# BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

# June 1 through July 31, 1991

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Summary:

A total of 181 species were recorded in the SBA this summer, the 2nd highest total. This appears to reflect better coverage of losco and Huron Counties these days to bring in more local breeding birds, rather than a particularly outstanding season in terms of unusual birds. The best record was a pair of **Piping Plovers** at Tawas; one of these may have been the bird noted in May. The island sandbar at the point may offer a relatively undisturbed breeding location. The other unusual species in the area seemed to concentrate at the Karn Plant and were fairly familiar vagrants to the area at this time of year; a **Snowy Egret**, a **Marbled Godwit** and 3 early **Whimbrel**. A single **Carolina Wren** in Huron County was the best passerine noted, following on the heels of one last summer.

We seem to have done well in past years at expanding the number of SBA sites for birds such as **Henslow's** and **Grasshopper Sparrow** and **Alder Flycatcher**, however this year saw a disturbing reversal of these trends. Many observers commented on the generally low numbers of many species such as thrushes, flycatchers and sparrows. In fact, the general trend of many of the reports was quite depressing. Is this a local or climatic phenomenon or a part of a larger decrease in numbers? The only birds that seem to be increasing steadily are **Eastern Bluebird** and **Sedge Wren**.

#### REPORTS

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[COMMON LOON: no reports]
PIED-BILLED GREBE:
    Noted in Ba (nested), Sa, Mi (Coleman, 6/7, RA)
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:
                          Nayanquing Pt, Ba
                                                      RW, MW
              7/13
                                                       RW
                          Tawas Pt, lo
              7/28
                                                      RA
                          Kawkawlin Flooding, Mi
              6/21
                                                       DP
                                                                   1 remained tp
              6/19
                          Shiawassee NWR, Sa
    2
                                                       ME
                          Oak Beach, Hu
              tp
AMERICAN BITTERN:
                                                      GP,JG,RW
                          Nayanquing Pt, Ba
              7/3, 28
LEAST BITTERN:
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                       RG
                                                       RW
                          Nayanquing Pt, Ba
              7/28
GREAT BLUE HERON:
                                                       BG
              7/19
                          Shiawassee NWR, Sa
    112 max
    Noted in all counties.
GREAT EGRET:
                                                                   North of usual.
                                                       RW
    2
              6/16
                           Noble Rd., Ar
                                                       JS,RW
                           Karn Plant, Ba
    15
              6/16,7/20
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                       DP
    32 max
              7/25
SNOWY EGRET:
                                                       JS, SM
                                                                   A regular locale now.
                          Karn Plant, Ba
              6/16,22
[CATTLE EGRET: no reports]
GREEN-BACKED HERON:
    Scattered sightings tp.
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:
                                                                   Nesting locally?
                                                       RW
              6/8,15
                           Tawas Pt, lo
    Small numbers tp at Dow dam on Tittabawassee R., Mi (RW).
MUTE SWAN:
    Family (pr+3y) present tp at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JS, RW); also noted at Linwood, Ba and Auburn, Mi.
CANADA GÖOSÉ:
    Common tp.
WOOD DUCK:
    Broods reported from Io, Ba, Hu, Tu and Mi.
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                       DP
    28 max
              7/28
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:
                                                       RW
                                                                   Max. on 7/2.
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
    1-4
               6/10 tp
                           Freeland SL, Sa
                                                       RW
    2
               6/17
                                                       RW, MW
    up to 3
               7/13 tp
                           Nayanquing Pt, Ba
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                       DP
               7/25
     13 max
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                       JS
 AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:
                                                       RW
                           Freeland SL, Sa
     4
               6/17
     Seen to at Dow Ponds, Mi; noted on 2 dates at Shiawassee NWR, Sa.
 MALLARD:
     Common tp.
 NORTHERN PINTAIL:
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                       RW
               6/10
     2
               6/17
                           Freeland SL, Sa
                                                       RW
                           Nayanquing Pt, Ba
                                                       RW
                                                                   Family group on 7/28.
     2,9
               7/21,28
 BLUE-WINGED TEAL:
     Common tp.
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                       DP
               6/19
     15 max
 NORTHERN SHOVELER:
               6/10
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                       RW
                                                       DP
               6/19
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
 GADWALL:
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                       RW
               7/13 tp
                           Nayanquing Pt, Ba
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AMERICAN WIGEON:
                                                       RW
                          Dow Ponds, Mi
    2
              6/17-27
                                                       RW, MW
                                                                   Smaller numbers tp.
                          Nayanquing Pt, Ba
    12
              7/13
CANVASBACK:
                                                                   Unusual date.
                                                       MW, RW
                          Nayanquing Pt, Ba
              7/13
REDHEAD:
                                                                   25 on 7/27.
                          Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                       RW
    25 max
              tp
    Also reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba.
RING-NECKED DUCK:
                                                       RW
                          Dow Ponds, Mi
[LESSER SCAUP: no reports]
HOODED MERGANSER:
              6/17
                          Freeland SL, Sa
                                                       RW
COMMON MERGANSER:
              6/22
                          Karn Plant, Ba
                                                       JS
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:
              6/9-7/20
                           Tawas Pt, lo
                                                       RW, DP
                                                                   Four on 7/28.
    3-4
                           Karn Plant, Ba
              6/29
                                                       JS
RUDDY DUCK:
                           Freeland SL, Sa
                                                       RW
              6/17
                                                                   Usual summer locales.
              7/15
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                       RW
TURKEY VULTURE:
                           N Huron County
                                                       ME
                                                                   Summering population.
    100+
              tp
OSPREY:
                                                       BW
                                                                   Only report.
              7/30
                          Freeland, Sa
BALD EAGLE:
    1-2 seen to on Tittabawassee R., Mi (nesting nearby, or the failed Bay City birds?)
    5 max
              7/19
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                       DP
                           Oak Grove, Ba
                                                       JS
              7/8
    1 ad
                                                       GE, JG
    1 imm
              6/12
                           Linwood, Ba
NORTHERN HARRIER:
    Noted tp in Tu, also in Ar, Hu (3 pairs) and Mi (2 locations).
[SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: no reports]
COOPER'S HAWK:
    Noted in Ba, Mi and Hu.
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:
                                                                   Still present at nest site.
              6/15
                           Monument Rd., lo
                                                       RW
    1
               6/30
                           N Midland Co
                                                        MW
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:
                                                        MW
              6/9
                           Caro, Tu
               6/14
                           Port Crescent SP, Hu
                                                        ME
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:
               6/7
                           Port Crescent SP, Hu
                                                        ME
    Noted regularly in Tu
RED-TAILED HAWK:
    Regular sightings tp.
AMERICAN KESTREL:
    Noted tp.
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:
    Reported from Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu and Ar (2 hens with 23 chicks in Hu, ME; 54 in Tu, 6/14, MW).
RUFFED GROUSE:
    Noted in Tu.
 WILD TURKEY:
    NOted in Ar and Mi
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:
    35
               6/14
                           Tuscola Co
                                                        MW
                                                        TW
               June
                           N of Midland, Mi
 VIRGINIA RAIL:
               6/28
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        BG
    18
                                                        MW, RW
                           Nayanquing Pt, Ba
     4-5
               July
     Also noted at Vanderbilt CP and Finn Road, Tu (RW,MW) and Karn Plant, Ba (JS).
SORA:
                           Vanderbilt CP, Tu
                                                        MW, RW
               7/13
    2 imm
               7/19
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        DP
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COMMON MO	ORHEN:			
2 ad+4y	7/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
8 max AMERICAN CO	7/11 YOT:	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
15 max	tp	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, MW	
3 (2y)	7/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
SANDHILL CRANE:				
2	6/15	Noble Road Area, Ar	RW	Near spring sighting.
1 DIACK DELLII	7/8	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	
BLACK-BELLII 2	6/15	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	
SEMIPALMAT		rawas ri, is		
1	6/1	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	"Last" date
2,1	7/17, 21	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	"First" date
17	7/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JS DA	
1 PIPING PLO	7/27-28 <b>DVER:</b>	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
2	7/6	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	
		in good habitat! Seen actively for		er at dusk.
KILLDEER:				
Common				
GREATER YE			<b>7</b> 11	
2	7/6	Tawas Pt, lo	RW	First returns.
35 max	7/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
Also noted in Ba and Mi during July. LESSER YELLOWLEGS:				
1	6/4-10	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
60	7/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
42 max	7/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
SOLITARY SA				
1	7/18	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
1	7/21 7/27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW RW	
SPOTTED SAI		Tawas Pt, lo	LAAA	
Common tp.				
UPLAND SAN				
1	6/7	Hume Twp, Hu	ME	Same location as previous years.
2	6/15	Tuttle Road, lo	RW	
WHIMBREL	6/15	Monument Road, lo	RW	
3	7/13	Karn Plant, Ba	MW, RW	Flying with Dunlin.
MARBLED (		Kaiii i lait, Da	14144, 1114	Trying with Bollini.
1	6/15	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
RUDDY TURNSTONE:				
1	6/1	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	
1	7/10-12	Bay City SP, Ba	GP, JG, JS	
4,1	6/4,6 7/28	Dow Ponds, Mi Karn Plant, Ba	RW JS	
SANDERLING:				
1	7/16	Karn Plant, Mi	JS	
5	7/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
5	7/27	_Tawas Pt, lo	RW	
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:				
25 max	thru 6/17	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	"Last" date
1	6/22 7/8	Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JS JS	"First" date
185 max	7/25	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	i not date
250 max	7/28	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	
75 max	7/27	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
LEAST SANDPIPER:				
	The second secon			
4	6/19	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	"First" date.
4 50 max	The second secon	Karn Plant, Ba	DP JS	"First" date.

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WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

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RW
              thru 6/6
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
    2
                                                        RW
              6/15
                           Tawas Pt, lo
[BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: no reports]
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                        RW
                                                                    First returns.
    3
              7/10 tp
                                                        JS, MW, RW
              7/18,20
                           Karn Plant, Ba
DUNLIN:
                                                        RW
                           Tawas Pt, lo
              6/15
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        JS
    12
              6/15
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        JS
              7/2
              7/20
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        RW, MW
STILT SANDPIPER:
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
              6/27
                                                        RW
                                                                    First return.
    19
              7/25
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        DP
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        JS
    34 max
              7/30
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        RW
              6/26
    168 max
              7/18
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        JS
                                                                    High numbers at Karn thru July
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        DP
    50
              7/25
COMMON SNIPE:
    Up to 6 noted at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JS)
              7/19
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        DP
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:
    Noted in Mi, Tu.
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
              6/4-6
                                                        RW
    2 (pair)
               6/19
                                                        GP, JG
                           Nayanquing Pt, Ba
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                        RW
               7/19
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        DP
               7/19
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                        RW
                                                                    Annual at this time and locale.
               6/4-6
BONAPARTE'S GULL:
               7/2
                           Karn Plant, Ba
                                                        JS
               7/15
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                        RW
    1
               7/28
                           Tawas Pt, lo
                                                        RW
                                                                     Two juveniles.
RING-BILLED GULL:
    Very common tp.
HERRING GULL:
    Common tp.
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:
                            Tawas Pt, lo
                                                                     Four on 7/28 including adults.
    1-4
               6/8 tp
                           Karn Plant, Ba
               6/26 tp
                                                        RW,JS,MW 2 on 7/22 (JS)
    1 imm
COMMON TERN:
    Present tp and common in July at Tawas Pt, Io (up to 50), Karn Plant, Ba (150 max), and Dow Ponds, Mi
     (48 max). Also 2 noted at Shiawassee NWR, Sa on 7/5 (DP)
CASPIAN TERN:
               7/15 tp
                           Dow Ponds, Mi
                                                        PW.
    35
                           Karn Plant, Ba
               7/20
                                                        RW, MW
    10 max
               7/25
                           Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                        DP
                                                                     Present from 6/19 tp.
    Also noted at Nayanquing, Ba, Tawas Pt, Io, Oak Beach, Hu (18 max).
FORSTER'S TERN:
    Common (50+) to at Nayanquing Pt, Ba; also noted at Oak Beach, Hu (ME).
BLACK TERN:
    Large colony present at Wigwam Bay, Ar (North Unit) (RW). Also nesting at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW).
ROCK DOVE:
     Common tp.
MOURNING DOVE:
    Common tp.
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:
               6/15
                           Noble Road Area, Ar
                                                        RW
    2
               7/6
                           Baldwin Twp, lo
                                                        RW
                                                         JS
               6/29
                           Karn Plant, Ba
    Also noted in Mi and Tu.
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YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

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RW. BG
                          Shiawassee NWR, Sa
              6/7
                          Wilderness Arboretum, Hu
    2 pr
              tp
    Also noted in Mi and Sa
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:
                                                                  Good total for SBA.
                          Shiawassee NWR, Sa
                                                      BG, DP
              6/31
    10
                                                      RA
              7/26-27
                          Midland, Mi
GREAT HORNED OWL:
    Noted in Sa.
BARRED OWL:
                                                      RW
                          Monument Rd., lo
    Noted in Sa, Mi (young noted at 2 sites in Midland)
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:
    Good numbers in jack pine areas of lo in June (RW). Also noted in Dow Plant, Mi (TW) and Sa (ME).
WHIP-POOR-WILL:
    Calling in several locations in Mi.
CHIMNEY SWIFT:
    Common tp.
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:
    Noted in Ba, Hu, Mi, Tu, Sa, Io.
BELTED KINGFISHER:
    Scattered sightings tp, numbers down?.
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:
                                                                   Probably nested locally.
                                                       RW
              7/28
                          Baldwin Twp, lo
    2 juv.
    Noted in Richville, Tu (MW) and Mi (JL)
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:
                                                       RW
    several
              6/2
                           Pine Haven, Mi
    Noted in Sa. Hu and Mi.
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:
                          Shearer Rd., Mi
                                                       RW
              6/30
    1
                                                       RW
              7/7
                           largo Springs, lo
DOWNY WOODPECKER:
    Common tp.
HAIRY WOODPECKER:
    Common tp.
NORTHERN FLICKER:
    Common to but fewer than usual.
PILEATED WOODPECKER:
    Pair at nest hole at Chippewa NC, Mi tp but not confirmed breeding (JL)
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:
    Common tp.
[ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: no reports]
 ALDER FLYCATCHER:
                                                       RW
                                                                   Late migrants?
    2
               6/8-9
                           Tawas Pt, lo
                                                       RW
                           Tuttle Marsh, lo
               6/9
     Scarce in Tu (MW), 3 on territory in Wilderness Arboretum Hu (ME)
 WILLOW FLYCATCHER:
                                                       RW
               5/8-9
                           Tawas Pt. lo
    1
                           Nayanquing Pt, Ba
                                                       RW
     1-2
     Numbers way down in Tu. 3 on territory in Wilderness Arboretum Hu (ME)
 LEAST FLYCATCHER:
     Scattered sightings tp in Mi, Sa.
 EASTERN PHOEBE:
     Common tp.
 GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:
     Common tp.
 EASTERN KINGBIRD:
     Common tp.
 HORNED LARK:
     Fairly common tp.
 PURPLE MARTIN:
     Noted in Ba, Tu, Hu and lo counties. Some colonies abandoned in Hu (ME).
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TREE SWALLOW:

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Common tp.
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:
   Scattered sightings tp.
BANK SWALLOW:
   Common tp. Good numbers at the Dow Ponds, Mi. Excavated and occupied 3 holes within 1-2 days of a
   basement hole being dug in the Dow Plant, Mi (TW).
CLIFF SWALLOW:
                                                     RW
              6/15
                          Singing Bridge, Ar
              7/28
                          Tawas Pt, lo
                                                     RW
                                                                 Many juveniles.
    Also nested at two N Mi locations (RW) and usual site at Liberrty Bridge, Ba (JS)
BARN SWALLOW:
    Common tp.
BLUE JAY:
    Common tp.
AMERICAN CROW:
    Common tp.
COMMON RAVEN:
              7/7
                          Curtis Rd., lo
                                                     RW
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEF:
    Common tp.
TUFTED TITMOUSE:
    Noted tp.
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:
                          Monument Road, lo
                                                     RW
              6/15
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:
    Common to
BROWN CREEPER:
    Singing birds heard in BCSP, Ba and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (RW).
CAROLINA WREN:
              7/14
                          Harbor Beach, Hu
                                                      MW
HOUSE WREN:
    Fairly common tp. Numbers seemed low.
[WINTER WREN: no reports]
SEDGE WREN:
    Present at Noble Road Area & Wigwam Bay, Ar, Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW); N of Midland, Mi (TW); Tuscola
    CVo. (MW).
MARSH WREN:
    Noted from Tu, Sa and Ba counties.
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:
    Noted in Sa, Mi, Tu, Hu.
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:
    Common tp; increasing.
    Common tp, although numbers seemed down.
HERMIT THRUSH:
    Found throughout lo.
WOOD THRUSH:
    Heard singing north to Noble Road Area, Ar, about 1/4 mile from lo line. Also noted from Ba, Mi, Hu and
    Sa, but numbers seem down (numbers "plummeted" in Hu, ME).
AMERICAN ROBIN:
    Common tp.
GRAY CATBIRD:
    Common tp
[NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: no reports]
BROWN THRASHER:
    Common tp.
CEDAR WAXWING:
    Common tp.
EUROPEAN STARLING:
    Common tp.
SOLITARY VIREO:
                          Monument Road, lo
                                                      RW
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YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:
   Noted on Waldo Road and Pine Haven, Mi (RW), Tu, Hu (4 territories, ME).
WARBLING VIREO:
   Fairly common tp.
RED-EYÉD VIREO:
    Common tp.
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:
                                                     TW, RW
                         Pine Haven, Mi
              6/2
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:
                                                     RW
              6/16
                         Coleman Rd., Mi
    Also noted in Tu
NASHVILLE WARBLER:
    Common nester in lo. Also noted in Mi and Tu.
YELLOW WARBLER:
    Common tp.
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:
    Noted in Hu, Tu.
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:
    Nesting at several locations in lo (RW).
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:
                                                                        Lumberman's Monument, lo
                                                     JS
              6/1
[BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: no reports]
PINE WARBLER:
    Very common throughout lo.
CERULÉAN WARBLER:
                                                                 Usual spot.
                                                      RW, TW
                          Pine Haven, Mi
              6/2
 BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:
     Singing male in Baldwin Twp, lo
 AMERICAN REDSTART:
                                                                 Non-breeder.
                                                      RW
                          Tawas Pt, lo
              6/15
     On territory at Maple Leaf Golf Course, Ba (GE), Mayville, Tu, Shiawassee NWR, Sa (BG) and
     Wilderness Arb , Hu (ME).
 PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:
     At least 1 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa in June (DP, MW).
 OVENBIRD:
     Common tp
 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:
                                                      RW
                           Noble Road Area, Ar
               6/15
                                                      ME
                           Port Crescent SP, Hu
     3 terr.
               tp
                                                      MW
                           Tuscola Co.
     2 terr.
               tp
 LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:
                                                      RW
                                                                  Usual spot.
                           largo Springs, lo
               7/7
                                                      RW, TW
                           Pine Haven, Mi
               6/2
 MOURNING WARBLER:
                                                      RW
                           Noble Road Area, Ar
               6/15
     Also noted in Tu and several locations in Mi.
 COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:
                                                                THE TAX WAS STORY
      Common tp.
  CANADA WARBLER:
                                                                  3rd summer at same site.
                                                      ME
                           Wilderness Arboretum, Hu
               6/14
  SCARLET TANAGER:
     Noted in Mi, Ar, Tu, Hu
  NORTHERN CARDINAL:
      Common tp.
  ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:
      Common tp.
  INDIGO BUNTING:
      Common tp.
  RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:
      Common tp.
  CHIPPING SPARROW:
      Very common tp.
  FIELD SPARROW:
      Common tp.
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**VESPER SPARROW:** 

Fairly common tp.

SAVANNAH SPARROW:

Common tp.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

June

N of Midland, Mi

TW

Numbers down, none in Tu.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

6/21-25

Mayville, Tu

MW

Only Tu record.

SONG SPARROW:

Common tp LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

3 7/7

/7 Curtis Road, lo

Same location as last year.

SWAMP SPARROW:

Common tp.

**BOBOLINK:** 

Fairly common tp. Numbers down.

**RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:** 

Common tp.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

Common tp.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

Nested at Vanderbilt CP, Tu; Karn Plant, Ba; and Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW, MO).

**BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** 

Small colony present again at Karn Plant, Ba.

COMMON GRACKLE:

Common tp.

**BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:** 

Common tp.

[ORCHARD ORIOLE: no reports]

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

Fairly common tp.

**PURPLE FINCH:** 

Scattered sightings tp in lo and Hu, where displaced by House Finch at feeders.

HOUSE FINCH:

Common tp.

**AMERICAN GÖLDFINCH:** 

Common tp.

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common tp.

TOTAL:

181 species

#### RECORDS FROM OUTSIDE THE SBA

MUTE SWAN:

1 6/22-23

Houghton L. Marsh, Ro

RW

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:

7/2

Long Lake Road, Cl

RW, JL

WILLET:

6/28

St. Joseph's, Be

RW, MW

CURLEW SANDPIPER:

1 7/20

Pt Mouille, Mo

P.Chu, RW Full breeding plumage!

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

1 6/25

Erie Gun Club, Mo

RW, MW, T.Wells

PILEATED WOODPECKER:

1 7/2

near Frost Lake, Cl

RW, JL

SEDGE WREN:

M-18 & Renas Rd., Gl

RW, JL

PRAIRIE WARBLER:

4

6/22

Goodharbor Bay, Le

RW

At least three singing males.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

Ba **Bay County Huron County** Hu lo

Iosco County
Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond (formerly Consumer's Pond)
Midland County **MCV Pond** 

Mi Nature Center NC NWR

Nature Center
National Wildlife Refuge
Saginaw County
Saginaw Bay Area
Sewage Lagoons
State Park Sa SBA SL SP through period Tuscola County tp Tu