

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

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Summary:

The Spring season of 2002 may was not very good for boaters and golfers but it was quite fantastic for birders in the SBA. March showed us some of the coldest temperatures of the winter and brought snow into most parts of the area. April started the same way but a strong warm front moved into the area on April 16 and 17 bringing record high temperatures and many of our neotro migrants. But, by the 21st and 22nd, the weather situation changed dramatically again with cold, northerly winds and even some snow hitting the area keeping these migrants around area for several weeks, in fairly large numbers and varieties of species. May continued to be relatively cool and many of our northern winter visitors remained to mingle with our returning migrants. These conditions produced a whopping total of 256 total species for the period and a number of new early records were established.

Probably the biggest news of the season was the confirmed nesting of Piping Plovers at Tawas Pt., first since 1963 at this location. See Gary Nelkie's attached note. Another good find was a Bell's Vireo in Bay, possibly only the second record for the SBA. A Curlew Sandpiper at SNWR may be only the second record for the SBA. An Am. White Pelican was observed flying from Tawas Lake towards the big lake and a Little Blue Heron and Cattle Egrets were found.

Other sightings include a Brant in Hu, Trumpeter Swans (now countable) seen in several locations, Surf and White-winged Scoters at the Freeland Sewage Lagoons, Hudsonian and Marbled Godwits in Tu, Little Gulls at SNWR and Tawas Pt. Western Kingbird, Loggerhead Shrike, White-eyed Vireo, Summer Tanagers Lark Sparrow and Harris' Sparrow were all good sightings at Tawas Pt. Louisiana Waterthrush at two locations in Midland was quite unusual.

There were many early arrivals this Spring. New early records include Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at BCSRA, Nashville Warbler at Tawas Pt. and a Chestnut-sided Warbler at SNWR that beat the previous early record by 10 days. Another Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen only 9 days later in Ba. A Palm Warbler in Ba set a new early record and another sighting 4 days later at Tawas Pt. tied the old early record. Other early arrivals were a Great Egret at Nayanquing Pt., Bay which tied the old record, Blue-winged Teal, Veery, Cerulean Warbler, and Fox Sparrow.

The winter visitors that hung around to enjoy the SBA Spring were Common Redpolls seen through mid-April, Pine Siskin into May, Snow Buntings in April, Am. Tree Sparrow well into May. Glaucous Gull into late April and a Snowy Owl on 3/30 were noteworthy.

While not in the record setting category, an albino Am. Robin in East Tawas was notable as were 71 Marsh Wrens at SNWR.

Thanks to all who submitted their sightings and who helped gather this important information on the seasonal status of birds in the Saginaw Bay Area.

Species	#	Date	Location	Cty	Obs.	Comments
Red-throated Loon	2	3/17	Tawas Pt.	Io	BB	
Common Loon	1	4/5	Tawas Pt.	Io	BB	
	10	4/20	Tawas Pt.	Io	BB	
	1	5/18	Tawas Pt.	Io	BB	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	3/16	Tuttle marsh	Io	MW, KO	Per NMB
	3	3/29	Haithco Park	Sa	JS	Also noted in Ba.
	9	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	
Horned Grebe	1	3/29	Haithco Park	Sa	JS	
	8	5/2	Dow Ponds	MI	JZ	
Am. White Pelican	1	5/7	Tawas Lake	Io	BM	
D-c Cormorant	20	4/4	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	Also noted in Ba.
	1300	5/17	Tawas Pt.	Io	BB	
	1	5/31	Tawas City	Io	JZ	
American Bittern	1	4/17	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	MH	Also noted in Sa.
	10	5/7	Anderson Rd.	Ba	DD	Per NMB
	1	5/21	Langdon Rd.	Ar	DA	Per NMB
Least Bittern	1	5/24	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Grt Blue Heron	1	3/15	SNWR	Sa	D&RF	Per NMB
	19	5/14	SNWR	Sa	RM, etal.	
Great Egret	1	3/20	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	Ties earliest record for SBA.
	6	4/8	Finn Rd	Ba	JS	
	17	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	Also noted in Io.
Little Blue Heron	1	4/26	SNWR	Sa	DP, BG,CS	Encountered in the early AM, stalking fish that had been concentrated in the shallow, muddy water of a ditch we had pumped down the previous day. Subsequently observed by others that day as well.
Cattle Egret	1	4/15	SNWR	Sa	DP	
	1	5/22	Bangor Twp	Ba	DD	Details?
Green Heron	1	4/24	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	
	3	5/2	CNC	Mi	JZ	
Blk-crnd Night-Heron	2	4/26	SNWR	Sa	BG,GS	
	6	5/8	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	TK	per NMB
Turkey Vulture	1	3/10	Albee Twp.	Sa	JSom	
	1	3/14	Thomas Twp	Sa	MH	
	15	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	

Gtr Wht-fronted Goose	3	3/16	SNWR	Sa	JSom	
	7	3/19	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	
	4	4/28	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	KO	
Snow Goose	13	3/13	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	4 Blue Phase
	6	4/9	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	DA	
	1	4/11	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
Ross's Goose	1	3/16	SNWR	Sa	M&JH	
Canada Goose	35	3/4	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	>1000	3/12	Geiger Rd	Hu	JZ	
	6611	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
Brant	1	3/30	Harbor Beach	Hu	MW	No other details.
Mute Swan	2	3/12	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	12	5/7	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
Trumpeter Swan	6	3/19	Cooke Pond	lo	BM	
	6	4/17	Filion Rd.	Hu	JZ	Also noted at SNWR, RM
	1	5/30	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JS	
Tundra Swan	>500	3/12	Finn-Feather Acc.	Hu	JZ	
	<1000	3/30		Tu	M&JH	Also noted in Sa.
	1	5/11	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	NAMC	
Wood Duck	40	3/22	SNWR	Sa	JZ	
	2	5/17	Wigwam Bay	Ar	DA	2 females, banded from nest box.
Gadwall	6	3/16	Dow Ponds	Mi	JZ	
	20	3/29	Overlook Park	Mi	JS	
	1	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	
American Wigeon	3	3/17	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JB	Also noted in Sa.
	12	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	4	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	
Am. Black Duck	2	3/12	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	53	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
Mallard	CTP					
Blue-winged Teal	Few	3/17	SSGA	Sa	M&JH	Quite early.
	1	3/29	Overlook Pond	Mi	JS	
	84	4/22	SNWR	Sa	RM	
Northern Shoveler	2	3/17	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JB	
	158	2/21	SNWR	Sa	RM	
	5	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	

Northern Pintail	5	3/12	Fish Pt.	Tu	JZ	
	42	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
	8	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	Also noted in Ba
Green-winged Teal	8	3/17	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JB	Also at SSGA, Sa, M&JH
	374	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
	1	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Canvasback	1	3/12	Fish Pt.	Tu	JZ	
	106	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
	1	5/14	SNWR	Sa	RM, etal.	
Redhead	2	3/12	Fish Pt.	Tu	JZ	
	100	3/30		Tu	M&JH,M&MW	
	1	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Ring-necked Duck	48	3/16	Tuttle Marsh	lo	MW, KO	Also seen by BB
	>300	4/3		lo	BM	
	2	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	Probable Nesting in Mi.
Greater Scaup	18	3/17	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	133	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
	1	5/18	Wigwam May	lo	BB	Also noted in Sa
Lesser Scaup	6	3/16	Dow Ponds	Mi	JZ	
	81	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	Also noted in lo
	2	5/14	SNWR	Sa	RM, etal.	
Scaup Sp.	~2000	3/17	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JB	
Surf Scoter	1	4/16	FLS	Sa	JZ	female
White-winged Scoter	1	4/16	FLS	Sa	JZ	1st Spring female These scoters are uncommon such "inland" locations.
	14	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JDu, mob
Long-tailed Duck	~1000	3/17	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	500	4/6	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Bufflehead	13	3/1	Au Sable Riv. Mouth	lo	JZ	
	84	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
	6	5/18	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Also noted in Ba, Mi
Common Goldeneye	2	3/1	Au Sable Riv. Mouth	lo	JZ	
	40	3/17	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	8	4/6	Jerry's Marina	lo	JZ	Also Ar
Hooded Merganser	15	3/12	Quanicassee	Tu	JZ	
	35	3/16	Tuttle Marsh	lo	MW,KO	Also noted in Ba, Sa.
	2	5/17	Wigwam Bay	Ar	DA	Banded from nest box.

Common Merganser	3	3/1	Au Sable Riv. Mouth	lo	JZ	
	300	3/17	Pinconning Twp Pk	Ba	JB	
	67	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	Also noted in Sa.
R-b Merganser	11	3/16	Tawas Bay	lo	MW, KO	
	22	4/20	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	10	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Ruddy Duck	368	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	BG,CS rptd 110 at SNWR Same day
	6	5/2	Dow Ponds	Mi	JZ	
	37	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	
Osprey	1	4/17	MCV Pond	Mi	JZ	Also noted in Sa.
	Pair	5/9	Tuttle Marsh	lo	JZ, BB	On nest.
	1	5/11	Pinconning Park	Ba	NAMC	
Bald Eagle	2 TP		Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	3	4/4	Wigwam Bay	Ar	DA	
	1	4/24	Green Hills GC	Ba	G&EP	Active nest - 10th Fairway
	6	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
Nothorn Harrier	1	3/9	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	2	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	1	5/23	Quanicassee	Tu	JZ	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	3/4	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	3	4/26	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
Cooper's Hawk	1		Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	Present through April.
	1	3/20	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	1	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
Nothorn Goshawk	1	3/30		Tu	M&JH,M&MW	
Red-shldered Hawk	1	3/16	Wood Rd.	lo	MW, KO	Early
	2	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/17	Powerline Rd.	lo	BB	
Broad-winged Hawk	2	4/17	Port Crescent	Hu	JZ	
	1	5/1	Kawkawlin Flooding	Mi	JZ	
Red-tailed Hawk	2 TP		Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	4	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	
	1	5/31	Gibson Twp	Ba	JZ	
Rough-lgd Hawk	1	3/1		lo	BM	
	6	3/17	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	4/11	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
American Kestrel	2 TP		Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	4	3/19	Iargo Springs	lo	BM	

Merlin	1	4/6	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/18			JL, DF	
	1	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	JS	
Peregrine Falcon	1	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Also seen there 5/18, BB
	2	5/20	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	5/21	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	DD	1 on 6/1, Ba. Next report!
R-n Pheasant	4 CTP		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Numbers seem to have increased along wider, dry marsh area of Saginaw Bay.
	2	5/7	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
Ruffed Grouse	1	5/10	Monument Rd.	lo	BB	
	8	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	
Wild Turkey	150	3/1		lo	BM	Also noted in Ba, Mi, Sa
Virginia Rail	1	4/15	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	
	1	5/5	Tobico Marsh	Ba	M&JH	
	3	5/30	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
Sora	9	4/18	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	5/2	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
Common Moorhen	1	4/26	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
American Coot	5	3/17	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	424	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	
Sandhill Crane	3	3/13	Spaulding Twp.	Sa	JSom	
	32	5/21	Langdon Rd.	Ar	DA	Also noted in Ba, lo
	2	5/28	Brooks Rd.	Mi	DB	Nesting?
Black-bellied Plover	3	5/14	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	4	5/18	Tawas Pt.	lo	M&JH	
	1	5/28	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JS	
Am. Golden-Plover	1	5/23	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	JZ	
Semi-Palm. Plover	3	5/5	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	M&JH	
	43	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN, etal	
	12	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Piping Plover	1	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	3	5/14	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	See attached note.
	2	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JD, mob, nesting.
Killdeer	1	3/9	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	3	3/20	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	14	4/11	SNWR	Sa	DP	

Grtr Yellowlegs	5	4/11	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	60	4/18	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	Also noted in Hu.
	36	5/14	SNWR	Sa	RM, etal.	
Lesser Yellowlegs	4	4/26	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	54	5/3	SNWR	Sa	DP	
	17	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	
Solitary Sandpiper	1	5/5	River Rd.	Ba	G&EP	
	6	5/6	Kawkawlin Twp	Ba	JS	
	1	5/10	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also same date in lo, BB.
Willet	3	5/11	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	NAMC	
	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN,BB	
	1	5/22	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	JS	Also on 5/23, JZ
Spotted Sandpiper	1	4/18	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	5/9	Tawas City	lo	JZ	
	35	5/23	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Whimbrel	26	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JD, mob
	4	5/24	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	Last date at Point.
Hudsonian Godwit	1	5/22	Bay Shore Rd.	Tu	JS	Also on 5/23, JZ
Marbled Godwit	3	5/23	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JZ	
	2	5/28	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JS	
Ruddy Turnstone	5	5/14	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	4	5/28	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JS	
	1	5/31	Au Sable Riv. Mouth	lo	JZ	Same date at Tawas Pt, BB
Red Knot	11	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JD, mob
	14	5/24	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	High count.
	2	5/28	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	Last date.
Sanderling	4	5/8	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	30	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Semipalm. Sandpiper	4	5/23	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	JZ	
	20	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Also noted in Ba.
Least Sandpiper	3	4/27	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	M&JH	
	30	5/9	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	24	5/17	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Wht-rumped Sandp	1	5/30	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JS	
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	4/28	Bad Axe Airport	Hu	KO	Per SBB
	10	5/9	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	5/23	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	JZ	

Dunlin	8	5/5		Ba	M&JH	
	500	5/19	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	M&JH	
	1548	5/23	SNWR	Sa	DP	
	3	5/31	Au Sable Riv. mouth	lo	JZ	Same day at Tawas Pt, BB
Curlew Sandpiper	1	5/30	SNWR	Sa	DP	Details attached.
Stilt Sandpiper	1	5/23	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	JZ	
Shrt-billed Dowitcher	1	5/1	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	24	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	22	5/21	Bayshore Rd.	Tu	DD	
	180	5/14	SNWR	Sa	RM, etal.	
Common Snipe	2	3/20	Nayanquing Pt	Ba	JZ	
	6	4/11	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also noted in Hu
Am. Woodcock	2	3/12	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	6th consecutive year here.
	3	4/3		lo	BM	Also noted in Sa.
Wilson's Phalaro	1	5/7	Anderson Rd.	Ba	DD	
	1	5/19	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	M&JH	
	1	5/28	Bay Park Rd.	Tu	JS	
	1	5/30	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Red-neckd Phalarope	1	5/17	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Little Gull	1	5/2	SNWR	Sa	DP	In immaculate breeding plumage, feeding with a flock of 11 Forster's Terns. Belly appeared to have tint of pink, something I am most familiar with on Common Merganser drakes.
	1	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JDu, mob
Bonaparte's Gull	6	4/16	SNWR	Sa	JZ	Also 2 at FSL, Sa
	300	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	8	5/23	Bay Shore Rd.	Tu	JZ	
Ring-billed Gull	TP					
	120	5/31	Tawas City	lo	JZ	
Herring Gull	TP					
Iceland Gull	1	4/1	Harbor Beach	Hu	JDaw	No details.
Lsr Blk-backed Gull	1	3/17	BCSRA	Ba	JB	Adult
	1	4/2	BCSRA	Ba	JDaw	
Glaucous Gull	1	3/16	Au Gres River Mouth	Ar	MW, KO	Adult
	5	3/30	In Hu & Tu		M&JH, M&MW	
	2	4/6	Bear Track Inn	Ar	JZ	Also 1 at Tawas City, lo
	1	5/15	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&CM	

Grt Blk-bckd Gull	1	3/1	Au Sable Riv. mouth	lo	JZ	
	1	3/30	HU & Tu		M&JH,M&MW	
	2	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Caspian Tern	3	4/15	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	
	36	5/9	Tawas City	lo	JZ	
Common Tern	9	5/3	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	2	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	Also noted in Ba.
Forster's Tern	4	4/17	Geiger Rd.	Hu	JZ	
	10	4/27	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	M&JH	
Black Tern	1	5/5	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	17	5/14	SNWR	Sa	RM, etal.	
	3	5/18	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
Rock Dove	TP					
Mourning Dove	TP					
Blk-billed Cuckoo	1	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN, BB	
	3	5/30	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	G&CM	
East. Screech-Owl	2	3/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	3/30	Hu or Tu		M&JH,M&MW	
Grt Horned Owl	2	3/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	5/1	Hampton Twp	Ba	DD	
			Wahl Rd.	Sa	M&JH	Nest.
Snowy Owl		3/30		Tu	M&JH,M&MW	
Barred Owl	1	4/17	GPNC	Sa	JH	
	2	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	NAMC
	1	5/17	Powerline Rd.	lo	BB	
Long-eared Owl	1	5/1	Hampton Twp	Ba	DD	
Short-eared Owl	1	3/18	Hubbard Rd.	Mi	K&SH	
	4	3/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	1	4/23	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
N. Saw-whet Owl	1	5/18	Tuttle Marsh	lo	M&JH	
Common Nighthawk	1	5/4	S Chippewassee Pk.	Mi	DB	
	1	5/8	Bay City Kessel	Ba	G&EP	
	1	5/18	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
Whip-poor-will	1	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS,GS	NAMC
	1	5/18	Tuttle Marsh	lo	M&JH	

Chimney Swift	1	4/16	Essexville	Ba	DD	
	4	5/9	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ, BB	
R-t Hummingbird	1	5/9	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	Also in Ba, Mi in May.
	10	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	2	5/17	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
Belted Kingfisher	1	3/19	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	
	2	5/1	Kawkawlin Flooding	Mi	JZ	Probably breeding pair.
Red-bellied Woodpecker.	1		Midland	Mi	JZ	Overwintered until 5/7.
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG, BB	
	Pair	5/21	Knight Rd.	Ba	JZ	Also noted at BCSRA
Red-bellied Woodpecker.	2 TP		Midland	Mi	JZ	Also TP in Ba.
Yel.-bellied Sapsuck.	3	4/11	Finn Rd.	Tu	JS	
	4	4/13	SSGA	Sa	M&JH	
	1	5/24		lo	BM	
Downy Woodpecker	TP					
Hairy Woodpecker	TP					
Northern Flicker	1	3/17	SSGA	Sa	M&JH	
	9	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Pileated Woodpecker	1	4/24	BCSRA	Ba	DG	
	1	4/27	SNWR	Sa	JSom	
	1	5/18	Tuttle Marsh	lo	M&JH	Also at Tawas Pt, BB
E. Wood-Pewee	1	5/16	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
	1	5/16	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	6	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Yel.-bellied Flycatch.	1	5/17	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	Vocallizing, observed 10 min. at close range.
	1	5/28	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also noted in lo.
Alder Flycatcher	1	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	
	1	5/31	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JZ	Calling.
Willow Flycatcher	1	5/27	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	1	5/31	Oats Rd.	lo	JZ	Calling
Least Flycatcher	1	5/2	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	2	5/7	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	Lots	5/17	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	
Eastern Phoebe	1	3/13	Bangor Twp	Ba	G&EP	
	6	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	

Grt Crstd Flycatcher	1	4/27	SNWR	Sa	JSom	Also noted in Ba.
	5	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Western Kingbird	1	5/17	Tawas Pt.	lo	PR, BB	Seen daily thru 5/24, mob.
	1	5/18	Tawas Pt.	lo		
Eastern Kingbird	1	5/7	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also at Hampton, Ba, JS
	~30	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	
Loggerhead Shrike	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	SL	Per Mich-listers.
Northern Shrike	1	3/1		lo	BM	
	1	3/12	Gotham Rd.	Tu	JZ	
	1	3/26	Bangor Twp.	Ba	EP	
White-eyed Vireo	1	4/20	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB, TN	No details provided.
Bell's Vireo	1	5/19	Hampton Twp	Ba	GS	Write-up attached.
Yel-throated Vireo	1	5/7	Anderson Rd.	Ba	DD	Also noted in lo.
	1	5/26	SNWR	Sa	G&DG	
Blue-headed Vireo	1	4/30	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	Quite early.
	1	5/11	BCSRA	Ba	NAMC	
	1	5/20	BCSRA	Ba	M&JH	Also noted in lo.
Warbling Vireo	2	4/27	SNWR	Sa	JSom	
	9	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Philadelphia Vireo	1	5/10	Tawas Pt.	lo	TW	
	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
	1	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	M&UH	
Red-eyed Vireo	1	5/11	BCSRA	Ba	NAMC	
	6	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	15	5/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	Also noted in Mi.
BlueJay	TP					
	~200	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	
American Crow	TP					
Common Raven	1	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Horned Lark	5	3/5	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	100+	3/9	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
Purple Martin	1	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Also noted in Ba.
	20	5/31	Tawas Bay	lo	JS	
Tree Swallow	5	3/19	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	>525	4/1	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	275	4/10	Fish Pt.	Tu	JS	

N. Rgh-wgd Swallo	4	4/16	SNWR	Sa	JZ	
Bank Swallow	2	4/16	Oak Grove	Ba	JS	
	Sev.	5/18	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
Cliff Swallow	1	5/9	Tuttle Marsh	lo	BB	Also noted in Mi. Under all Saginaw River bridges in Bay City.
	10	May	Independence Br.	Ba	JS	
Barn Swallow	3	4/16	Oak Grove	Ba	JS	
	50	5/2	Dow Ponds	Mi	JZ	
Blk-capped Chickad	TP					
Tufted Titmouse	TP					
Red-brstd Nuthatch	3	3/1	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	1	3/23	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
			Saginaw Twp.	Sa	M&JH	Last sighted early May.
Wht-brstd Nuthatch	TP					
Brown Creeper	TP		East Tawas	lo	G&TN	
	1	3/23	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	10	4/12	Green Pt. NC	Sa	M&JH	Also noted in lo.
Carolina Wren	1	4/3	SNWR	Sa	RM,JD	Part of survey, no details.
House Wren	1	4/16	Oak Grove	Ba	JS	
	1	4/16	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	2	4/24	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	Also noted in lo.
Winter Wren	3	4/10	SNWR	Sa	JSOM	
	2	4/11	Green Pt. NC	Sa	M&JH	
	1	5/1	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
Sedge Wren	1	4/22	SNWR	Sa	JSom, CS	
	2	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	NAMC	
	14	5/30	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
Marsh Wren	1	4/27	Quanicassee	Ba	RW	
	3	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	71	5/23	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	That's a lot of Marsh Wrens.
Golden-crmd Kinglet	1	4/6	SNWR	Sa	M&JH	
	12	4/12	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	2	4/20	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Ruby-crmd Kinglet	1	4/11	Hampton Twp	Ba	DD	
	7	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	3	5/21	Knight Rd.	Ba	JZ	
Blue-gray Gnatcatch	1	4/16	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	New early SBA record!
	6	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	

Eastern Bluebird	1	3/3	CNC	Mi	K&SH	
	6	3/9	Nayanqing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	3	3/29	CNC	Mi	JS	
Veery	1	4/26	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	2nd earliest record for SBA
	1	5/7	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
Gray-chkd Thrush	1	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JD, mob
	2	5/20	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
Swainson's Thrush	1	5/8	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	3	5/16		Ba	DD	Also noted in lo, BB
	1	5/27	.Hampton	Ba	JZ	
Hermit Thrush	1	4/6	SSGA	Sa	M&JH	
	3	5/11	Hampton Twp	Ba	J&GS	
	1	5/21	Knight Rd.	Ba	JZ	
Wood Thrush	1	4/28	BCSRA	Ba	KO	Per SBB, quite early
	2	5/5	BCSRA	Ba	M&JH	Also noted in Sa.
	1	5/21	Knight Rd.	Ba	JZ	
American Robin	2	3/9	Nayanqing Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also Sa,
	146	4/8	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	
	1	4/13	East Tawas	lo	GN	Albino
Gray Catbird	1	4/27	BCSRA	Ba	M&JH	
	20	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Nothorn Mockingbird	1	5/8	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	
	1	5/18	Tawas Pt.	lo	JL, DF, BB	M&JH. Also on 5/19.
	1	5/21	Tawas Pt.	lo	SJ	
Brown Thrasher	1	4/11	Hampton Twp	Ba	DD	
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	
European Starling	TP					
	500	3/22	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	NAMC
American Pipit	1	4/16	SNWR	Sa	JZ	
	12	5/9	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also noted in Ba
	1	5/20	FSL	Sa	M&JH	
Cedar Waxwing	TP					
	25	3/10	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	50	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Also Ba same date.
Blue-wgd Warbler	1	5/7	Anderson Rd.	Ba	DD	
	3	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	NAMC
	1	5/23	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG	

Golden-wgd Warbl	2	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	NAMC
	2	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	
	1	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Tennessee Warbler	1	5/3	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	5	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/26	SNWR	Sa	G&DG	
Orange-crnd Warbl	1	5/6	Midland	Mi	JZ	Also at BCSRA, Ba, G&EP
	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ,GN,BB	
	1	5/18	SNWR	Sa	JSom	
Nashville Warbler	1	4/17	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN	New early record for SBA. Also beats old early record.
	1	4/25	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	5	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	3	5/21			JZ	
Nothorn Parula	1	5/10	Tawas Pt.	lo	TW	Also noted in Sa.
	6	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG,BB	
	6	5/20	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
	1	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Yellow Warbler	3	4/26	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	35	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
Chstnt-sdd Warbler	1	4/23	SNWR	Sa	RM	Beats previous SBA early record of 5/4/95 by 10 days. Also very early.
	1	5/5	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	3	5/31	Eagle Run	lo	JZ	
Magnolia Warbler	2	5/7	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also at Hampton, Ba, JS
	4	5/17	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	
	1	5/31	Au Sable Riv. Mouth	lo	JZ	
Cape May Warbler	1	5/11	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/25	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	
Blk-thrtd Blue Warb	2	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
Yel-rumped Warbler	4	4/11	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	Also at Green Pt, Sa same date, M&JH
	>20	4/24	BCSRA	Ba	DG	
	2	5/22	Midland	Mi	JZ	
Blk-thrtd Green Warb	1	4/27	BCSRA	Ba	M&JH	Also noted in Sa.
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
	3	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	

Blackburnian Warbl	1	5/9	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	4	5/20	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
	1	5/31	Au Sable Riv. mouth	lo	JZ	Also noted in Mi.
Pine Warbler	1	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/21	Knight Rd.	Ba	JZ	
	1	5/30	Vet. Mem. Park	Mi	SR	
Palm Warbler	2	4/16	Southeast	Ba	DD	New Spring early record.
	2	4/20	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Ties former early record.
	11	5/9	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	
	6	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ, BB	
Bay-breasted Warbl	1	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	3	5/17	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	1	5/23	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	5/16		Ba	DD	Also in lo, BB same date.
	1	5/18	SNWR	Sa	JSom	Also noted in lo.
	1	5/27	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	
Cerulean Warbler	1	5/5	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP, M&JH	Very early, previous record-5/3/47.
	2	5/20	Pine Haven	Mi	SR	
	1	5/21	SNWR	Sa	MH	
B&W Warbler	1	4/30	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	4	5/14	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also noted in lo.
	1	5/20	Midland	Mi	JZ	
American Redstart	1	5/7	Nayanquing Pt.	lo	JZ	Also at Hampton, Ba, JS
	7	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	15	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Prothonotary Warbl	1	5/17	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also on 5/18, JSom
	1	5/21	Tawas Pt.	lo	D&RF	
	2	5/26	SNWR	Sa	G&DG	
Ovenbird	1	5/2	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	2	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
N. Waterthrush	1	5/7	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	3	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	
	1	5/19	Hampton Twp.	Ba	GS	
Louisiana Waterthr	2	5/30	Vet. Mem. Park	Mi	SR	Also 1 at Pine Haven.
Connecticut Warb	1	5/17	SNWR	Sa	DP	Another on 5/28

Mourning Warbler	1	5/18	SNWR	Sa	JSom	
	1	5/26	SNWR	Sa	G&DG	
	1	5/31	Eagle Run	lo	JZ	Adult male. Also 1 at Tawas Pt., same date, BB.
Com. Yellowthroat	2	5/5	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	Also BCSRA same date.
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	10	5/30	SNWR	Sa	RM	
Wilson's Warbler	1	5/7	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also at Hampton, Ba, JS
	5	5/31	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Also noted in Sa.
Canada Warbler	1	5/17	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	Also at Tawas Pt, Same date, BB.
	1	5/23	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG	
	1	5/26	SNWR	Sa	G&DG	
Yellow-brstd Chat	1	5/14	Tawas Pt.	lo	LC	
	1	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	TN	
Summer Tanager	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	JZ	Adult female
	2	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH,JD, mob
	1	5/22	Tawas Pt.	lo	DD	
Scarlet Tanager	2	5/6	BCSRA	Ba	G&EP	
	20	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
	5	5/23	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG	
Eastern Towhee	1	4/10	Larkin Twp.	Mi	K&SH	Also noted in Sa.
	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Am. Tree Sparrow	11	3/1	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	30	3/9	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	1	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	Quite late.
Chipping Sparrow	2	4/11	Saginaw Twp.	Sa	M&JH	In yard.
	1	4/16	SNWR	Sa	JZ	
	18	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
Clay-clrd Sparrow	1	5/11	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/15	Hampton Twp.	Ba	DD	
	2	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&DG,BB	
Field Sparrow	2	4/11	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	Also noted in lo.
Vesper Sparrow	1	4/10	James Twp.	Sa	JSom	
	2	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS	Also noted in lo
Lark Sparrow	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	SL	Per Mich-listers Casual migrant to SBA.

Savannah Sparrow	1	4/11	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	65	4/18	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	30	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
Grasshopper Sparr	1	5/11	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	NAMC
	1	5/12	Hampton Twp.	Ba	DD	Also noted in lo.
Henslow's Sparrow	1	5/11	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS,GS	NAMC
Fox Sparrow	1	3/10	Albee Twp	Sa	JSom	Quite early.
	1	4/4	SNWR	Sa	M&JH	
	1	4/19	Larkin Twp.	Mi	K&SH	
Song Sparrow	1	3/10	Saginaw Twp	Sa	M&JH	At Bangor, Ba same date.
	8	3/20	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	59	5/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	5/5	Bangor Twp	Ba	M&JH	Also noted by G&EP
	2	5/6	Kawkawlin Twp	Ba	JS	
	2	5/17	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Swamp Sparrow	1	4/15	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	
	2	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Wht-throated Sparr	1	4/12	Green Pt. NC	Sa	M&JH	
	~40	5/3	BCSRA	Ba	JZ	They were everywhere.
	1	5/20	BCSRA	Ba	SR	Also noted in lo.
Harris's Sparrow	1	5/12	Tawas Pt.	lo	JL,JSt,RE	Also on 5/13.
	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	Ba	BB,JZ,GN mob	At feeders in campground. Still present on 5/17. JZ has video.
Wht-crowned Sparr	>100	5/1	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
	8	5/18	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	5/20	BCSRA	Ba	SR	
Dark-eyed Junco	7	4/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
		5/5	Tawas Pt.	lo	TW	Per NMB
Lapland Longspur	1	5/19	Tawas Pt.	lo	G&TN	M&JH, JD, mob
Snow Bunting	100	3/30		Tu	M&JH,M&MW	
	125	4/8	Finn Rd.	Ba	JS	
Northern Cardinal	TP					
	11	3/2	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
Rose-brstd Grosb.	1	4/27	Albee Twp.	Sa	JSom	
	2	5/6	Midland	Mi	JZ	
	30	5/16	Tawas Pt.	Mi	BB,JZ	

Blue Grosbeak	1	5/12	Tawas Pt.	lo	CL	Per Mich-listers. 1st spring male. Reported as being seen together with Indigo Bunting. No other details
Indigo Bunting	4	5/6	Midland	Mi	JZ	
	15	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
Dickcissel	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	Female at feeders.
Bobolink	1	5/5	Wigwam Bay	Ar	DB	
	82	5/10	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	15	5/11	Gibson Twp.	Ba	JS, GS	NAMC
Red-wgd Blackbird	3	3/1	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	10,000	3/22	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
East. Meadowlark	1	3/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB	
	1	3/28	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
	7	4/11		lo	BM	
Yel-hdd Blackbird	7	4/27	Anderson Rd.	Ba	M&JH	
	1	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	GN,BB	
	6	5/21	Langdon Rd.	Ar	DA	
Rusty Blackbird	2	3/10	Albee Twp	Sa	JSom	
	74	4/18	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	12	5/14	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
Common Grackle	3	3/9	Nayanquing Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	35,000	3/22	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	Steady stream of blackbird sp. over our home for ~45 minutes.
Brown-hdd Cowbird	4	3/21	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	2500	3/22	Hampton Twp.	Ba	JS	
Orchard Oriole	3	5/5	Tawas Pt.	lo	TN	
	4	5/16	Tawas Pt.	lo	BB,JZ	
	2	5/24	SNWR	Sa	DP	1 1st yr. male, 1 fem. Also 1 at SNWR on 5/17, JSom.
Baltimore Oriole	1	4/28	Albee Twp	Sa	JSom	
	~100	5/16	Tawas Pt.	Mi	BB,JZ	
	34	5/27	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
Purple Finch	1	3/3	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	Also noted in Sa.
	3	5/15		lo	BM	
	1	5/31	Oats Rd.	lo	JZ	
House Finch	CTP					
Common Redpoll	2	3/1	Bangor Twp.	Ba	G&EP	
	20	3/17	SSGA	Sa	M&JH	
	5	4/11	Midland	Mi	JZ	
	1	4/13		Ba	JSom	

Pine Siskin 2 5/2 Essexville Ba DD Also 1 in Bangor, Ba, G&EP

Am. Goldfinch CTP

Evening Grosbeak 1 5/3 Albee Twp. Sa Jsom, CS, LA, MB

House Sparrow CTP

Total No. of Species 256

Abbreviations:

Ar Arenac County

Ba Bay County

BCSRA Bay City State Recreational Area

CNC Chippewa Nature Center

CTP Common through period

FSL Freeland Sewage Lagoon

GPNC Green Point Nature Center

Hu Huron County

Io Iosco county

Mi Midland County

NAMC North American Migration Count

NMB Northmichiganbirding Website

Sa Saginaw County

SNWR Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

SSB SaginawBayBirding website

SSGA Shiawassee State Game Area

TP Present through period

Tu Tuscola County

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DD	Dan Duso	G&TN	Gary & Tess Nelkie
JD	Jim Dastyck	KO	Karl Overman
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G&DG	Gus & Delores Gavit	JSom	Jeff Sommer
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