



BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

June 1-July 31, 1993

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Summary:

The summer of 93 will probably be remembered for its waterfowl. An amazing 23 species including first summer records for Snow Goose (Nayanquing Pt), Oldsquaw (Tawas Pt), and White-winged Scoter (Tawas Pt). Adding to the waterfowl collection were six Tundra Swans, a few Pintails, a male Canvasback (now annual), and a male Bufflehead. Other impressive water birds included a Horned Grebe from Baldwin Twp in Iosco County, a Red-necked Grebe from Nayanquing Pt, Ba, Snowy Egrets from Nayanquing Pt and the Karn Plant, a Piping Plover from Tawas Pt, Willets from the Thumb and the Karn Plant, and a Godwit sp. from Tawas Pt.

Equally impressive in diversity if not quantity were the vireos and warblers. A record five species of vireos and twenty-six species of warblers were detected as residents or as late spring or early fall migrants. Late migrants included a June 4th Wilson's Warbler at Tawas, a June 5th Philadelphia Vireo from the Thumb, and a June 6th Northern Parula from Shiawassee NWR. Among the notable residents reported were Solitary Vireos (4 territories) and Blackburnian and Cerulean Warblers in the Port Crescent area and a Kirtland's Warbler from Iosco County. Early migrants reported from the last two days of July included Tennessee, Cape May, and Blackburnian Warblers from Tawas Pt and a Black-throated Blue Warbler from the Thumb.

The most surprising news among the residents was of a King Rail reported from Shiawassee NWR. This species has not been reported in the SBA since 1989. Other notables included Golden-crowned Kinglet and Louisiana Waterthrush from Iargo Springs, Swainson's Thrush (the migrant versus resident debate continues) and Mockingbird from the tip of the Thumb, and "new" Cerulean Warbler territories from Shiawassee and north of Midland.

Impressive counts included 227 Broad-wings from Port Crescent and 2500 Bank Swallows and 97 Bobolinks from Hampton Twp. In general, waterfowl numbers were lower, shorebirds numbers were down (largely due to lack of habitat, except for Shiawassee), passerines numbers were largely unchanged, and grassland species numbers were down slightly. Birds seen most summers that were absent for the period were Common Loon, Northern Goshawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Carolina Wren, and Lincoln's Sparrow. A total of 201 species were reported for the period.

REPORTS

COMMON LOON:

[No reports.]

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

Reported from Io, Ba, and Sa. Peak of 8 on 7/15 at Nyanquing Pt, Ba (MW).

HORNED GREBE:

1 thru 6/25 East Tawas, Io DP

This bird was a holdover from the spring. It stayed on the Lake Huron shore for an entire month!

RED-NECKED GREBE:

1 6/4,15 Nyanquing Pt, Ba RW, JS

First SBA summer record! This bird was also a holdover from the spring season.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

Reported from Io, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 30 at Tawas Pt, Io (RW).

AMERICAN BITTERN:

1 6/23 Kingston, Tu MW
1 7/20 Rose Is, Hu ME
2 7/27 Nyanquing Pt, Ba TW, DC

Immature bird.

Also reported from Nyanquing Pt, Ba on 6/15 & 16 (JS, MW).

LEAST BITTERN:

1 6/1 Finn Road Park, Ba JS
4 6/11 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
3 7/27 Nyanquing Pt, Ba TW, DC

Also reported from Nyanquing Pt, Ba on 6/11, 6/24, and 7/15 (MW). Bittern numbers seem to be holding steady or even increasing. High water may have increased habitat area.

GREAT BLUE HERON:

Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu. Peak of 58 on 7/23 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Numbers down a bit.

GREAT EGRET:

Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Ba, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 23 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa on 7/29 (DP). Not as many as in previous years.

SNOWY EGRET:

2 7/15-7/29 Karn Plant, Ba MW, KT, JS
1 7/15 Nyanquing Pt, Ba MW

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu. Peak of 3 on 7/29 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

Reported from Ba, Mi, and Sa. Peak of only 5 on 7/2 at Dow Dam, Mi (RW). Numbers were definitely down this year.

TUNDRA SWAN:

2 7/1 Fish Pt, Tu MW
Reportedly 4 birds here during the period. None were seen in flight (fide MW).
2 7/27 Nyanquing Pt, Ba TW, DC

MUTE SWAN:

5 6/14 Eagle Bay, Hu ME
6 6/16 Dow Ponds, Mi RW

SNOW GOOSE:

1 6/6 Nyanquing Pt, Ba KK

First SBA summer record. Kevin saw this bird in flight and estimated it to be about a third smaller than the Canadas with it. He could not specifically recall seeing black wing tips when asked about it two months later, but added that they may well have been present.

CANADA GOOSE:

Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 317 on 7/29 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

WOOD DUCK:

Reported from Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 28 on 7/23 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

3 6/5 Nyanquing Pt, Ba JS
12 7/1 Fish Pt, Tu MW
24 7/29 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

2;4 6/4;5 Nyanquing Pt, Ba RW;JS
14 6/11 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP

Noted through period.

MALLARD:

Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu and Sa. Peak of 386 on 6/17 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).



NORTHERN PINTAIL:					
1	6/16, 7/24	Dow Ponds, Mi	MW		
2	6/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:					
Reported from Ba, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 20 on 7/29 reported from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).					
NORTHERN SHOVELER:					
3	6/5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS		Also on 7/15 (MW).
1 male	7/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		
GADWALL:					
4	6/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		One on 6/11.
up to 4	thru 6/11	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, JS, MW		Peak on 6/11 (MW).
1	7/2	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW		
AMERICAN WIGEON:					
up to 3	thru 6/11	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		Peak on 6/17.
7 males	6/11	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW		
CANVASBACK:					
1 male	6/12; 7/21	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW; G&EP		May have summered.
REDHEAD:					
12	6/5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS		
2	6/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW		
RING-NECKED DUCK:					
[No reports.]					
LESSER SCAUP:					
1	6/24	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW		
OLDSQUAW:					
1	6/?	Tawas Pt, Io	MW		
First SBA summer record! Reportedly a male in winter plumage. Unfortunately Myles forgot to include it with his records. I would assume it was either the 5th or the 7th of June when Myles reported other sightings from Tawas.					
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:					
3	6/12	Tawas Pt, Io	RW		
First SBA summer record! Flying south towards Alabaster as the spring birds did. These birds quickly retreated north again due to the heavy boat traffic.					
BUFFLEHEAD:					
1 male	6/5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS		Rare summer record.
HOODED MERGANSER:					
2 fem	6/4	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW		One on 6/5 & 7/15.
12	7/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		Nested. Present tp.
COMMON MERGANSER:					
1 male	6/12	Tawas Pt, Io	RW		
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:					
10	6/5	Tawas Pt, Io	MW		
RUDDY DUCK:					
2 (pair)	6/4	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW		
TURKEY VULTURE:					
Reported from Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Over 100 reported summering in the Huron City area (ME, MW).					
OSPREY:					
1	6/14	Port Crescent SP, Hu	MW		
1	7/8	Grindstone City, Hu	ME		
1	7/17	Chippewa NC, Mi	JL		
1	7/22, 27	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW		
BALD EAGLE:					
1	6/6	Port Crescent PS, Hu	ME		
1	6/7	Au Gres, Ar	MW		
1 ad	7/6	Dunn Road Access, Hu	ME		
2	tp	Hampton Twp, Ba	JS		
7	7/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		Peak.
One fledged on SNWR this year.					
NORTHERN HARRIER:					
2	tp	Rush Lake, Hu	ME, MW		
Scattered sightings through period in Mi (RA).					
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:					
2	6/6	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME		Late migrants.
1	7/9	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		
1	7/27	Midland County	RA		



COOPER'S HAWK:

Noted from Ba (family of four until 7/23 at Bay City SP nest-G&EP), Hu, and Sa.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK:

[No reports.]

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:

[No reports.] Where have the Hu and Tu birds gone?

BROAD-WINGED HAWK:

227	6/6	Port Crescent PS, Hu	ME	Peak for year.
3	6/12	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Last migrants.

Residents noted from Curtis Road, Mi (RW, MW) and Fremont Twp, Hu (MW).

RED-TAILED HAWK:

10	6/6	Port Crescent SP, Hu	ME	Late migrants.
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Residents noted from Ba, Mi, and Sa (5 at SNWR on 7/15-DP). Numbers thought by many to be up.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:

[No reports.]

AMERICAN KESTREL:

Reported from Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. "Good numbers" reported by MW.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

Reported from Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu. 38 reported from Myle's BBS route in Tu and Sanilac.

RUFFED GROUSE:

Reported from Io (juveniles raiding neighbor's berry patch in Baldwin Twp-RW), Tu (one chick noted at Vassar-MW).

WILD TURKEY:

Noted from Baldwin Twp, Io; Rogers Road, Ba; Mi; and Pt. Aux Barques, Hu.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE:

Noted from Hampton Twp, Ba (JS); Hume Twp, Hu (ME); and Tu. 29 noted from Myle's BBS route in Tu and Sanilac.

KING RAIL:

1	6/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, SL
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The bird was flushed from about 10 meters away, but the morning sun did not allow them to see plumage detail. The bird was identified by shape and size only. It was described as the size of a Green-backed Heron with a thin head, long bill and a rather predominate eye. The observers are very familiar with Virginia Rail and feel confident in their identification. The normal refuge marsh areas have been flooded this year creating limited rail habitat. This high water situation in the late 80's also kept the birds in pockets of habitat that contained King Rails at Nayanquing Pt, Ba. Attempts to obtain a vocal response from the Shiawassee bird the next day were fruitless.

VIRGINIA RAIL:

Reported from Ba, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 16 on 6/10 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

SORA:

Only two reports this summer. Two on 6/15 from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JS) and one from Shiawassee NWR, Sa on 7/26 (DP).

COMMON MOORHEN:

Reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba; Karn Plant, Ba; Sumac Is, Hu; and Shiawassee NWR, Sa. Peak of 24 on 6/10 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). A fantastic count for early June! 18 including many young reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba on 7/15 (MW).

AMERICAN COOT:

Reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba and Shiawassee NWR, Sa. Peak of 10 on 6/4 at Nayanquing (RW).

SANDHILL CRANE:

[No reports.]

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

1	6/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	6/4-5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW, JS	Late migrants.

SEMPALMATED PLOVER:

8	6/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak for period.
5	6/7	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Last spring birds.
3	7/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First returns.

Also noted from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JS).

PIPING PLOVER:

1 male	6/12	Tawas Pt, Io	RW
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This marks the third year in a row that this species has been seen here in June or early July.

Unfortunately, the DNR is uninterested in this site only commenting that it is a historical site. It may be a mute point as higher water and waves are washing away the outer bar surrounding the tip.

KILLDEER:

Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 42 on 7/23 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).



GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

1	7/2	Bay Port, Hu	MW	First returns.
3	7/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Peak.

Also noted from Shiawassee, Sa (DP).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

23	7/1	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First returns.
37	7/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.

Also noted from Ba, Mi, and Hu

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

2	7/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First returns.
3	7/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.

Also noted from Sebewaing, Hu (MW, ME) and Tawas Pt, Io (RW).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 31 on 7/8 from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). 22 reported from Sebewaing SL on 7/15, Hu-MW).

WILLET:

3	7/2	Oak Beach, Hu	ME
1	7/6	Hat Point, Hu	M&DE, MW
1	7/29	Karn Plant, Ba	KT

A bumper crop of summer Willets!

UPLAND SANDPIPER:

Territories reported from Davison Road, Io (RW); Barrie Road, Hu; and Wallace Road, Hu (ME).

WHIMBREL:

[No reports.]

GODWIT SP:

1	6/2	Tawas Pt, Io	MM
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Bird was identified as a Marbled, but other information I received indicated observer did not satisfactorily eliminate the more-expected early June godwit, Hudsonian.

RUDDY TURNSTONE:

10	6/4	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	Peak.
3	6/7	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Last.

SANDERLING:

20	6/5	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Peak.
1	6/6	Bay City SP, Ba	SR	Last.
2	7/26	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	First returns.
8	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Good # for July.

Also noted from Bay City SP, Ba (RW).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:

112	6/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
30	6/5	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Last spring date.
1	6/19	Bay City SP, Ba	SR	Spring/fall bird?
2	6/29	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First returns.
17	7/29	Port Austin SL, Hu	ME	

LEAST SANDPIPER:

1	6/19	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	Spring or fall bird?
28	6/30	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First mass return.
125	7/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.

Also noted from Io, Mi, and Hu.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

28	6/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak & last.
1	6/4	Bay City SP, Ba	RW	

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:

[No reports.]

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:

1	7/23	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First returnee.
5	7/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.

Also noted from Dow Ponds, Mi (RW).

DUNLIN:

35	6/4	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
3	6/7	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Last.

STILT SANDPIPER:

4	7/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	First returns.
16	7/29	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Peak.
1	7/30	Port Austin SL, Hu	ME	



SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:

2		6/29	Karn Plant, Ba	JS	First returns.
55	7/8	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		
233	7/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		Peak.

COMMON SNIEP:

Scattered sightings tp. Singles reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (7/27-TW, DC); Sebewaing, Hu (6/14-MW); Bay Port Quarry, Hu (7/6-ME); and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (7/1 to 7/23-DP).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK:

Scattered sightings tp. Noted from Linwood Road, Ba; Wilderness Arb, Hu; and Port Crescent SP, Hu.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

1	6/5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	SR		
1	7/27	Sebewaing SL, Hu	MW		Only reports.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:

[No reports.]

BONAPARTE'S GULL:

20	6/5	Tawas Pt, Io	MW		Peak.
1	7/22	Lighthouse Park, Hu	ME		
1 juv	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW		

RING-BILLED GULL:

Very common tp. Noted from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. 200 counted on 6/7 at Tawas Pt, Io (MW).

HERRING GULL:

Common tp. Noted from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. 80 counted on 6/7 at Tawas Pt, Io (MW).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

1 im	6/5	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JS		
1 im	6/12	Tawas Pt, Io	RW		2 also on 7/31.

Three noted tp at Eagle Bay, Hu (MW, ME).

COMMON TERN:

40	6/5	Tawas Pt, Io	MW		A few present tp.
26	7/15	Dow Ponds, Mi	EK		

At least 10 pair (probably closer to 20) were present this year with some young birds seen also. The nesting island is becoming very vegetated and it will be interesting to see how long they will use it.

58	7/25	Karn Plant, Ba	JS		
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Also reported from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP)

CASPIAN TERN:

52	7/25	Karn Plant, Ba	JS		~10 present tp.
23	7/26	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		One juvenile.
21	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW		Also one juvenile.

Also reported from Mi and Hu.

FORSTER'S TERN:

15	7/6	Huron Road Access, Hu	ME		
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Noted tp from Ba and Hu. Numbers seem to be dropping slightly.

BLACK TERN:

Reported from Io, Ba, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 12 on 6/15 at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JS). Fewer this year.

ROCK DOVE:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu. Peak of 50 reported from Karn Plant, Ba (JS).

MOURNING DOVE:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 252 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

1	6/12	Mclvor, Io	RW		
1	6/13	Fremont Twp, Tu	MW		
2	6/17	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP		
1	7/31	Baldwin Twp, Io	RW		Only reports.

Cuckoo numbers down from years past. Few gypsy moth and tent caterpillars.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

Noted from western Bay County (MW); Port Crescent SP, Hu (incl. adult carrying food-ME); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (3 on 6/26, still calling on 7/29-DP).

EASTERN SCREECH OWL:

2	6/7	Crump, Ba	MW		
9	7/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG		SNWR peak.

GREAT HORNED OWL:

Noted from Rogers Road and Oak Grove, Ba and Fremont Twp, Tu (one chick on 6/12-MW).

BARRED OWL:

Singles reported from Fremont Twp, Tu (MW) and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP, BG).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:



1 6/5 Tawas Pt, Io MW Late migrant?
 Reported from Davison Road, Io (RW); Grimm Road, Ba (RW); Hampton Twp, Ba (nesting on rooftop-JS);
 Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME); and Saginaw, Sa (Peters).

WHIP-POOR-WILL:
 Noted from Alabaster Road, Io (RW); Rogers Road, Ba (MW, RW); Fremont Twp, Tu (MW); and Port
 Crescent SP, Hu (MW).

CHIMNEY SWIFT:
 4 6/5 Tawas Pt, Io MW Late migrants?
 Common tp. Also noted from Ba, Mi (breeding-RA), Hu, and Sa (nesting in Bob Grefe's chimney). Peak
 of 10 from Bay City, Ba (JS).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:
 Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu. Peak of 5 noted in Port Crescent area, Hu (MW).

BELTED KINGFISHER:
 Scattered sightings tp. Noted from Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:
 Reported from Oak Beach, Hu (2 pair & young-ME) and Gabel Road, Sa (pair-DP).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:
 Reported from Bay City SP, Ba (SR); Fremont Twp, Tu (MW); Hu (breeding-ME); and Shiawassee NWR,
 Sa (DP).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:
 1 6/12 Iargo Springs, Io RW Annual breeder here.

DOWNY WOODPECKER:
 Common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 3 on 6/11 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

HAIRY WOODPECKER:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. 4 pair & young near Wilderness Arb, Hu (ME).

NORTHERN FLICKER:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 7 on 7/29 at SNWR, Sa (DP).

PILEATED WOODPECKER:
 1 7/8 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Evon Rd site.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:
 [No reports.]

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 10 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:
 A whopping 9 territories reported from n. Hume Twp, Hu (ME, MW) and 3 calling birds were noted on 6/5
 from Gratiot-Saginaw SGA, Sa (RW).

ALDER FLYCATCHER:
 Reported from Tawas Pt, Io (6/5 probable migrant-RW); Bentley area, Ba (4 on 6/7-MW); Edenville, Mi
 (RW, MW); Tu (numbers down-MW); and Grindstone City, Hu (ME).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:
 Reported from Io (probable migrant on 6/5-RW), Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 4 on 7/29 at Shiawassee
 NWR, Sa (DP).

LEAST FLYCATCHER:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Mi, Tu, Hu (4 territories along Loosemore Road-ME), and Sa.
 Peak of 3 at Pine Haven, Mi (RW, SR). Numbers appear to be down slightly.

EASTERN PHOEBE:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu (two broods fledged, second on 7/15 in Myle's yard-MW), Hu
 and Sa. 14 reported from my BBS in Mi on 6/16 (RW, MW). Numbers appear up this year.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu (fledged young in Fremont Twp-MW), Hu, and Sa. Peak of 7 on
 6/6 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

EASTERN KINGBIRD:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 25 on 7/31 at Tawas Pt, Io (RW).

HORNED LARK:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

PURPLE MARTIN:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, and Hu. Peak of 10 on 7/19 at Oak Grove, Ba (JS).

TREE SWALLOW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 120 at Caro SL, Tu (MW).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Ba and Hu. Peak of 40 on 7/30 at Grindstone City, Hu (ME).

BANK SWALLOW:
 200 tp Karn Plant, Ba JS
 Over 130 active nest holes counted. Another hundred appeared inactive (JS).
 800 7/11 Pt. Aux Barques, Hu MW



est 2500 7/23 Finn Road Park, Ba JS
 A continuous stream (heading west low over the cattails) for 30 minutes. A total of 294 were counted in a two minute period during the peak of the flight. Also noted from Mi.

CLIFF SWALLOW:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, and Hu. Nested at all four bridges in Bay City (JS). an estimated 100 birds. A breeding colony (40 nests) was destroyed at Bird Creek Park, Hu (ME).

BARN SWALLOW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 10 on 6/12 at Mayville, Tu (MW).

BLUE JAY:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu.

AMERICAN CROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 20 on 7/23 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

COMMON RAVEN:
 2 6/12 Brownell Road, Io RW Only report.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Sa. Peak of 8 on 6/7 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

TUFTED TITMOUSE:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Mi, Tu, Hu, Sa.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:
 Reported from Io, Hu, and Sa. Migrants (two birds) noted at Tawas Pt, Io on 7/31 (RW).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

BROWN CREEPER:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 5 on 6/6 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

CAROLINA WREN:
 [No reports.]

HOUSE WREN:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 6 on 6/11 Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

WINTER WREN:
 1 singing 6/12 Iargo Springs, Io RW Only report.

SEDGE WREN:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Ba and Sa. Peak of 3 on 6/17 along Hart Road (SNWR), Sa (DP).

MARSH WREN:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Ba, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 4 (noted tp) at Karn Plant Ba (JS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:
 1 heard 6/12 Iargo Springs, Io RW Only report.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Mi, Hu (breeding in Hume Twp-ME), and Sa (fledging on 7/1-DP).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Numbers thought to be lower.

VEERY:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Hu, and Sa.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH:
 1 6/1 Saginaw, Sa DP
 1 6/14 Port Crescent Cem, Hu ME Singing.
 1 7/11 Port Crescent SP, Hu ME

Whit-whit call was heard and thrush flew at Monica after tape was played. The ongoing battle to document breeding continues. The number of June and July sightings and aggressive behavior exhibited over the last few years implies that these birds do nest in the tip of the Thumb.

HERMIT THRUSH:
 Found throughout Io. Noted from Davison Road and near Iosco County Airport, Io (RW).

WOOD THRUSH:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi (young on 6/20-RA), Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of on 6/6 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Still singing at SNWR, Sa on 7/21.

AMERICAN ROBIN:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

GRAY CATBIRD:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 5 at Tawas Pt, Io on 7/31 (RW).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:
 3 7/26 Copeland, Hu ME
 Two adults and one young 1/2 mile west of Wallace Road (traditional location).

BROWN THRASHER:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, and Hu. Peak of 6 in NW Bay County on 6/7 (MW).



CEDAR WAXWING:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu. Peak of 10 reported tp in Hampton Twp, Ba (JS).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

[No reports.]

EUROPEAN STARLING:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu. Peak of 250 on 7/28 in Hampton Twp, Ba (JS).

SOLITARY VIREO:

Reported from 6/6-7/11 in Huron County (ME). Three territories at Port Crescent Cemetery and one at Port Crescent SP.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:

Fairly common tp. Reported from Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 5 on 6/17 at Pine Haven, Mi (RW, SR).

WARBLING VIREO:

Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 4 singing on 7/22 at Lighthouse Park, Hu (ME).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO:

1	6/5	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Late migrant.
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RED-EYED VIREO:

Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 15 on 6/6 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Were these all residents? Numbers were definitely down elsewhere.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:

Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Pine Haven, Mi (RW) and Fremont Twp, Tu (MW).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:

1	6/16	Shearer Road, Mi	RW, MW	
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Myle's reported 3 from "north of Midland, Shaffer Road". This count may have included the above bird.

TENNESSEE WARBLER:

1	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Early migrant.
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NASHVILLE WARBLER:

2	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Early migrants.
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Also reported from other locations in Io (RW); Fremont Twp, Tu (MW); and Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

NORTHERN PARULA:

1	6/6	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Late migrant.
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YELLOW WARBLER:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu and Sa. Peak of 12 on 7/31 at Tawas Pt, Io (RW).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:

Reported from Fremont Twp, Tu (MW) and Eagle Bay and Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER:

2	6/5,12	Wilderness Ar, Hu	ME	Only reports.
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CAPE MAY WARBLER:

4	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
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Early migrants. Three apparent adult females and one immature female. All had narrow wing bars. Probably regular in small numbers at this time of year.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:

1 fem	7/30	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	
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Males have sung on territory in past years nearby. Was this just an extremely early migrant?

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:

1	7/30	Oak Beach, Hu	ME	Breeding plum. bird.
3	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	

These birds represent the start of the migration. Noted at several Io locations in June (RW).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:

1	6/5	Bay City SP, Ba	G&EP	Likely a late migrant.
2	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Early migrants.

Also noted in Baldwin Twp and Largo Springs, Io (MW, RW) and Port Crescent Cem, Hu (2 terr-ME).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:

1	7/11	Port Crescent Cem, Hu	ME	Nests nearby.
1	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Early migrant.

PINE WARBLER:

Fairly common tp. Reported from numerous Io locations (RW); Wilderness Arb, Hu (MW); and Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:

1	6/4	Davison Road, Io	BB	Heard and seen!
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This bird was not heard again there despite several attempts by yours truly.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER:

[No reports.]

CERULEAN WARBLER:

Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Waldo Road, Mi (singing male on 6/16-RW, MW); Rush Lake



area, Hu (an apparent juvenile male on 7/17-ME); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (6/11-DP); and Gratiot Saginaw SGA, Sa (singing male on 6/5-RW). None found at Pine Haven, Mi and fewer than usual at Grat-Sag SGA, Sa (RW).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:
 3 7/31 Tawas Pt, Io RW Early migrants.
 Residents noted tp from Huron County (ME).

AMERICAN REDSTART:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Mi, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 15 on 6/17 at Pine Haven, Mi (RW, SR). Large numbers also noted from northern Hu (MW).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:
 4 6/17 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP Peak:
 Two fledglings reported from 7/1 (DP).

OVENBIRD:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from largo Springs, Io (new location-RW); n. Mi (MW); Fremont Twp, Tu (MW); and Wilderness Arb, Hu (MW).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:
 Reported from largo Springs, Io (RW, MW).

MOURNING WARBLER:
 Scattered sightings tp. Three on territory in Fremont Twp, Tu (MW); five on territory at Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME); and four on territory in n. Hume Twp, Hu (ME).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 10 noted on 7/10 at Lake Solitude, Io (RW).

WILSON'S WARBLER:
 1 6/4 Tawas Pt, Io BB Late migrant.

CANADA WARBLER:
 1 6/7 Bentley area, Ba MW Resident?
 1 thru June Fremont Twp, Tu MW Been here in past.

SCARLET Tanager:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

NORTHERN CARDINAL:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:
 Common tp. Reported from Mi (breeding-RA), Ba, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 7 on 7/20 at Millington, Tu (MW). One reportedly had a yellow breast.

INDIGO BUNTING:
 Common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 6 on 6/26 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:
 Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Tu.

CHIPPING SPARROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:
 4 7/10 Iosco County Airport, Io RW Only report.

FIELD SPARROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Mi, and Hu. 8 territories noted at Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

VESPER SPARROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

SAVANNAH SPARROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 10 on 6/4 at Mackinaw & Prevo, Ba (RW).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:
 Scattered sightings tp. Reported from Mackinaw/Prevo, Ba (RW); Chippewa NC, Mi (MW); and Fremont Twp, Tu (MW).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW:
 1 6/7-15 Grimm Road, Ba MW, RW, JS New location.
 2 6/11,18 Alabaster Road, Io RW, BB Old location.

SONG SPARROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW:
 [No reports.] I didn't get time to visit my favorite Io spot for this species.

SWAMP SPARROW:
 Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Hu, and Sa.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:



Scattered sighting tp. Singing males reported from several locations in Baldwin Twp, Io. Peak of 8 on 7/11 along Kunze Road near the Iosco County Airport.

BOBOLINK:

9	6/5	Tawas Pt, Io	MW	Late migrant.
1	6/12	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Late migrant?
1	7/10	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	Early migrant?
97	7/29	Arms Road, Ba	JS	Peak.

Fairly common tp. Also reported from Mi (young at CNC-JL), Hu, and Sa.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu. Peak of 2000 on 7/29 at Karn Plant, Ba (JS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

Common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, and Hu.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK:

[No reports.]

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

Reported from Nyanquing Pt, Ba (tp with peak of 10 on 6/4-RW); Sumac Is, Hu (7/6 fem carrying food, 7/18 male and fledgling-ME); and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (two 2nd year males on 7/19-fide DP). The two 2nd year males in mid-July away from any active breeding site strikes me as odd.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

[No reports.] What happened to our Karn Plant birds from this spring?

COMMON GRACKLE:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, and Hu.

ORCHARD ORIOLE:

[No reports.]

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

Fairly common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, and Hu.

PURPLE FINCH:

Few sightings tp. Reported from M-30, Mi (RW, MW); Fremont Twp, Tu (MW); and Etzler Road, Hu (ME).

HOUSE FINCH:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Sa, and Hu. Numbers continue to increase.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common tp. Reported from Io, Ba, Mi, Tu, Hu, and Sa. Peak of 20 tp in Hampton Twp, Ba (JS).

EVENING GROSBEAK:

[No reports.]

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common tp. Reported from Ba, Mi, and Hu.

TOTAL: 201 species

RECORDS FROM OUTSIDE THE SBA

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

1	6/5	Maple River Fl, Gratiot	MW
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This bird was present for two weeks. Hopefully we'll get one soon.

RING-NECKED DUCK:

2	6/5	Ithaca SL, Gratiot	MW
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RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:

family	7/31	Mackinaw Is, Mackinaw	JS	Fem & 6 young.
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RUDDY DUCK:

12	6/5	Ithaca SL, Gratiot	MW
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VIRGINIA RAIL:

2	6/21	Grat-Sag SGA, Gratiot	MW
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WILD TURKEY:

3	6/5	Grat-Sag SGA, Gratiot	MW
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LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

2	6/27	Maxton Plains, Chippewa	RA
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WHIMBREL:

1	6/5	North Point, Alpena	RA
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YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

2	6/11	Saudell? Lake, Lapeer	MW
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RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

1	6/5	Maple River Fl, Gratiot	MW
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OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:



1	6/10	Highland RA, Oakland	MW
This probable late migrant was singing away. Bird was well photographed.			
CERULEAN WARBLER:			
1	6/5	Grat-Sag SGA, Gratiot	MW
SCARLET TANAGER:			
3	6/11	Saudell? Lake, Lapeer	MW

Dave Peters reported 3 Sedge Wrens, 2 Vesper Sparrows, 40 Savannah Sparrows, and 10 Bobolinks from a study area along Murphy Lake Road, Lapeer on 6/4.

Dave also sent a list of birds seen on Thunder Bay Is, Alpena on 6/29. That list has been included as an attachment for the state compiler.

OMISSIONS/CORRECTIONS from previous reports

CORRECTIONS TO SPRING 93 REPORT

Phil Davis (PD), Chip Francke (CF), Nancy Hill (NH), and Phil Stephens (PS) should have been added to the observers list.

The Gray-cheeked Thrush was seen in **Ortonville** (not Otisville), Oakland County.

The 9 Acadian Flycatchers seen by Myles Willard were not in the Wilderness Arb, Hu, but in **Murphy Lake SGA, Tu.**

Myles Willard also had 4000 Tundra Swans in the Sebewaing area, Hu on April 28.

OBSERVERS:

RA	Ron Annelin	MM	Mike Mencotti
DE	Duane Essenmacher	MO	Many Observers
ME	Monica Essenmacher	DP	David Peters
DC	Don Chalfant	G&EP	Glenn & Ellen Peterson
JG	Jack Gillespie	SR	Steve Rosenberg
BG	Bob Grefe	JS	Joe Soehnel
M&JH	Mark & Joanne Hubinger	KT	Kevin Thomas
KK	Kevin Kane	TW	Tex Wells
SL	Steve Lewis	RW	Ron Weeks
JL	Janea Little	MW	Myles Willard
SM	Stan Madziar		

ABBREVIATIONS

*	Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.
Ba	Bay County
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center
fem	female
Hu	Huron County
im	immature
Io	Iosco County
juv	juvenile
MCV Pond	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond (formerly Consumer's Pond)
Mi	Midland County
NC	Nature Center
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
Sa	Saginaw County
SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
SL	Sewage Lagoons
SP	State Park
terr	territory or territories
thru	through
tp	through period
Tu	Tuscola County

