

SEASONAL REPORT - BIRDS

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COMMON NAME	DATE(S)	# SEEN	LOCATION/COUNTY	OBSERVER
Pied-billed Grebe	thru period	max 3		by mo
Dbl-cr Cormorant	thru period	max 4	kp	by mo
Great Blue Heron	scattered thru period			tri mo
	12/27	14	kp	by mo
	1/14	7	snwr	sa ss
Bl-cr Night Heron	2/21	1	kp	by js
Tundra Swan	12/5	700	snwr	sa ss
	12/22	3	snwr	sa ss
Mute Swan	scattered thru period	max 4		by, mi mo
Canada Goose	thru period			tri mo
	12/5	13000	snwr	sa ss
	12/10-2/11	3-4000	snwr	sa ss
	12/20	864		mi mo
	2/28	2000	fp	tu mw
(Egyptian Goose	thru period	2	kp	by mo)
(Bar-headed Goose	1/4	1		mi ra)
both species believed to be escaped from local farms				
Wood Duck	12/27-2/7	max 2	kp	by mo
Am. Black Duck	thru period	max 50	kp	by mo
	12/5	2000	snwr	sa ss
	12/10-2/11	500	snwr	sa ss
	12/27	135		by mo
Mallard	thru period	max 200	kp	by mo
	12/5	8000	snwr	sa ss
	12/7	4000	ci	sa mh
	12/10-2/11	2000	snwr	sa ss
N. Pintail	1/3-1/12	max 4		mi ra, rw
	1/24	1		by js
Gadwall	1/17	2	kp	by rw
Am. Wigeon	12/13	1	kp	by js
	1/17	1	kp	by rw
Canvasback	12/13-1/31	2	kp	by mo
Redhead	12/19-1/24	max 3	kp	by mo
Greater Scaup	1/31	1	kp	by rw
Lesser Scaup	2/14	6	kp	by cf
	2/28	2	kp	by rw, js
Oldsquaw	1/17	1		by rw
Common Goldeneye	thru period			by mo
	12/27	1176		by mo
Bufflehead	12/13	1	kp	by js
	12/27	1	kp	by bg

Hooded Merganser	12/27-2/21	max 2	kp	by	mo
Common Merganser	thru period	max 1576		by	mo
	12/5	10000	snwr	sa	ss
Red-br Merganser	12/10-1/15	2400	snwr	sa	ss
Bald Eagle	thru period	1	kp	by	mo
	12/8-2/11	max 12	snwr	sa	ss
	1/1-2/14	max 2		by	mo
	2/21	1		io	ra
N. Harrier	2/26	5	snwr	sa	ss
	2/10	1		by	js
Sharp-sh Hawk	2/28	1		by	rw, js
	2/19	1		mi	ra
	2/20	1		tu	mw
Cooper's Hawk	12/27	1		by	
Red-sh Hawk	scattered thru period			tri	mo
	12/16	1		mi	cf
Red-tailed Hawk	12/20	1		mi	
	thru period			tri	mo
	12/20	15		mi	mo
	12/27	28		by	mo
Rough-leg Hawk	2/11	9	snwr	sa	ss
Am. Kestrel	12/27	3		by	mo
	thru period			tri	mo
	12/20	18		mi	mo
Peregrine Falcon	12/27	24		by	mo
Ring-nk Pheasant	2/26	limm	snwr	sa	ss
	scattered thru period			tri	mo
	1/27	8		sa	cf
Ruffed Grouse	thru period			tu	mw
Wild Turkey	scattered thru period			mi	cf
	tp			tu	mw
	during period	5		mi	cf
Am. Coot	12/27	1		by	mo
Bonaparte's Gull	12/4	500	sr	by	mn, js
Ring-billed Gull	12/8	500	sr	by	js
	1/3	5	sr	by	rw, tw
Herring Gull	thru period			by	mo
	12/27	16290	sr	by	cf, jr
Iceland Gull	12/27	1	sr	by	mo
Glaucous Gull	12/13-1/17	max 5	kp	by	mo
	12/27	26		by	cf, jr
Gr Blk-backed Gull	12/8	1		by	mh
	12/27	16	sr	by	mo
	1/3	6		by	rw, tw
Rock Dove	thru period			tri	mo
Mourning Dove	thru period			mi	mo
	12/20	932		mi	jr
C. Barn Owl	12/14	1			
(this bird was found injured and is in the care of the Wildlife Recovery Association)					
E. Screech Owl	2/16	1		tu	rw

Great Horned Owl	thru period			tu	mw
Snowy Owl	thru period			by	mo
	12/27	3		by	mo
	1/13	1		mi	ra
	2/14	1	fp	tu	cf, tw
Short-eared Owl	2/28	1	fp	tu	js, rw
Belted Kingfisher	scattered in december			tri	mo
	2/14	1		by	mo
Red-bel Woodpecker	thru period			tri	mo
Yel-bel Sapsucker	12/20	1		mi	mo
Downy Woodpecker	thru period			tri	mo
Hairy Woodpecker	thru period			tri	mo
N. Flicker	thru period	1		mi	cf
Pileated Woodpecker	12/16	1		mi	cf
	12/20	1		mi	ra
Horned Lark	1/17 thru period			tri	mo
Blue Jay	thru period			tri	mo
Am. Crow	thru period			tri	mo
	12/3	250		sa	mh
	12/20	455		mi	mo
	2/21			by	gp, ep
	(observed courtship behavior-early)				
Bl-cap Chickadee	thru period			tri	mo
Tufted Titmouse	thru period			tri	mo
Red-br Nuthatch	thru period			tu	mw
	12/20	2		mi	mo
	12/27	1		by	mo
White-br Nuthatch	thru period			tri	mo
Brown Creeper	12/20	3		mi	mo
	1/17	1		mi	mo
Golden-cr Kinglet	12/21	1		mi	rw
	2/16	5		tu	mw
Ruby-cr Kinglet	12/27	1		by	mo
Am. Robin	12/18-1/7 scattered sightings			mi	mo
Cedar Waxwing	scattered thru period			tri	mo
N. Shrike	thru period			mi	cf
	12/20	6		mi	mo
	12/20-2/20			by, tu	mo
European Starling	thru period			tri	mo
N. Cardinal	thru period			tri	mo
	12/20	114		mi	mo
Am. Tree Sparrow	thru period			tri	mo
	(low numbers this winter)				
Song Sparrow	12/20	1		mi	
	12/27	1		by	
	2/20	2		tu	mw
White-thr Sparrow	2/9	1		mi	
Dark-eyed Junco	thru period			tri	mo
Snow Bunting	12/19 thru period			tri	mo
	12/20	3650		mi	bg, bw

Red-wing Blackbird	2/27	1	cl	mh
E. Meadowlark	2/2	1	sa	mh
Common Grackle	12/5	3	by	js
	12/7	3	mi	ra
	2/23	1	sa	mh
Brown-head Cowbird	12/27	49	by	mo
Purple Finch	1/15	5	tu	mw
House Finch	thru period		mi	mo
	12/20	81	mi	mo
Common Redpoll	12/20 thru period-scattered		tri	mo
Pine Siskin	thru period		mi	ci
	1/1	30	mi	ra
Am. Goldfinch	thru period		tri	mo
Evening Grosbeak	scattered thru period		tu	mw
House Sparrow	thru period		tri	mo

(overall numbers of birds at area feeders low this winter)

TOTAL SPECIES - 87

observers

mo many observers
 cf chip francke
 bg bob grefe
 bw bruce winchell
 mw myles willard
 gp glen peterson
 ep ellen peterson
 ra ron annelin
 ss stan skatek
 mh mark hubinger
 js joe soehnel
 tw terry walsh
 rw ron weeks
 jr joe rogers

ABBREVIATION CODES -

locations

fp fish point
 sr saginaw river
 kp kern plant
 snwr shiawassee national wildlife refuge
 ci crow island

counties

by bay
 sa saginaw
 mi midland
 tu tuscola
 io iosco
 cl clare
 tri tri-county(by,sa,mi)