



BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

March 1-May 31, 1993

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Summary: This spring was definitely cool and rainy. Fortunately some hot birds were found to keep the birder's interests. Heading the list was a Wilson's Plover, a first state record, found by Myles & Marilyn Willard in May 1st. The plover was present for nearly a week allowing many birders from around the state to add it to their state lists. Also outstanding was a report of a Brown Pelican in Saginaw. This bird was not refound. Other good birds included two Red-throated Loons from Arenac County, a Red-necked Grebe that spent the last half of May at Nayanquing, a pair of White Pelicans that spent a weekend there, a Snowy Egret from Port Crescent SP, Cattle Egrets in Midland and Bay City, another Barnacle Goose- this time from Shiawassee NWR, a Cinnamon/Blue-winged Teal hybrid at Crow Island, a Piping Plover and an early (5/1) Hudsonian Godwit from Nayanquing, the usual Little Gull from Tawas, the everpresent Lesser Black-backed Gull from Bay City SP, a Long-eared Owl from Crump (check your map), and Hooded Warblers from Bay City SP and Sebewaing.

Remarkably early returnees included: Great Egret (4/3), Merlin (3/20), Peregrine Falcon (3/21), and Gray-cheeked Thrush (4/19). More common were abnormally late migrants with large numbers of Oldsquaw still present into mid-May and large numbers of warblers present until the fourth week of May.

Impressive numbers included an amazing 3100 Oldsquaw and 67 White-winged Scoters present at Tawas Pt on 4/10, 2139 Oldsquaw and 36 White-wings still there on 4/22, 49 Red-shouldered Hawks, 227 Red-tails, 20 Rough-legs, and 5 Golden Eagles tallied on 4/18 at Port Crescent, 25 Eastern Phoebe's, 800 Robins, and 250 Song Sparrows at Tawas on 4/9, and 12 Swainson's Thrushes, 20 Catbirds, 20 Chestnut-sided and 80 Bay-breasted Warblers at Bay City SP among a huge fallout of passerines.

Waterfowl were late in arriving and few in number this spring. Hawks numbers were up in general at Port Crescent (see appendix for full details), but Sharpies and Broad-wings were down. Shorebird habitat was scarce and almost none of the larger shorebirds made an appearance. Passerine migrants were noted in impressive numbers after a warm blast during the second week of May and again during the third week of May. Cuckoos, especially Black-billed were late and few.

Notably undetected residents were Least Bittern and Clay-colored Sparrow.

REPORTS

RED-THROATED LOON:

2 5/2 Hale Road, Ar M&MW
These two birds flew up a canal where Myles was birding. They were craning their necks up and down. A seldom published, but excellent mark for this species.

COMMON LOON:

2 4/3 Bayport, Hu TB First report.
23 4/23 Tawas Pt, lo RW Peak count.
6 5/16 Tawas Pt, lo RW Last report.

Unusual locales include the Dow Ponds, Mi (SR) and Anderson Road, Ba (RW, KK).

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

2 3/20 Karn Plant, Ba MB, VT et al First report.

HORNED GREBE:

1 3/22 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP First date.
1 5/23 Sebewaing, Hu TB Late.
1 5/30 East Tawas, lo DP Even later.

No high totals reported this spring.

RED-NECKED GREBE:

1 4/18 Anderson Road, Ba B&DR
1 5/14 tp Nayanquing Pt, Ba RW, MW Late.

This bird was seen on May 14th in the south pool at Nayanquing Pt. Later on the 20th and again on June 4th, it was seen in the lake outside the pool near the large reedbeds. Although this bird is likely a wayward first summer bird, successful breeding did occur at Cedarville, Mackinaw County in 1975 (Payne, 1983). This area should be watched closely through the summer as it matches Red-necked Grebe nesting habitat.

EARED GREBE:

[No reports] One distant, backlit bird (possibly an Eared) was seen in Hu.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:

2 5/6-8 Nayanquing Pt, Ba MW, RW, et al Good pelican spot.

BROWN PELICAN:

1 4/30 I-75 at M-81, Sa

Reported by birders from Ontario on their way to Whitefish Pt. No details are yet known. Would be the first SBA record.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

Overwintered at Karn, Ba. Large numbers now appearing throughout Lake Huron.

360 5/8 Whiskey Harbor, Hu MW Peak.
210 5/22 Tawas Pt, lo BB

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1 4/19 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP First return.
4 5/14 Nayanquing Pt, Ba RW Peak count.

Also reported from Hu.

LEAST BITTERN:

[No reports] This is likely due to the late spring and lack of coverage in appropriate habitat.

GREAT BLUE HERON:

44 4/29 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Highest count.

Common through period.

GREAT EGRET:

1 4/3 Quanicassee, Tu JL et al Ties SBA early.

No large numbers reported this spring.

SNOWY EGRET:

1 4/28 Port Crescent SP, Hu ME Few Hu records.

CATTLE EGRET:

4 5/1-4 Midland, Mi JL, RW et al
2 5/6 Bay City SP, Ba RW, JS et al One seen on 5/8.

First SBA records in two years.

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

2 4/22 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP First report.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

2 4/7 Karn Plant, Ba JS First date.

No high counts reported.

TUNDRA SWAN:

6 3/20 Karn Plant, Ba RW, KK et al
100 4/28 Pigeon, Hu TB Frequenting a field.



Late this year with the typical large counts not reported from Fish Pt, Tu.

MUTE SWAN:

7	4/6	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Peak count.
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Also noted from Nayanquing, Ba (many observers) and Tawas Lake, Io (MW).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

[no reports]

SNOW GOOSE:

17	4/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
5	4/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Latest reported date.

One white phase bird overwintered at Dow Ponds, Mi (RW, SR).

CANADA GOOSE:

~25000	4/3	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	Peak count.
13084	3/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

Common through period.

BARNACLE GOOSE:

1	5/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	MP	
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Reportedly in an atypical plumage. This implies it was a different individual than last year.

WOOD DUCK:

2	3/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
21	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

3	3/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
200	5/2	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW	Peak count.

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

899	4/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Highest total.
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Small numbers reported through period at SNWR, Sa and Nayanquing Pt, Ba.

MALLARD:

3031	4/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
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Common through period.

NORTHERN PINTAIL:

21	3/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
88	4/24	Saginaw River, Ba	JS	
515	4/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.

CINNAMON/BLUE-WINGED TEAL HYBRID:

1	4/23	Crow Island, Ba	JS, BB, DR	
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Although this bird was originally reported as a male Cinnamon Teal, Joe's detailed notes described buff-colored oval patches on the rear flanks-where a Blue-winged is white-and a dark head-not cinnamon-colored like the sides and neck. These marks clearly suggest a Cinnamon/Blue-winged hybrid.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

1	3/20	Karn Plant, Ba	RW, KK, MW et al	
112	4/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

NORTHERN SHOVELER:

13	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
116	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.

GADWALL:

2	4/8	Callahan Road, Ba	JS	First report.
16	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.

EURASIAN WIGEON:

[no reports]

AMERICAN WIGEON:

1	3/28	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	First date.
477	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	High count.

CANVASBACK:

2	3/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BP, BG	First date.
135	4/4	Anderson Road, Ba	RW, KK	Single location peak.
100	4/10	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	CF	
1	5/27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	B&TK, RW	

REDHEAD:

22	3/25	Bayport, Hu	TB	First.
100	4/4	Anderson Road, Ba	RW, KK	Peak.

RING-NECKED DUCK:

2	3/21	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	First report.
784	4/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
280	4/9	Tawas Lake, Io	MW, RW	
2	5/16	Anderson Road, Ba	RW	Late pair.



GREATER SCAUP:				
5 min	4/4	Anderson Road, Ba	RW, KK	
2	5/8	Sebewaing SL, Hu	MW	Late.
LESSER SCAUP:				
9	3/7	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	First report.
297	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
3	5/20	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW, RW	Last.
SCAUP SP.:				
1000+	5/1	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, SR	
OLDSQUAW:				
2	4/3	Caseville, Hu	TB	
50	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, MW	
3100	4/10	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
2309	4/22	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
57	5/16	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	More out of ID range.
Both Bob and I came to same conclusion regarding these birds. Large numbers of Oldsquaw along with some White-winged Scoters stage in Lake Huron somewhere north of Tawas Pt, Io. In the early AM (dawn to 9 or 10AM) they migrate in various size strings southward past the point. They then develop large rafts in the deep water just south of Tawas Bay. These rafts are not usually visible from shore. Only a few are found in the bay north of the tip of the point.				
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:				
67	4/10	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	All in one string!
36	4/22	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
5	5/2	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	
SCOTER SP.:				
3	4/22	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
DARK-WINGED SCOTER SP.:				
6	5/8	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Probably Surfs.
COMMON GOLDENEYE:				
250+	4/4	Anderson Road, Ba	KK, RW	Peak.
2	5/16	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Late.
BUFFLEHEAD:				
3	3/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
108	4/6	Dow/MCV Ponds, Mi	RW	
102	4/23	Freeland SL, Sa	JS	
2	5/20	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, MW	Last date.
HOODED MERGANSER:				
3	3/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
15	4/4	Anderson Road, Ba	RW, KK	Low peak.
COMMON MERGANSER:				
2000	4/3	Sumac Is, Hu	MW	Peak count.
10	5/11	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	Last reported date.
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:				
215	5/8	Tip of Thumb, Hu	MW	Not single loc. count.
RUDDY DUCK:				
1	3/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
42	4/21	Fish Pt, Tu	JS	Peak.
3	5/27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	B&TK, RW	Last date.
TURKEY VULTURE:				
1	3/17	Reese, Tu	MW	First return.
136	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Peak.
OSPREY:				
1	4/10	Port Crescent PS, Hu	ME	
15	4/24	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME et al	Peak.
1	5/15	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Late migrant?
BALD EAGLE:				
10	3/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	One eaglet this year.
5	5/15	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	PCSP peak.
The Bay County pairs near the Karn Plant and near Crow Island were both unsuccessful this year. Only shell fragments were found in the Karn area nest.				
NORTHERN HARRIER:				
13	5/7	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Peak.
Scattered sightings through period. Noted frequently at Nayanquing Pt, Ba.				
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:				
1	3/14	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Possible winter bird.



178	5/2	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Low peak.
COOPER'S HAWK:				
33	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	New SBA high count..
11	5/8	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	Late migrant date.
Nesting again at Bay City SP, Ba.				
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:				
1	3/28	Harbor Beach, Hu	MW	
1	4/23	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
2	5/2	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Count peak.
1	5/8	Whiskey Harbor, Hu	MW	
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:				
49	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	New SBA high count..
Scattered locals reported through period.				
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:				
1	4/16	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	First report.
24	4/23	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
211	5/2	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Low peak.
RED-TAILED HAWK:				
21	3/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	SNWR peak.
227	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	New SBA high count.
Nests reported from Sa/Ba line area, Ar, and Mi.				
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:				
20	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	New SBA high count.
1	5/22	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Last date.
GOLDEN EAGLE:				
1 im	3/25-31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
This bird was reported by Dave to be a different individual than the one that wintered there.				
1 ad	4/7	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	
5	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	New SBA high count.
1	5/8	Bayport, Hu	TB	
1	5/9	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Last date.
An impressive 11 individuals seen this spring in the SBA.				
AMERICAN KESTREL:				
33	4/24	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME et al	Peak.
MERLIN:				
1	3/20	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	First.
1	4/11	Bayport, Hu	TB	
2	4/24	Port Crescent SP, Hu	TB, RW et al	
1	5/15	PCSP, Hu; Tawas, Io	ME; KK	Last reports.
PEREGRINE FALCON:				
1	3/21	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Early.
2	5/15	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	New count high.
1	5/20	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW, RW	
1	5/30	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Last.
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:				
Noted through period. Numbers reported as up in Hu and down in Ba.				
RUFFED GROUSE:				
Scattered sightings through period. Noted from Bay this spring (RW, JS, PD).				
WILD TURKEY:				
Scattered sightings through period.				
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:				
Scattered sightings from Tu and Hu.				
VIRGINIA RAIL:				
1	4/17	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	First.
6	5/19-20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
SORA:				
1	4/17	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
12	5/19-20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
COMMON MOORHEN:				
1	4/13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	First of year.
2	4/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
16	5/19-20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	High spring count.
Also noted from Tu (MW, RA) and Hu (TB).				
AMERICAN COOT:				
1	3/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	



39	4/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
SANDHILL CRANE:				
1	3/7	Birch Run, Sa	M&JH	First date.
2	3/26	Bayport, Hu	ME	
heard	3/27	Finn Road, Ba	RW, MB, NH	
10	4/16	St Charles, Sa	MW	
2	5/22	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Odd place & time.
1-4	5/2-25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak on 5/2.
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:				
1	5/6	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	First.
Seen thorough end of period at several locations. No high counts reported.				
LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER:				
1	5/16	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	Only report.
SEMPALMATED PLOVER:				
1	5/6	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	
53	5/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
PIPING PLOVER:				
1	5/1	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, SR	
WILSON'S PLOVER:				
1	5/1-7	Tawas Pt, Io	M&MW, RW et al	
First state record! Well documented by numerous photographs.				
KILLDEER:				
1	3/19	Fish Pt, Tu	ME	
50	3/28	Tip of Thumb, Hu	MW	
AMERICAN AVOCET:				
[No reports]				
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:				
1	4/8	Bay County	MW	First report.
85	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Excellent count.
1	5/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last.
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:				
1	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Early for this spring.
119	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
3	5/13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last.
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:				
1	5/6, 13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG	
1	5/22	Port Crescent SP, Hu	DM	
1	5/24	Sebewaing, Hu	TB	New SBA spring late.
WILLET:				
[No reports]				
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:				
1	4/23	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	First report.
19	5/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
UPLAND SANDPIPER:				
2	5/11	Chippewa NC, Mi	RW et al	One noted tp.
1	5/30	M-65, Io	G&EP, MW	
WHIMBREL:				
[No reports]				
HUDSONIAN GODWIT:				
1	5/1-2	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, SR et al	New SBA early.
MARBLED GODWIT:				
[No reports]				
RUDDY TURNSTONE:				
3	5/10	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	First date.
13	5/27	Bay City SP, Ba	JG	Peak.
RED KNOT:				
[No reports]				
SANDERLING:				
1	5/10	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	First report.
12	5/29	Eagle Bay, Hu	DE	Peak.
SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:				
4	5/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Late first report.
127	5/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
LEAST SANDPIPER:				
8	5/1	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, SR	



50+	5/15	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	
3	5/20	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, MW	Last.
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:				
2	5/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:				
5	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
60	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
12	5/2	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, MB, VT, MW	
DUNLIN:				
6	4/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Late first report.
1544	5/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
Up to 400 noted from tower at Nayanquing Pt, Ba in late May.				
STILT SANDPIPER:				
1	5/20	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Only report.
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:				
2	5/2	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW	
5	5/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Peak.
1	5/11	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	Last.
DOWITCHER SP.:				
1	5/1	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, SR	
COMMON SNIPE:				
3	4/7	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First report.
Scattered sightings through period.				
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:				
1	3/28	Chippewa NC, Mi	DK	First of year.
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:				
1-2	5/8-27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, JS, SR et al	
Peak of 3 on 5/27 (SR).				
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:				
[No reports] Traditional Dow Ponds, Mi location had very high water levels this year.				
LITTLE GULL:				
1	5/8	Tawas Pt, Io	BG, BB	Annual there.
BONAPARTE'S GULL:				
1	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First date.
1380	5/8	Harbor Beach, Hu	MW	Peak.
Noted at Tawas Pt, Io through end of period.				
RING-BILLED GULL:				
Common through period. Estimate of 3000 from Karn Plant, Ba (MW).				
HERRING GULL:				
Common through period. Estimate of 600 from NE Thumb, Hu (MW).				
ICELAND GULL:				
[No reports]				
GLAUCOUS GULL:				
1im	3/13	Saginaw River, Sa	JS	First Sa record.
1	5/16	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Last date.
Also reported from Ar (MW). Up to a half dozen by many observers from PCSP, Hu.				
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:				
1	3/29-4/26	Bay City SP, Ba	JG, JS, MW et al	
This marks the third spring in a row that Lester has made an April visit to this beach.				
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:				
3	3/28	Harbor Beach, Hu	MW	
1 im	5/14-15	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
Present through end of period at Tawas Pt, Io (RW) and in Huron County (ME).				
COMMON TERN:				
1	4/24	Huron County	MW	First return.
4				
250	5/15	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Peak.
First seen at Midland on 5/4. Later saw a raft of 30 in the middle of the MCV Pond, Mi. A pair was seen on 5/18 & 5/22 at CNC wetland area (JL).				
CASPIAN TERN:				
1	4/14	SNWR, Sa; Karn, Ba	DP;JS	First reports.
~50	5/1	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	
FORSTER'S TERN:				
12	4/3	Sebewaing, Hu	TB	First returns.
4	4/13	Finn Road, Ba	JS	



15	4/30	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
BLACK TERN:				
1	5/2	Tawas, Io; SNWR, Sa	MW, RW; DP	First returns.
Moderate numbers reported from usual nesting locations. Pair noted at CNC on 5/26 (RK).				
ROCK DOVE:				
Common through period.				
MOURNING DOVE:				
Common through period.				
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:				
3	5/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Early and peak.
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:				
1	5/31	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	MW	Only report.
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:				
9	5/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG	Noted in Ba & Hu.
GREAT HORNED OWL:				
At least two nestlings noted in perennial US-10 nest in Bay County. Also nesting at Crow Island, Sa (SR).				
Noted also in Tu.				
SNOWY OWL:				
1	4/15-18	Bayport area, Hu	TB	
1	4/10	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
Scarce this winter and spring.				
BARRED OWL:				
7	5/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG	Also in Mi & Ba.
LONG-EARED OWL:				
1	5/28	Crump, Ba	JS	Calling in early AM.
SHORT-EARED OWL:				
1	4/4	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	KK, RW	Only report.
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:				
1	3/26	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	MW	
1	4/9	East Tawas, Io	MW	
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:				
1	5/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First report.
WHIP-POOR-WILL:				
2	4/28	Green Point, Sa	M&JH	First report.
CHIMNEY SWIFT:				
2	4/18	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
27	5/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:				
1	4/30	Mayville, Tu	MW	First date.
BELTED KINGFISHER:				
Scattered sightings through period.				
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:				
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	
Noted nesting in Emerson Park, Mi (fide JL) and Au Gres, Ar (MW). Also noted from Hu & Io				
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:				
Regular through period.				
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:				
2	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	First report.
1	5/8	Flajole Road, Ba	RW, PD, JS	Rare Ba breeder.
DOWNY WOODPECKER:				
Regular through period.				
HAIRY WOODPECKER:				
Regular through period.				
NORTHERN FLICKER:				
1	3/25	Huron County	TB	First migrant?
40	4/25	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
PILEATED WOODPECKER:				
1	3/7	Au Gres, Ar	MW	
1	3/7	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	
2	3/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Pair noted tp at CNC, Mi (fide JL).				
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:				
[No reports]				
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:				
1	5/8	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	First date.



YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:

[No reports]

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

1	5/29	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME
9	5/31	Wilderness Arb, Hu	MW

ALDER FLYCATCHER:

1	5/28	Rogers Road, Ba	JS	Only report.
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WILLOW FLYCATCHER:

1	5/13	Chippewa NC., Mi	RW	First date.
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LEAST FLYCATCHER:

1	5/7	Midland, Mi	KK
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EASTERN PHOEBE:

1	4/3	Fish Pt, Tu	MW	
25	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	MW, RW	Peak count.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:

1	4/23	Midland County	RA	New SBA early!
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EASTERN KINGBIRD:

1	5/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io	MW	First of year.
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HORNED LARK:

Common though period. No large numbers reported.

PURPLE MARTIN:

3	4/22	Lake Twp, Hu	ME
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TREE SWALLOW:

2	3/31	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
550	4/9	Au Sable River, Io	MW, RW

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:

2	4/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
20	5/8	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Peak.

BANK SWALLOW:

1	4/27	Saginaw River, Ba	JS
50	5/8	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME

CLIFF SWALLOW:

1	4/10	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	First of year.
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BARN SWALLOW:

1	4/13	Deford, Tu	MW
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BLUE JAY:

Common through period. 800+ reported from the Port Hope area, Hu on 5/8 (MW).

AMERICAN CROW:

Common through period. Peak of 33 noted in NE Thumb on 5/8 (MW).

COMMON RAVEN:

1	5/16	Brownell Road, Io	RW
1	5/22	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME
3	5/30	Tuttle Marsh area, Io	G&EP; MW

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:

Common through period.

TUFTED TITMOUSE:

Noted through period.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Scattered sightings through period.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Common through period.

BROWN CREEPER:

Noted through period at usual locations (Bay City SP, Ba; SNWR, Sa, etc.)

CAROLINA WREN:

1	4/5	Chippewa NC, Mi	fide JL
1	4/20	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
1	5/8	Bayport, Hu	TB
nest	5/22	Midland, Mi	fide JL

Fewer this spring than last.

HOUSE WREN:

1	4/30	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	First of year.
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WINTER WREN:

1	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, MW	First report.
1	4/30	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Lifer for Monica.

Noted at nesting areas at Fountain Cr, Io (5/14) and Iargo Springs on 5/29 (JS).



SEDGE WREN:				
1	5/16	Au Gres R. mouth	MW	First report.
MARSH WREN:				
1	5/8	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS	
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:				
Scattered sightings through period. Migrants noted from 4/9-5/1.				
50+	4/9	Tawas Pt, lo	MW, RW	
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:				
1	4/10	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	First report.
1	5/16	Tawas Pt, lo	BB, RW	Last date.
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:				
1	4/18	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:				
Fairly common through period. First "migrant" noted in February.				
VEERY:				
1	5/8	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	First report.
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:				
1	4/19	Midland, Mi	RA	New SBA early!
1	5/11	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	
1	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:				
4	5/1	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	There tp.
12	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	Peak.
HERMIT THRUSH:				
1	4/9	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	
WOOD THRUSH:				
1	5/5	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First of spring.
8	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
AMERICAN ROBIN:				
800	4/9	Tawas Pt, lo	MW, RW	
The above total was an average of my 600 estimate and Myles 1000. Thwy were simply everywhere at the point that morning. Common through period.				
GRAY CATBIRD:				
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	
20	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	Peak.
20	5/22	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:				
1	5/2	Midland, Mi	fide MW	
1	5/8	N. Huron County	MA	
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	JS	
1	5/13	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL	
I believe I heard that someone searching for the Wilson's Plover also saw one at Tawas.				
BROWN THRASHER:				
1	4/21	Watrousville, Tu	MW	First of year.
WATER PIPIT:				
2	5/1	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, SR	Also next day (MW).
10	5/8	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	
BOHEMIAN WAXWING:				
[No reports]				
CEDAR WAXWING:				
100+	5/23	Tawas Pt, lo	BB	Highest count.
Scattered sightings through period.				
NORTHERN SHRIKE:				
[No reports.] Quite sparse this winter.				
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:				
[No reports.]				
SHRIKE SP.:				
1	5/8	Huron County	fide ME	Could be either. ???
EUROPEAN STARLING:				
Common through period.				
SOLITARY VIREO:				
1	5/1	Bay City SP, Ba	RW, SR	
1	5/1	Pinnebog, Hu	ME	First reports.
1	5/26	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA	Very late migrant.
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:				



1	5/4	Tawas Pt, Io	G&EP, MW	First of year.
4	5/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Also noted at Tawas on 5/22 (BB).				
WARBLING VIREO:				
7	5/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First report.
15	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	High count.
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:				
1	5/16	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BB et al	
1	5/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
RED-EYED VIREO:				
1	5/4	Vassar SGA, Tu	MW	
10	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:				
1	5/5	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	
New territories noted in Ba on Rogers Raod and Flajole Road-n. Bay County.				
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:				
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	
Reported on territory from Kitchen Road (RW) and Flajole Road (JS, PD) in Bay County. Not found in traditional areas in Tu (MW).				
TENNESSEE WARBLER:				
1	5/10	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
Noted in small numbers through period.				
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:				
1	5/1	Tawas Pt, Io	MW, G&EP	
1	5/10	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	
1	5/22	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	Late.
NASHVILLE WARBLER:				
1	5/1	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	
10	5/6	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	Peak.
NORTHERN PARULA:				
1	5/8-9	Bay City SP, Ba	KK et al	
1	5/14	Crow Island, Sa	JS	
1	5/17	Vassar SGA, Tu	MW	
YELLOW WARBLER:				
1	4/28	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	
12	5/9	Chippewa NC, Mi	RA	
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:				
3	5/7	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME	
20	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:				
2	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, JS, PD	
30	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	
CAPE MAY WARBLER:				
2	5/3	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
5	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
4	5/21	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	Last reported date.
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:				
1	5/6	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
Noted from 5/7 tp at Wilderness Arb, Hu where it stayed on territory in 1990.				
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:				
1	4/4	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL	
20	5/9	Chippewa NC, Mi	RA	
Migrants noted at BCSP, Ba through 5/21.				
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:				
1	4/30	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	First.
7	5/22	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Late peak.
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:				
2	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK	Also in Hu (MW).
PINE WARBLER:				
1	4/25	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
Noted at usual Io locations. Also noted from Hu and Youngman's Park, Ar.				
PALM WARBLER:				
1	4/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
1	5/13	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last reported date.



BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:					
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW		
80	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW		New SBA high count!
12	5/22	Tawas Pt, Io	BB		Last reported date.
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:					
1	5/18	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		
12	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	RW		Peak.
1	5/23	Tawas Pt, Io	BB		Last reported date.
CERULEAN WARBLER:					
1	5/21	Grat-Sag SGA, Sa	RW		Traditional location.
Only one male heard. Normally there are about five singing males at this location.					
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:					
1	4/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS		
8	5/22	Tawas Pt, Io	BB		Peak.
AMERICAN REDSTART:					
1	5/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		First.
20	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW		
15	5/22	Tawas Pt, Io	BB		
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:					
2	5/10	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		First date.
4	5/27	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		All singing males.
OVENBIRD:					
1	5/4	Vassar SGA, Tu	MW		First report.
Nine on territory on Loosemore Road, Hu (ME).					
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:					
1	5/6	Bay City SP, Ba	RW		
8	5/8	Wilderness Arb, Hu	ME		
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:					
1	5/29	Iargo Springs, Io			
1	5/31	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	MW		Only reports.
MOURNING WARBLER:					
1	5/10	Bay City SP, Ba	KK		First return.
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:					
1	4/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS		First.
HOODED WARBLER:					
1 fem	5/9	Bay City SP, Ba	K&JK, RW, S&JM		
1 male	5/29	Bayport, Hu	TB		
The female was found near the woodpile behind the park headquarters. The male was found along Wheale Road in brushy habitat. This species should be looked for as a nester in the coming years. Murphy Lake SGA, Tu and Pine Haven, Mi are the most likely spots based upon this species affinity for wooded hillsides.					
WILSON'S WARBLER:					
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	JS, PD		
6	5/20; 5/22	BCSP, Ba; Tawas, Io	RW; BB		Peak counts.
Noted in small numbers through end of period.					
CANADA WARBLER:					
1	5/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		First report.
10	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW		Peak.
1	5/26	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RA		
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:					
[No reports]					
SUMMER TANAGER:					
[No reports]					
SCARLET TANAGER:					
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, JS		Also in Hu on 5/8.
NORTHERN CARDINAL:					
Common through period.					
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:					
1	5/3	Sebewaing, Hu	KG		First date.
25	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW		
INDIGO BUNTING:					
1	5/8	Bay City SP, Ba	KK, RW		
5	5/22	Loosemore Raod, Hu	ME		
RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:					
2	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	MW, RW		First report.



8	4/28	Green Pt, Sa	M&JH	
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:				
40	3/27	Fish Point, Tu	RW	
1	5/8	Huron County	KG, MA, TB	Last report.
CHIPPING SPARROW:				
1	4/10	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	First of year.
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:				
[No reports]				
FIELD SPARROW:				
3	4/7	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
VESPER SPARROW:				
1	4/9	NW Bay County	MW	
SAVANNAH SPARROW:				
1	4/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:				
1	5/8 tp	Chippewa NC, Mi	PS, JL et al	
1	5/28	Mackinaw Road, Ba	JS	
HENSLOW'S SPARROW:				
1	5/9	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW	
1	5/9	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
FOX SPARROW:				
3	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	MW, RW	
1	4/22	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Last date.
Few reported this spring.				
SONG SPARROW:				
250	4/9	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, MW	High count.
Common through period.				
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:				
2	5/8	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS, PD	Also in Hu on 5/8.
SWAMP SPARROW:				
2	4/14	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	First of year.
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:				
1	3/15	Vassar SGA, Tu	MW	First report.
50	4/28	Green Pt, Sa	M&JH	
25	5/8	Tip of Thumb, Hu	MW	
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:				
1	3/7	Watrousville, Tu	MW	Wintering bird.
Migrants noted from 4/23 (Bayport, Hu-TB)-5/16 (see below).				
8	5/16	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Last report.
DARK-EYED JUNCO:				
25	4/8	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
1	5/8	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Last report.
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:				
1	4/23	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	Only report.
SNOW BUNTING:				
120	3/1	Dow Corning, Ba	RA	Highest count.
1	5/15	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Late.
BOBOLINK:				
6	5/4 tp	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL	First of year.
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:				
5000+	4/7	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Peak.
Common through period. First arrivals (possibly wintering birds) noted in February.				
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:				
40	4/17	Dwight Twp, Hu	ME	Peak.
Fairly common through period. First arrivals (possibly wintering birds) noted in February.				
WESTERN MEADOWLARK:				
[No reports]				
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:				
3	4/21	Fish Pt, Tu	JS	
20	5/20	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW, RW	
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:				
3	3/25	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
2	5/5	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	Last.
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:				
4	4/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	BG	New colony?



2	4/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Back again.
COMMON GRACKLE:				
1	3/20	Saginaw River, Ba	JS	First report.
10000+	4/7	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Peak.
Common through period.				
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:				
1000+	4/7	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
Common through period.				
ORCHARD ORIOLE:				
1	5/3	N of Midland, Mi	SR	
1 fem	5/8	Sumac Is area, Hu	MW	
2	5/9	Tawas Pt, Io	BB	
NORTHERN ORIOLE:				
1	5/3	Tawas Pt, Io	M&JH	First.
20	5/20	Bay City SP, Ba	MW	Peak.
PURPLE FINCH:				
Scattered sightings through period. Noted from Mi, Ba				
HOUSE FINCH:				
Common through period.				
COMMON REDPOLL:				
[No reports]				
PINE SISKIN:				
2	3/13	Iargo Springs, Io	BB	
5	4/17	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	
Other scattered sightings noted until 5/8.				
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:				
Common through period.				
EVENING GROSBEAK:				
2	4/14	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Only report.
HOUSE SPARROW:				
Common through period.				

TOTAL: 243 species + 1 hybrid

BIRDS OUTSIDE THE SBA

LONG-EARED OWL:			
1	5/22	Whitefish Pt, Chip.	M&MW, BG
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:			
1	5/13	Otisville, Oakland	MW
KENTUCKY WARBLER:			
1	5/22	Highland SRA, Oakland	RW
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:			
1	5/17	N Lapeer County	DP
BOBOLINK:			
1	4/21	N Lapeer County	DP
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:			
6	4/8	Antrim County	RA

OMISSIONS/CORRECTIONS from previous reports

Winter 92-93

The 12/17 Yellow-rumped Warbler from Midland, Mi and January Robin from CNC, Mi should have been attributed to Myrtle Wilke as opposed to Myles Willard.

OBSERVERS:

MA	Margaret Alyea	ME	Monica Essenmacher
RA	Ron Annelin	JG	Jack Gillespie
MB	Marianne Barrowman	BG	Bob Grefe
TB	Tom Beachy	KG	K. Gremel
BB	Bob Bell	M&JH	Mark & Joanne Hubinger



KK	Kevin Kane	mo	many observers
BK	Bob Kemp	DP	David Peters
TK	Tom Kemp	G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
DK	Deana Klingensmith	SRa	Susan Rathburn
RK	Randy Kursinsky	SR	Steve Rosenberg
JL	Janea Little	JS	Joe Soehnel
JM	Jean Madziar	VT	Val Trabucchi
SM	Stan Madziar	RW	Ron Weeks
DM	Dan Miller	MW	Myles Willard

ABBREVIATIONS

*	Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee
Ar	Arenac County
Ba	Bay County
Hu	Huron County
Io	Iosco County
MCV Pond	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond (form. 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

APPENDIX:

Huron Audubon Hawk Count - 1993 Totals

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Peak</u>	<u>Total</u>
Turkey Vulture	3/28-tp	4/18 (136)	1202
Osprey	4/10-5/16	4/24 (15)	53
Bald Eagle	4/16-5/30	5/15 (4)	15
Northern Harrier	3/28-5/8	5/7 (13)	54
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3/14-5/30	5/2 (178)	734
Cooper's Hawk	3/26-5/30	4/18 (33)	115
Northern Goshawk	4/23-5/2	5/2 (2)	3
Red-shouldered Hawk	3/28-5/30	4/18 (49)	149
Broad-winged Hawk	4/16-5/30	5/2 (211)	873
Red-tailed Hawk	3/7-5/30	4/18 (227)	637
Rough-legged Hawk	3/7-5/22	4/18 (20)	61
Golden Eagle	4/18-5/9	4/18 (5)	8
American Kestrel	4/3-5/30	4/24 (33)	100
Merlin	3/20-5/15	4/24 (2)	6
Peregrine Falcon	3/21-5/30	5/15 (2)	5

The total raptor count was 4120 in 120.5 hours of watching. That total is corrected for same-day flight direction shifts. In other words, the birds counted on a given day were all headed in the same direction. This prevents double-counting of birds that are working the Thumb tip.

Bold face denotes count record high.

