

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

March 1 through May 31, 1991

Compiled by:

Terry Walsh
2335 East Old Pine Trail
Midland, MI 48640
(517) 835-7452

Ron Weeks
4111 Robinhood Terrace
Midland, MI 48640
(517) 835-1939

Summary:

A record 245 species were noted in the SBA this spring, 2 more than the previous high. Michigan's first Garganey appeared briefly by the river at Bridgeport one evening in late April. Unfortunately, it did not stay for the crowds the next day. Although unusual wildfowl are always dogged by the possibilities of being escapes, Garganey appear to have established a pattern of vagrancy across the US. The other state rarity this spring was a Glossy Ibis, again appearing only for one day at the exact same spot at Nayanquing as last year's White-faced. A Cattle Egret and a Little Blue Heron rounded out the rarer waders.

Two Eared Grebes were noted at the Dow Ponds, which now may be the best spot in the state to see this species. A Red-necked Grebe was also present there in April. Duck numbers were average, but a gathering of 10,000 Tundra Swans was impressive. No scoters were seen, and only two reports of Old Squaw.

Spring 1991 was the year that Huron County hawk-watching broke into the "big leagues". Thorough documentation by Monica Essenmacher and others has established that there is a significant passage of hawks along the bayshore of the Thumb. Final totals from 20 days (54 hrs) of observations were 5593 raptors including 921 Turkey Vultures, 7 Golden Eagles, 9 Bald Eagles, 45 Northern Harriers, 930 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 37 Cooper's Hawks, 62 Red-shouldered Hawks, 2770 Broad-winged Hawks (2119 in 3 days), 380 Red-tailed Hawks, 28 Rough-legged Hawks, 21 Ospreys, 53 Kestrels and 4 Merlins.

Shorebirds were sparse this year due to the lack of suitable habitat. Bay City SP provided a few good records (Avocet, Western Sandpiper, Willet), other interesting records were a Piping Plover at Tawas, Avocet, Willet and Stilt Sandpiper at Shiawassee and Marbled Godwit at Nayanquing. A remarkably early Dowitcher was seen on March 23. Gulls were represented by a single Little Gull and the now regular Lesser Black-backed Gull at Bay City SP. There were more reports than usual of Glaucous Gulls, including a day count of 11 in Huron County.

There was an early burst of migration in the warm weather of late April producing a Prothonotary Warbler at Bay City SP and many early dates. Things slowed down for a few days, then a continual warm S wind in mid-May pushed everything through so that Alder Flycatchers were in by the 20th, traditionally the last migrants to arrive. This spell also produced Hooded and Kirtland's Warbler at Tawas on the 14th and 15th, and Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher there on the 17th, early dates for two migrants that are quite uncommon in the SBA (relative to S and W Michigan).

Big Days were run through the SBA on May 21 (Bob and Tom Kemp) and May 22 (Ron Weeks and Terry Walsh) yielding 183 (new state record) and 179 species respectively. Perhaps the most telling (and frustrating!) point is that the cumulative total for the two runs, which follow very similar routes, was an amazing 198 species!

REPORTS

[RED-THROATED LOON: no reports]

COMMON LOON:

1	3/15	MCV Pond, Mi	EK, RW	New SBA early date.
12	4/13	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	

Seen in late May at Tawas Pt, lo, Port Crescent SP, Hu and MCV Pond, Mi.

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

1	3/9	Karn Plant, Ba	RW, VT	First date.
---	-----	----------------	--------	-------------

HORNED GREBE:

1	3/12-15	MCV Pond, Mi	EK, RW	First date.
4	3/27	MCV Pond, Mi	RW, EK	
1,2	4/26,29	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Last date.

RED-NECKED GREBE:

2	4/13	Tawas Pt, lo	RW
1	4/14	Dow Ponds, MI	RW

EARED GREBE:

1	4/8	Dow Ponds, Mi	RA	
1	4/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	The usual SBA location.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

2	3/9	Karn Plant, Ba	RW, VT
44	4/18,25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
100	5/2	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
80	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	RW

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1	4/9	Fish Pt, Tu	MV	First date
---	-----	-------------	----	------------

At least 4 at Nayanquing, Ba and 3 at Fish Point, Tu this spring.

LEAST BITTERN:

1	5/8	Fish Pt, Tu	MV	New SBA first date.
1	5/22	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	TW, RW	Calling at midnight.

GREAT BLUE HERON:

2	3/9	Karn Plant, Ba	VT, RW	First of spring.
61	5/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

Numbers seemed to be down this spring.

GLOSSY IBIS*:

1	5/30	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	DM
---	------	-------------------	----

An impressive record after last year's White-faced Ibis at the exact same location.

GREAT EGRET:

1	4/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date; early.
3	4/17	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, BB	

Also recorded in Ar, Tu, Hu; 6 max.

[SNOWY EGRET: no reports]

CATTLE EGRET:

1	4/30	Saginaw, Sa	BG
---	------	-------------	----

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

1	4/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	MH	First date.
---	-----	--------------------	----	-------------

LITTLE BLUE HERON:

1	late April	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DR	No more details.
---	------------	--------------------	----	------------------

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

2	3/29	Fish Point, Tu	MW, RW	First date.
---	------	----------------	--------	-------------

TUNDRA SWAN:

4	3/5	Fish Point, Tu	RW, MW, JS	First date.
10,000+	3/16	Wildfowl Bay, Hu	RW, MW	
1	5/9	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS	

MUTE SWAN:

2,1	3/1 - 5/11	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, JL	
2	4/4 tp	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW	3 cygnets on 5/20.
1	3/18 tp	Auburn, Ba	RA	

[GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: no reports]

SNOW GOOSE:

	3/1	Fish Point, Tu	KK	First date.
5	3/23	Fish Point, Tu	RW	High count.
4	4/24	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, KK	Late.

CANADA GOOSE:

Large numbers arrived during first week of March (10,000+).

16,206	3/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
30,000	3/19	Fish Pt, Tu	MW

WOOD DUCK:

1	3/9	Karn Plant, Ba	VT, RW	First date
15	3/21	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

4	3/9	Fish Point, Tu	RW, VT	First date.
300	3/23	Vanderbilt Co. Park, Tu	RW	

Seen from March tp at Nayanquing, Ba.

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

985 max	3/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
---------	------	--------------------	----

MALLARD:

3404	3/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
------	------	--------------------	----

NORTHERN PINTAIL:

1	3/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First date.
500	3/14	Fish Point, Tu	MW	
126	4/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

	3/21	Fish Point, Tu	MW	First date.
80	4/22	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	

GARGANEY*:

1 male	4/24	Bridgeport, Sa	LA, MH
--------	------	----------------	--------

This is the first state record if accepted by the MBRC; there is a possibility of this bird being an escape.

NORTHERN SHOVELER:

1	3/3	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	A wintering bird.
30	3/29	Fish Point, Tu	RW	
64	4/12	Freeland SL, Sa	RW	
79	4/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

Noted from early March tp at Nayanquing, Ba.

GADWALL:

2	3/9	Fish Point, Tu	RW, VT
30	3/29	Fish Point, Tu	RW, MW

Seen tp at Nayanquing, Ba and Dow Ponds, Mi.

AMERICAN WIGEON:

3	3/7	Fish Point, Tu	MW
250	4/9,12	Fish Point, Tu	MW
110	4/11	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW

Seen tp at Nayanquing.

CANVASBACK:

2	3/16	Sumac Island, Hu	RW, MW
61	4/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
500	3/29	Bay Port, Hu	MW, RW
18	4/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW
57	4/11	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW
6	5/9	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS

150 present on 3/24.

Last date.

REDHEAD:

5	3/9	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
65	3/16	Sumac Island, Hu	RW, MW
80	4/9	Fish Pt, Tu	MW

Seen tp at Nayanquing, Ba.

RING-NECKED DUCK:

5	3/6	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First date.
15	3/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
214	3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
330	3/24	Freeland SL, Sa	RW	
3	5/21-26	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Last record.

GREATER SCAUP:

16	3/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG
8	4/15	Fish Pt, Tu	MW

1-2 seen at Dow Ponds, Mi, Karn Plant, Ba and Shiawassee NWR, Sa in April.

LESSER SCAUP:

5	3/5	Saginaw R. mouth, Ba	RW	First migrants.
275	3/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	

226	3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
250	4/12	Freeland SL, Sa	RW	
425	4/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
Scattered sightings through end of period.				
OLDSQUAW:				
3	4/13	Tawas Pt., Io	RW	
2	4/15	Tawas Bay, Io	DP	
[SCOTER spp.: no reports]				
COMMON GOLDENEYE:				
160	3/8	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
2	4/14	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
BUFFLEHEAD:				
1	3/3	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Over-wintering bird.
121	4/12	Freeland SL, Sa	RW	High count.
3	5/13	Monitor Ponds, Ba	JS	
HOODED MERGANSER:				
10	3/9	Fish Point, Tu	RW, VT	
2,1	4/30, 5/11	Iargo Springs, Io	RW	
1	5/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
COMMON MERGANSER:				
500+	3/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
4	5/18	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Last record.
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:				
6	3/6	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First migrants.
300	3/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
592	4/10	Tawas Bay, Io	DP	
1	5/26	Grindstone City, Hu	ME	
RUDDY DUCK:				
5	3/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	First date.
33	4/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Noted tp.
35	4/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
TURKEY VULTURE:				
1	3/5	Fish Point, Tu	JS	New SBA first date.
114	4/7	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
OSPREY:				
2	4/7	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
6 max	4/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
Scattered sightings tp, increased number of sightings throughout SBA.				
BALD EAGLE:				
2 imm.	4/13	Iargo Springs, Io	RW	
2 ad.	4/30-tp	Iargo Springs, Io	RW	
9 max	3/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
2 young raised at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP); 2 nests failed at Bay City (JS). Many more sightings throughout SBA.				
NORTHERN HARRIER:				
1	3/5	Fish Point, Tu	RW, MW	
8	4/27, 5/10	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RW, ME	
Scattered sightings tp in all SBA counties.				
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:				
1	3/23	Knight Rd., Ba	JS	
261 max	4/27	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RW, ME	
1	5/21	Tawas Pt, Io	TW, RW	
COOPER'S HAWK:				
9 max	4/25	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
Nest at Bay City SP, Ba on 4/28, abandoned on 4/30; new nest found 100 yards away on 5/17.				
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:				
1	5/10,25	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
Nest abandoned near Deford, Tu (fide MW); nested successfully near Galion Rd., Io (RW). 1 flew into Chippewa NC Visitor Center window on 3/30, and recovered!				
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:				
Seen in Tu, Ba, Mi in Mar.				
14 max	4/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	All immatures.
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:				
	4/17	Tuscola Co.	MW	

1,251 max	4/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
651	4/27	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME, TW	All adults.
RED-TAILED HAWK:				
63 max	4/25,26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Mostly immatures.
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:				
1 dark ph.	3/29-30	Fish Point, Tu	MW, RW et al	
7 max	4/25, 27	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME, RW	High counts.
1	5/11	Tawas Pt., Io	RW, G&EP	
3	5/27, 28	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
GOLDEN EAGLE:				
1 imm.	3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1 ad.	4/3	Sumac Is. Access, Hu	RP, MW	
1 ad.	4/7	Filion Rd. Access, Hu	MW	
1 imm.	4/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
2 imm.	4/27	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RW, ME	
1 ad	4/28	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
3	5/5	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME, MW	
An impressive series of records (9 birds) from Huron County.				
AMERICAN KESTREL:				
16 max	4/27	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RW, ME	
MERLIN:				
1	4/1	Au Gres, Ar	MW	
1	4/3, 5	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RP, MW, ME	
2	4/26	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
1	5/18	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
PEREGRINE FALCON:				
1	5/18	Tawas Pt, Io	mo	
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:				
Small numbers noted tp.				
RUFFED GROUSE:				
Small number noted tp				
WILD TURKEY:				
Noted tp.				
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:				
Noted in Tu, Mi.				
VIRGINIA RAIL:				
1	4/12	near Finn Rd., Ba	JS	First date.
5	4/24	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW, KK	
SORA:				
1	4/17	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS	First date.
10	4/24	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW, KK	
COMMON MOORHEN:				
1	4/30	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	First date.
3	5/22	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	TW, RW	
AMERICAN COOT:				
1	3/20	Fish Point, Tu	MW	First date.
100	3/30	Fish Point, Tu	RW, MNC	
SANDHILL CRANE:				
3	3/8 tp	Murphy L. area, Tu	via MW	First of spring.
2	4/7,23; 5/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG, DP	
2	4/13	Noble Road, Ar	RW	Dancing display noted.
Also noted in Hu (ME) and Mi.				
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:				
	5/11		MW	First date
20	5/23	Hampton Park, Ba	JS	
[LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER: no reports]				
SEMPALMATED PLOVER:				
1	5/13	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
41	5/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
PIPING PLOVER:				
1	5/18-22	Tawas Pt, Io	KK, MW, mo	
KILLDEER:				
Major return on 3/16.				

AMERICAN AVOCET:				
2	4/17	Bay City SP, Ba	RW, JS, et al	
1	5/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:				
1	3/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	KO et al	First date.
72	4/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	Last date.
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:				
8	3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
76	4/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	5/21	Nayanquing, B	B&TK	
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:				
2	4/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
2	5/4	Brown Rd., Tu	RW, MW	
1	5/5	Chippewa NC, Mi	RA	
Few records this spring.				
WILLET:				
4	5/2	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	5/6	Bay City SP, Ba	RW, JS	
1	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	T&MH	Good spring.
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:				
	4/25	Saginaw Co.	mo	
UPLAND SANDPIPER:				
Noted in Saginaw Co. (SM)				
1	5/20 tp	TriCity Airport, Sa	ME	
WHIMBREL:				
24	5/18	Tawas Pt, lo	KK, MW	Only report.
[HUDSONIAN GODWIT: no reports]				
MARBLED GODWIT:				
1	5/21	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	B&TK	
RUDDY TURNSTONE:				
	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	MW	
50	5/21	Au Gres, Ar	TW, RW	
RED KNOT:				
	5/18	Tawas Pt, lo	KK, MW	
3	5/18-19	Au Gres, Ar	MW, RW, TW	
SANDERLING:				
1	5/13	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
12	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW, RW	
1	5/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Low numbers this year.
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:				
	5/18	Au Gres, Ar	MW	First date.
63	5/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
WESTERN SANDPIPER:				
1	5/28	Bay City SP, Ba	RW, JS	Typical date.
LEAST SANDPIPER:				
2	5/5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	KK	First date.
1	5/22	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	TW	
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:				
4	5/22	Bay City SP, Ba	TW, RW	1 on 5/25 (JS).
1	5/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:				
3	3/29	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	KK	First date.
805	4/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
DUNLIN:				
12	4/4	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	
300+	5/22	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	TW, RW	
2110	5/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
STILT SANDPIPER:				
2	5/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Uncommon in spring.
DOWITCHER SP.:				
1	3/23	Vanderbilt Co. Park, Tu	RW	Very early date.
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:				
3	5/13	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	

6	5/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Sparse.
COMMON SNIPE:				
1	3/23	Vanderbilt Co. Park, Tu	KO et al	
24	4/12	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:				
1	3/8	Midland Co.	SM	First date.
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:				
pr	5/9 tp	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, TW	
2	5/21, 22	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, TW	
[RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: no reports]				
LITTLE GULL:				
1 ad	4/17	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW	Flying with 12 Bony's.
BONAPARTE'S GULL:				
1	3/26	Monitor Ponds, Ba	JS	First date.
50	4/12	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
217	4/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
RING-BILLED GULL:				
Large numbers returning during the first week of March.				
HERRING GULL:				
Small numbers at usual sites.				
GLAUCOUS GULL:				
11	3/29	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RW, MW	All ages present.
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW	
A surprising 15 + sightings in March and April in all the bayshore counties (especially Hu).				
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:				
1	3/22-4/24	Bay City SP, Ba	MP, MB, RW	Same bird as last fall.
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:				
7	4/2	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
1-7 noted at many locations along the bay, especially Tawas Pt, Io and Port Crescent SP, Hu.				
COMMON TERN:				
2	4/20	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First date; early.
17	5/26	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, TW	Nesting.
CASPIAN TERN:				
4	4/6	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
30	4/26	Grindstone City, Hu	ME	
FORSTER'S TERN:				
1	4/8	Nayanquing Pt., Ba	RW	First date.
35	4/30	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
BLACK TERN:				
1	5/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First date.
50+	5/31	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS	
ROCK DOVE:				
Common tp.				
MOURNING DOVE:				
Common tp.				
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:				
1	5/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	First date, early.
Noted in Sa, Ba, Io.				
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:				
1	5/18 tp	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
Also noted in Tu, Ar.				
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:				
Nesting in Tu and Oak Grove, Ba				
GREAT HORNED OWL:				
Nested along US-10 and by I-675 again. Also nested in Bay City SP, Ba and Chippewa NC, Mi.				
SNOWY OWL:				
1-2	til 3/21	Fish Point, Tu	MW, RW	
1	4/6	Linwood Beach, Ba	G&EP	
BARRED OWL:				
Calling in Ar, Tu. Nested successfully in Mi.				
SHORT-EARED OWL:				
1	5/11	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:				
1 dead	3/12	Tuscola Co	MW	

calling	3/16	Murphy L., Tu	MW	
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:				
1	5/7	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	First date.
WHIP-POOR-WILL:				
1	4/29	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	
1	4/29	Midland, Mi	TW	First date
CHIMNEY SWIFT:				
1	4/27	Port Crescent SP, Hu	RW, ME	First date.
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:				
3	5/9	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS	First date.
BELTED KINGFISHER:				
Noted tp.				
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:				
1	4/4	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	First date.
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:				
Noted tp.				
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:				
1	3/30	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	First date.
Noted in May in Midland Co. (JL) and Iosco (RW).				
DOWNY WOODPECKER:				
Common tp.				
HAIRY WOODPECKER:				
Regular tp.				
NORTHERN FLICKER:				
Noted tp (1-2 in early March).				
PILEATED WOODPECKER:				
1	5/22	Iargo Springs, Io	RW, TW	
Nesting at Chippewa NC, Mi (JL).				
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:				
1	5/17	Tawas Pt, Io	KK	First date; early.
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:				
1	5/8	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:				
1	5/17	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, KK	Rarely recorded in SBA
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:				
1	5/18	Kawkawlin Flood, Mi	RA	First date, N of usual.
1	5/22	Murphy L., Tu	RW, TW, MW	
2	5/26	Gratiot-Sag. SGA, Sa	RW	
ALDER FLYCATCHER:				
1	5/20	Vassar SGA, Tu	MW, RW	First date.
1	5/26	Gratiot-Sag. SGA, Sa	RW	
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:				
1	5/9	Knight Road, Ba	JS	First date.
LEAST FLYCATCHER:				
1	4/29	Mayville, Tu	MW	First date, early.
EASTERN PHOEBE:				
1	3/22	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL	First date.
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:				
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	First date.
EASTERN KINGBIRD:				
1	4/30	Tuscola Co.	RW	First date.
HORNED LARK:				
Common tp.				
PURPLE MARTIN:				
	4/24	Caro, Tu	MW	First date.
TREE SWALLOW:				
1	3/23	Fish Point, Tu	KO, RW et al	First date.
400	4/12	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:				
4	4/16	Monitor Ponds, Ba	JS	First date.
BANK SWALLOW:				
	4/24	Mayville, Tu	MW	First date.
CLIFF SWALLOW:				
2	4/30	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	

1	4/30	Nayanquing, Ba	MH	First date; early
Nesting at Liberty Bridge, Ba and at Loud Dam, lo.				
BARN SWALLOW:				
1	4/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First date; early.
BLUE JAY:				
Common tp.				
AMERICAN CROW:				
Common tp.				
COMMON RAVEN:				
1	4/1	Alger, Ar	MW	
3	4/30	Tuttle Road, lo	RW	
3	5/11	Iargo Springs, lo	RW	
1	5/11	Whitefeather Rd, Ba	MW	
2	5/14	Chippewa NC, Mi, MI	JL	First CNC record.
This species continues to expand its range southward with exceptional records in Midland and Bay.				
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:				
Common tp.				
TUFTED TITMOUSE:				
Now being seen north to Tawas Pt, lo.				
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:				
1	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	
Noted at several locations in lo.				
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:				
Common tp.				
BROWN CREEPER:				
Fairly common tp.				
CAROLINA WREN:				
1	3/18	Midland, Mi	KK	
Also reported from Hu in May (TB).				
HOUSE WREN:				
1	3/23-24	Oak Beach Area, Hu	ME	First date; early.
Another report of one in Saginaw in mid-March!				
1	4/23	Stone Island, Sa	JS	
WINTER WREN:				
1	4/4	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	
1	5/18	Canoe Mon., lo	RW	
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW	Very late migrant.
SEDGE WREN:				
1	5/9	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS	First date.
Nesting at Nayanquing, Ba and Hale Road, Ar.				
MARSH WREN:				
1	4/29	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	First date; early
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:				
	3/17	Tuscola Co.	MW	First date.
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:				
2	4/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	First date.
100	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	MW	
2	5/18	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:				
1	4/18	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL	First date.
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:				
1	3/2	Fish Point, Tu	JS	First date.
VEERY:				
1	5/4	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First date.
[GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: no reports]				
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:				
5/3	Bay City SP, Ba	Bay City SP	KK	First date.
10	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK	
HERMIT THRUSH:				
2	4/16	Libery Woods, Ba	JS	First date.
WOOD THRUSH:				
1	4/28	Oakley, Sa	JS	First date; early.
AMERICAN ROBIN:				
Noted tp, big return on 3/16.				

GRAY CATBIRD:					
1	4/28	Oakley, Sa	JS		
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	JS		First date.
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:					
1	5/11-12	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, MW		
1	5/18	Tawas Pt, lo	BW		
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW, RW		At least 2 individuals.
Nesting pair returned to Eagle Bay, Hu (fide ME).					
BROWN THRASHER:					
1	4/22	Fish Pt, Tu	MW		First date.
WATER PIPIT:					
1	5/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG		First date.
5	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	RW		
1	5/20	Murphy L. Area, Tu	RW, MW		
[BOHEMIAN WAXWING: no records]					
CEDAR WAXWING:					
Common tp.					
NORTHERN SHRIKE:					
1	3/5-30	Fish Point, Tu	JS, MW, RW		
Singing and chasing other birds as if defending a territory.					
1	4/2	Lake Twp, Hu	ME		Last date.
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:					
1	5/18	Hale Rd., Ar	MW		Seen in good habitat.
EUROPEAN STARLING:					
Common tp.					
SOLITARY VIREO:					
1	4/30	Tobico, Ba	MH		First date.
2-3	5/11 tp	Lumbermans's Mon., lo	RW, TW		
Singles at Tawas, Bay City SP, Ba and Oak Grove, Ba in mid-May.					
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:					
1	5/4	Murphy L., Tu	MW, RW		First date.
1	5/21	Hale Road, Ar	RW		On territory.
WARBLING VIREO:					
1	5/8	Bay City, Ba	JS		First date.
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:					
1	5/16	Bay City SP, Ba	RW		First date.
6	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK		
1	5/21	Tawas Pt, lo	G&EP, MH, JG		
RED-EYED VIREO:					
1	5/9	Knight Road, Ba	JS		First date.
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:					
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK		First date.
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:					
1	4/30	Mayville, Tu	MW		First date.
TENNESSEE WARBLER:					
1	5/5	Chippewa NC, Mi	RA		First date.
2	5/2	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, TW		Last date.
[ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: no reports]					
NASHVILLE WARBLER:					
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW		
NORTHERN PARULA:					
1-2	5/12	Lumberman's Mon., lo	MW		First date.
1	5/14	Oak Grove, Ba	JS		
1	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW		
YELLOW WARBLER:					
3	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW		
	4/28	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	MW		First date.
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:					
1	5/9	Knight Road, Ba	JS		
1	5/9	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		First date.
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:					
1	5/10	Liberty Woods, Ba	JS		First date.
20	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK		
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW, RW		

CAPE MAY WARBLER:				
1	5/5	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First date.
3	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, TW	Last date.
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:				
1	5/9	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW, RW	
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:				
9	4/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	
Nesting in Iosco County.				
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:				
2	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW	First date.
10	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK	
Nesting in lo (RW).				
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:				
5	5/4	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
12	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK	
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW, RW	
PINE WARBLER:				
1	4/25	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	First date.
Nesting at numerous Iosco County locations and in Hu.				
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:				
1	5/14-15	Tawas Pt, lo	G&EP, G&JV	
An unusual migrant record, although they nest in lo only a few miles from the point.				
PALM WARBLER:				
1	4/27	Fish Point, Tu	JS	First date.
1	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK	Last date.
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:				
1	5/11	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, JL	First date.
25	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, KK	
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	TW, RW	Last date.
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:				
1	5/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	First date.
1	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, TW	Last date.
CERULEAN WARBLER:				
2	5/18	Linwood Road, Ba	KK	Pair in good habitat.
5	5/26	Gratiot-Sag. SGA, Sa	RW	All singing males.
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:				
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW	First date.
AMERICAN REDSTART:				
1	5/8	Tuscola Co	MW	First date.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:				
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW	First date; unusual site.
1	5/20 tp	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BK, DP	
OVENBIRD:				
1	4/30	Tuscola Co	MW	First date.
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:				
1	5/3	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First date.
Nesting in Hu, lo, Tu.				
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:				
	4/29	Tuscola Co	MW	
2	4/30-5/19	Iargo Springs, lo	RW	Same as last year.
MOURNING WARBLER:				
	5/13	Mayville, Tu	MW	First date.
On territory in Mi, Hu and Tu.				
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:				
	4/28	Tuscola Co	MW	First date.
HOODED WARBLER:				
1	5/15	Tawas Pt, lo	MW	First in several years.
WILSON'S WARBLER:				
1	5/11	Tuscola Co	MW	First date.
5	5/17	Tawas Pt, lo	KK, RW	
2	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	RW, TW	Last date.
CANADA WARBLER:				
1	5/12	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	First date.

Also noted in Hu.
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:

2	3/9	Saginaw, Sa	M&JH	First date.
500+	3/21	Bradford Rd., Tu	RW	
4	5/2	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Late date.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

2	5/4 tp	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
---	--------	----------------	----	--

COMMON GRACKLE:

Large numbers returning to Fish Pt., Tu during first week of March.				
2500	3/9	Hampton Twp., Ba	RW, VT	

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

Common tp.

ORCHARD ORIOLE:

1	5/11	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, JL	First date.
1	5/13	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL	
1	5/19	Hale Road, Ar	TW, RW	

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

2	5/3	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
1	5/3	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	First date.

PURPLE FINCH:

30+	4/28	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Fewer elsewhere.
-----	------	---------------	----	------------------

HOUSE FINCH:

Common tp.

[COMMON REDPOLL: no reports]

PINE SISKIN:

6	3/30	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	
5	3/18	Bay City, Ba	JS	
2	4/1-8	Saginaw, Sa	MH	Few records this spring.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common tp.

EVENING GROSBEAK:

	5/12	Lumberman's Mon., Io	MW	
6	4/21	Long Lake, Io	RA	
2	5/12	Oak Beach	ME	

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common tp.

TOTAL: 245 species

BIRDS OUTSIDE THE SBA

COMMON LOON:

Nesting on Au Sable Lake, Ogemaw (RA)

HORNED GREBE:

1	5/22	Houghton Lake SL	RW, TW	
---	------	------------------	--------	--

EARED GREBE:

1	5/22	Houghton Lake SL	RW, TW	
---	------	------------------	--------	--

Both grebes together!

WILLET:

1	5/10	I-96 & B-35, Kent Co.	RW	
---	------	-----------------------	----	--

PILEATED WOODPECKER:

Suspected nesting in N Higgins Lake SP (Crawford), Houghton Lake (Roscommon) and Wagner Lake (Oscoda) (RW, TW)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:

3-4	5/19	N. Higgins Lake SP	BK, RW, TW	
-----	------	--------------------	------------	--

PINE WARBLER

1	4/7	Wakeley Lk, Crawford	TW, RW	
---	-----	----------------------	--------	--

Early date.

RED CROSSBILL

~10	3 dates in mid-May	Crawford Co	RW, TW	
~30	5/19	Mack Lake, Oscoda	RW, TW	

OMISSIONS from previous reports

Summer 1990

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

1 6/28 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
This brings the seasonal total to 195 species.

Fall 1990

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER

49 10/12 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

82 10/17 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH

1 9/22 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

OBSERVERS:

LA	Larry Abramson	DM	Doug McWhirter
RA	Ron Annelin	SM	Stan Madziar
TB	Tom Beachy	MO	Many Observers
ME	Monica Essenmacher	DP	David Peters
KK	Kevin Kane	G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
BK	Bob Kemp	DR	Doug Reeves (?)
TK	Tom Kemp	JS	Joe Soehnel
JG	Jack Gillespie	VT	Val Trabucchi
BG	Bob Grefe	G&JV	George & Judy Vogel
JH	Jeannie Henderson	TW	Terry Walsh
MH	Mark & Joanne Hubinger	RW	Ron Weeks
EK	Eugene Kenaga	MWi	Myrtle Wilkie
JL	Janea Little	MW	Myles Willard

ABBREVIATIONS

*	Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.
Ba	Bay County
Hu	Huron County
Io	Iosco County
MCV Pond	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond (formerly Consumer's 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

Species totals for SBA seasonal summaries 1986 - 1991.

(*Note "winter 1986" is the period Dec 1985 - Feb 1986 etc).

Year	Winter*	Spring	Summer	Fall
1986	78	225	156	194
1987	87	234	153	191
1988	93	241	178	214
1989	82	239	152	211
1990	100	243	195	232
1991	102	245		

Our seasonal totals have shown a steady increase over the years due to increased observer coverage and diligence. However, I suspect the 1990/1991 totals will be hard to beat except in an outstanding season.