

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

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Summary:

The Saginaw Bay area spring weather was slightly drier than normal; persistently windy with temperatures fluctuating widely in typical spring fashion around average conditions. The only snow in our section of the state was a one inch dusting in early March. There were few heavy rainfall events with only two rains of over 1" during this period. The continued pattern of below normal precipitation led to extensive shorebird habitat as ponds, rivers, and especially Saginaw Bay fell well below typical spring levels of the last few decades.

Consequently, this can best be described as the Spring of the shorebirds. They were here in total numbers as well in the variety of species. Birds of special interest include the two **Piping Plover** at Tawas Pt. SP (two males?), three separate **Willet**, 1 **59 Whimbrel** at Tawas Pt., **Hudsonian** and **Marbled godwits**, thirteen **Red Knots**, and **Western** and **Baird's** sandpipers

While the variety of Gulls was not exciting, there were some relative rarities for the SBA; a **Laughing Gull** at SNWR and **Little Gull** at Tawas Pt. SP. No reports of **Lester**, the **Lesser Black-Backed Gull** from BCSRA this spring.

While there seemed to be no major "fall-out" day for passerines, there was a steady stream of warblers with a good variety of species if not total numbers. There were early records for **Gray Catbird** and **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** and there seemed to be increased sightings of **Blue-winged** and **Golden-winged warblers** as well as a documented sighting of a **Brewster's** hybrid. **American Pipit** was recorded in all-time high numbers at SNWR. A **Summer Tanager** was also of note.

Sparrows were rather unremarkable this spring except for the **Henslow's Sparrow** again setting up residence in NW Bay County. No reports of **Grasshopper Sparrow**.

The usual disclaimer that this listing is a compilation of records sent in by a number of observers again applies. No attempt has been made by the compilers to validate any of the sightings.

REPORTS

COMMON LOON

4 04/05 Tawas Pt. SP, Io
15 04/18 Hu
1 05/22 Tuttle Marsh, Io

GN
MH, JH
MH, JH

PIED-BILLED GREBE

2 03/01 Karn Plant, Ba

GZ

HORNED GREBE

3 04/18 Hu
5 04/25 Tawas Pt. SP, Io

MH, JH
BB

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT				
4	03/01	Karn Plant, Ba	GZ	
55	04/08	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
		Thru end period.		
AMERICAN BITTERN				
3	05/01	Tuttle Marsh, lo	TN	
4	05/19	SNWR, Sa	DP, BG, CS	Then thru remainder of period.
GREAT BLUE HERON				
5	03/01	Karn Plant, Ba	GZ	
35	05/29	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
GREAT EGRET				
5	04/03	Fish Point SGA, Tu	DD	
20	05/29	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
GREEN HERON				
1	03/29	Mayville, Tu	fide MW	
1	05/07	SNWR, Sa	DP	
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON				
3	04/19	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS,	
8	05/02	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
TURKEY VULTURE				
1	03/13	Sa	DB,	
40	04/03	Port Crescent SP, Hu	DD	Also 37 reported at Sanford Lk, Mi on 04/24, JDen.
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE				
1	03/04	SNWR, Sa	MW	
ROSS' GOOSE				
2	03/04	SNWR, Sa	MW	Now appearing annually. But this beats last year's early record by one day. Birds seen again on 03/26.
1	03/25	Pigeon Area, Hu	MW	
SNOW GOOSE				
1	03/17	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
19	04/05	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
1	05/07	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	DD	Blue Phase
CANADA GOOSE				
TP				
13648	03/15	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
MUTE SWAN				
36	03/19	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
TUNDRA SWAN				
4	03/19	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
500+	03/27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS, GS	
?	04/15	Mi	RA	
WOOD DUCK				
3	03/23	Crow Island, Sa	JS	
66	04/05	SNWR, SA	NWR Staff	Peak count.
GADWALL				
2	04/01	Shiawassee SGA, Sa	MH, JH	
12	05/02	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
		Thru end of period, Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
AMERICAN WIGEON				
8	03/27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS, GS	
		Thru end of period, Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
30	03/28	Crow Island, Sa	MH, JH	Peak count.
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK				
12	03/12	Iargo Springs, lo	BB	
270	03/22	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
2	05/28	SNWR	DP	

MALLARD.

1391	03/22	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
BLUE-WINGED TEAL				
1	03/27	Tobico Marsh, Ba	JS, GS	
181	04/19	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
NORTHERN SHOVELER				
30	03/19	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
250	04/19	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count. Present thru end of period.
8	04/28	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN	4 Pair, unusual at Pt.
NORTHERN PINTAIL				
16	03/17	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
617	03/22	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
3	05/08	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS, GZ	
GREEN-WINGED TEAL				
3	03/17	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
1298	04/19	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count. Present thru end of period.
CANVASBACK				
40		Wigwam Bay, Ar	GZ	
2		Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
REDHEAD				
2	03/01	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
10	03/28	Crow Island, Sa	MH, JH	
?	04/13	DC Pond, Ba	RA	
RING-NECKED DUCK				
3	03/08	Tuttle Marsh, lo	GN, TN	
67	03/19	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
10	03/28	Crow Island, Sa	MH, JH	
GREATER SCAUP				
4	03/28	Crow Island, Sa	MH, JH	
6	04/25	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
?	05/22	lo	MH, JH	
LESSER SCAUP				
9	03/01	Karn Plant, Ba	GZ	
88	03/29	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
3	05/23	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
SCOTER SP.				
100	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
OLDSQUAW				
1	03/12	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
200	03/28	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, TN	
8	05/29	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
BUFFLEHEAD				
3	03/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
45	04/05	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
2	05/15	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
COMMON GOLDENEYE				
35	03/01	Karn Plant, Ba	GZ	
2700	03/13	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
7	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
HOODED MERGANSER				
6	03/12	Iargo Springs, lo	BB	
8	03/17	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
1	05/28	Tuttle Marsh, lo	BB	
COMMON MERGANSER				
34	03/01	Karn Plant, Ba	GZ	
217	03/15	SNWR, Sa	NWR Staff	Peak count.
6	05/15	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

4 03/01 Karn Plant, Ba
75 04/08 Karn Plant, Ba
25 05/14 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
12 05/28 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GZ
JS
BB
BB

RUDDY DUCK

8 03/19 Nayanquing Pt, Ba
130 04/10 SNWR, Sa
43 04/20 SNWR, Sa

GZ
NWR Staff.
BG, CS

Peak count.

OSPREY

3 03/12 M-65, lo
Pr. 04/24 Tuttle Marsh, lo
2 05/03 Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi

BB
TN, BB
GZ

On nest through period.
Pair attempting to copulate. Acting
like they are establishing nesting in
area.

BALD EAGLE

28 03/12 SNWR, Sa
3 05/09 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

MW, BG, CS
GN

Nesting at Nayanquing Pt, Ba
Crow Island, Ba and off Knight Rd,
Ba.

NORTHERN HARRIER

3 03/17 SNWR, Sa
8 03/19 SNWR, Sa
1 05/28 Tuttle Marsh, lo

BG, CS
DP, JDin
BB

Peak count.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

1 03/13 Hampton Twp, Ba
12 05/09 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

JS
GN

Big raptor day!

COOPER'S HAWK

TP Ba

JS

NORTHERN GOSHAWK

1 04/29 NW Ba

MW

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK

1 TP Mayville, Tu
18 Port Crescent SP, Hu
1 05/28 Powerline Rd., lo

MW
DD
BB

BROAD-WINGED HAWK

1 03/17 SNWR, Sa
1 04/25 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
1 05/29 lo

BG, CS
GN, BB
RA

Early record?

RED-TAILED HAWK

CTP

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

6 03/11 SNWR, Sa
7 03/12 SNWR, Sa
1 05/03 SNWR, Sa

DP, JDin
BG, CS
DP, JDin

Last one.

GOLDEN EAGLE

1 03/20 SNWR, Sa

MW

AMERICAN KESTREL

1 03/17 SNWR, Sa
3 04/21 SNWR, Sa
TP

BG, CS
DP

MERLIN

1 03/14 SNWR, Sa
1 04/25 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
2 04/28 Baldwin Twp, lo
2 05/01 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

MW
GN, BB
GN fide
GN

Seen throughout end period.
Active nest.
Pair

PEREGRINE FALCON

1 05/05 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
1 05/11 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
1 05/14 SNWR, Sa

GN,
GN
DP, JDin

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

TP

RUFFED GROUSE

TP

WILD TURKEY

54 ? Mi

TP

VIRGINIA RAIL

1 04/17 Crow Island, Sa
2 05/23 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
Nayanquing Pt, Ba

RA

MH, JH
GN, TN
MH, JH

Also at Fish Pt, Tu, same date.

SORA

2 05/04 SNWR, Sa
5 Shiawassee NWR, Sa

BG, CS
BG

AMERICAN COOT

1 03/01 Karn Plant, Ba
30 03/28 Crow Island, Sa

GZ
MH, JH

SANDHILL CRANE

1 03/23 SNWR, Sa
2 05/04 Baldwin Twp, lo

MW
GN

On nest w/ one egg. Photo'd by
GN. 1st confirmed nesting for Iosco
County.

12 05/08 Gibson Twp, Ba
3 05/21 SNWR, Sa

JS, GS
BG, CS

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

1 05/03 Nayanquing Pt, Ba
27 05/21 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
26 05/28 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

JS
GN, JS
GN, BB

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER

1 04/28 Sumac Isl, Hu
5 05/21 Tu

MW
DD

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

10 05/05 SNWR, Sa
95 05/20 SNWR, Sa
4 05/28 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

DP
DP
BB

PIPING PLOVER

1 05/15 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
2 05/16 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
2 05/31 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN, TN, BB
GN, TN, BB
GN, TN

Then seen through remainder of
period.
Two very aggressive males fighting
for territory.
Same two birds?

KILLDEER

? 03/04 Ba
27 05/20 SNWR, Sa
1 05/28 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

RA
DP
BB

Peak count.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

1 03/25 SNWR, Sa
26 04/01 SNWR, Sa
4 05/20 SNWR, Sa

DP
DP
DP

Peak count

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

1 03/25 SNWR, Sa
268 05/05 SNWR, Sa
8 05/20 SNWR, Sa

DP
DP
DP

Peak count.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

3 05/05 SNWR, Sa
3 05/20 SNWR, Sa

DP
DP

WILLET

1 04/07 SNWR, Sa
2 05/07 Nayanquing Pt, Ba
2 05/08 Nayanquing Pt, Ba

DP, JDin
DD
JS

Present thru 04/14.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

3 04/29 SNWR, Sa
28 05/28 SNWR, Sa

DP
DP

Peak count.

UPLAND SANDPIPER

1 05/01 Wilber Twp, lo

TN
5.

WHIMBREL

6 05/15 Tawas Pt. Sp, lo
 159 05/21 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
 93 05/26 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN, TN, BB
 GN, JS
 TN

Remarkable flock of shorebirds.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT

1 05/08 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

JP

Observed resting on sand spit off tip for three hours, mid afternoon.

MARbled GODWIT

1 05/02 Nayanquing Pt, Ba
 1 05/14 SNWR, SA
 2 05/23 Nayanquing Pt, Ba

GZ
 DP
 MH, JH

Also seen by others thru 05/08.

RUDDY TURNSTONE

2 05/15 Fish Pt, Tu
 39 05/21 Hampton Twp, Ba
 4 05/28 Tawas Pt. Sp, lo

DD
 DD
 BB

RED KNOT

13 05/18 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GZ

Birds landed on sand spit off end of point while I was observing other birds thru scope. Birds were uniformly reddish on breast, with medium length, heavier appearing bills, similar in size to adjacent Black-bellied Plover.

SANDERLING

2 05/04 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
 11 05/12 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
 32 05/28 SNWR, Sa

GN
 GN
 DP, JDin

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER

5 05/14 SNWR, Sa
 ? 05/30 Nayanquing Pt SGA, Ba

DP
 MH, JH

WESTERN SANDPIPER

1 05/17 Hampton Twp, Ba

DD

Documentation included.

LEAST SANDPIPER

67 04/29 SNWR, Sa
 7 05/28 SNWR

DP
 DP

Peak count.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER

7 05/15 Fish Pt, Tu

DD

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

1 05/15 Fish Pt, Tu

DD

No documentation provided.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

5 03/25 SNWR, Sa
 312 04/07 SNWR, Sa
 1 05/18 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

DP
 DP
 GZ

Peak count.

DUNLIN

78 04/06 SNWR, Sa
 1000+ 05/21 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
 Thru end period.

BG, CS
 GN, JS

Remarkable flock of shorebirds.

STILT SANDPIPER

1 05/18 Hampton Twp, Ba

DD

With 8 Dowitchers, also seen on 05/23 same location.

1 05/27 SNWR, Sa

BG, CS

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER

1 04/29 SNWR, Sa
 77 05/19 Tawas Pt. SP, lo
 2 05/21 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

DP
 GN, JD
 GN, JS

COMMON SNIPE

1 03/01 Ba
 92 04/01 SNWR, Sa

MW
 DP

This would be a record peak count for the SBA area.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK

1 03/21 Hampton Twp, Ba
 3 04/29 SNWR, Sa

JS, GS
 DP

LAUGHING GULL

1 05/06 SNWR, Sa

DP

Observed for several minutes, flying into strong SE wind over tilled farm land and shoal in Flint river cutoff at Curtis Rd. Bridge. Noted were beautifully long, pointed wings of dark gray w/ contrasting white trailing eadges and solid black primaries, black hood and good sized bill. Only four previous SBA records.

LITTLE GULL

2 05/09 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN

No other comments given.

BONAPARTE'S GULL

1 04/14 SNWR, Sa

DP

141 04/18 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN

31 05/31 Tawas Pt, lo

GN,TN

RING-BILLED GULL

100 CTP Hampton Twp, Ba

JS,GS

HERRING GULL

900 04/30 Caseville, Hu

MW

In one field.

CTP

GLAUCOUS GULL

1 03/06 Karn Plant, Ba

DD

1 04/18 Hu

MH, JH

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL

2 03/28 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN,TN

1 05/28 Tawas Pt, lo

GN, BB

CASPIAN TERN

1 04/08 Karn Plant, Ba

JS

4 04/18 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN

51 04/29 SNWR, Sa

DP

TP

COMMON TERN

2 04/24 East Tawas Dock, lo

TN

9 05/28 SNWR, Sa

DP

FORSTER'S TERN

1 04/17 Quanicassee, Tu

MH, JH

40 5/29 Nayanquing Pt, Ba

GZ

BLACK TERN

4 05/08 Nayanquing Pt. Ba

JS

3 05/15 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN, TN, BB

Thru end period.

ROCK DOVE

CTP

MOORNING DOVE

CTP

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO

1 05/15 Fish Pt, Tu

DD

1 05/27 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

GN

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

3 05/16 SNWR, Sa

DP

EASTERN SCREECH OWL

TP Midland, Mi

RA

Pr. nested in box, 2 young.

1 03/29 Shiawassee NWR, Sa

DP

1 03/31 Ba

MW

1 04/28 Tu

MW

GREAT HORNED OWL

2 04/03 SNWR, Sa

BG, CS

1 05/23 Midland, Mi

RA

May have captured one of adult E. Screech Owls mentioned above.

BARRED OWL				
1	03/17	Tu	MW	
3	05/30	SNWR, Sa	DP, JDin	
1	05/28	Tuttle Marsh, Io	DD	
SHORT-EARED OWL				
9	03/04	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
5	03/30	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
NORTHER SAW-WHET OWL				
1	03/17	Murphy Lake, Tu	DP, MW, JDin	
1	04/22	Io	MW	
COMMON NIGHTHAWK				
1	05/14	Sa	DP	
WHIP-POOR-WILL				
1	04/30	SNWR, Sa	DP, JDin	Calling.
2	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
CHIMNEY SWIFT				
2	05/01	Saginaw, Sa	DP	
44	05/14	Saginaw, Sa	DP	Peak count.
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD				
1	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GZ	
4	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
		Then thru end of period.		
BELTED KINGFISHER				
Pr.	04/02	SNWR, Sa	DP	Through end of period.
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER				
3	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN, GZ	
2	05/22	SNWR, Sa	CS	
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER				
		TP		
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER				
1	04/10	Midland, Mi	JS	
1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
DOWNY WOODPECKER				
		TP		
HAIRY WOODPECKER				
		TP		
NORTHERN FLICKER				
1	04/03	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	
6	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
		CTP		
PILEATED WOODPECKER				
		TP SNWR, Sa	DP, BG, CS	
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE				
1	05/11	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
2	05/28	Powerline Rd., Io	BB	
ALDER FLYCATCHER				
1	05/19	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN, JD	
1	05/28	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
WILLOW FLYCATCHER				
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	MH, JH	
LEAST FLYCATCHER				
1	05/01	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD	
3	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
1	05/28	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
EMPIDONAX SP.				
4	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
1	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
EASTERN PHOEBE				
1	03/27	Shiawassee SGA, Sa	MH, JH	
3	04/03	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER			
1	05/04 Hampton, Twp, Ba	JS	
1	05/12 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN	
2	05/15 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
EASTERN KINGBIRD			
3	05/02 Nayanquing Pt, Ba	GZ	
31	05/21 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, JS	
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE			
1	05/12 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	FM	No documentation provided.
NORTHERN SHRIKE			
1	03/09 Mayville, Hu?	MW	
2	03/27 Fishpoint SGA, Tu	DB, BG	
1	04/03 Port Crescent SP, Hu	DD	
WHITE-EYED VIREO			
1	05/20 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, JD	
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO			
1	05/08 SNWR, Sa	DP	Then thru end of period.
BLUE-HEADED VIREO			
1	05/07 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, PR	
1	05/29 Corsair, lo	GS	
WARBLING VIREO			
1	05/04 Hampton Twp, Ba	JS	Also 4 seen same date, SNWR, Sa.
9	05/15 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
PHILADELPHIA VIREO			
1	05/22 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH	
RED-EYED VIREO			
1	05/15 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
3	05/28 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
BLUE JAY			
	TP		
74	05/15 Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
AMERICAN CROW			
	TP		
COMMON RAVEN			
1	03/21 lo	RA	
4	04/21 Tuttle Marsh, lo	MW	
1	05/29 Monument Rd, lo	JS, GS	
HORNED LARK			
30	03/12 Miller Rd, lo	BB	
	TP SNWR, Sa	DP	
PURPLE MARTIN			
1	04/25 Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
2	05/15 SNWR	ED	
TREE SWALLOW			
7	03/23 Crow Island, Sa	JS	
249	05/08 Karn Plant, Ba	GZ, RA	And along Saginaw River, NAMC.
NORTHERN ROUGH-LEGGED SWALLOW			
3	04/13 SNWR, Sa	DP	
BANK SWALLOW			
1	04/20 SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
150	05/08 Karn Plant, Ba	GZ, RA	And along Saginaw River, NAMC.
CLIFF SWALLOW			
1	04/21 SNWR, Sa	DP	
4	05/12 SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
	Bridges in Bay City, Ba	JS	Nesting.
BARN SWALLOW			
?	04/13 Ba	RA	
362	05/08 Karn Plant, Ba	GZ, RA	And along Saginaw River, NAMC.
	Thru end period.		
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE			
	TP		
TUFTED TITMOUSE			
	TP		

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH			
1	05/28	Powerline Rd, Io	BB
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH			
TP			
BROWN CREEPER			
TP			
HOUSE WREN			
1	04/30	GPNC, Sa	MH, JH
2	05/15	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB
WINTER WREN			
3	04/08	GPNC, Sa	MH, JH
1	04/24	Tawas Pt. Sp, Io	BB
SEDGE WREN			
1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
4	05/21	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
MARSH WREN			
1	TP	SNWR, Sa	DP
2	05/03	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS
9	05/21	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET			
1	03/12	Eagle Run, Io	BB
10	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET			
1	04/03	Mi	RA
9	04/25	Deindorfer Woods, Sa	DP, JDin
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	MH, JH
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER			
3	04/25	SNWR, Sa	DP
6	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB
EASTERN BLUEBIRD			
4	04/06	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
VEERY			
1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
2	05/28	Powerline Rd, Io	BB
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH			
1	05/16	SNWR, Sa	DP
SWAINSON'S THRUSH			
1	05/02	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD
12	05/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	MH, JH
HERMIT THRUSH			
1	04/10	Shiawassee SG, Sa	MH, JH
6	04/25	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD
1	05/29	Tuttle Marsh, Io	JS, GS
WOOD THRUSH			
1	04/28	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN
2	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
AMERICAN ROBIN			
3	03/12	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB
~100	03/24	Midland, Mi	RA
CTP			
GRAY CATBIRD			
1	04/03	Fish Pt, Ba	DD
1	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP. SP, Io	BB
6	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD			
1	05/08	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN
BROWN THRASHER			
1	04/12	Mayville, Tu	MW
4	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB

Early spring record?
Peak count.

Spring early record?

Photographed.

AMERICAN PIPIT

1	04/06	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
486	05/06	Tawas Pt, lo	GN

Approximate number, probably more. Record high number for SBA.

33 05/16 Tawas Pt. SP, lo

BB

CEDAR WAXWING

TP

4	03/23	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
30	04/05	Saginaw Twp, Sa	MH, JH

EUROPEAN STARLING

TP

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER

1	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN
1	05/18	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
1	05/16	SNWR, Sa	DP
1	05/10	Auburn, Ba	Cheri
3	05/29	Tuttle Marsh, lo	MW

On territory.

BREWSTER'S WARBLER

1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
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Bird was seen and heard at SE

corner of M-61 and Flajole Rd in company of two singing Blue-winged Warblers and one Golden-winged Warbler. Song was a variation. It was a three-noted, buzzy song with the second and third notes higher than the first. This differed from the Blue-winged & Golden winged songs as their buzzy songs descend. Visual identification could not be established on the Blue-winged and Golden-winged in this location; therefore positive id could not be established on these birds due to potential of hybridized Blue-wingedXGolden-winged singing its parent's song. Brewster's Warbler had a light colored breast/belly with a yellowish wash across its breast. The mantle/tail was a grayish color and the crown was yellow with a blackeye-line stripe.

TENNESSEE WARBLER

1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
2	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB
1	05/27	Tawas Pt, lo	GN

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

1	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GZ
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH

NASHVILLE WARBLER

1	05/02	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS
4	05/11	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
2	05/30	Fawn Rd, lo	BB

NORTHERN PARULA

1	05/05	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH

YELLOW WARBLER

1	05/01	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
30	5/15	Tawas Pt. Sp, lo	BB

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

1	05/05	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD
3	05/11	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH

MAGNOLIA WARBLER

4	05/11	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH

CAPE MAY WARBLER

1	05/09	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD
2	05/20	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, JD
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

2	04/07	Western Bay Co.	MW
25	05/05	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER			
1	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, GZ
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER			
1	05/02	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS
1	05/28	Powerline Rd, lo	BB
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER			
2	05/05	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
6	05/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS
2	05/28	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB
PINE WARBLER			
1	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN
2	05/28	Powerline Rd, lo	BB
1	05/29	Tuttle Rd, lo	JS, GS
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER			
1	05/30	Fawn Rd, lo	BB
PALM WARBLER			
1	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN
10	04/30	Port Crescent SP, Hu	MW
9	05/22	Tawas Pt.SP, lo	MH, JH
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER			
3	05/05	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
5	05/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH
BLACKPOLL WARBLER			
1	05/05	Oak Grove, Ba	JS
3	05/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH
CERULEAN WARBLER			
1	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB
1	05/26	Tawas Ptl SP, lo	GN
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER			
1	05/01	Pine Haven, Mi	GZ
1	05/03	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN
1	05/28	Powerline Rd, lo	BB
AMERICAN REDSTART			
2	05/01	Pine Haven, Mi	GZ
2	05/14	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB
6	05/28	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER			
1	05/11	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
3	05/27	SNWR, Sa	MW
1	05.31	SNWR, Sa	CS
OVENBIRD			
3	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
5	05/28	Powerline Rd, lo	BB
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH			
1	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS
1	05/28	Powerline Rd, lo	BB
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH			
1	04/05	Mayville, Hu?	MW
1	04/27	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN
CONNECTICUT WARBLER			
1	05/20	SNWR, Sa	DP
MOURNING WARBLER			
2	05/17	?	DD
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT			
2	05/04	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS
2	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB
	TP		

2M, 1F

Heard. Early record?

WILSON'S WARBLER				
1	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, TN, BB	
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH	
CANADA WARBLER				
1	05/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
4	05/17	Hampton Twp, Ba	DD	
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH	
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT				
1	05/23	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	RJ	
SUMMER TANAGER				
1	05/07	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN, PR	
SCARLET TANAGER				
1	05/08	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN	
3	05/15	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH	
EASTERN TOWHEE				
1	04/05	Saginaw Twp, Sa	MH, JH	
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW				
137	03/25	SNWR, Sa	DP	Peak count.
1	05/02	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
CHIPPING SPARROW				
1	04/13	Saginaw Twp, Sa	MH, JH	
4	4/25	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW				
1	05/15	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
2	05/16	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
FIELD SPARROW				
1	05/08	Gibson twp, Ba	JS < GS	
VESPER SPARROW				
1	03/30	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	Very early, but not a record.
4	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GZ	
SAVANNAH SPARROW				
2	04/03	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
10	04/25	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
HENSLOW'S SPARROW				
1	05/02	No. Bay Co.	MW	
FOX SPARROW				
3	04/03	BCSRA, Ba	MH, JH	
1	04/08	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
SONG SPARROW				
1	03/23	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
55	04/06	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
CTP				
LINCOLN'S SPARROW				
3	05/04	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS, DD	
1		Bay City SRA, Ba	GP, EP	
SWAMP SPARROW				
1	03/23	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN	Early?
		Thru end period.		
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW				
1	04/13	Midland, Mi	RA	
9	05/15	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW				
2	04/29	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	GN	
43	05/11	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
1	05/22	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	MH, JH	
DARK-EYED JUNCO				
8	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	
2	04/30	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
LAPLAND LONGSPUR				
106	03/11	SNWR, Sa	DP	
1	04/25	Tawas Pt. SP, lo	BB	

SNOW BUNTING				
84	03/11	SNWR, Sa	DP	
8	03/19	Coggin's Rd, Ba	GZ	
NORTHERN CARDINAL				
TP				
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK				
1	05/02	Sanford Lk, Mi	JDen	
16	05/03	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN	
INDIGO BUNTING				
1	05/06	Sturgeon Crk Pky, Mi	GZ	
2	05/08	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN	
BOBOLINK				
1	05/05	SNWR, Sa	DP, JDin	
24	05/08	Gibson Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD				
3	03/01	Tuttle Marsh, Io	GN, TN	
2800	03/26	Tawas Pt, Io	GN	
EASTERN MEADOWLARK				
2	03/26	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	
2	04/13	SNWR, Sa	DP	On territory.
6	03/28	Tawas Pt, Io	GN, TN	
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD				
1	04/06	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
1	05/05	SNWR, Sa	DP	Present thru 05/14.
5	05/29	Nayanquing Pt. Ba	GZ	Moved out to the reedy islands just off shore with low water levels.
Thru end of period				
RUSTY BLACKBIRD				
12	03/23	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
100	04/12	Hampton Twp, Ba	GS	
5	05/15	Oak Grove, Ba	JS	
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD				
14	04/06	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
2	05/14	Fish Pt, Tu	DD	
COMMON GRACKLE				
20	03/19	Coggin's Rd, Ba	GZ	
36	03/28	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN, TN	
Then thru remainder of period				
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD				
6		Hampton Twp, Ba	JS, GS	Mid March thru end period
20	04/24	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	BB	
CTP				
BALTIMORE ORIOLE				
1	05/02	Sanford Lk Mi	JDen	
37	05/11	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS	
ORCHARD ORIOLE				
3	05/04	Tawas Pt. SP, Io	GN, GZ	Then seen daily thru period.
PINE GROSBEAK				
4	03/17	Caro area, Tu	MW	
PURPLE FINCH				
1	04/20	Tawas City, Io	GN	
1	05/29	Eagle Run, Io	BB	
HOUSE FINCH				
TP				
PINE SISKIN				
2	03/12	Eagle Run, Io	BB	
5	03/13	Powerline Rd, Io	BB	
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH				
TP				
EVENING GROSBEAK				
1	04/05	Hampton, Twp, Ba	JS, GS	At feeder.
HOUSE SPARROW				
TP				

Total Species: 238

Exotics

NONE.

Additions from previous reports

None.

Observer Key

LA	Larry Abraham	GN	Gary Nelkie
RA	Ron Annelin	TN	Tess Nelkie
BB	Bob Beli	DP	Dave Peters
DB	Denny Brooks	PR	Peg Ridgway
	Cheri	SR	Steve Rosenberg
JDen	Jan Dennett	GS	Grant Soehnel
ED	Ed De Vries	JS	Joe Soehnel
JDin	Janie Dinsmore	JSt	Jennifer Stucker
JD	Jon Dunn	CS	Carolyn Szaroletta
DD	Dan Duso	MW	Myles Willard
BG	Bob Grefe	GZ	Gerald Ziarno
JH	Joanie Hubinger		
MH	Mark Hubinger		
RJ	Ron Jones		
FM	Fred McDonald		

SIGHTINGS FROM OTHER AREAS

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK, Whitefish Pt., Chippewa, 03/27. RA

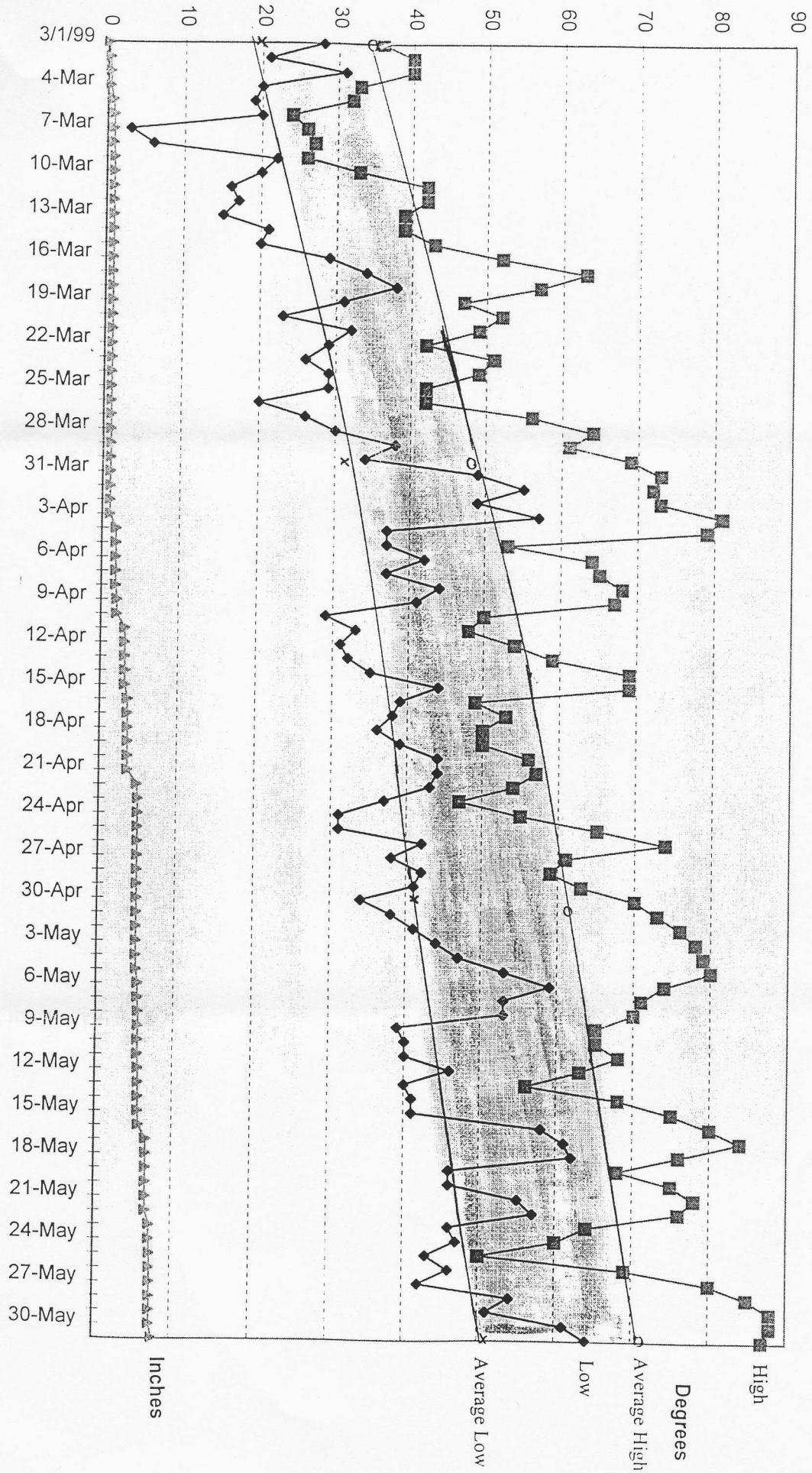
PILEATED WOODPECKER, Mackinaw Co., 03/27. RA

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE, Probable pair, Roscommon Co. Clear breast, all black bill but not a clear view of mask above hooked bill. 05/01. RA

Abbreviations

Ar	Arenac County
Ba	Bay County
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreational Area
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center
GPNC	Green Point Nature Center
Hu	Huron County
Io	Iosco County
MCV Pond	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond
Mi	Midland County
NC	Nature Center
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
Sa	Saginaw County
SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
SGA	State Game Area
SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
SL	Sewage Lagoons
SP	State Park
Tu	Tuscola County

Spring 1999 Weather Summary



Western Sandpiper 05-17-99

This bird was seen with least and semipalmated at rest in wet, green type grass on the Saginaw Bay. I had side by side look of bill and it was definitely a little longer and had that little droop. Bird seemed to be more heavily streaked. It's color is what really set it apart. It's scapulars, crown, the nape and ear-coverts all had that nice chestnut color. This set it apart from the rest. I had all the time I wanted to look and without a scope and being allowed to get close forget it.

I had my Peterson guide with me and that helped. When I got home I used Shorebirds by Peter Hayman, Audubon pocket guide and Audubon North American east guide. All showed this to be the bird. I called Myles for some advice and he was helpful. Basically you've got to see a lot of birds. I'm not experienced much with these 4 birds but I'm as sure as I can be with what I've got to work with. I'll leave it up to you if you want to include this or not. I pass this along as always in hopes that other's also may have seen this somewhere too. I use Baush & Lomb 77mm Elite ED with 20-60x tack sharp eye piece. It was late afternoon with sun at my back.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dan Duso', written in a cursive style.

Dan Duso