, G&EP, CF, BK Same bird?
 1 4/13 Oak Grove, Ba JS
 1 5/6 Bay City, Sag. Co. line MH
 1 5/12 N. Huron Co. ME

More records than usual.

BROWN THRASHER:

1 4/18 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

WATER PIPIT:

Up to 3 reported from 5/3 in Sa, Io and Ba.

CEDAR WAXWING:

Common through period.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING:

Flocks of up to 150 reported in Midland in March, last noted on 4/7 in Midland (TW).

NORTHERN SHRIKE:

About 8 records up to 4/5 in Ba, Sa and Tu.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

1 5/21 Tawas Pt, Io CF, TW, RW Unusual migrant record.

STARLING:

Common through period.

WHITE-EYED VIREO:

1 5/11 Tawas Point, Io LG Uncommon this far N.

SOLITARY VIREO:

1 4/27 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year, early.

Singing on territory in Isoco Co. in late May.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:

1 4/28 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

WARBLING VIREO:

1 5/3 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP 1st of year.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO:

5/12 Nayanquing Point, Ba RA 1st of year.

RED-EYED VIREO:

4/30 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:

1 4/26 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year, early.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:

1 4/30 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year, early.

TENNESSEE WARBLER:

5/9 Bay City SP, Ba RW 1st of year.

5/28 Bay City SP, Ba RW Last record.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:

1 5/15 Oak Grove, Ba JS Only record.

NASHVILLE WARBLER:

1 4/27 Hampton Twp., Ba JS 1st of year, early.

NORTHERN PARULA:

1 5/15 Oak Grove, Ba JS 1st of year.

1 5/15 Tawas Point, Io G&EP

1 5/25 Tawas Pt., Tu CF

YELLOW WARBLER:

4/23 Reese, Tu MW 1st of year.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:

5/8 Mayville, Tu MW 1st of year.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER:

5/9 SBA MO

CAPE MAY WARBLER:

Up to 6 5/9 SBA MO

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:

5/9 Mayville, Tu, Bay City SP, Ba MW, RW 1st of year.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:

4/9 Green Point NC, Sa MH 1st of year.

1 5/26 Gallion Rd. area, Tu RW On territory, south of normal.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:

1 4/28 Tawas Point, Io G&EP 1st of year, early.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:

5/7 Hampton Twp., Ba JS 1st of year.

Nesting in Tuscola Co.

PINE WARBLER:

On territory in Io.

PALM WARBLER:

1 4/25 Nayanquing Point, Ba RW 1st of year.

1 5/21 Tawas Point, Io CF, TW, RW

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:

2 5/11 Bay City, Ba JS 1st of year.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER:

1 5/23 Bay City SP, Ba RW 1st of year, few records.

CERULEAN WARBLER:

1 5/9 S Tuscola Co MW Only record; on county line.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:

1 4/26 Vassar, Tu MW 1st of year, early.

AMERICAN REDSTART:

5/9 SBA MC 1st of year.

OVENBIRD:

4/28 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year, early.

Numbers down on territory.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:

5/5 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:

On territory at Mayville, Tu from 4/24

1 5/28 Pine Haven, Mi MW Return to last year's site.

3 5/26 Iargo Springs, Io RW Very far north.

MOURNING WARBLER:

5/8 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:

4/27 Tuscola Co. MW 1st of year.

WILSON'S WARBLER:

1 5/15 Quanicassee, Tu RW 1st of year.

CANADA WARBLER:

5/16 Tawas Point, Io CF 1st of year.

SCARLET Tanager:

5/8 Chippewa NC, Mi CF 1st of year.

NORTHERN CARDINAL:

Common through period.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:

4/28 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year, high numbers in Tu.

INDIGO BUNTING:

1 5/1 Linwood, Ba G&EP 1st of year, early.

Up to 14 at the Peterson feeder (Linwood, Ba) in mid-May.

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:

3/24 N Huron Co ME 1st of spring.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:

2 4/22 Bay City SP, Ba RW, KK Last record.

CHIPPING SPARROW:

1 4/10 Bay City, Ba JS 1st of year.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:

1 5/23 Tawas Point, Io CF

2 5/26 Galion Rd area, Tu RW On territory.

FIELD SPARROW:

4/8 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

VESPER SPARROW:

4/8 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

SAVANNAH SPARROW:

4/5 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

4/27 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year, very early.

1 5/8 Chippewa NC, Mi CF

Noted in Huron Co (ME).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

4 on territory in Tuscola Co. from 5/14 (MW)

FOX SPARROW:

Up to 16 at Green Point NC, Sa 3/13 - 4/16 (DP).

4 4/22 Caseville, Hu RW, KK Last record.

SONG SPARROW:

First arrivals on 3/11.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

5/3 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

SWAMP SPARROW:

3/20 Tuscola Co MW 1st of year.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

Seen through period in SBA.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:

4/12 Tawas Point, Io MW 1st of year.

DARK-EYED JUNCO:

150 4/21 Caseville, Hu RW

LARK LAND LONGSPUR:

2 3/22 Shiawassee NWR, Sa BG

SNOW BUNTING:

1000 3/12 Saginaw R., Ba JS

Last seen 4/8 at Tawas Point, Io.

BOBOLINK:

1 4/29 Tawas Point, Io MW, G&EP 1st of year; numbers down.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

Noted through period.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

3/12 SBA MO 1st of spring.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

15 4/21 Fish Point, Tu MW

10 males 4/22 Nyanquing Point, Ba CF

Male through May at Shiawassee NWR, Sa, presumed nesting (DP).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD:

250 3/12 Karn Plant, Ba JS

250 3/15 Fish Point, Tu RW

1 4/22 Caseville, Hu RW, KK

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

1 4/22 Tuscola Co. MW Only record.

COMMON GRACKLE:

Noted through period.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

Noted through period.

ORCHARD ORIOLE:

1 4/29 Tawas Point, Io MW

1 5/31 Bay Co. CF

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

3 4/29 Tawas Point, Io MW, G&EP 1st of year.

PURPLE FINCH:

Noted through period in Midland (TW).

HOUSE FINCH:

Common through period.

COMMON REDPOLL:

35 max Mar Midland, Mi TW

PINE SISKIN:

Moderate numbers through period.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common through period.

[EVENING GROSBEAK]: no records

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common through period.

TOTAL: 243 SPECIES

OTHER RECORDS OUTSIDE SBA

OLD SQUAW:

1 5/20 Houghton Lake SP TW Unusual inland location.

YELLOW RAIL:

3-4 heard 4/26 - 5/26 at Higgins Lake (BK). Do they nest here?

SAW-WHET OWL

12 calling in the Higgins Lake area in early March, all but one heard on at least 4 occasions suggesting they are on territory (BK).

SCREECH OWL

1 hit by a car at Higgins Lake; nesting at Higgins Lake (N edge of range) (BK)

WATER PIPIT

30 5/21 Houghton Lake SP CF, TW, RW

VARIED THRUSH:

1 Mar-Apr Gladwin RW, G&EP, MH

WHITE-EYED VIREO:

1 5/15 Higgins Lake BK North of usual.

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH

Noted on 4/16 at Higgins Lake (BK). This record and the Iosco Co record are at the N edge of the range.

RED CROSSBILL:

2 adults with 4 fledged young, Higgins Lake, 5/19 (BK)

OBSERVERS

RA	Ron Annelin
ME	Monica Essenmacher
CF	Chip Francke
LG	Leonard Graf
RG	Bob Grefe
JH	Jeanne Henderson
MH	Mark & Joanne Hubinger
KK	Kevin Kane
BK	Bob Kemp
GK	Gene Kenaga
JL	Janea Little
KO	Karl Overman
MO	Many Observers
G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
JS	Joe Soehnel
TW	Terry Walsh
RW	Ron Weeks
RWe	Rick Weide
MW	Myles Willard

ABBREVIATIONS

*	Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee
Ba	Bay County
Hu	Huron County
Io	Iosco County
Mi	Midland County
NC	Nature Center
Sa	Saginaw County
SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
SL	Sewage Lagoons
SP	State Park
Tu	Tuscola County