

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

June 1st, 2015 thru July 31st, 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. By far the most historic event was the documentation of American White Pelican nesting on Little Charity Island, Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge. 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 and the pelican nesting are excellent examples 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

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.

| Species | Number | Date | Location | Observers / Comment |
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| CANADA GOOSE: | 427 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| MUTE SWAN: | 2 | 6/11 | Tawas Lake, lo | 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, lo | WWS |
| | 7 | 6/11 | Tawas Lake, lo | RAE,PO,RK,CP |
| | 4 | 6/11 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | RAE |
| | 2 | 6/23 - 7/23 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | 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,lo,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, lo | 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,lo,Mi,Tu |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | 14 | 6/11 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ba,lo |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER: | 1 | 7/2 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RMD - also noted in lo,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 lo,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, lo | RMD,VT - a hen |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | 10 | 7/2 | SNWR, Sa | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi |
| COMMON MERGANSER: | 18 | 7/4 | Tawas Bay, lo | 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 |

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| 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 | 6/1 7/28 | SNWR, Sa Little Charity Island, MINWR, Ar | LMA - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi KG - 6 adults swimming close offshore, 6 nests, 5 chicks ranging from ~1-4 weeks old, and 2 unhatched eggs. |



Dr. Keith Grassman and his colleagues documented an occurrence unprecedented in the history of Saginaw Bay area birdlife this summer. In the course of his studies of fish eating waterbirds inhabiting Little Charity Island, MINWR, Ar., they encountered what is, to the best of our knowledge, the first known SBA nesting of American White Pelicans. Historically, Barrows wrote in 1912 that “There is no record of it’s nesting in Michigan *nor any likelihood that it ever has done so*”. Specific the SBA, in 1995 Weeks did not ascribe SBA nesting status to the species, nor mention even the potential for recent nesting.



A portrait by Dr. Keith Grassman of what could very well represent be the first American White Pelican individuals ever to hatch in the Saginaw Bay area. The fact that this event occurred on an Island that is protected by the public on the behalf of colonial nesting waterbirds, (Double-Crested Cormorants, Herring Gulls, Caspian Terns, Great Egrets, Great-Blue Herons, Black-Crowned Night-Berons), as part of the Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge is no small factor. Outside interests would prefer to access the Little Charity Island during nesting season and take measures aimed at reducing the population of Double-Crested Cormorants in the SBA. The functioning of the Saginaw Bay ecosystem is however, enormously complex, and far from being fully understood. Evidence singling out cormorants as a significant cause for struggling SBA yellow perch populations is lacking.

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| AMERICAN BITTERN: | 5 | 6/23 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | 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,lo,Tu |
| GREAT EGRET: | 278 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,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, lo | PO,AT,DLJ,RAE,WWS,JMS |

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| CATTLE EGRET: | 7 | 7/21 | BCSRA, Ba | DD |
| GREEN HERON: | 12 | 7/20 | Oil City Marsh, Mi | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,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,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| OSPREY: | 8 | 7/5 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa |
| BALD EAGLE: | 11 | 6/11 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi |
| NORTHERN HARRIER: | 1 | 6/26 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,lo |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | 4 | 6/7 | PCHW, Hu | MKE - also noted in lo |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | 2 | 7/2 | SNWR, Sa | RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo |
| 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,lo,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,lo,Mi |
| SORA: | 14 | 7/29 | BCSRA, Ba | JMS - also noted in lo,Sa,Tu |
| COMMON GALLINULE: | 54 | 7/17 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - new summer high count - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu |
| AMERICAN COOT: | 42 | 7/17 | SNWR, Sa | JMS |
| SANDHILL CRANE: | 131 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - new summer high count - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | 2 | 6/4 | NPSWA, Ba | JMS |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | 1 1 3 | 6/11 7/28 7/29 | Tawas Lake, lo Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa | RAE - last date JMS - first date JMS |
| PIPING PLOVER: | 4 | 7/2 | TPSP, lo | JMS,GS |
| KILLDEER: | 143 | 7/28 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| AMERICAN AVOCET: | 1 | 7/2 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RMD |

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| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | 12 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | 1 | 7/10 | Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi | RMD - first date |
| | 22 | 7/28 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Sa |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | 1 | 6/26 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - first date |
| | 5 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | 9 | 7/2 | SNWR, Sa | RMD - first date |
| | 108 | 7/29 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - also noted in Ba |
| UPLAND SANDPIPER: | 1 | 6/2 | Wurtsmith Airport, Io | RAE |
| SANDERLING: | 2 | 6/4 | NPSWA, Ba | DLJ - last date |
| | 2 | 7/21 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RMD - first date |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | 10 | 6/10 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Io |
| | 1 | 6/16 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RMD,VT - last date |
| | 10 | 7/21 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RMD - first date |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | 7 | 7/2 | SNWR, Sa | RMD - first date |
| | 57 | 7/28 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | 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 | 7/20 | SNWR, Sa | RAE - first date |
| | 9 | 7/28 | Kawkawlin Twp., Ba | JMS - also noted in Io |
| DUNLIN: | 8 | 6/1 | FPSWA, Tu | JEV - also noted in Ba |
| | 5 | 6/11 | SNWR, Sa | 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 rd 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 |

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| 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: | 51 | 7/9 | SNWR, Sa | JMS - new SBA peak count - 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 |

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| 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.**

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| 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:

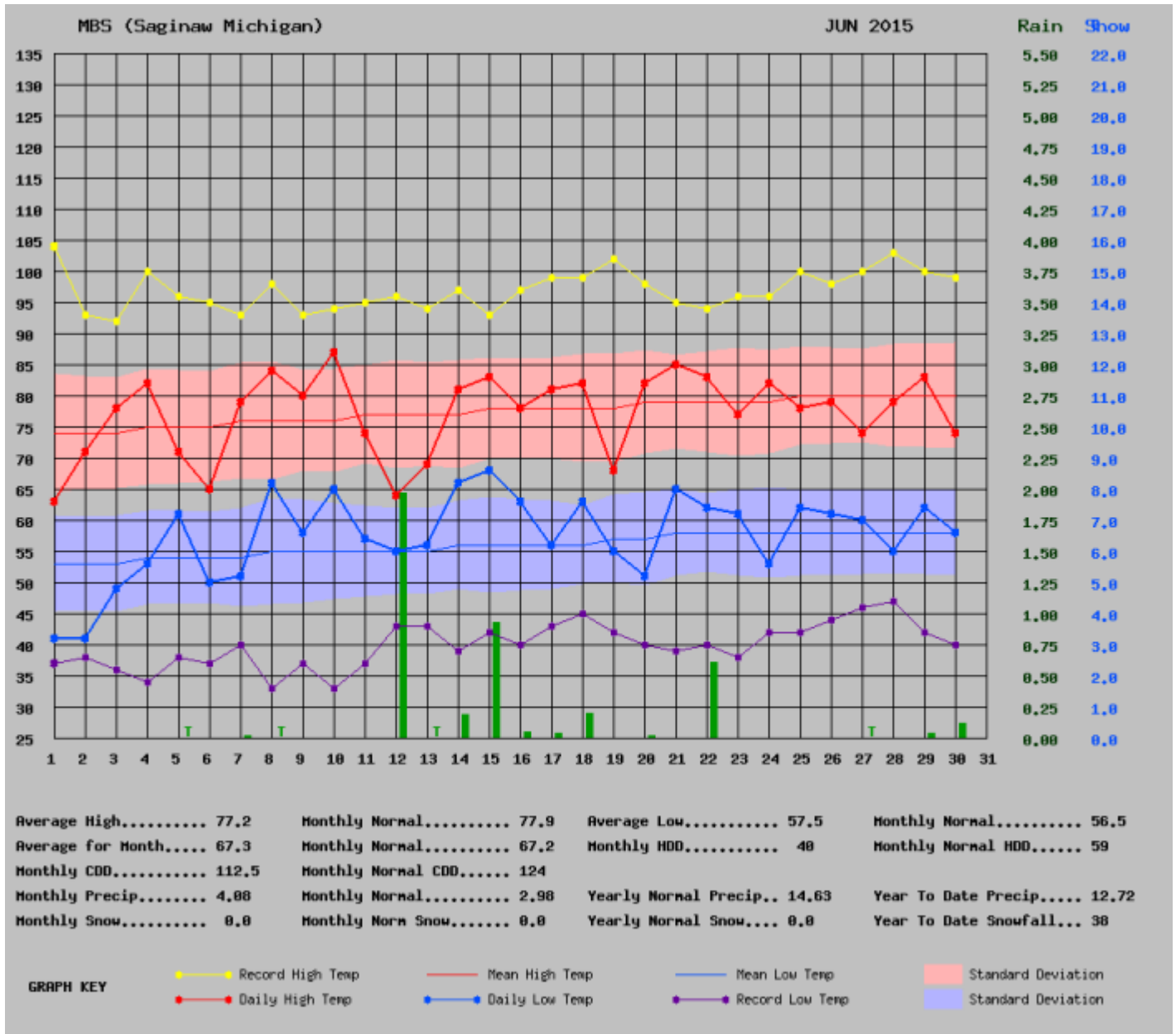
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| LMA | Larry M. Abraham | CP | Caleb Putman |
| DD | Dan Duso | JR | Jack Reinoehl |
| RMD | Ryan M. Dzedzic | CS | Craig Schafer |
| RAE | Roger A. Eriksson | TS | Toni Shawl |
| MKE | Monica K. Essenmacher | WWS | Wayne W. Shawl |
| JG | Jack Gillespie | DS | Dave Simek |
| KG | Keith Grassman | 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 |

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Abbreviations:

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| 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 |
| MINWR | Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge | Tu | Tuscola County |
| Mi | Midland County | WBSWA | Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area |
| NPSWA | Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area | | |

June, 2015 Weather Graph – Saginaw, Michigan (MBS)



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