

BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA

June 1-July 31, 1994

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Summary:

This summer suffered from a lack of enthusiasm among the area's birders. Most of the normal hard core birders were well-distracted with personal commitments resulting in less than typical coverage of the SBA. None-the-less a few good birds were spotted.

Water birds were down from last summer's amazing variety, but five **Common Loon** reports were above average. Other goodies included a **Horned Grebe** from Bay City SP, a **White Pelican** from Shiawassee, **Snowy Egrets** from Nayanquing and Shiawassee, and most notably two immature **Little Blue Herons**, one each from Nayanquing and the Chippewa NC Wetlands. Notable waterfowl were highlighted by a male **Bufflehead** that spent July at largo Springs. Other good reports included a **Tundra Swan** and 460 adult **Wood Ducks** from Fish Point, 67 **Green-winged Teal** from Shiawassee, and 20 **American Wigeon** from Nayanquing.

Raptor highlights included no less than 5 **Osprey** sightings, a summer record 8 **Bald Eagles** from Shiawassee, and a **Sharp-shinned Hawk** from Fish Point on the odd date of July 18th. A two-day census of marsh birds in mid-June turned up an impressive 35 **Virginia Rails**. Shorebirds were good where there was habitat. That ended up being Shiawassee and the sludged-in south end at the Dow Ponds. Shiawassee shorebirds included a trio of mid-June unexpecteds that included a **Lesser Yellowlegs** (June 3rd-22nd), a **Solitary Sandpiper** (June 15th), and a **Dunlin** (June 22nd). The Dow Ponds hosted a up to 300 shorebirds through July including summer record highs of 21 **Semipalmated Plovers**, 53 **Spotted Sandpipers**, and 7 **Baird's Sandpipers** (all adults). No "big" shorebirds were reported this summer.

Notable passerines were few as no one was out looking for early June stragglers or the late July push of warblers. Interesting residents reported included **Black-throated Blue Warblers** from Shiawassee and the Au Sable River area, **Blackburnian Warbler** also from the Au Sable, **Kirtland's Warblers** at Mead Road near Oscoda, **Henslow's Sparrow** from Alabaster, **Dark-eyed Juncos** from three Iosco locations, and **Evening Grosbeaks** from Loud Dam Pond Road. Impressive summer counts included an early flock of 2500 **Tree Swallows** from Nayanquing, 20 **Sedge Wrens** from Nayanquing, 50 **Marsh Wrens** at Shiawassee, and a record 11 **Prothonotary Warblers** from Shiawassee.

Overall, it was hard to make any general statements about numbers due to the lack of field time. The "missed" list was long and included such summer regulars as **Red-breasted Merganser**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, and **Eastern Screech Owl**. None-the-less a respectable 187 species were reported for the period.

REPORTS

COMMON LOON:

1	6/4, 7/1	Tawas Pt, Io	RW, BB	
1	6/11	Bay City SP, Ba	JGi	
1	6/25	Midland, Mi	RR et al	
This one stranded itself on a wet tennis court at the Midland Community Tennis Center!				
3	7/31	Iargo Springs, Io	BB	Flying over Cooke Dam Pond.

Also reported from 6/8-10 from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC).

PIED-BILLED GREBE:

Reported from Tuttle Marsh, Io (BB, RW); Nayanquing Pt, Ba; Chippewa NC, Mi (adult w/young-PK); Coleman, Mi (RA); Fish Pt, Tu (peak of 15 on 7/20-MW); and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (8 on 6/9-DP).

HORNED GREBE:

1	6/6	Bay City SP, Ba	JGi	Few summer records.
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AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:

1	6/9	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Regular of late.
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DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

8	6/3	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
30	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Noted tp there.

Scattered sightings elsewhere. Numbers continue to increase.

AMERICAN BITTERN:

3	6/4	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	SR	Noted there through period.
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Also noted from Tuttle Marsh, Io (RW, BB).

LEAST BITTERN:

1	6/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, RW	
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Also noted from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (PC).

GREAT BLUE HERON:

Fairly common through period. Peak of 192 on 7/28 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

GREAT EGRET:

Noted through period with peaks of 5 on 7/1 at Tuttle Marsh, Io (BB); 39 on 6/17 at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JGi, JR); and 74 on 7/28 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from CNC Wetlands, Mi (PS).

SNOWY EGRET:

3	6/17	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	JGi	
1	6/30-7/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG, MW	Few June records to date.

LITTLE BLUE HERON:

1 im	7/20-24	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	MW, JS et al	
1 im	7/23-30	CNC Wetlands, Mi	PS, RW, G&JS	

These birds represent the 12th and 13th SBA records. The CNC bird is only the second Mi record.

CATTLE EGRET:

[No reports.]

GREEN-BACKED HERON:

13	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	New high count!
6	6/4	Port Crescent SP, Ba	ME	Flying in formation.

Also reported from the usual locations. More evident than earlier this spring.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

Reported from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC); Nayanquing Pt, Ba (8 on 7/20-MW); Karn Plant, Ba (8 tp-JS); Dow Dam, Mi (RW); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP); and Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

TUNDRA SWAN:

Tom Beachy reported 8 into early June. He had not eliminated Trumpeter yet. Never heard back if on whether he rechecked. They were likely Tundras, but this is a large number to linger so late.

1	6/14, 7/20	Fish Pt, Tu	MW
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MUTE SWAN:

4-5	through period	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW
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Nested at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW, JGi et al). Also reported from Sumac Is, Hu (MW).

CANADA GOOSE:

Common through period. Peak of 246 on 6/3 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

WOOD DUCK:

More common than usual this summer. Peak of 460 on 6/14 at Fish Pt, Tu (MW). This represents a new SBA high count. Amazing considering these were all adults.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

Peak of 67 on 6/22 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). Also noted from Tawas Pt, Io (7/1-BB); Tuttle Marsh, Io (BB); Alabaster Twp, Io (PC); Karn Plant, Ba (RW, MW); and Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW, KK).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:

Noted from Nayanquing Pt, Ba; Dow Ponds, Mi (RW); and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (tp-DP).

MALLARD:



Common through period. Peaks of 681 on 7/14 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP) and 500 on 6/14 at Fish Pt, Tu (MW).

NORTHERN PINTAIL:
 1 6/20 Finn Road, Ba JS Only report.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL:
 Fairly common through period. Peak of only 19 on 6/22 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

NORTHERN SHOVELER:
 5 6/3 Nayanquing Pt, Ba RW
 2 6/6 Freeland SL, Sa RW Not seen after June.

GADWALL:
 Noted through period at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW et al).

AMERICAN WIGEON:
 Peak of 20 on 7/20 at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (MW). Smaller numbers in June.

CANVASBACK:
 1 male 6/4 Nayanquing Pt, Ba SR
 1 fem 7/30-31 Karn Plant, Ba RW, KK

REDHEAD:
 Scattered sightings through period. Peak of 14 on Fish Pt, Tu on 6/14 (MW).

RING-NECKED DUCK:
 [No reports.]

LESSER SCAUP:
 1 6/3, 7/30 Nayanquing Pt, Ba RW Not noted between dates.

BUFFLEHEAD:
 1 male 7/3 tp Iargo Springs, Io RW, J&GS, BB Only 2nd July record !

HOODED MERGANSER:
 Nested at Iargo Springs, Io (fem w/ 2 young on 7/3-RW); CNC, Mi (see spring survey); and at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (fem w/10 young on 7/1-BG). Also noted from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (MW).

COMMON MERGANSER:
 [No reports!]

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:
 [No reports!]

RUDDY DUCK:
 2 6/1 Dow Ponds, Mi RW, SR
 1 6/6 Freeland SL, Sa RW
 1 7/21 Shiawassee, Sa DP
 Two pair noted on 7/18 at Fish Pt, Tu (MW).

TURKEY VULTURE:
 Common through period.

OSPREY:
 1 6/30-7/7 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP
 1 7/3 Iargo Springs, Io GS With a fish.
 1 7/20 Bay City SP, Ba MW
 1 7/30 Nayanquing Pt, Ba RW
 1 7/31 Karn Plant, Ba J&GS Same bird?

Were these all post-breeding wanderers?

BALD EAGLE:
 Noted from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (peak of 8 on 6/15 & 6/22, one fledgling-DP); Oak Grove, Ba (4 adults tp-JS); and Eagle Bay, Grindstone City, & Port Austin, Hu (DE, ME). The count of 8 is a new SBA summer high.

NORTHERN HARRIER:
 Noted tp in numerous locations. Seen in Io, Mi, and Sa.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:
 1 6/4 Port Crescent SP, Hu ME
 1 7/18 Fish Pt, Tu MW Late migrant.
 Odd time for Fish Pt.

COOPER'S HAWK:
 Scattered sightings through period.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK:
 [No reports.]

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:
 Noted from Iargo Springs, Io (RW, BB) and M-30/US-10 & Midland, Mi (ME, RA).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK:
 1 6/4 Port Crescent SP, Hu ME Late migrant.
 Also from Midland, Mi (RA) and Grat-Sag SGA, Sa (SR).

RED-TAILED HAWK:
 Regular sightings through period. Peak of 7 on 7/14 at Dow Corning, Ba (RA).

AMERICAN KESTREL:
 Noted through period.



RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

Noted through period. Ninety noted from BBS in Tu & Sanilac (MW).

RUFFED GROUSE:

Only reports from Tu (MW). Hard to find in summer.

WILD TURKEY:

Reported from Io, Mi, Tu, and Hu (first Port Crescent breeding-ME)

NORTHERN BOBWHITE:

Reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (7/21-RW, SR); Hampton Twp, Ba (JS); Dow Corning, Ba (RA); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (RW, DP); Tu BBS (16-MW). A few survived the winter.

VIRGINIA RAIL:

3 5 6/14&15 Shiawassee NWR, Sa DP, RW, BG

This was a two-day count covering two areas of the refuge. A new SBA high!

Also noted from Baldwin Twp, Io (RW) and Hampton Twp & Nayanquing Pt, Ba (JS, KK)

SORA:

Noted from Shiawassee NWR, Sa on several dates (DP, BG).

COMMON MOORHEN:

Noted from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (young reported) and Shiawassee NWR, Sa. Broods were noted in early August at Tuttle Marsh, Io (BB). This represents a new breeding record for Io.

AMERICAN COOT:

Noted from Nayanquing Pt & Karn Plant, Ba and Shiawassee NWR.

SANDHILL CRANE:

Noted from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

1	6/3	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW	
1	6/9	Bay City SP, Ba	JGi	
1	7/23	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
1	7/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, TW, EG	

Only fifth July record.

SEMPALMATED PLOVER:

1	6/3	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RW
2	7/18	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW
2 1	7/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW

Last spring migrant.

First fall migrant.

New SBA summer peak!

PIPING PLOVER:

[No reports.]

KILLDEER:

Common through period. Peak of 26 on 6/22 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS:

7	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
1	7/31	Karn Plant, Ba	J&GS

LESSER YELLOWLEGS:

1	6/3-6/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
3	7/14	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
87	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP
53	7/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW

First returnees.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER:

1	6/15	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP, BG
This represents only 2nd early June record.			
5	7/21	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP

SPOTTED SANDPIPER:

Common through period. Peak of 53 on 7/18 at Dow Ponds, Mi (RW). New SBA peak count!

UPLAND SANDPIPER:

Noted only from Davison Road, Io on 7/3 (RW) and Wallace Road, Hu (MA).

WHIMBREL:

[No reports.]

HUDSONIAN GODWIT:

[No reports.]

MARBLED GODWIT:

[No reports.]

RUDDY TURNSTONE:

[No reports.] I even checked Bay City and Tawas during the first week of June.

RED KNOT:

[No reports.]

SANDERLING:

6	6/7	Oak Beach, Hu	ME
10	6/19	Oak Beach, Hu	ME
6	7/20	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, SR

New SBA spring late!

Less common inland.



2	7/31	Tawas Pt, Io	RW	
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SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:

150	6/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, SR	
5	6/6	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
6	7/16	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
50	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

First juveniles noted on the last few days of July at Dow Ponds, Mi (RW).

LEAST SANDPIPER:

5	7/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
30	7/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	

First juveniles noted on 7/27 at Dow Ponds, Mi (RW).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

10	6/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, SR	
1	6/6	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:

7	7/27	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	All appeared to be adults!
1 juv	7/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Very early juvenile.

The large "biomass" at Dow formed into perfect Baird's habitat. Most of these birds were present the period. The total of 7 is a new SBA summer high count and an impressive adult total for any time of year.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:

5	7/16	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
55	7/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Peak.

DUNLIN:

10	6/1	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW, SR	
1	6/6	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	
1	6/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Last report.

STILT SANDPIPER:

12	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
1	7/31	Karn Plant, Ba	J&GS	

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:

8	7/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	
77	7/28	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	

COMMON SNIBE:

Scattered sightings through period. Reported from Alabaster Twp, Io (RW); Tuttle Marsh, Io (4 on 7/1-BB); Nayanquing Pt, Ba (6 on 7/20&21-MW, JS); and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (3 on 7/28-DP).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK:

Scattered sightings through period.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE:

1-2 juv	7/18-29	Dow Ponds, Mi	RW	Two on 7/27.
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RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:

[No reports.]

BONAPARTE'S GULL:

Reported through period at Tawas Pt, Io with a peak of 40 on 7/23 (RW). Small numbers reported elsewhere in late July.

RING-BILLED GULL:

Common through period. No large counts noted.

HERRING GULL:

Common through period. No large counts reported.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

1	6/12	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	KK, RW	3rd summer bird.
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One reported through period at Tawas Pt, Io (RW).

COMMON TERN:

A few at Tawas Pt, Io through period (RW). Also reported from the Saginaw River, Ba (JS); Dow Ponds, Mi (50-60 present tp-RW); Patrick Road, Mi (RA); and CNC Wetlands, Mi (PK et al); and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

CASPIAN TERN:

Sightings through period. Three seen at largo Springs, Io on 7/3 (RW). Also reported in Midland from the Dow Ponds (RW, SR) and CNC Wetlands (PK). Peaks of 32 on 7/31 at Karn Plant, Ba (JS) and 38 on 7/28 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

FORSTER'S TERN:

Common through period. Peak of 26 on 7/20 at Fish Pt, Tu (MW).

BLACK TERN:

Noted through period. Reported from the usual nesting locations.

ROCK DOVE:

Common through period. Up to 50 reported through period in Bay City, Ba (JS).

MOURNING DOVE:



Common through period. Peak of 62 on 7/21 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:
Reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW, SR); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP, BG); and Caro, Tu (MW).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:
The only reports were from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP, BG).

EASTERN SCREECH OWL:
[No reports.] Probably because no one tried to find one.

GREAT HORNED OWL:
Reported from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC); Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW, G&EP, JG et al) and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

BARRED OWL:
The only reports were from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC) and Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK:
Scattered sightings through period.

WHIP-POOR-WILL:
The only reports were from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC) and Fremont Twp, Tu (MW).

CHIMNEY SWIFT:
Common through period.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:
Scattered sightings through period.

BELTED KINGFISHER:
Scattered sightings through period. Peak of 15 on 7/28 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). This represents a new SBA high count!

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:
Reported from Baldwin Twp, Io (RW); Bay City SP, Ba (JGi); Currie Park & near M-18, Mi (RA, RW, SR); Gabel Road, Sa (DP); and Oak Beach, Hu (ME).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:
Scattered sightings through period. Reported north to Alabaster Twp, Io (PC).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:
Reported from Alabaster Twp (PC), Loud Dam Road (RW), Rollways Road (BB), and Grays Creek (BB), all in Io.

DOWNY WOODPECKER:
Common through period.

HAIRY WOODPECKER:
Fairly common through period.

NORTHERN FLICKER:
Common through period.

PILEATED WOODPECKER:
Reported from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC); Rollways Road, Io (BB); and Chippewa NC, Mi (J&GS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:
[No reports.]

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:
Common through period. Peak of 10 on 6/3 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:
The only report was of one on 6/4 at Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

ALDER FLYCATCHER:
Scattered sightings through period. Migrant still at Tawas Pt, Io on 6/4.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER:
Common through period.

LEAST FLYCATCHER:
Scattered sightings through period.

EASTERN PHOEBE:
Common through period.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:
Common through period. Peak of 7 on 6/7 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP). New SBA high count.

EASTERN KINGBIRD:
Common through period. Peak of 9 at Tawas Pt, Io on 7/29 (BB).

HORNED LARK:
Fairly common through period.

PURPLE MARTIN:
Noted from Io, Fraser Twp, Ba (RW); Fish Pt, Tu (MW); and Oak Beach, Hu (ME). Paul Rasette reported about 20-25 nesting pair that produced an average of three successful young per pair at his home in Fraser Twp, Ba. Although four is typical brood, he described this as a very successful year.

TREE SWALLOW:
Common through period. Peak of 2500+ at Nayanquing Pt, Ba (KK, RW). New summer high.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:
Scattered sightings through period.



BANK SWALLOW:

Common through period. Peak of 250 on 7/7 at Karn Plant, Ba (JS).

CLIFF SWALLOW:

Fairly common through period. Up to 20 noted through period at Karn Plant, Ba (JS).

BARN SWALLOW:

Common through period.

BLUE JAY:

Common through period.

AMERICAN CROW:

Common through period.

COMMON RAVEN:

Noted from numerous losco locations south to Tawas Airport. Up to 6 a day between Monument Road and M-65 (BB).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:

Common through period.

TUFTED TITMOUSE:

Noted through period.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Scattered sightings from losco County.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:

Common through period.

BROWN CREEPER:

Reported from Bay City SP, Ba (G&EP) and Shiawassee, NWR, Sa (DP).

CAROLINA WREN:

[No reports.]

HOUSE WREN:

Fairly common through period.

WINTER WREN:

Two reported on 7/2 from Rollways Road, lo (BB). Also reported the Canoe Monument, lo (BB).

SEDGE WREN:

20 6/12 Nayanquing Pt, Ba RW, KK

Higher numbers were reported from many locations this year.

MARSH WREN:

50 6/14 Shiawassee NWR, Sa RW, DP

This was probably a very conservative number. These were all in the north end of the refuge. Also reported from the usual bay locations.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:

[No reports.] I couldn't find them at Iargo Springs this summer.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:

Small numbers noted through period.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD:

Common through period.

VEERY:

Common through period.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH:

[No reports.]

HERMIT THRUSH:

Found throughout losco County.

WOOD THRUSH:

Noted north to Alabaster Twp (PC) and Powerline Road, lo (BB). Numbers up in Midland County (RW). Peak of 7 noted on 6/7 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

AMERICAN ROBIN:

Common through period.

GRAY CATBIRD:

Common through period.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:

[No reports.]

BROWN THRASHER:

Common through period.

CEDAR WAXWING:

Common through period.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

[No reports.] Ron Annelin found the only pair in Michigan this year at Rose City in Ogemaw County. See "Sightings Outside the SBA".

EUROPEAN STARLING:



Common through period.

SOLITARY VIREO:
The only report was of one singing on 7/23 at Corsair, Io (RW).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:
Reported from Pine Haven, Mi (RW, ME); Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP); and Port Crescent SP, Hu (ME).

WARBLING VIREO:
Fairly common through period.

RED-EYED VIREO:
Fairly common through period.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:
Reported from Pine Haven, Mi (RW); Gratiot-Saginaw SGA, Sa (SR); and Fremont Twp, Tu (MW).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:
Reported from Midland BBS (RW, SR) and Gratiot-Saginaw SGA, Sa (SR).

TENNESSEE WARBLER:
[No reports.] No one was out looking for that late July push of early warblers.

NASHVILLE WARBLER:
Common through period in Iosco (RW, BB). One noted at Tawas Pt, Io on 7/23 was likely an early migrant (RW).

YELLOW WARBLER:
Common through period. Fair numbers at Tawas Pt, Io in late July (RW).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:
Reported from Midland BBS (RW, SR); Alabaster, Io (RW); and Huron County (ME).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER:
[No reports.]

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:

1	6/7	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Late straggler (singing).
1	mid June-7/3	Canoe Monument, Io	BB, RW	Rare breeder in Io.
1	7/17	near Iargo Springs, Io	BB	

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:
Noted on territory from Chambers, Davison, and Monument Roads in Io (RW, BB).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:
Fairly common in Io.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:
Reported from the Canoe Monument, Io in mid-June (BB). Few Io records, but probably an annual nester.

PINE WARBLER:
Common through period in Io (RW, BB). Also reported from Port Crescent Cemetery, Hu (ME).

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:
Two singing males noted at the Mead Road location on 6/4 (RW).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER:
[No reports.]

CERULEAN WARBLER:

2	6/2	Pine Haven, Mi	RW
3 min	6/4	Grat-Sag SGA, Sa	SR

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:
Noted from several Iosco locations (RW, BB).

AMERICAN REDSTART:
Fairly common through period.

PROTHONOTARY-WARBLER:

11	6/22	Shiawassee NWR, Sa	DP	Seven on 6/30 (MW).
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Seven males, three females, and one juvenile. A new SBA high count! Some of these were noted into mid-June. Last report I received was of two seen by Bob Grefe there on 7/15.

OVENBIRD:
Common through period. Six territories reported from Loosemore Road, Hu (ME).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:
Reported from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC); Canoe Memorial, Io (BB) and Loosemore Road (included one fledgling), Hu (ME).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:

2	6/2	Pine Haven, Mi	RW
2	6/4-7/31	Iargo Springs, Io	RW, BB

Annual there.

MOURNING WARBLER:
Noted from Alabaster Twp, Io (PC) and Midland BBS (RW, SR) and Pine Haven, Mi (RW).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:
Common through period.

WILSON'S WARBLER:
[No reports.]

CANADA WARBLER:



[No reports.]

SCARLET TANAGER:

Common through period in Iosco (RW, J&GS). Also noted from Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP); Tobico, Ba (G&EP); and Loosemore Road, Hu (ME).

NORTHERN CARDINAL:

Common through period.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:

Common through period.

INDIGO BUNTING:

Common through period. Peak of 7 males on 6/15 at Shiawassee NWR, Sa (DP).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE:

Fairly common through period. Two adults and four nestlings reported on 6/26 from Oak Grove, Ba (J&GS).

CHIPPING SPARROW:

Common through period.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:

1	6/4, 7/16	Tuttle Marsh area, Io	RW, BB
1	7/2	Tawas Airport, Io	RW

FIELD SPARROW:

Common through period.

VESPER SPARROW:

Common through period.

SAVANNAH SPARROW:

Common through period.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

2	6/4	Grat-Sag SGA, Sa	SR	Only report.
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Also reported through period from Dow Corning, Ba (RA).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

Noted in Alabaster Twp, Io (via PC).

SONG SPARROW:

Common through period.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

2	7/3	Curtis Road, Io	RW	Traditional location.
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SWAMP SPARROW:

Common through period.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

Common through period in Iosco (RW, BB).

DARK-EYED JUNCO:

Singing males noted from both Davison Road (7/3), Curtis Road (7/3), and Brownell Road (7/23), Io. Even though I'm sure they are annual nesters. These are the first summer reports for this quarterly summary. They were noted from the Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas.

BOBOLINK:

Fairly common through period. Only small numbers noted in late July.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:

Common through period.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

Common through period.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK:

[No reports.]

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

Reported from Nayanquing Pt, Ba (RW, SR et al) and Oak Grove, Ba (J&GS).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:

1	7/2	Tawas Airport, Io	RW	Local breeder.
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COMMON GRACKLE:

Common through period.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:

Common through period.

ORCHARD ORIOLE:

The pair that built a nest in May at the Rasette's in Fraser Twp, Ba parted ways with the female disappearing according to Paul. The bird then sang in the area for another mate for almost a month. Almost amazingly what Paul believed was a second female mated with the male producing a nest with eggs in early July. Unfortunately, this nest was raided and the eggs destroyed.

NORTHERN ORIOLE:

Common through period.

PURPLE FINCH:

Scattered sightings from Io (RW). Also noted from Fremont Twp, Tu (MW) and Wilderness Arb, Hu (ME).



HOUSE FINCH:

Common through period.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:

Common through period.

EVENING GROSBEAK:

1-2 6/4

Loud Dam Road, Io

RW

HOUSE SPARROW:

Common through period.

TOTAL: 188 species**RECORDS FROM OUTSIDE THE SBA**

KILLDEER:

70 7/27

Mayville, Lapeer

MW

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

2ad, 2juv @7/20 tp

Rose City, Ogemaw

RA

Seen through 8/16.

OMISSIONS/CORRECTIONS from previous reports

Spring 93-94

-There were two JGs listed in the observer directory. Josh Green should be credited with the Huron County sightings, while Jack Gillespie should have been credited with all other JG sightings. Hereafter, JGr will be Josh Green and JGi will be Jack Gillespie.

-Eastern Wood Pewee listed only the date 5/14. It should have listed they were seen on both NAMC counts.

OBSERVERS:

LA Larry Abrahams
 MA Margaret Alyea
 RA Ron Annelin
 MB Marianne Barrowman
 TB Tom Beachy
 BB Bob Bell
 J&JB Jack & Joanne Bouck
 M&LB Mary & Lloyd Buzzard
 AB Adam Byrne
 H&BC Hugh & Bonnie Campbell
 KC Katherine Carothers
 PC Phil Chu
 ME Monica Essenmacher
 CG Chuck Gartner
 JGr Josh Green
 KK Kevin Kane
 PK Pat Keeler
 BK Bob Kemp
 JGi Jack Gillespie
 EG Ed Green (sp?)
 BG Bob Grefe
 TH Tom Heatley
 JHe Jeanne Henderson
 M&JH Mark & Joanne Hubinger
 KK Kevin Kane
 EK Eugene Kenaga
 CL Chuck Lentz

JL Janea Little
 JLo Jim Lockwood
 JM Jean Madziar
 SM Stan Madziar
 SMi Sandy Miner
 mo many observers
 KO Karl Overman
 DP David Peters
 G&EP Glenn & Ellen Peterson
 JR Jack Reinoehl
 RR Ray Roach
 KQ Ken Quackenbush
 SR Steve Rosenberg
 SS Steve Santler
 MS Mary Shorkey
 WS Wendy Skory
 JS Joe Soehnel
 GS Grant Soehnel
 PS Phil Stephens
 DS Dave Stimac
 KT Kevin Thomas
 VT Val Trabucchi
 RW Ron Weeks
 MW Myles Willard
 M&MW Myles & Marilyn Willard
 BW Bruce Winchell

ABBREVIATIONS

ad adult
 Ar Arenac County
 Ba Bay County
 BCSP Bay City SP



Summer 1994

GPNC	Green Point NC
Hu	Huron County
Io	Iosco County
juv	juvenile
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture Pond (formerly Consumer's Pond)
Mi	Midland County
min	minimum
NC	Nature Center
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
Sa	Saginaw County
SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
SL	Sewage Lagoons
SP	State Park
Tu	Tuscola County

FALL 1994 FEATURE BIRD:

The fall winner for the earliest and most summer Stilt Sandpipers was Dave Peters. He reported 12 birds from Shiawassee NWR, Sa on July 28th. This is a remarkably late arrival date most likely due to the lack of habitat for shorebirds in early July.

The fall feature bird is another shorebird, Killdeer. This time I'll be looking for peak count and latest sighting. Only once has this species lingered past the fall period.

LATEST FALL/WINTER DATE:	26 December 1966	Bay City CBC, Ba (Kenaga)
SUMMER HIGH COUNT:	250 on 16 Sept 1992	LaPorte, Mi (Annelin)

1993 DEPARTURE:	26 October	Shiawassee NWR, Sa (Peters)
1992 DEPARTURE:	18 October	Hampton Twp, Ba (Soehnel)
1991 DEPARTURE:	8 November	Shiawassee NWR, Sa (Peters)
1990 DEPARTURE:	16 November	Bay County (Annelin)
1989 DEPARTURE:	9 November	Shiawassee NWR, Sa (Peters)

WEATHER FEATURE:

Once again we include the weather for the period. One can find daily highs and lows along with the wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, and precipitation in the last 24 hours. The data was provided by Dave Glesner, assistant manager of Midland's Barstow Airport. The barometric pressure, wind speed and direction were taken at 5:45 PM each day with the exception of a few days during the period when conditions were taken from earlier in the afternoon.

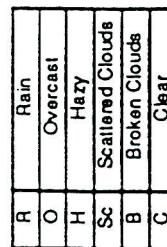
MISCELLANEOUS:

As promised, the NAMC totals from this May have been included.

Also, I gave Janea a copy of the butterflies reported by Monica Essenmacher for Huron County this summer. I really can't handle any more than birds at this point, but if someone is willing to coordinate these sightings and the Nature Center is willing to pay the cost of sending it along...



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Date/Wind Dir./Wind Speed/Sky Condition