

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

March 1 - May 31, 2001

SUMMARY:

Spring 2001 seemed wet, dreary, and cold. In fact, it was wet and dreary, but temperatures were only slightly below normal (see graph on last page), but some of those cold days were 15-20° F below average. The weather had no discernable effect on the pace of the spring migration as most arrived and left at normal times. There was even a host of new early arrival dates, particularly among passerines.

There were 243 species (plus 1 hybrid and an exotic) recorded in the SBA this spring, close to average. Among notable species for the season were: **Glossy Ibis** (approximately 10th record) and **White-Faced Ibis** (2nd or 3rd record) were both noted at Nayanquing Point with another Glossy noted in Huron Co. Both **Greater White-Fronted** and **Ross's Goose** continue their now annual spring appearance. The only other unusual waterfowl was a **Eurasian Wigeon** at Nayanquing Point.

There were encouraging numbers of **Golden Eagles**, **Merlins** and **Peregrine Falcons** noted, but only a single **Piping Plover** made a brief appearance at Tawas this spring. There were reports of both **Hudsonian** and **Marbled Godwits** in Bay County this spring. Single **Loggerhead Shrikes** were noted at Tawas and Nayanquing Point. A potential new county record for Saginaw Co. was a **White-eyed Vireo** on 5/28. Two particularly unusual SBA warblers were noted this spring. A **Worm-eating Warbler** was found at Murphy Lake State Game Area and 2 **Hooded Warblers** were noted at Tawas. Both are represented with fewer than 10 SBA records. The last species of particular note was the **Summer Tanager** at Tawas on 5/14.

A note of thanks to all who submitted records for the Spring summary. Your dedication and organization make compiling this record easier. I especially appreciate the effort put into documenting the 'better' finds. Details are forwarded to the State Compiler and / or the State Committee. Of course, one the dangers of these compilations is that valuable information may be lost due to my typos and errors (please let me know any glaring examples) and from over-synthesizing. For example, the several day difference in arrival dates between the southern and northern limits of the SBA are pretty obvious in the raw data, but pretty obscured in a 3 line summary. *Please note that I could not find my update sheet on Ron Weeks' book so that early records etc. may not be up-to-date.*

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REPORTS:**COMMON LOON:**

| | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 4/1 | Sanford Lake, Mi | RA |
| 1 | 4/14;5/18 | TPSP, Io | JZ, MJH |
| 2 | 4/20 | SNWR | BG, CS, JeS |
| 2 | 5/19 | Iargo Springs, Io | JZ |

PIED BILLED GREBE:

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|---------------|
| 2 | 3/31; 4/7 | BCSRA, BA | JZ, MJH |
| 6 | 4/15 | Kawkawlin Fldg. Mi | JZ (also Dow) |

ponds & Karn plant

HORNED GREBE:

| | | | |
|---|------|------------------|-----|
| 1 | 3/3 | MCV Pond, Mi | JZ |
| 1 | 4/1 | Harbor Beach, Hu | MJH |
| 2 | 4/14 | TPSP, Io | MJH |

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

Through period at Karn, Ba. Max count 225 on 4/8

AMERICAN BITTERN:

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1 | 4/22 (later dates) | NPWA, Ba | MJH, JZ |
| 2 | 5/24 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
| 2 | 5/28 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | GN |

LEAST BITTERN:

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | 5/12, 13 | NPWA, Ba | JZ, DD, NAMC |
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GREAT BLUE HERON:

Thru period. Max. count 5 on 3/15, Sa. Also Mi, Ba, Io

GREAT EGRET:

| | | | |
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| 6 | 4/7 | NPWA, Ba Max. Count 8 on 5/12 | MJH, JZ |
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Not reported away from Bay

GREEN HERON:

| | | | |
|---|------|----------------|-----|
| 2 | 4/24 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 4 | 5/1 | CNC, Mi | JZ |
| 1 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp. Ba | JS |

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

| | | | |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 4/9 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
| 4 | 4/19 | Dutch Cr. Ba. Also NPWA, Gibson Twp | Dale per NMB, JS |

GLOSSY IBIS:

| | | | |
|---|------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 5/13 | NPWA, Ba (documentation forwarded) | BM, AB |
| 1 | 5/30 | Sumac Is., Hu (same bird?) | MW |

Approximately 10 SBA records

WHITE-FACED IBIS:

| | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 5/26 & 30 | NPWA, Ba (documentation forwarded) | JZ, DD |
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This is 2nd or 3rd SBA record.**TURKEY VULTURE:**

| | | |
|---|------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 3/15 | Sasse Rd., Mi (also Ba, Sa, Io) |
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GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

| | | | |
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| 7 | 3/2 (also 3/3, 4/1) | SNWR, Sa | JES, BG, MJH |
| 6 | 4/22 | NPWA, Ba | MJH |

SNOW GOOSE:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 3/8 | Fish Pte. Tu | JZ |
| 1 | 3/16 | Geiger Rd., Hu | JS |

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| 2 | 4/3, 4/10 | SNWR, Sa | MW, JZ |
| ROSS' GOOSE: | | | |
| 4 | 3/21(also 4/1) | SNWR, Sa | MW, BG, CS |
| Week's 1990 book records 4 records. It now appears annually in Spring. | | | |
| CANADA GOOSE: | | | |
| Thru period, Max count ~3000 @MCV Pond, Mi | | | |
| MUTE SWAN: | | | |
| 1 | 3/3 | MCV Ponds, Mi | JZ |
| 16 | 5/26 | NPWA, Ba | JS |
| TUNDRA SWAN: | | | |
| 15 | 3/4 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 520 | 3/18 | SNWR, Sa (last 4/15) | BG, CS, LA |
| 1500 | 3/16 | Fish Pte, Tu | JS |
| WOOD DUCK: | | | |
| 4 | 3/16 | SNWR, Sa (also Ba, Mi) | BG, CS |
| GADWALL: | | | |
| 12 | 3/3 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |
| also reported thru 5/26 at NPWA, Ba, SNWR, Sa & Crow Is. Sa | | | |
| EURASIAN WIGEON: | | | |
| 1 | 5/12 | NPWA, Ba (documentation forwarded) | JZ (Bay NAMC) |
| There are fewer than 10 SBA Records. | | | |
| AMERICAN WIGEON: | | | |
| 12 | 3/3 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |
| Also reported thru 5/26 @ NPWA Ba, SNWR Sa, TPSP, Io | | | |
| AMERICAN BLACK DUCK | | | |
| 15 | 3/3 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |
| Also reported Ba, Sa, Tu | | | |
| MALLARD: | | | |
| TP | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | | | |
| 1 | 3/15 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |
| 24 | 4/14 | SNWR, Sa (also reported Ba) | BG |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER: | | | |
| 1 | 3/3 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |
| Also reported thru 5/27 at NPWA Ba, TPSP Io, SNWR Sa. | | | |
| NORTHERN PINTAIL: | | | |
| 10 | 3/10 | SNWR Sa | BG,CS,LA |
| Also reported thru 5/12 at NPWA Ba, Dow Ponds, Mi, Fish Pte, Tu | | | |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | | | |
| 6 | 3/25 | NPWA, Ba | JZ |
| 110 | 5/4 | SNWR, Sa | BG |
| CANVASBACK | | | |
| 3 | 3/18 | Saginaw Bay, Ba | MJH |
| Also reported SNWR Sa, NPWA Ba, Karn Plt. Ba | | | |
| REDHEAD: | | | |
| 15 | 3/16 | Haist Rd. Hu | JS |
| Also reported thru 5/31 @ SNWR, Crow Is. Sa, TPSP Io, Dow Ponds, Mi | | | |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | | | |
| 1 | 3/11 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 60 | 3/15 | Dow Ponds Mi (Last 5/18 Tuttle Marsh, Io) | JZ, |
| GREATER SCAUP | | | |
| 2 | 3/22 | SNWR, Sa | BG |
| Also reported thru 4/18 at TPSP, Io, Harbor Beach Hu. | | | |
| LESSER SCAUP | | | |
| 2 | 3/15 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |

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| ~1200 | 4/18 | TPSP, Io (only large concentration reported) | JZ |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | | | |
| 1 | 3/20 | TPSP, Io | JeS |
| 4 | 5/22 | TPSP, Io | GN,JD |
| LONG-TAILED DUCK (OLDSQUAW) | | | |
| 200 | 4/14 | TPSP Io | MJH |
| 1 | 3/3 | MCV Ponds, Mi (unusual inland) | JZ |
| BUFFLEHEAD | | | |
| 2,3 | 3/8 | Sand Pte Hu, | JZ |
| Also reported Ba, Mi, Sa, Io | | | |
| COMMON GOLDENEYE | | | |
| Reported thru 5/18. Max. Count 1000 on 3/18 Ba. SNWR Sa, Mi, Hu | | | |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | | | |
| 10 | 3/21 | SSGA Sa | MJH |
| Also reported thru end April at SNWR Sa, CNC Mi, various Ba sites | | | |
| COMMON MERGANSER: | | | |
| Reported thru period. Max. count 300 at MCV pond, Mi on 3/3 | | | |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/1 | Huron co. | MJH |
| Also reported thru 5/8 at TPSP Io, Karn Plt Ba | | | |
| RUDDY DUCK: | | | |
| 1 | 4/8 | Karn Plt. Ba | JS |
| Reported thru 5/20 at Dow Ponds, Mi, SNWR Sa, Freeland Sewage Ponds, Sa | | | |
| OSPREY: | | | |
| 1 | 3/11 | Bay Co. Early return, ties record | DD |
| 2 | 4/14-5/18 | Tuttle Marsh, Io Nesting | mob |
| BALD EAGLE: | | | |
| 10 | 3/3 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 2 | 5/8 | TPSP Io Nesting reported at NPWA, Ba | |
| NORTHERN HARRIER: | | | |
| Reported thru period at NPWA, Gibson Twp Ba, SNWR, SSGA Sa, TPSP Io, | | | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | | | |
| 1 | 4/18 | TPSP, Io | JZ |
| Several | 4/21 | Pt. Crescent SP, Hu | MJH |
| 1 | 5/4 | SNWR, Sa | BG |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | | | |
| 1 | 4/7&5/3 | BCSRA, Ba | MJH, JZ |
| 1 | April | Hampton Twp. NPWA, Ba | JS, GS, RA |
| NORTHERN GOSHAWK | | | |
| 1 | 5/19 | Tuscola Co. | DD |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | | | |
| 1 | 4/1 | Tuscola Co. | MJH |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK | | | |
| Several | 4/21 | Pt. Crescent SP, Hu | MJH |
| Also reported Ba, Mi, Sa | | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | | | |
| Present thru period with reports from Ba, Mi, Sa | | | |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | | | |
| 7 | 3/2 | Edenville, Mi | RA |
| Also reported thru 4/30 at SNWR, Sa. And NPWA, Ba | | | |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | | | |
| 1 | 3/25 | Port Austin, Hu | JD |
| 1 | 4/24 | SNWR, Sa | Dale per NMB |
| 1 | 5/13 | Mayville, Tu | MW |
| AMERICAN KESTREL: | | | |

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Present thru period in Mi, Ba, Sa

MERLIN:

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| 1 | 4/7&5/26 | NPWA, Ba | JS, MJH |
| 1 | 4/11 | SNWR, Sa (hunting G.W. Teal) | DP |
| 1 | 4/20 | TPSP, Io | JeS |
| 1 | 5/26 | Karn Plt, Ba | J&GS |

PEREGRINE FALCON:

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|---|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | 4/22&5/12,13 | NPWA, Ba | MJH, JB, DS, DD |
| 1 | 5/18 | TPSP, Io | JZ |
| 1 | 4/16,20&5/20 | SNWR, Sa | BG, JeS |

RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

Reported thru period in Ba, Sa, Mi

RUFFED GROUSE:

Reported in Ba, Mi, Hu. A nice count of 8 on Bay NAMC

WILD TURKEY:

Thru period in Ba, Mi, Sa

VIRGINIA RAIL:

| | | | |
|---|------|---------------------|--------|
| 2 | 4/27 | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu | MJH |
| 3 | 4/29 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | GN, TN |
| 3 | 5/12 | NPWA, Ba | JZ |
| 6 | 5/24 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |

SORA:

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| 1 | 4/13 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 'many' | 5/12 + | NPWA, Sa | JZ, JD per SBB |

COMMON MOORHEN:

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|---|------|----------|----|
| 2 | 4/30 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
| 1 | 5/17 | NPWA, Ba | BG |

AMERICAN COOT:

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| 4 | 3/25 | BCSRA, Ba | JZ |
| 328 | 4/19 | SNWR Sa | DP |

SANDHILL CRANE

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| 6 | 3/3 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
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Also reported in Ba, Io

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

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| 2 | 5/10 | SNWR | DP |
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Reported thru 5/19 at TPSP, Io

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER

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| 3 | 5/10 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
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SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:

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| 2 | 4/30 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 135 | 5/10 | SNWR, Sa (new SBA peak?) | DP |

PIPING PLOVER:

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|---|----------|----------|----|
| 1 | 4/30&5/2 | TPSP, Io | GN |
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KILLDEER:

Thru period with no high counts

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

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|---|------|----------|--------------|
| ? | 4/10 | NPWA, Ba | Dale per NMB |
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Also seen thru 5/31 at SNWR (peak count 43 (DP))and other dates NPWA

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 4/7 | NPWA, Ba | MJH |
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Also seen thru 5/31 at SNWR, Sa & Hampton Twp. Ba

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

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| 1 | 4/28 | BCSRA, Ba | MJH |
| 1 | 5/5 | Pine Haven, Mi | JZ |
| 1 | 5/18 | TPSP, Io | JZ |

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WILLET:

| | | | |
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| 3 | 4/22 | Erickson Rd, Ba (record early) | MJH |
| 3 | 5/8 | TPSP, Io | GN |

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

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| 3 | 4/26 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
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Also reported Ba, Mi

UPLAND SANDPIPER:

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| 1 | 5/15 | Oscoda, Io | JeS |
| 1 | 5/19 | Brownell Rd., Io | JZ |

WHIMBREL:

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| 1 | 5/18 | TPSP, Io (57 on 5/21 'Toronto Bird finders') mob | |
| 1 | 5/30 | NPWA, Ba | MW, JeS |

HUDSONIAN GODWIT:

| | | | |
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| Note: Photo and details of 2000 report received | | DD | |
| 1-2 | 5/9-19 | NPWA, Ba | MJH, KO, KP others |

MARBLED GODWIT:

| | | | |
|---|------|-------------------------|-----|
| 1 | 4/29 | NPWA, Ba (record early) | JeS |
| 1 | 5/12 | Bay NAMC | |
| 1 | 5/18 | Hampton Twp. Bay | JS |

RUDDY TURNSTONE:

| | | | |
|---|------|----------|----|
| 2 | 5/13 | TPSP, Io | GN |
| 9 | 5/20 | Bay Co. | DD |

SANDERLING:

Reported 5/17 – 5/28 in Ba, Io

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:

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| 2 | 4/22 | NPWA | MJH |
| 150 | 5/28 | Hampton Twp, Ba | JS |

LEAST SANDPIPER:

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| Several | 4/30 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 549 | 5/10 | SNWR, Sa (New SBA peak?) | DP |

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

Three reports of single birds 5/12-5/28 all in Bay Co.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 3/1 | SNWR, Sa (new SBA early date) | DP |
| 182 | 5/18 | SNWR, Sa | DP |

DUNLIN

| | | | |
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| 9 | 4/19 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
| Also reported TPSP Io, NPWA Ba, Max Count 750 on 5/28 Hampton Twp. Ba | | | JS, GS |

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:

| | | | |
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| 26 | 5/10 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
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Also reported Karn Plt, Hampton twp, NPWA, Ba TPSP, Io on 5/18 by mob

COMMON SNIPE:

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| Only reports from April 5-10 at SNWR, Sa (9-10 individuals) | | DP, JZ |
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AMERICAN WOODCOCK:

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| 1 | 3/19 | Hampton twp., Ba | JS |
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Few other reports with singles reported TPSP Io, SSGA Sa, BCSRA, Ba

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

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|---|------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | 4/28 | NPWA, Ba | MJH |
| 1 | 5/3 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
| 2 | 5/28 | Hampton Twp., Ba | JS,GS |

FRANKLIN'S GULL:

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| 1 | 5/23 | Tawas R. Mouth, Io | A. Morris per SBB |
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LITTLE GULL:

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| 1 | 5/19 | TPSP, Io | GN, MJH, KO per SBB |
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BONAPARTE'S GULL:

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| 12 | 4/18&5/17 | TPSP, Io | JZ |
| 12 | 4/15 | SNWR, Sa | DP |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | | | |
| CTP | | | |
| HERRING GULL: | | | |
| TP | | | |
| LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: | | | |
| 1 | 4/3 - 4/22 | BCSRA, Ba | mob |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | | | |
| 1 | 3/8 | Sand Pt, Hu (also 4/8) | JZ, DD |
| 6 | 4/3 | BCSRA, Ba | JeS |
| 1 | 5/19 | TPSP, Io | KO, KP per SBB |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | | | |
| 1-2 | TP | Various Ba, Hu sites | mob |
| CASPIAN TERN: | | | |
| 1 | 4/7 | BCSRA & NPWA, Ba | GEP, MJH |
| Also observed in Sa, Io, and Mi | | | |
| COMMON TERN: | | | |
| 19 | 5/2 | TPSP, Io (an encouraging 200 noted on 5/12) | GN |
| FORSTER'S TERN: | | | |
| 3 | 4/14 | BCSRA, Ba | MJH, GEP |
| 2 | 5/1 | CNC, Mi | JZ |
| BLACK TERN: | | | |
| 12 | 5/19 | NPWA, Ba (30+ noted later dates) | mob |
| 4 | 5/24 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
| ROCK DOVE: | | | |
| CTP | | | |
| MOURNING DOVE: | | | |
| CTP | | | |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | | | |
| 1 | 5/6 | SNWR, Sa | JeS |
| Also reported from TPSP Io, Karn Plt & Gibson Twp, Ba | | | |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | | | |
| 1 | 5/18 | SNWR, Sa | JeS |
| 1 | 5/19 | Bay county | DD |
| EASTERN SCREECH OWL: | | | |
| 2 | 3/3 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 4 | 3/10 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS, LA |
| 1 | 4/17 | Midland, Mi | RA |
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | | | |
| Noted nesting in Hampton Twp, Ba & SSGA, Sa. Also noted Mi | | | |
| SNOWY OWL: | | | |
| 1 | 3/7 | Akron Rd, Tu | JS |
| 1 | 4/13 | NPWA, Ba | JeS |
| BARRED OWL: | | | |
| Pairs noted MLSGA Tu, Midland Mi, GPNC Sa | | | |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | | | |
| 2 | 3/10 | SNWR, Sa (also 4/1) | BG, CS, LA |
| 3 | 4/13 | NPWA, Ba | JeS |
| 1 | 4/13 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| COMMON NIGHTHAWK: | | | |
| 1 | 5/18 | Essexville, Ba (also reported Sa, Mi) low | JS |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | | | |
| 1 | 4/14 | Tuttle Marsh, Io (early record) | MJH |
| 4 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp, Ba | JS |

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CHIMNEY SWIFT:

5 4/27 SNWR, Sa DP

Also reported TPSP Io, Ba and Mi

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

1 4/28 BCSRA, Ba MJH

Also singles in Sa, Mi, Ba. Not reported at TPSP.

BELTED KINGFISHER:

Noted thru period in low numbers

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

1 4/21 Vanderbilt Pk., Ba MJH

9 5/7 TPSP, Io (in same tree!) GN

Also reported CNC, Mi and NPWA, Ba

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

Present thru period

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

1 4/12 Midland, Mi JZ

1 4/14 Hampton Twp, Mi (also at TPSP, Io) JS

DOWNY WOODPECKER:

Present thru period

HAIRY WOOPECKER

Present thru period

NORTHERN FLICKER:

Multiple early March sightings

PILEATED WOODPECKER:

Reported thru period at TPSP Io, CNC Mi, Wagner Rd Hu, SNWR & SSGA, Sa

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

1 5/6 SNWR, Sa JeS

1 5/19 Tuscola Co. DD

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE:

1 4/25 SNWR, Sa (also on 5/24) Dale per NMB, BG

1 5/2 BCSRA, Ba GEP

YELLOW BELLIED FLYCATCHER

2 5/17, 18 TPSP, Io JZ GN JD per SBB

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

1 5/17 TPSP, Io JD per SBB

2 5/23 MLSGA, Tu JeS

ALDER FLYCATCHER

2 5/17 TPSP, Io (multiple later dates) mob

Also reported from MLSGA, Tu and Hampton Twp, Ba

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:

1 5/12 Gibson Twp, Ba NAMC

Also reported TPSP & Alabaster Io, NPWA Ba, SNWR Sa

LEAST FLYCATCHER

2 4/30 SNWR (multiple later sightings) BG

EASTERN PHOEBE:

6 4/3 SNWR, Sa (multiple later sightings) BG

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:

1 4/30 BCSRA, Ba GEP

Also reported Mi, Sa, Io

EASTERN KINGBIRD:

1 4/28 Kawkawlin Fldg, Mi JZ

Also reported Ba, Sa, Io

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

1 4/1 NPWA, Ba (documentation forwarded) DD (ties early)

1 5/12 TPSP, Io BM per SBB

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NORTHERN SHRIKE

| | | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|
| 2 | 3/7 | SNWR, Sa | DP, BG, CS |
| 1 | 3/10 | NPWA, Ba | JZ |
| 1 | 4/4 | SNWR, Sa | JeS |

WHITE EYED VIREO:

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|---|------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 5/28 | Albee Twp., Sa | (county record?) JeS |
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YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:

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|---|------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 4/26 | SNWR, Sa | JeS |
| 1 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp, Ba & TPSP, Io | JS, BM per SBB |

Also reported Tu and BCSRA, Ba

BLUE-HEADED VIREO:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 5/1 | Bay Co. | DD |
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Also noted BCSRA Ba, TPSP and Lumberman's Monument (20+) Io.

WARBLING VIREO:

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| 1 | 4/30 | Finn Rd., BCSRA Ba | GEP, JZ |
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Also noted SNWR Sa, Gibson Twp Ba, and TPSP, Io

PHILADELPHIA VIREO:

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| 20+ | 5/17 | TPSP, Io (only report) | JD per SBB |
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RED-EYED VIREO:

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| 1 | 5/2 | TPSP, Io | GN |
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Also reported Pine Haven Mi, Gibson Twp, BCSRA Ba

BLUE JAY

Thru period

AMERICAN CROW:

Thru period

COMMON RAVEN:

| | | | |
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| 2 | 4/14 | Tawas Area, Io | MJH |
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HORNED LARK:

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| 40 | 3/3 | SSGA, Sa (Maximum count) | MJH |
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PURPLE MARTIN:

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| 'several' | 4/21 | Green Hills Golf, Ba | MJH |
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| 1 | 5/19 | TPSP, Io | JS |
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TREE SWALLOW:

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| 1 | 3/20 | SNWR, Sa | BG,CS |
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| 253 | 4/25 | SNWR, Sa | |
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NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:

| | | | |
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| 3 | 4/25 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
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Also Ba, Mi, Io

BANK SWALLOW:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 4/25 | SNWR, Sa | BG, CS |
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Other reports Bay and Midland Co.

CLIFF SWALLOW:

| | | | |
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| 8 | 5/3 | "All Bay City Bridges" | JS |
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Also at Tridge in Mi and SNWR, Sa

BARN SWALLOW:

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| 1 | 4/13 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
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Thru period and area thereafter

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:

CTP

TUFTED TITMOUSE:

Thru period

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

| | | | |
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| 2 | 3/17 (4/22) | Saginaw Twp., Sa | MJH |
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| 1 | 4/14 | Hampton Twp. Ba | JS |
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| 1 | 5/19 | Lumberman's Mon. Io | JZ |
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WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Thru period

BROWN CREEPER:

| | | | |
|---|------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | 3/15 | Hampton Twp., Ba | JS |
| 4 | 3/21 | SSGA, Sa (4/14 @ SNWR, Sa) | MJH, BG |
| 1 | 4/5 | Midland, Mi | JZ |

HOUSE WREN:

| | | | |
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| 3 | 5/4 | SNWR, Sa | BG |
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Also reported in Ba, Io, Mi

WINTER WREN:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 4/8 | GPNC, Sa | MJH |
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SEDGE WREN:

Reported by many at NPWA, Ba and SNWR, Sa (Max. 10, 1st 5/18)

MARSH WREN:

Reported by many at NPWA, Ba and SNWR, Sa (Max. 30+ 1st 5/17)

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

| | | | |
|-----------|------|----------|----------|
| 'several' | 4/4 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| 6 | 4/10 | SNWR, Sa | JZ, Dale |

Also reported Ba, Mi, Io

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

| | | | |
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| 1 | 4/6 | Midland, Mi | RA |
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Also reported Ba, Sa, Io

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

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| 1 | 4/19 | SSGA followed by SNWR on 4/25 | MJH, JZ |
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Also reported Ba, Mi, Io

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

Thru period in Mi, also Ba, Sa, Io reports

VEERY:

| | | | |
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| 2 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp, Ba | JS |
| 1 | 5/14 | MLSGA, Tu | DD |
| 1 | 5/18 | TPSP, Io | JZ |

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 5/8 | BCSRA, Ba (only report, details forwarded) | GEP |
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SWAINSON'S THRUSH:

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| 1 | 4/13 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | (early?) JeS |
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Other MidMay reports from TPSP, Alabaster in Io. Co. and single report from SSGA, Sa

HERMIT THRUSH:

| | | | |
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| 1 | 4/8 | GPNC, Sa | MJH |
| 4 | 4/13 | BCSRA, Ba | GEP |

Not reported after 4/18

WOOD THRUSH:

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| 1 | 4/29 | Fish Pte. Tu | DD |
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Also reported in Mi, Ba thru period, few reports

AMERICAN ROBIN:

Thru period

GRAY CATBIRD:

| | | | |
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| 1-4 | 5/1 | Multiple sites | mob |
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NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:

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| 2 | 5/12, 22, 23 | TPSP, Io | BM, GN, GEP |
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BROWN THRASHER:

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| 1 | 4/21 | Quanaquasee, Ba | MJH |
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Also reported BCSRA, NPWA, Gibson Twp, Ba, CNC Mi and Saginaw co.

EUROPEAN STARLING:

Thru period

AMERICAN PIPIT:

SBA Spring 2001

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| 20+ | 5/6 | SNWR, Sa | JeS |
| 4 | 5/8, 18 | TPSP, Io | JZ, GN |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | | | |
| Thru period. Only large count ~100 Midland, Mi on 3/26 | | | RA |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/29 | BCSRA, Ba | MJH |
| Reported thru period from CNC Mi, MLSGA Tu, TPSP, Io | | | |
| <i>Lawrence's Warbler:</i> | | | |
| 1 | 5/17 | SGSGA (Ga) | JeS |
| 1 | 5/17 | MLSGA, Tu | DD |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/30 | SNWR, Sa (ties SBA early) | BG |
| 1 | 5/7, 18 | TPSP, Io | JZ, GN |
| 1 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp, Ba | JS |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 5/5 | Pine Haven, Mi | JZ |
| Also reported BCSRA, Gibson Twp Ba, TPSP Io, GPNC Sa | | | |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 5/2-4, 18, 19 | TPSP, Io | GN, JZ, MJH |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER | | | |
| 1 | 4/28 | BCSRA, Ba | MJH |
| Reported thru 5/18 in Io, also Sa, Mi reports | | | |
| NORTHERN PARULA | | | |
| 1 | 5/5, 18 | TPSP, Io | JD per SBB, JZ, GN |
| 1 | 5/6 | BCSRA, Ba | GEP |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | | | |
| 3 | 4/25 | SNWR, Sa | BG |
| Also reported MLSGA, Tu; BCSRA & Hampton Twp, Ba | | | |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/30 | SNWR, Sa (new Spring Early date?) | JeS |
| I've discounted the rpt 1000 @ TPSP as a typo, but there were reports from Io, Mi, Sa, Ba | | | |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 5/1 | BCSRA, Ba | GEP |
| Reported thru 5/26 from NPWA, Karn Plt Ba, TPSP (30+ on 5/18 (JZ)), SSGA Sa. | | | |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 5/10 - 18 | TPSP, Io | GN, JZ, BB |
| 3 | 5/19 | TPSP, Io | MJH |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/30 | BCSRA, Ba (new Early Date) | GEP |
| Reported thru 5/18 from TPSP Io, SNWR Sa | | | |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 3/31 | GPNC, Sa | MJH |
| Reported throughout with max count of 55 on 4/30 at BCSRA, Ba | | | |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/26 | SNWR, Sa | JeS |
| Noted in numerous Io locations thru period, also Mi and Ba | | | |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 5/3 | TPSP, Io (thru 5/18, max 4) | GN, BB, JZ |
| 2 | 5/10 | BCSRA, Ba | GEP |
| PINE WARBLER: | | | |
| 1 | 4/14, 5/12 | TPSP, Io (early record) | MJH, BB |
| 2 | 5/11 | Powerline Rd, Io | BB |
| PALM WARBLER: | | | |
| 3 | 4/15 | SNWR, Sa (early record) | BG |
| Reported thru 5/18 from many sites. Max count 13, BCSRA, 4/30 (GEP) | | | |

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:

1 5/2, 6, 10 BCSRA, Ba MJH, JeS
All later dates in Iosco Co. Max count 20, TPSP, 5/18 (BB)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER

1 5/12 & 29 Gibson, Hampton Twp. Ba JS
1-3 5/17-19 TPSP, Io mob

BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:

1 4/28 BCSRA, Ba (more rpt. 29,30 in Ba, Io,Sa) GEP, BG, JeS
All sightings after 5/10 in Iosco co. Max. Count 14 TPSP, 5/18 (BB)

AMERICAN REDSTART:

1 4/30 Finn Rd, Ba (last Ba 5/25, GS) (early record) JZ
Also reported Io with max. count of 25 @ TPSP on 5/18 BB

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:

1 5/6 SNWR, Sa JeS, MJH

OVENBIRD:

1 4/25 BCSRA, Ba (early record) MJH
Numerous reports of 1-8 from Ba, Tu, Mi, Io, Sa counties

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:

1 4/24 Bay county DD
Also reported SNWR, SSGA Sa; TPSP Io

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:

1 4/13 Mayville, Tu MW
1 4/27&5/9 MLSGA, Tu MJH, DD

WORM_EATING WARBLER:

1 5/14 MLSGA, Tu (4th SBA Record, Details forwarded) DD

CONNECTICUT WARBLER:

1 5/22 TPSP, Io Jdunn per SBB

MOURNING WARBLER:

1 5/10 SSGA, Sa MJH
Noted thru 5/26 in Ba & on 5/18,19 @ TPSP, Io GEP, JS, BB, JS,GS

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:

1 4/25 SNWR, Sa (early record) BG
Noted thru period

HOODED WARBLER;

2 5/18 TPSP, Io (less than 10 SBA records) GN, BB

WILSON'S WARBLER:

3 5/10 SSGA, Sa MJH
1-12 5/17-19 TPSP, Io JZ, BB, GN

CANADA WARBLER:

1-8 5/17-22 TPSP, Io BB, JZ, GEP, MJH

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:

1 5/24 TPSP, Io GN, others

SUMMER TANAGER:

1 5/14 TPSP, Io ('immature' No details) JR per GN
This would represent only 4th SBA record

SCARLET TANAGER:

1 5/5 Pine Haven, Mi JZ
Reported from Tu, Sa, Ba, and Io counties

EASTERN TOWHEE:

1 4/9 Ba county, also early returns Sa, Mi MJH, JZ, RA
Only 2 reported from TPSP, Io BB, GN

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:

40 3/22 SNWR, Sa (max count) BG
1 5/1 Hampton Twp., Ba JS, GS

CHIPPING SPARROW:

SBA Spring 2001

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| 1 | 4/12 | Hampton twp., Ba | GS |
| Reported thru period in Tu, Mi, Sa, Io | | | |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: | | | |
| 3 | 5/10, 17, 19 | Alabaster, Io | BB, JZ, MJH |
| 1 | 5/22 | Oates Rd., Ba | GEP |
| FIELD SPARROW: | | | |
| 1 | 4/14, 27, 28 | TPSP, Io (4 @ Alabaster 5/17 (JZ)) | MJH, BB |
| Also singles reported from Mi and Ba | | | |
| VESPER SPARROW: | | | |
| 4 | 4/14 | TPSP, Io | MJH |
| 1 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp, Ba | JS |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | | | |
| 2 | 4/13 | SSGA, Sa | MJH |
| Common thru rest of period | | | |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW | | | |
| 1 | 5/12 | Gibson Twp., Ba | NAMC |
| FOX SPARROW | | | |
| 2 | 4/8 | Karn Plt., Ba | JS |
| 2 | 4/13 | GPNC, Sa | MJH |
| 2 | 4/14 | SNWR, Sa (last report) | BG |
| SONG SPARROW: | | | |
| Thru period | | | |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | | | |
| 1 | 4/24 29 | BCSRA, Ba | MJH |
| Also reported SNWR Sa, TPSP, Alabaster Io | | | |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | | | |
| 'lots' | 4/19 | NPWA, Ba | SL per NMB |
| Common early May thru period at NPWA and SNWR | | | |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW | | | |
| 1 | 5/18 | TPSP, Io (last report) | |
| Reported in Io, Ba, Sa, Mi. Max count ~70 on 5/1, SNWR, Sa (RA) | | | |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW | | | |
| 2 | 4/25 | SNWR, Sa | BG |
| 2 | 5/1 | CNC, Mi (same date Hampton Twp. Ba) | JZ, JS, GS |
| 1 | 5/26 | Midland, Mi | DB |
| DARK-EYED JUNCO | | | |
| Last report on 4/28 | | | |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | | | |
| 1 | 4/14 | TPSP, Io (also 5/12, 18) | MJH, JZ, BB |
| 3 | 5/6 | SNWR, Sa | DP, GN |
| SNOW BUNTING: | | | |
| Scattered small flocks Ba, Hu, Sa, Io. Last 4/6. | | | |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL: | | | |
| Common thru period | | | |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK | | | |
| 1 | 4/24 | G.&E. Peterson's home, Ba (new early record) | GEP |
| Reported Ba, Sa, Io, Mi, primarily after 5/1 | | | |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | | | |
| 1 | 4/25 | SNWR, Sa | Dale per NMB |
| Also reported Ba, Mi, Io | | | |
| BOBOLINK: | | | |
| 3 | 5/2 | TPSP, Io (max. count 47 on 5/23) | GN |
| Also reported Bay, Midland, Saginaw Counties | | | |
| RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: | | | |
| Thru period. JS reports 1000+ on 3/15 Hampton Twp., Ba | | | |

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

3, 4 3/18 CNC, Mi & Fish Pte. Tu RA, MJH
Also reported Bay and Iosco Co.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

1st date 4/22 Present at NPWA, Ba Max Count 12; max count 6 @ Karn Plt., Ba and a
single at TPSP, Io. mob

RUSTY BLACKBIRD

7 3/3 SNWR, Sa BG, JeS, CS
Also reported SSGA, Sa and max. count of 100 on 4/13, Hampton twp. Ba GS

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

5 4/14 SNWR, Sa BG
4 4/14 Hale, Io MJH

COMMON GRACKLE:

3 3/3 SSGA, Sa MJH
Thru period thereafter. JS reports 1000+ Hampton Twp, Ba on 3/15

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

1 3/10 Unfortunately still common thereafter

ORCHARD ORIOLE:

1-5 5/2-19 TPSP, Io mob
Also noted SNWR, Sa and Bay Co.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE

1 4/28 BCSRA, Ba MJH
There were a multitude of reports from the entire area on 5/1. BB reports daily counts of 10-70 @
TPSP, Io for 5/10 to 5/19

PURPLE FINCH:

2 4/1115 Midland, Mi JZ, DB
2 4/14 BCSRA, Ba MJH
1 4/27 TPSP, Io BB
2 5/12 NPWA, Ba NAMC

HOUSE FINCH:

Present through period

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common through period

HOUSE SPARROW:

Present through period.

EXOTICS:

Egyptian Goose, 3/26 Spring Valley GC, Ba GEP

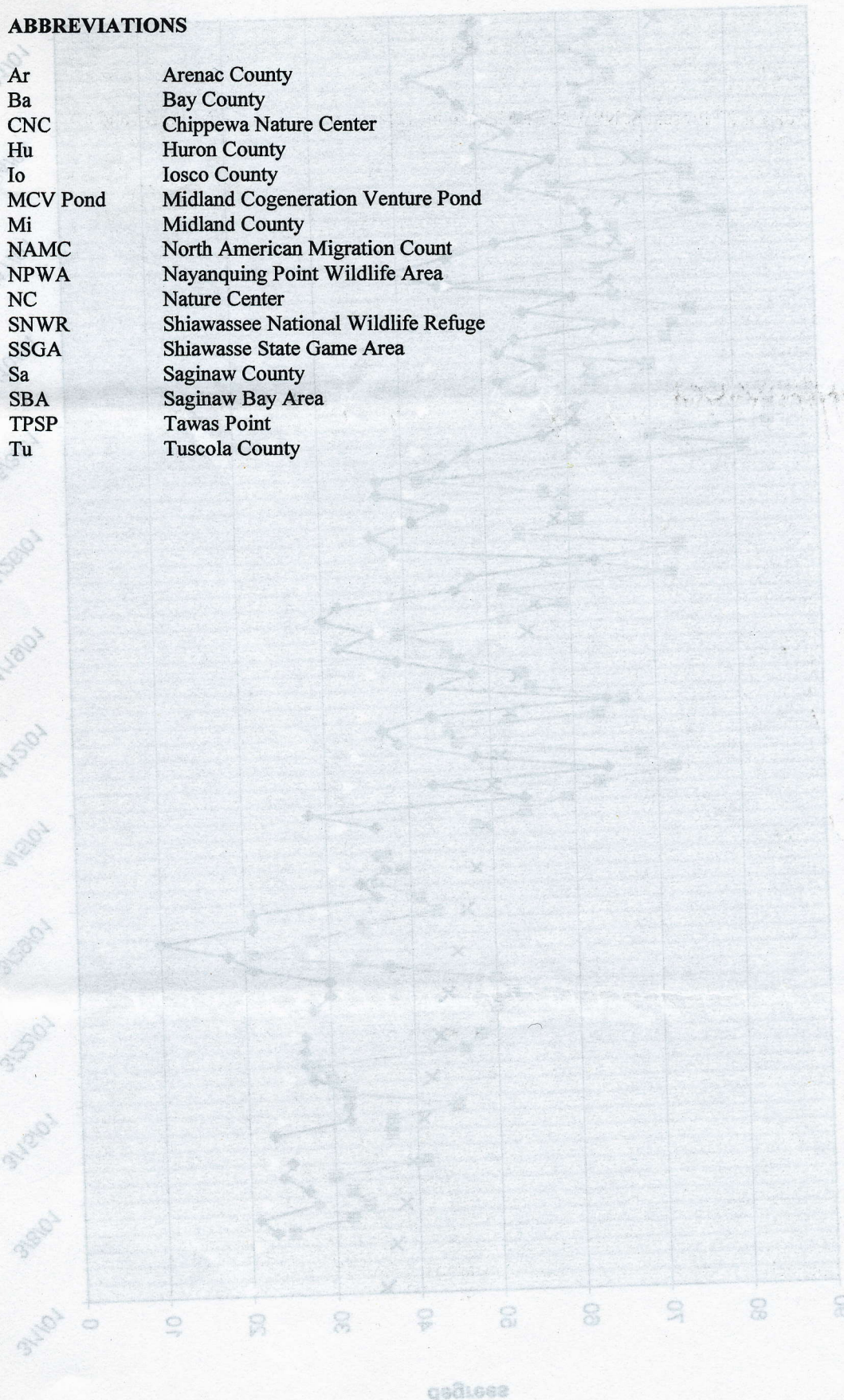
Outside SBA:

OBSERVER KEY:

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| LA | Larry Abraham | RA | Ron Annelin |
| BB | Bob Bell | JeS | Jeff Sommer |
| DD | Dan Duso | MW | Myles Willard |
| BG | Bob Grefe | SA | Sandy Hoover |
| MJH | Mark and Joanie Hubinger | EK | Eugene Kenaga |
| GN | Gary Nelkie | TN | Tess Nelkie |
| DP | Dave Peters | JP | Janie Peters |
| G&EP | Glenn & Ellen Peterson | GS | Grant Soehnel |
| JS | Joe Soehnel | CS | Carolyn Szaroletta |
| JZ | Jerry Ziarno | DB | Denny Brooks |

ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Ar | Arenac County |
| Ba | Bay County |
| CNC | Chippewa Nature Center |
| Hu | Huron County |
| Io | Iosco County |
| MCV Pond | Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond |
| Mi | Midland County |
| NAMC | North American Migration Count |
| NPWA | Nayanquing Point Wildlife Area |
| NC | Nature Center |
| SNWR | Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge |
| SSGA | Shiawassee State Game Area |
| Sa | Saginaw County |
| SBA | Saginaw Bay Area |
| TPSP | Tawas Point |
| Tu | Tuscola County |



Spring 2001 Weather

