

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

## June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 thru July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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**Summary:** A total of 201 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the Saginaw Bay Area this summer. While this falls short of last summer's all-time record, it is still well above the 25 year seasonal average of 185.5. This report lists each of the species reported, along with the highest reported individual count(s) for each, and a list of the SBA counties in which each was noted. Last departure dates and first arrival dates are listed for species that aren't present during the breeding season. Observer coverage was on the low side this summer, particularly in Arenac and Tuscola Counties. The total number of observers was off a bit as well. Four Michigan Review List species were reported, and 75% of these were captured for posterity with digital images. How things have changed with the advent of digital cameras and accessories! One new SBA peak count was established, for Indigo Bunting, in early July none the less, a nice illustration of this species' preference for continuing to sing strongly well into the summer. It is always a welcome event for this compiler to receive notes about the bird habitat that prevailed during the season. Dan Duso wrote that excellent wetland bird habitat emerged at Bay City SRA this summer. Continuing on a theme from the summary of this spring's report, this situation is an excellent example of the importance of publicly-owned land to bird conservation. Climatically, the season was, as one observer described, "...pleasant..." Temperatures were seldom above or below the mean deviation, and there were no new all-time high or low records. Precipitation-wise, there was at least a trace most weeks, and with a 1.5" - 2" rainfall event in both months, it was not at all a dry summer.

*This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2015, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>., along with recent sightings from fall 2015 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to [saginawbaybirding@gmail.com](mailto:saginawbaybirding@gmail.com)*

*Many thanks to all observers who contributed their sightings directly to this compilation. Your extra efforts result in a significantly more accurate and thorough report.  
A special thanks to everyone who took the time to compile and submit full county checklists, as the county occurrence data is a significant component of the report.  
And as always, additional thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing support.*

<b>Species</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Observers / Comment</b>
CANADA GOOSE:	427	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
MUTE SWAN:	2	6/11	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE,PO,RK,CP - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
TRUMPETER SWAN:	2	6/2 - 6/24	SNWR, Sa	RAE,JMS,DJP
	2	6/9	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS
	7	6/11	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE,PO,RK,CP
	4	6/11	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE
	2	6/23 - 7/23	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,RAE
	2	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS
TUNDRA SWAN:	1	6/16	NPSWA, Ba	RMD,VT - also noted in Ar on 6/4
WOOD DUCK:	334	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
GADWALL:	7	7/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - a hen and her brood - also noted in Mi
AMERICAN WIGEON:	4	6/11	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE,PO,RK,CP - also noted in Mi,Sa
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	1	7/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Sa
MALLARD:	447	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	14	6/11	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Io
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	1	7/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - also noted in Io,Sa
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	1	6/25	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - also noted in Sa
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	47	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD
REDHEAD:	2	7/21	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD,VT - also noted in Io,Tu
RING-NECKED DUCK:	1	7/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD
LESSER SCAUP:	2	7/21	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	3	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT - a hen
HOODED MERGANSER:	10	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
COMMON MERGANSER:	18	7/4	Tawas Bay, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar
RUDDY DUCK:	27	6/16	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD,VT - also noted in Sa
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	7	6/17	Portsmouth Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
RUFFED GROUSE:	1	6/8	PCSP area, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi
WILD TURKEY:	29	7/23	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu

COMMON LOON:	4	7/5	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	51	7/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	118	6/1	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	20	6/1	SNWR, Sa	LMA - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
AMERICAN BITTERN:	5	6/23	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa
LEAST BITTERN:	3	6/11	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba
GREAT BLUE HERON:	41	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	278	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
SNOWY EGRET:	1	6/2	NPSWA, Ba	DLJ
	2	7/16	BCSRA, Ba	DD
*TRI-COLORED HERON:	1	6/30 - 7/15	TPSP, Io	PO,AT,DLJ,RAE,WWS,JMS
CATTLE EGRET:	7	7/21	BCSRA, Ba	DD
GREEN HERON:	12	7/20	Oil City Marsh, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
BLCK-CRWND NIGHT- HERON:	18	7/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
*GLOSSY IBIS:	1	6/1 - 6/2	NPSWA, Ba	DD,DLJ - photographed - pending MBRC acceptance
*WHITE-FACED IBIS:	2	6/1 - 6/2	NPSWA, Ba	DD,DLJ - photographed - pending MBRC acceptance
TURKEY VULTURE:	76	6/7	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
OSPREY:	8	7/5	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa
BALD EAGLE:	11	6/11	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
NORTHERN HARRIER:	1	6/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Io
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	4	6/7	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io
COOPER'S HAWK:	2	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	3	6/7	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi,Tu
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	573	6/7	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi,Tu
RED-TAILED HAWK:	17	6/7	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
*KING RAIL:	1	6/16 - 6/24	NPSWA, Ba	LMA,RMD,VT,JMS,LW,CS,RAE,GSP,JG - pending MBRC acceptance
VIRGINIA RAIL:	21	7/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi

SORA:	14	7/29	BCSRA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu
COMMON GALLINULE:	<b>54</b>	7/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - <b>new summer high count</b> - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
AMERICAN COOT:	42	7/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS
SANDHILL CRANE:	<b>131</b>	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - <b>new summer high count</b> - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	2	6/4	NPSWA, Ba	JMS
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	1 1 3	6/11 7/28 7/29	Tawas Lake, Io Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	RAE - last date JMS - first date JMS
PIPING PLOVER:	4	7/2	TPSP, Io	JMS,GS
KILLDEER:	143	7/28	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN AVOCET:	1	7/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	12	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	1 22	7/10 7/28	Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RMD - first date JMS - also noted in Sa
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	1 5	6/26 7/29	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	9 108	7/2 7/29	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date JMS - also noted in Ba
UPLAND SANDPIPER:	1	6/2	Wurtsmith Airport, Io	RAE
SANDERLING:	2 2	6/4 7/21	NPSWA, Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	DLJ - last date RMD - first date
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	10 1 10	6/10 6/16 7/21	SNWR, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi Dow Ponds, Mi	DJP - also noted in Io RMD,VT - last date RMD - first date
LEAST SANDPIPER:	7 57	7/2 7/28	SNWR, Sa Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RMD - first date JMS - also noted in Mi
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	5	6/11	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE,PO,RK,CP - last date - also noted in Sa
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	1	7/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	2 9	7/20 7/28	SNWR, Sa Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE - first date JMS - also noted in Io
DUNLIN:	8 5	6/1 6/11	FPSWA, Tu SNWR, Sa	JEV - also noted in Ba JMS - last date, here and in Io

STILT SANDPIPER:	1	7/31	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE - first date
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:	2	7/31	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	1	6/4	NPSWA, Ba	DLJ - first date
	2	7/20	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ba
WILSON'S SNIPE:	2	7/22	NPSWA, Ba	MKE - also noted in Ar
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	2	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Mi,Tu
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	41	6/4	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Mi
RING-BILLED GULL:	360	7/12	Baldwin Twp., Io	RAE - also noted in Ar, Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
HERRING GULL:	205	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
CASPIAN TERN:	22	6/11	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE,PO,RK,CP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLACK TERN:	161	6/11	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE,PO,RK,CP - A conservative estimate of the nesting colony population. 38 nests confirmed as well. - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa
COMMON TERN:	58	7/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - also noted in Io,Tu
FORSTER'S TERN:	22	6/17	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu
ROCK PIGEON:	18	20	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Tu
MOURNING DOVE:	21	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	2	6/23	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	2	6/18	PCSP, Hu	MKE - also noted in Sa
GREAT HORNED OWL:	2	6/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in
BARRED OWL:	1	6/2	Oil City area, Mi	RMD
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	8	6/2	Baldwin Twp., Io	RAE - also noted in Hu,Sa
EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL:	1	6/11	Oil City area, Mi	RMD
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	31	7/26	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - escorting a soaring COHA out of the neighborhood - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	3	7/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
BELTED KINGFISHER:	6	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	3	6/11	Wilber Twp., Io	WWS,TS - also noted in Ar
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	4	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu

YELLOW-BELLID SAPSUCKER:	3	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	7	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	5	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN FLICKER:	27	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	3	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa
AMERICAN KESTREL:	4	6/11	Wilber Twp., Io	WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa
MERLIN:	3	7/17	Sand Point, Hu	DS - an adult w/2 juveniles - also noted in Io
PEREGRINE FALCON:	4	7/19	Karn Plant, Ba	SM - adult pair flying with two recently fledged juveniles
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	16	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	2	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	5	6/13	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	17	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	3	6/19	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
EASTERN PHOEBE:	7	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	11	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	18	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	5	7/6	Wilderness Arboretum, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa
WARBLING VIREO:	19	6/11	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
RED-EYED VIREO:	19	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
BLUE JAY:	17	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	5	6/23	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
COMMON RAVEN:	3	7/2	Huron National Forest, Io	JMS,GS
HORNED LARK:	18	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
PURPLE MARTIN:	28	7/11	Tawas Bay, Io	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi
TREE SWALLOW:	300	7/24	NPSWA area, Ba	RMD,VT - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	28	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BANK SWALLOW:	137	7/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi

CLIFF SWALLOW:	140	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
BARN SWALLOW:	35	7/11	Tawas Bay, Io	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	22	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	4	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	8	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	10	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
BROWN CREEPER:	2	6/20	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Mi,Sa
CAROLINA WREN:	1	6/2	Midland, Mi	MKE
HOUSE WREN:	18	7/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
WINTER WREN:	1	7/4	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	LMA,JDS
SEDGE WREN:	8	7/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi
MARSH WREN:	47	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	11	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	6	6/5	Huron National Forest, Io	RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
VEERY:	43	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
HERMIT THRUSH:	4	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Io
WOOD THRUSH:	8	7/10	Pine Haven, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN ROBIN:	14	6/25	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
GRAY CATBIRD:	17	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:	2	6/22	Sigel Twp., Hu	MKE
BROWN THRASHER:	7	6/11	Wilber Twp., Io	WWS,TS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
EUROPEAN STARLING:	128	6/25	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
CEDAR WAXWING:	54	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
OVENBIRD::	25	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io,Tu
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH::	1	7/4	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	LMA,JDS
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	3	7/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Tu
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	2	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Tu
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	2	6/13	CNC, Mi	CS - also noted in Io,Tu

BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	1	6/13	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:	1	6/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	7	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io
MOURNING WARBLER:	1	7/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	67	6/25	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
HOODED WARBLER:	1	6/12	Hume Twp., Hu	MKE - for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> straight year at this site
AMERICAN REDSTART:	16	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:	9	6/5	Huron National Forest, Io	RAE
CERULEAN WARBLER:	2	6/6	Au Gres Twp., Ar	RAE - also noted in Mi
NORTHERN PARULA:	1	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	1	7/23	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	1	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT
YELLOW WARBLER:	38	6/17	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	3	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu
BLCK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:	2	7/15	Baldwin Twp., Io	JMS
PINE WARBLER:	9	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io,Tu
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	2	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT - also noted in Hu
PRAIRIE WARBLER:	1	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT
BLCK-THRTD GREEN WARBLR:	2	7/15	Baldwin Twp., Io	JMS - also noted in Tu
CANADA WARBLER:	1	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in
EASTERN TOWHEE:	34	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Tu
CHIPPING SPARROW:	16	6/16	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	7	6/18	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Mi
FIELD SPARROW:	5	7/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io
VESPER SPARROW:	4	7/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	51	7/9	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	3	7/5	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Sa
HENSLOW'S SPARROW:	1	6/18	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi



SONG SPARROW:	86	7/2	SNWR, Sa	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	1	7/2	Huron National Forest, Io	JMS,GS
SWAMP SPARROW:	26	6/25	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	1	6/13	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE
SCARLET TANAGER:	11	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	8	6/14	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	20	6/11	AuSable State Forest, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
INDIGO BUNTING:	<b>51</b>	7/9	SNWR, Sa	<b>JMS - new SBA peak count</b> - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
DICKCISSEL:	6	7/29	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Hu
BOBOLINK:	71	6/9	Port Austin Twp., Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	121	6/26	NPSWA, Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	3	6/19	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	1	6/3	WBSWA, Ar	DLJ - 1st Ar record
	7	6/4	NPSWA, Ba	JMS - also noted in Sa



**It was a notable summer for Yellow-headed Blackbird in the SBA. The first known record for this species in Arenac County occurred this summer, at Wigwam Bay SGA, the observer Doug Jackson. Doug also captured this image, at NPSWA, Ba.**

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:	6	6/6	Wilber Twp., Io	WWS,TS
COMMON GRACKLE:	61	7/11	TPSP, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	23	6/11	SNWR, Sa	JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	8	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT - also noted in Mi,Sa
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	13	7/24	TPSP, Io	RMD,VT - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
PURPLE FINCH:	6	7/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Mi
HOUSE FINCH:	7	6/14	Homer Twp., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	33	6/19	Verona SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
EVENING GROSBREAK:	2	7/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
HOUSE SPARROW:	14+	tp	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu

**TOTAL: 201 Species**

Peak counts and early/late dates are designated such based upon records established in the publication *Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area* by Ron Weeks, published in 1995, and subsequent updates to the data by the compilers of the Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area report. Comments on seasonal occurrences also relate to information found in this exhaustively researched book, as well as species notations on the Michigan Bird Survey Form.

\*Michigan Review List Species. Inclusion of records for these species in this report does not signify that they have been verified, only that an encounter was reported. The observation will not be considered an official SBA record until it has been reviewed and accepted by the Michigan Bird Records Committee (MBRC).

**Observer Key:**

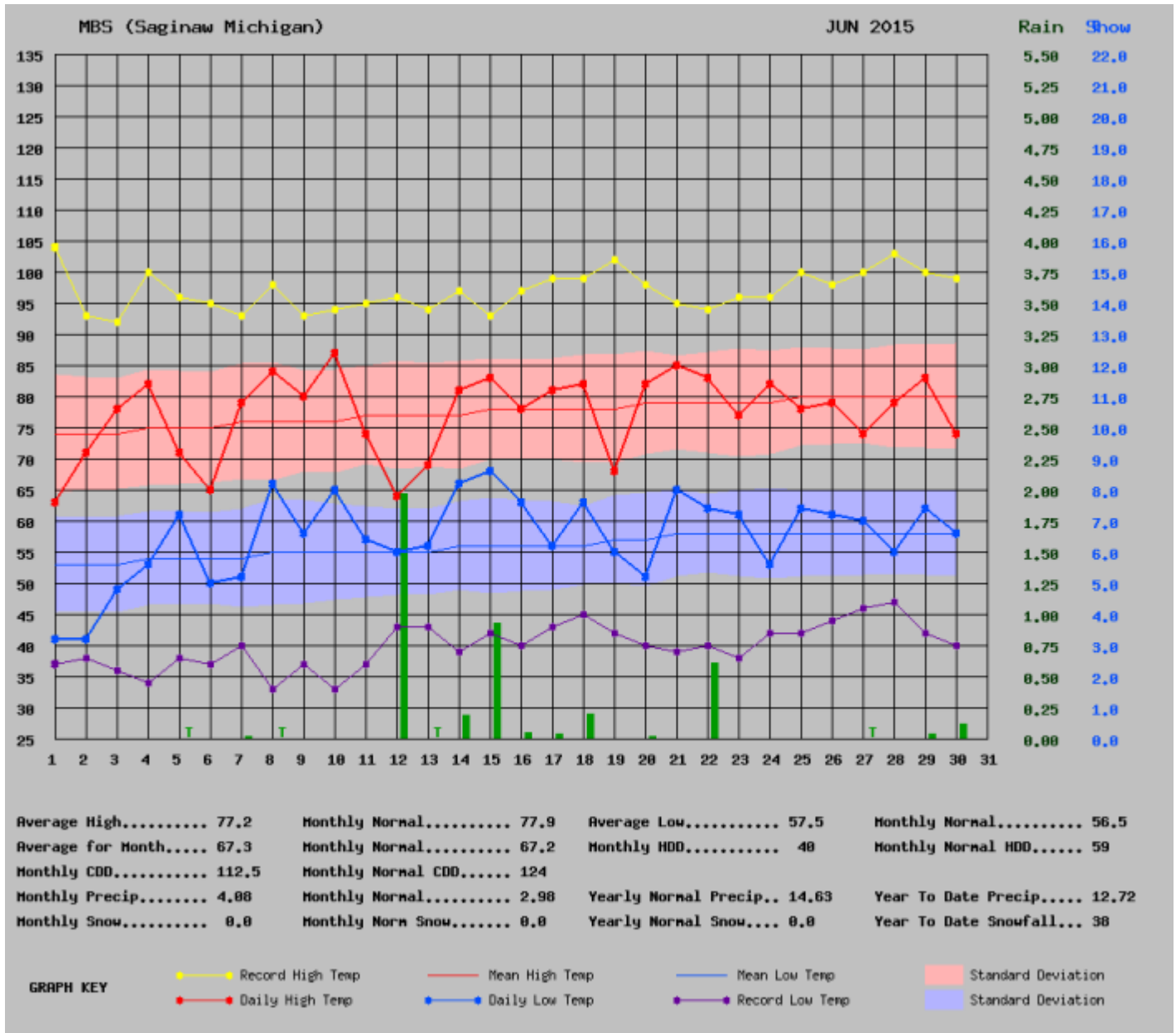
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DD	Dan Duso	CS	Craig Schafer
RMD	Ryan M. Dziedzic	TS	Toni Shawl
RAE	Roger A. Eriksson	WWS	Wayne W. Shawl
MKE	Monica K. Essenmacher	DS	Dave Simek
JG	Jack Gillespie	GS	Grant Soehnel
DLJ	Doug L. Jackson	JMS	Joe M. Soehnel
RK	Randy Kling	JDS	Jeff D. Sommer
SM	Stan Madziar	VT	Val Trabucchi
PO	Phil Odum	AT	Al Turner
DJP	David J. Peters	JEV	Jim E VanAllen
GSP	Glenn S. Peterson	LW	Lee Western
CP	Caleb Putman		

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**Abbreviations:**

Ar	Arenac County	PCHW	Port Crescent Hawk Watch
Ba	Bay County	PCSP	Port Crescent State Park
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	Sa	Saginaw County
CDF	Confined Disposal Facility	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
FPSWA	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SGA	State Game Area
Hu	Huron County	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
Io	Iosco County	tp	throughout entire or remainder of period
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
Mi	Midland County	Tu	Tuscola County
NPSWA	Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area	WBSWA	Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area

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