

SEASONAL REPORT - BIRDS

Report dates - December 1, 1985 thru February 28, 1986

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| COMMON NAME | DATE(S) | # SEEN | LOCATION/COUNTY | OBSERVER |
|---|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Common Loon | 12/28 | 2 | kp | by mo |
| reported on bay city christmas bird count | | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 1/26 | 3 | kp | by mo |
| Horned Grebe | 1/4 | 3 | np | mi tw |
| Great Blue Heron | 1/19 | 1 | | by pd, js |
| Mute Swan | 2/21 | 2 | | sa mh |
| Canada Goose | late Dec. | 50 | | sa bw |
| | 2/15 | 500 | snwr | sa staff |
| most of these overwintered | | | | |
| | 1/1 | 8 | | mn jw |
| Wood Duck | 12/21 | 1 | | mi - |
| reported on Midland CBC | | | | |
| Am. Black Duck | 2/2 | 2 | mg | by gp |
| Mallard | thru period | 10-20 | mg | by jz |
| | 1/26 | 200 | kp | by mo |
| N. Pintail | 12/21 | 1 | | mi - |
| reported on Midland CBC | | | | |
| Redhead | 1/26-2/16 | 1 | mg | by mo |
| scaup sp. | 12/21 | 2 | | mi - |
| reported on Midland CBC | | | | |
| Oldsquaw | 12/28 | 1 | kp | by mh |
| bay city CBC | | | | |
| Common Goldeneye | thru period | 100 | mg | by js |
| Bufflehead | 2/27 | 1 | | mi cf |
| Common Merganser | 1/4 thru period | - | kp | by tw, cf |
| max. # 4000 | | | | |
| Red-br Merganser | 1/26 | 3 | | by tw |
| Ruddy Duck | 12/28 | 1 | kp | by - |
| bay city CBC | | | | |
| Bald Eagle | 2/22 | 2ad, 1im | | by js |
| | 2/25 | on nest | snwr | sa bg |
| | 1/11 | 1 | | mi ra |
| Sharp-sh Hawk | 1/19 | 1 | | tu mw |
| | 2/2 | 1 | | mi tw |
| chasing pine grosbeaks | | | | |
| Cooper's Hawk | thru period | 2 | | sa mh |
| more common in area than sharp-shinns | | | | |
| Br-winged Hawk | 2/28 | 1 | | by pd |
| also reported on CBC report for bay city | | | | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | thru period | | | tri mo |
| Rough-leg Hawk | 1/4 | 1 | | by tw, cf |
| dark phase | | | | |
| Am. Kestrel | thru period | | | tri mo |

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| Ring-nk Pheasant | thru period | | tri | mo |
| (one chinese pheasant brought in from saginaw hit by car in Feb.) | | | | |
| Wild Turkey | thru period | 1 fem. cnc | mi | cf |
| Am. Coot | 12/28 | 1 kp | by | - |
| | by city CBC | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | 12/28 | 12 | by | - |
| | bay city CBC | | | |
| Herring Gull | thru period | 200 | by | pd |
| Iceland Gull | 1/26 | 1 imm. sr | by | tw |
| Glaucous Gull | 1/4 | 11 sr | by | tw, cf |
| | 3 adults and 8 immatures | | | |
| Rock Dove | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Mourning Dove | thru period | | tri | mo |
| E. Screech Owl | thru feb. | 1 | tu | mw |
| | late feb. | 1 | sa | bw |
| Great Horned Owl | thru period | | mi, sa | pd, bg, gk |
| | nesting in late feb. | | | |
| Barred Owl | 12/21 | 2 | mi | - |
| | reported on Midland CBC | | | |
| Snowy Owl (no sightings- | first time in many years) | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | 1/26 | 1 | by | mo |
| Red-head Woodpecker | thru feb | 1 | mi | cf |
| | at bird feeder | | | |
| Red-bel Woodpecker | thru period | | by, sa | mo |
| Yellow-bel Sapsucker | 12/21 | 2 | mi | - |
| | on midland CBC | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Hairy Woodpecker | thru period | | tri | mo |
| N. Flicker | - | 1 cnc | mi | jw |
| | scattered sightings thru period | | | |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 12/27, 1/29 | 1 | mi | vs |
| Horned Lark | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Blue Jay | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Am. Crow | thru period | | tri | mo |
| | 400 at roost | | mi | tw |
| Bl-cap Chickadee | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Tufted Titmouse | thru period | | tri | mo |
| this is the first time Bob Grefe has had these at | | | | |
| his feeder in 35 years! | | | | |
| Red-br Nuthatch | thru period | 1 | sa | bg |
| White-br Nuthatch | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Brown Creeper | thru period | | tri | mo |
| Carolina Wren | 12/8 thru period | | mi | jd |
| | one bird visiting a feeder at Sanford Lake. | | | |
| Hermit Thrush | 2/2 thru period | 1 | mi | jd |
| | same feeder as carolina wren. | | | |
| Am. Robin | 1/18 singing | 1 cnc | mi | cf |
| | 2/24 | 1 cnc | mi | cf |
| Bohemian Waxwing | 12/20 thru period | | mi | mo |
| | 220 in Midland was max. # | | | gk |
| Cedar Waxwing | thru period | 40 | mi | jz |
| N. Shrike | scattered sightings thru period | | by, mi, | mo |
| | | | tu | |

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| European Starling | thru period | | | tri | mo |
| N. Cardinal | thru period | | | tri | mo |
| Am. Tree Sparrow | thru period | | | tri | mo |
| Song Sparrow | thru period | 1 | | sa | bg |
| White-thr Sparrow | 12/4 | 1 | | by | gp |
| | dec | 1 | | sa | pd |
| White-cr Sparrow | 12/28 | 1 | | sa | bw |
| | also reported on bay city CBC | | | | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | thru period | | | tri | mo |
| Lapland Longspur | 2/2 | 2 | | sa | mh |
| Snow Bunting | 1/4 | 850 | np | mi | tw |
| Red-wing Blackbird | 2/8 | 1 | | by | js |
| Brown-head Cowbird | 1/2 | 1 | | by | gp |
| Pine Grosbeak | thru period | 60 | max. | mi | mo |
| Purple Finch | 1/4 | 1 | | mi | mb |
| House Finch | thru period | 15 | | mi | cf |
| Common Redpoll | 2/20-27 | 200 | | tu | mw |
| Pine Siskin | 1/4 | 1 | | mi | mb |
| Am. Goldfinch | thru period | | | tri | mo |
| | numbers way down at most feeders in area | | | | |
| Evening Grosbeak | - | | | tri | mo |
| | scattered sightings thru period | | | | |
| House Sparrow | thru period | | | tri | mo |

TOTAL SPECIES - 78

ABBREVIATION CODES -

locations

kp karn plant
np nuclear pond
mg middle grounds(saginaw river)
cnc Chippewa Nature Center
sr saginaw river
snwr shiawassee national wildlife refuge

counties

mi midland
by bay
sa saginaw
tu tuscola
mn monroe
tri tri-county area(midland, saginaw, and bay)

observers

tw Terry Walsh
mo many observers
pd Phil Davis
js Joe Soehnel
jz Jerry Ziarno
bg Bob Grefe
ra Ron Annelin
mw Myles Willard
gp Glenn Peterson
mh Mark Hubinger
bw Bruce Winchell
jd Jan Dennett
vs Vickie Stilwell
mb Mary Brown
cf Chip Francke
ek Eric Kenaga
jw John Wardwell