

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

## June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 thru July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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**Summary:** A total of 189 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the Saginaw Bay Area this summer. This falls short of the last two summer's unusually high totals, but it is still above the long term average for the season. 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. As is typical for the season, the total number of observers and observer trips was on the low side. Arenac County was comparatively under-represented. Only one Michigan Review List species was reported. One new SBA peak count was established. June temperatures were seldom above or below the mean deviation. July was similar, but a bit more often above average. The later half of July was notable for lack of precipitation.

*This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2016, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with recent sightings from fall 2016 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>            |
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| CANADA GOOSE:        | 194           | 7/26           | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu       |
| MUTE SWAN:           |               |                |                  | noted in Ba (JP)                      |
| TRUMPETER SWAN:      | 2             | 6/1            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS                                   |
|                      | 3             | 6/2            | NPSWA, Ba        | DLJ                                   |
|                      | 2             | 6/9 -<br>7/15  | Tuttle Marsh, lo | WWS,RAE                               |
|                      | 1             | 7/5            | SNWR, Sa         | JP,DB                                 |
|                      | 4             | 7/23 -<br>7/29 | Tuttle Marsh, lo | RAE                                   |
| TUNDRA SWAN:         | 1             | 6/9 -<br>TP    | SNWR, Sa         | JMS                                   |
| WOOD DUCK:           | 158           | 7/26           | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| GADWALL:             | 4             | 6/1            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Tu                |
| AMERICAN WIGEON:     | 4             | 6/28           | SNWR, Sa         | JMS                                   |
| AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: | 3             | 6/1            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Tu                |
| MALLARD:             | 465           | 6/1            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu    |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL:    | 23            | 7/23           | Tuttle Marsh, lo | RAE - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu          |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER:   | 16            | 6/1            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Tu                |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL:   | 12            | 6/9            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Tu                |
| REDHEAD:             | 3             | 6/2            | NPSWA, Ba        | DLJ                                   |
| RING-NECKED DUCK:    | 3             | 7/23           | Tuttle Marsh, lo | RAE                                   |
| LESSER SCAUP:        | 1             | 7/21           | SNWR, Sa         | JMS                                   |
| LONG-TAILED DUCK:    | 1             | 7/7            | TPSP, lo         | DLJ - immature male                   |
| HOODED MERGANSER:    | 9             | 7/5            | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ba,Tu             |
| COMMON MERGANSER:    | 24            | 7/7            | TPSP, lo         | DLJ                                   |



**Rare sightings don't have to involve the occurrence of a species that is rare. Encountering a brood of Common Mergansers in the Saginaw Bay Area is a moment that few SBA birders have been fortunate enough to experience. Joe Soehnel became one of those few this summer, happening upon this hen and her progeny in Alabaster Twp., Iosco.**

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| RUDDY DUCK:               | 3  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Mi             |
| RING-NECKED PHEASANT:     | 3  | 6/9  | NPSWA, Ba           | JP - also noted in Mi, Sa, Tu      |
| RUFFED GROUSE:            | 1  | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, Ios | WWS - also noted in Tu             |
| WILD TURKEY:              | 12 | 7/26 | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Ba, Tu         |
| COMMON LOON:              | 2  | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, Ios | WWS                                |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE:        | 39 | 7/23 | Tuttle Marsh, Ios   | RAE - also noted in Ba, Mi, Sa, Tu |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | 20 | 7/25 | Dow Ponds, Mi       | RMD - also noted in Ar, Sa, Tu     |

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| AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:  | 52  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - <b>new SBA peak count</b><br>- also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu |
| AMERICAN BITTERN:        | 8   | 6/26 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | WWS,TS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu                          |
| LEAST BITTERN:           | 7   | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Io,Tu                                   |
| GREAT BLUE HERON:        | 62  | 7/21 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu                       |
| GREAT EGRET:             | 200 | 7/26 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu                       |
| CATTLE EGRET:            | 4   | 6/7  | BCSRA, Ba        | JMS   |
| GREEN HERON:             | 5   | 6/21 | WBSWA, Ar        | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu                          |
| BLCK-CRWND NIGHT- HERON: | 38  | 7/21 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu                                |
| *PLEGADIS SP:            | 1   | 6/8  | BCSRA, Ba        | AT  |
| TURKEY VULTURE:          | 17  | 6/26 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | WWS,TS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu                          |
| OSPREY:                  | 5   | 7/25 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | RAE - also noted in Mi                                      |
| BALD EAGLE:              | 16  | 6/15 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi                          |
| NORTHERN HARRIER:        | 3   | 7/23 | Tuttle Marsh, Io | RAE - also noted in Hu,Sa                                   |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:      | 1   | 6/16 | Koylton Twp., Tu | JEV   |
| COOPER'S HAWK:           | 2   | 7/23 | SNWR, Sa         | DJP - also noted in Tu                                      |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:     | 1   | 7/26 | NPSWA, Ba        | DLJ - also noted in Tu                                      |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK:       | 1   | 6/23 | Midland Co., Mi  | MKE - also noted in Io,Tu                                   |
| RED-TAILED HAWK:         | 2   | 7/31 | NPSWA, Ba        | MKE - also noted in Mi,Sa                                   |
| VIRGINIA RAIL:           | 31  | 6/28 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu                             |
| SORA:                    | 3   | 6/7  | BCSRA, Ba        | JMS - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu                                |
| COMMON GALLINULE:        | 30  | 7/26 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Io,Tu                                   |
| AMERICAN COOT:           | 43  | 7/26 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Mi,Tu                                   |
| SANDHILL CRANE:          | 43  | 6/9  | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu                       |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:    | 12  | 6/3  | FPSWA, Tu        | JEV - last date   |
|                          | 1   | 7/16 | FPSWA, Tu        | RR - first date   |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:     | 11  | 6/3  | SNWR, Sa         | RMD,GS - last date  |
|                          | 1   | 7/16 | FPSWA, Tu        | RR - first date   |
| KILLDEER:                | 176 | 7/21 | SNWR, Sa         | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu                          |

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| AMERICAN AVOCET:    | 9  | 7/25         | Dow Ponds, Mi         | RMD                                      |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER:  | 12 | 7/7          | TPSP, lo              | DLJ - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu             |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | 1  | 6/1          | SNWR, Sa              | JMS - last date                          |
|                     | 1  | 7/5          | SNWR, Sa              | JP,DB - first date - also noted in Ba,lo |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | 6  | 7/12         | SNWR, Sa              | JMS - first date - also noted in lo      |
| WILLET:             | 1  | 6/7 -<br>6/8 | BCSRA, Ba             | JMS,AT                                   |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS:  | 28 | 7/5          | SNWR, Sa              | JP,DB - first date                       |
|                     | 56 | 7/21         | SNWR, Sa              | JMS - also noted in Ba,lo                |
| UPLAND SANDPIPER:   | 1  | 6/12         | Wurtsmith Airport, lo | SB                                       |
|                     | 1  | 7/26         | SNWR, Sa              | JMS                                      |
| WHIMBREL:           | 1  | 7/27         | BCSRA, Ba             | DD                                       |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE:    | 1  | 6/22         | TPSP, lo              | DLJ - also noted in Tu                   |



**Among the several summer stragglers observed this summer was this Ruddy Turnstone, imaged by Doug Jackson at Tawas Point State Park, Iosco.**

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| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | 45<br>12<br>3 | 6/2<br>6/8<br>7/6 | FPSWA, Tu<br>BCSRA, Ba<br>FPSWA, Tu | JP<br>AT - last date<br>RR - first date - also noted in Sa |
| LEAST SANDPIPER:        | 1<br>163      | 6/15<br>7/12      | SNWR, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa                | JMS - first date<br>JMS - also noted in Tu                 |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | 1             | 6/15              | SNWR, Sa                            | JMS - last date - also noted in Ba                         |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER:     | 1<br>8        | 7/5<br>7/21       | SNWR, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa                | JMS - first date<br>JMS                                    |
| DUNLIN:                 | 10            | 6/3               | SNWR, Sa                            | RMD,GS - last date - also noted in Tu                      |
| SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: | 1<br>2        | 7/5<br>7/21       | SNWR, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa                | JMS - first date<br>JMS                                    |
| WILSON'S SNIPE:         | 2             | 7/23              | Tuttle Marsh, lo                    | RAE - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu                               |
| AMERICAN WOODCOCK:      | 1             | 6/4               | Cass City area, Tu                  | JP - also noted in lo                                      |
| WILSON'S PHALAROPE:     | 1             | 6/28              | SNWR, Sa                            | JMS  |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL:       | 8             | 6/2               | FPSWA, Tu                           | JP - also noted in lo                                      |
| RING-BILLED GULL:       | 450           | 6/22              | TPSP, lo                            | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu                      |
| HERRING GULL:           | 13            | 6/22              | TPSP, lo                            | DLJ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa                            |
| CASPIAN TERN:           | 40            | 6/2               | FPSWA, Tu                           | JP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Sa                          |
| BLACK TERN:             | 50            | 6/21              | WBSWA, Ar                           | DLJ - also noted in lo,Mi,Sa,Tu                            |
| COMMON TERN:            | 27            | 7/27              | BCSRA, Ba                           | JMS - also noted in lo,Tu                                  |
| FORSTER'S TERN:         | 6             | 7/26              | TPSP, lo                            | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Tu                                  |
| ROCK PIGEON:            | 3             | 6/1               | FPSWA, Tu                           | JP - also noted in Hu,Sa                                   |
| MOURNING DOVE:          | 7             | 7/1               | Cooke Dam area, lo                  | WWS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu                         |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:    | 1             | 7/8               | SNWR, Sa                            | DJP - also noted in lo,Tu                                  |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:   | 3             | 6/3               | SNWR, Sa                            | RMD,GS   |
| EASTERN SCREECH-OWL:    |               |                   |                                     | noted in Tu (JP)   |
| GREAT HORNED OWL:       | 1             | 7/26              | NPSWA, Ba                           | DLJ - also noted in Sa,Tu                                  |
| BARRED OWL:             | 2             | 6/22              | Beaver Twp., Ba                     | MKE - also noted in Mi                                     |
| COMMON NIGHTHAWK:       | 17            | 7/29              | Pine Barrens, lo                    | WWS - also noted in Sa,Tu                                  |
| EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL: | 1             | 6/11              | Denmark Twp., Tu                    | JEV  |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT:          | 25            | 6/28              | SNWR, Sa                            | JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu                               |

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| RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:   | 4  | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, lo           | WWS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| BELTED KINGFISHER:        | 7  | 7/15 | Tuttle Marsh, lo             | RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:    | 2  | 7/11 | Alabaster Twp., lo           | JMS - also noted in Ar                |
|                           | 5  | 7/25 | Pine Barrens, lo             | WWS                                   |
| RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:   | 7  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa                     | JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu       |
| YELLOW-BELLID SAPSUCKER:  | 5  | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, lo           | WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa          |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER:         | 5  | 7/10 | Beaver Twp., Ba              | MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa,Tu       |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER:         | 8  | 7/10 | Beaver Twp., Ba              | MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| NORTHERN FLICKER:         | 19 | 7/16 | SNWR, Sa                     | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu    |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER:      | 2  | 7/29 | Tuttle Marsh, lo             | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| AMERICAN KESTREL:         | 4  | 7/16 | Verona SGA, Hu               | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu       |
| MERLIN:                   | 1  | 7/4  | Saginaw, Sa                  | SFK - also noted in Hu,lo             |
| PEREGRINE FALCON:         | 1  | 7/26 | NPSWA, Ba                    | DLJ                                   |
| EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:       | 9  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa                     | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu       |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHR: | 1  | 6/7  | Tobico Marsh, Ba             | JMS                                   |
| ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:       | 2  | 6/4  | Laur Big Salt River Park, Mi | RMD,GS - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu       |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER:         | 2  | 6/9  | Tuttle Marsh, lo             | WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi             |
| WILLOW FLYCATCHER:        | 7  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa                     | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu    |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER:         | 5  | 6/14 | Mt. Forest Twp., Ba          | MKE - also noted in lo,Mi,Sa,Tu       |
| EASTERN PHOEBE:           | 4  | 7/5  | SNWR, Sa                     | JP,DB - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu     |
| GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:   | 9  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa                     | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| EASTERN KINGBIRD:         | 16 | 7/25 | PCSP, Hu                     | MKE - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:    | 3  | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa                     | JMS - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu          |
| WARBLING VIREO:           | 24 | 6/9  | SNWR, Sa                     | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| RED-EYED VIREO:           | 4  | 6/14 | Mt. Forest Twp., Ba          | MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| BLUE JAY:                 | 14 | 7/20 | Kochville Twp., Sa           | CS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu     |
| AMERICAN CROW:            | 18 | 7/20 | Kochville Twp., Sa           | CS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu     |
| COMMON RAVEN:             | 2  | 7/29 | Pine Barrens, lo             | WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi             |

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| HORNED LARK:             | 3   | 6/1  | FPSWA, Tu           | JEV - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa          |
| PURPLE MARTIN:           | 46  | 7/19 | Linwood Beach, Ba   | JMS - also noted in Hu,lo,Tu          |
| TREE SWALLOW:            | 130 | 7/31 | NPSWA, Ba           | MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:  | 32  | 7/25 | Rush Lake, Hu       | MKE - also noted in Sa                |
| BANK SWALLOW:            | 122 | 7/13 | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi             |
| CLIFF SWALLOW:           | 51  | 7/4  | Spaulding Twp., Sa  | DJP - also noted in Ba                |
| BARN SWALLOW:            | 120 | 7/31 | NPSWA, Ba           | MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:  | 13  | 7/23 | Tuttle Marsh, lo    | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE:         | 7   | 7/10 | Beaver Twp., Ba     | MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:   | 4   | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, lo  | WWS - also noted in Ba,Sa             |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 12  | 6/23 | CNC, Mi             | RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu    |
| BROWN CREEPER:           | 1   | 6/3  | SNWR, Sa            | RMD,GS - also noted in Tu             |
| HOUSE WREN:              | 12  | 7/16 | Verona SGA, Hu      | MKE - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| WINTER WREN:             | 1   | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, lo  | WWS                                   |
| SEDGE WREN:              | 14  | 7/5  | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi       |
| MARSH WREN:              | 24  | 7/5  | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu       |
| BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:   | 8   | 6/3  | SNWR, Sa            | RMD,GS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu    |
| EASTERN BLUEBIRD:        | 2   | 6/16 | Koylton Twp., Tu    | JEV - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa          |
| VEERY:                   | 15  | 7/16 | Verona SGA, Hu      | MKE - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu       |
| HERMIT THRUSH:           | 2   | 7/23 | Tuttle Marsh, lo    | RAE - also noted in Mi,Tu             |
| WOOD THRUSH:             | 4   | 7/16 | Verona SGA, Hu      | MKE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu       |
| AMERICAN ROBIN:          | 33  | 7/4  | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| GRAY CATBIRD:            | 14  | 7/16 | Verona SGA, Hu      | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu |
| BROWN THRASHER:          | 3   | 6/14 | Mt. Forest Twp., Ba | MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| EUROPEAN STARLING:       | 970 | 7/26 | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu       |
| CEDAR WAXWING:           | 25  | 6/23 | CNC area, Mi        | RMD - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu    |
| OVENBIRD:.               | 6   | 6/4  | Greendale Twp., Mi  | RMD,GS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu    |
| NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:    | 4   | 7/16 | Verona SGA, Hu      | MKE - also noted in Ba,lo, Mi         |



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| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:   | 1  | 6/4           | AuSable State Forest, Mi  | RMD,GS - also noted in lo  |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:     | 2  | 6/4           | Jasper Twp., Mi           | RMD,GS - also noted in lo,Tu   |
| BREWSTER'S WARBLER:      | 1  | 6/4           | AuSable State Forest, Mi  | RMD,GS   |
| BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:   | 1  | 7/1           | Cooke Dam area, lo        | WWS  |
| PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:    | 6  | 6/3           | SNWR, Sa                  | RMD,GS   |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER:       | 1  | 7/13          | Bangor Twp., Ba           | GSP,EMP  |
| MOURNING WARBLER:        | 1  | 6/4           | AuSable State Forest, Mi  | RMD,GS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu  |
| COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:     | 40 | 6/1           | SNWR, Sa                  | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu   |
| HOODED WARBLER:          | 1  | 6/18          | Tuscola SGA, Tu           | RR   |
| AMERICAN REDSTART:       | 7  | 7/29          | Baldwin Twp., lo          | RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:      | 5  | 6/2           | Huron National Forest, lo | WWS  |
| CERULEAN WARBLER:        |    |               |                           | noted in AR (RAE)  |
| YELLOW WARBLER:          | 56 | 6/1           | SNWR, Sa                  | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu  |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:  | 2  | 6/14          | Mt. Forest Twp., Ba       | MKE - also noted in lo,Tu  |
| PINE WARBLER:            | 2  | 6/14          | Mt. Forest Twp., Ba       | MKE - also noted in lo,Tu  |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:   | 3  | 7/29          | Baldwin Twp., lo          | RAE  |
| BLCK-THRTD GREEN WARBLR: | 1  | 7/12          | Watertown Twp., Tu        | RR   |
| CANADA WARBLER:          | 1  | 7/29          | Baldwin Twp., lo          | RAE  |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:    | 1  | 6/21-<br>6/28 | SNWR, Sa                  | DJP,SFK,JMS - a male on territory, the first resident for the SBA in decades |
| EASTERN TOWHEE:          | 3  | 7/9           | Cass City area, Tu        | JP - also noted in lo,Mi   |
| CHIPPING SPARROW:        | 12 | 7/29          | Baldwin Twp., lo          | RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:    | 3  | 7/25          | Rush Lake, Hu             | MKE - also noted in Mi   |
| FIELD SPARROW:           | 6  | 7/16          | Verona SGA, Hu            | MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu  |
| VESPER SPARROW:          | 3  | 7/16          | SNWR, Sa                  | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi  |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW:        | 21 | 7/25          | Huron Twp., Hu            | MKE - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:     | 3  | 7/16          | SNWR, Sa                  | DJP  |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW:       | 2  | 7/4           | SNWR, Sa                  | DJP  |

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| SONG SPARROW:            | 42 | 7/4  | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| SWAMP SPARROW:           | 22 | 7/15 | Tuttle Marsh, lo    | RAE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:  | 1  | 7/2  | Tuttle Marsh, lo    | RAE                                   |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:   | 1  | 6/7  | BCSRA, Ba           | JMS                                   |
| SCARLET TANAGER:         | 2  | 6/14 | Mt. Forest Twp., Ba | MKE - also noted in lo,Mi,Sa,Tu       |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL:       | 10 | 7/23 | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu    |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:  | 11 | 7/23 | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| INDIGO BUNTING:          | 29 | 7/26 | SNWR, Sa            | JMS -also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu     |
| DICKCISSEL:              | 4  | 7/5  | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Mi                |
| BOBOLINK:                | 15 | 7/21 | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu    |
| RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:    | 82 | 7/16 | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| EASTERN MEADOWLARK:      | 14 | 7/25 | Huron Twp., Hu      | MKE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu          |
| YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: | 5  | 7/6  | NPSWA, Ba           | DLJ - also noted in Sa                |
| COMMON GRACKLE:          | 18 | 6/1  | SNWR, Sa            | JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:    | 31 | 7/1  | SNWR, Sa            | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu    |
| ORCHARD ORIOLE:          | 3  | 6/23 | CNC, Mi             | RMD - also noted in Ba,Sa             |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE:        | 15 | 7/10 | Beaver Twp., Ba     | MKE - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu    |
| PURPLE FINCH:            | 7  | 7/1  | Cooke Dam area, lo  | WWS - also noted in Mi                |
| HOUSE FINCH:             | 5  | 7/20 | Kochville Twp., Sa  | CS - also noted in Mi,Tu              |
| PINE SISKIN:             | 1  | 7/22 | Bangor Twp., Ba     | GSP,EMP - also here on 7/27           |
| AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:      | 30 | 6/23 | CNC area, Mi        | RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu |
| HOUSE SPARROW:           | 18 | TP   | Saginaw, Sa         | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu       |

**TOTAL: 189 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).

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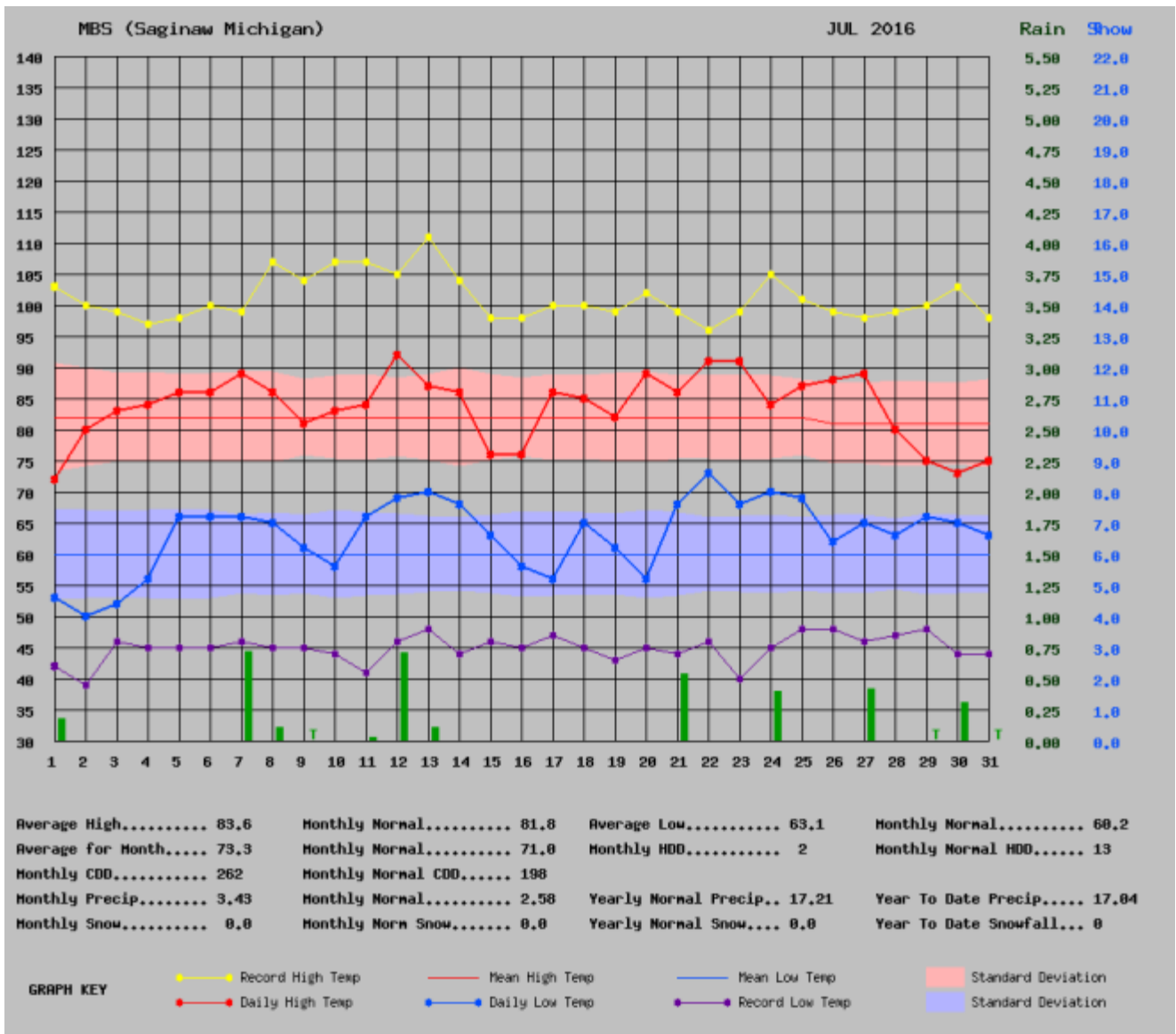
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| DD  | Dan Duso              | JR  | Jack Reinoehl     |
| RMD | Ryan M. Dziedzic      | RR  | Ryne Rutherford   |
| RAE | Roger A. Eriksson     | CS  | Craig Schafer     |
| MKE | Monica K. Essenmacher | TS  | Toni Shawl        |
| DLJ | Doug L. Jackson       | WWS | Wayne W. Shawl    |
| SFK | Steven F. Kahl        | JMS | Joe M. Soehnel    |
| DJP | David J. Peters       | GS  | Graham Sunderland |
| EMP | Ellen M. Peterson     | AT  | Al Turner         |
| GSP | Glenn S. Peterson     | JEV | Jim E VanAllen    |

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**Abbreviations:**

|       |                                      |         |  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Ar    | Arenac County                        | PCSP    | Port Crescent State Park                 |
| Ba    | Bay County                           | Sa      | Saginaw County                           |
| BCSRA | Bay City State Recreation Area       | 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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