

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 thru May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

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**Summary:** A total of 253 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the Saginaw Bay Area this spring, above average for the season. This report lists each of these species, along with the highest reported individual count(s) for each, and a list of the SBA counties in which each was noted. First dates are listed for species not recorded in the preceding February, and last dates for species that don't remain into the summer. Observer effort this spring was average. Nine new SBA peak counts were established, as well as one seasonal high count, and four new SBA spring early dates. Five Michigan Review List species were reported with written details and/or photographs. The warm March weather may have contributed to the new peak counts for Northern Shoveler and Red-shouldered Hawk, as the records occurred on dates well prior to these species normal peaks counts. The Trumpeter Swan and Peregrine Falcon made SBA breeding history, thanks to the citizen supported efforts of Federal and state endangered species programs to undo the results of past generation's thoughtlessness.

**Weather:** Summarizing this spring's weather is easy - remarkably warm! In March, Saginaw experienced a historically unprecedented departure from normal temperatures. The highest temperatures for the month were near the historic highs for April. Precipitation for the month was normal. Temperatures returned to normal in April, with the highest temperatures occurring mid-month, and the lowest near the end. Precipitation however, fell to only slightly above half of the normal April amount. Rainfall amounts were back to normal in May, and temperatures went back to above normal. Though not as extreme in departure as March, the warmth was persistent, and it was the 10<sup>th</sup> warmest May on record in Saginaw. Despite the normal April, the average temperature for the spring season was an all-time record.

(Weather is based upon the best available data from NOAA, which is for Saginaw MBS. While generally applicable to the greater SBA, conditions in the northern and lakeshore portions of the area may have varied to some extent.)

***This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2011, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on summer 2012 birds in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to Joe Soehnel at [soehnelj@gmail.com](mailto:soehnelj@gmail.com) or at 989-892-3687.***

***Many thanks to all observers who contributed their sightings directly to this compilation. Your extra efforts result in a significantly more accurate and thorough report. Additional thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing support.***



**March 25<sup>th</sup> was a fine day for photographing birds in Iosco County. At the top, Ruddy Turnstones at Tawas Point State Park, by Doug L. Jackson. Below that, a Loggerhead Shrike at Wurtsmith Airport by Roger A. Eriksson.**

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comment
GRTR WHITE-FRNTD GOOSE:	3	3/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP
SNOW GOOSE:	42	3/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
CACKLING GOOSE:	1	3/13	Bayport, Hu	MKE
CANADA GOOSE:	12,770	3/16	SNWR, Sa	NWR staff - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
MUTE SWAN:	71	5/31	Au Gres, Ar	RAE - that is 71 too many - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
TUNDRA SWAN:	6,000+ 1	3/13 5/31	Fairhaven Twp., Hu Tawas Bay, Tawas, lo	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu RAE - photographed
TRUMPETER SWAN:	4 2 4 5 2 21 noted 2	3/7 3/24 3/31 4/6 5/12 5/12 5/19 5/23	SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam area, lo SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam area, lo Ba lo Tuttle Marsh, lo SNWR, Sa	SFK WWS JEV WWS - thru 4/11 NAMC NAMC WWS,TS - 2 juvenile age DJP - w/ 6 cygnets, Saginaw County's first successful TRUS nest.
WOOD DUCK:	2 49	3/7 4/5	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu NWR staff
GADWALL:	73	3/29	SNWR, Sa	NWR staff - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
*EURASIAN WIGEON:	1	4/19	NPSWA, Ba	MM - a male - present thru 5/1(KO) - pending MBRC acceptance
AMERICAN WIGEON:	<b>3,410</b>	3/23	Crow Island SGA, Sa	RAE - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Tu
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	86	3/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu
MALLARD:	2,302	3/16	SNWR, Sa	NWR staff - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	1 76	3/14 4/19	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi DJP
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	<b>727</b>	3/22	SNWR, Sa	EMD, KK - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	614	4/5	SNWR, Sa	NWR staff - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	964	4/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
CANVASBACK:	192	3/12	Pinconning Park, Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa,Tu
REDHEAD:	23,400	3/11	Tawas Bay, lo	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
RING-NECKED DUCK:	733	3/16	SNWR, Sa	NWR staff - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
GREATER SCAUP:	14	5/10	Tawas Bay, lo	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu
LESSER SCAUP:	300	3/22	Pinconning Twp., Ba	JZ - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa

SCAUP SP:	1,150	3/29	Linwood, Ba	RAE - also noted in Io
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	9	3/24	TPSP, Io	RAE
	4	5/10	TPSP, Io	RMD
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	1,128	3/25	TPSP, Io	RAE - the observer noted this count was from 7:50 to 8:20 AM - also noted in Ba,Mi
	20	5/12	Io	NAMC
BUFFLEHEAD:	127	3/22	Tawas Bay, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
	30	5/10	Tawas Bay, Io	RMD
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	175	3/13	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Sa
	6	5/12	Io	NAMC - last date
HOODED MERGANSER:	24	4/26	Pinconning Park, Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
COMMON MERGANSER:	709	3/9	Pinconning Park, Ba	RAE - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	93	3/22	Tawas Bay, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi
RUDDY DUCK:	200	4/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	6	5/30	NPSWA, Ba	GSP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu
RUFFED GROUSE:	5	3/24	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
	6	3/31	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD
WILD TURKEY:	18	3/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
COMMON LOON:	2	3/24	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - first date - also noted in Ar,Hu,Tu
	27	4/22	Saginaw Twp., Sa	SFK - high flyovers in groups of 1 to 11, the largest two groups observed circling in flight and gaining altitude, before heading straight northwest.
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	27	4/13	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
HORNED GREBE:	6	4/22	Tawas Bay, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
	2	5/2	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
EARED GREBE:	1	3/25	Becroft Lake Trail, Tu	JEV - 1 <sup>st</sup> Tu record
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	7	4/13	FPSWA, Tu	JEV
	9	5/10	FPSWA, Tu	JEV
	7	5/12	Pinconning Park, Ba	JZ
	4	5/20	Arenac Twp., Ar	DLJ
	7	5/27	FPSWA, Tu	DD
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	1	3/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
	290	5/31	Au Gres, Ar	RAE - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
AMERICAN BITTERN:	2	4/7	Tuttle Marsh, Io	MH - first date, here and in Tu (JEV)
	4	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi
LEAST BITTERN:	1	5/16	Tuttle Marsh, Io	JZ - first date - also noted in Ba
GREAT BLUE HERON:	77	5/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	1	3/17	FPSWA, Tu	DD - first date
	28	5/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi

SNOWY EGRET:	1	5/27	NPSWA, Ba	DD
GREEN HERON:	1 3	5/3 5/25	Manitou County Park, Mi NPSWA, Ba	RMD - first date, here and in Sa (DJP) GSP,EMP - also noted in Io,Tu
BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON:	1	4/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
*WHITE-FACED IBIS:	3	5/9	FPSWA, Tu	SF - at least one individual was photographed - pending MBRC acceptance - the last date observed was of one individual on 5/14 (LD).
	1	5/20	TPSP, Io	MW,MWi,MHu,JHu - the observer noted "...flew down the point...at close range in good light" - pending MBRC acceptance, but details were not submitted
*BLACK VULTURE:	2	4/16	PCHW, Hu	MKE - passing within ten minutes of one another, separable by a missing primary and a missing tail feather in the second bird - pending MBRC acceptance, report submitted by the observer
TURKEY VULTURE:	193	4/16	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
OSPREY:	2 11	4/7 4/16	Tuttle Marsh, Io PCHW, Hu	MH - first date - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa MKE
BALD EAGLE:	20	5/29	SNWR, Sa	DEP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN HARRIER:	23	4/16	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	451	4/16	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
COOPER'S HAWK:	5	4/15	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1 2 2	3/10 5/4 5/12	Bayport, Hu PCHW, Hu Io	MKE MKE NAMC
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	<b>172</b>	3/14	PCHW, Hu	MKE - <b>new SBA peak count</b> , nearly doubling the previous peak. The PCHW season total for this species was the highest on record. - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	1 1401	4/11 5/2	Deford SGA, Tu PCHW, Hu	JEV - first date, here and in Hu (MKE) MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa
SWAINSON'S HAWK:	1	5/2	PCHW, Hu	MKE - an adult, perched along the road into PCSP
RED-TAILED HAWK:	49	4/14	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
*FERRUGINOUS HAWK:	1	5/15	PCHW, Hu	MKE - an immature age, light morph individual, observed descending on prey no less, not something often seen at this migration site - pending MBRC acceptance, a report has been submitted by the observer

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	9 3	3/7 5/4	PCHW, Hu PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Tu MKE - last date
GOLDEN EAGLE:	2 2	3/13 5/4	PCHW, Hu PCHW, Hu	MKE - first migrant of the season MKE - last date - also noted in Tu
AMERICAN KESTREL:	<b>52</b>	4/16	PCHW, Hu	<b>MKE - new SBA peak count</b> - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
MERLIN:	3	4/16	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Tu
PEREGRINE FALCON:	1 2	3/2 5/19	Bay City, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	GSP,EMP - at City Hall, also here on 3/21 - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa,Tu SM - at the nest on the Weadock Plant w/ 3 hatchlings, on the way to being the SBA's first successful PEFA nesting!
VIRGINIA RAIL:	1 5	3/22 4/20	Tuttle Marsh, Io FPSWA, Tu	MH - first date - also noted in Ba,Mi SG
SORA:	9	4/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Io,Tu
COMMON MOORHEN:	5	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io
AMERICAN COOT:	62 414	3/12 4/13	Crow Island SGA, Sa SNWR, Sa	RAE - first date DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
SANDHILL CRANE:	87	5/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:	2	4/1	SNWR, Sa	TP - also noted in Hu
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	1 20	5/9 5/30	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Io DEP
SEMPALMATED PLOVER:	1 146	5/2 5/25	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi DJP
PIPING PLOVER:	2 4 3	5/8 5/12 5/31	Io Io TPSP, Io	RAE - first date NAMC DLJ
KILLDEER:	1 22	3/2 3/30	Ingersoll Twp., Mi SNWR, Sa	MKE - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu DJP
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	1 17	5/2 5/18	PCSP, Hu SNWR, Sa	MH - first date, here and in Io (MH) and Sa (DJP) - also noted in Ar,Ba DJP
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	1 6	5/1 5/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - also noted in Ba
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	5 115 1	3/20 4/13 5/25	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi DJP DJP - last date
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	3 151	3/20 4/19	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi DJP
UPLAND SANDPIPER:	1 2	4/29 5/8	Wurtsmith Airport, Io Bridgeport area, Sa	MH - first date JDS

WHIMBREL:	16 500	5/18 5/26	TPSP, lo Au Gres Twp., Ar	CP SJ - flying northward along the shoreline
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	2 25	<b>5/4</b> 5/25	Tawas Bay, lo SNWR, Sa	MH,TN - <b>new SBA spring early date</b> DJP
RED KNOT:	1	5/17	TPSP, lo	GN - present thru 5/19 (JEV)
SANDERLING:	3	5/25	TPSP, lo	DLJ
SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:	12 122	5/12 5/25	Pinconning Park, Ba SNWR, Sa	JZ - first date - also noted in lo,Tu DJP
LEAST SANDPIPER:	10 177 2	5/9 5/12 5/25	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi DJP DJP - last date
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	1 22	5/25 5/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in lo DJP
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	28 178 4	3/30 4/19 5/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in lo,Mi DJP DJP - last date
DUNLIN:	4 339	4/5 5/23	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu DJP
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	6 91	4/15 5/9	FPSWA, Tu SNWR, Sa	SJ - first date - also noted in Ba DJP
DOWITCHER SP:	4 9	4/25 5/31	Dow Ponds, Mi Au Gres, Ar	JZ RAE
WILSON'S SNIPE:	6 141	3/20 4/13	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1 4	3/6 3/18	Bridgeport Twp., Sa Koylton Twp., Tu	JDS - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi JEV
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	2 144	3/19 4/11	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba KawkawlinTwp., Ba	GSP - first date - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu RAE
LITTLE GULL:	1	3/24	Tawas Bay, lo	RAE - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age
FRANKLIN'S GULL:	1 1	5/12 5/14	Alabaster Twp., lo PCSP, Hu	MW LD,MKE - adult age
RING-BILLED GULL:	1000+	3/11	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
HERRING GULL:	500+	3/2	Pinconning Twp., Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
ICELAND GULL:	1 1	3/11 3/13	PCSP, Hu Caseville, Hu	MKE MKE
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	3/10	Port Austin, Hu	MKE
GLAUCOUS GULL:	17 3	3/27 5/12	Pinconning Twp., Ba Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Tu NAMC - last date
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	7 1	3/12 4/2	Linwood, Ba Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,Hu GSP
CASPIAN TERN:	1 19	4/11 5/3	Pinconning Park, Ba BCSRA, Ba	RAE - first date - also noted in Hu,lo,Sa,Tu GSP

BLACK TERN:	2 3	5/12 5/13	SNWR, Sa Kawkawlin River Flooding, Mi	DJP - first date, here and in Ba(NAMC) BR,MS - also noted in Io
COMMON TERN:	40	5/11	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	RMD - first date - also noted in Io
FORSTER'S TERN:	1 15	4/2 4/19	Pinconning Park, Ba Linwood, Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa RAE
ROCK PIGEON:	50	3/2	Bay City, Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Io,Sa,Tu
MOURNING DOVE:	6	3/31	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	1 2	5/8 5/19	Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date - also noted in Io DJP
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	5/8	Mi	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	2	4/12	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa
GREAT HORNED OWL:	1	3/15	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - on nest - also noted in Mi,Sa
SNOWY OWL:	3 1	3/21 4/2	FPSWA, Tu FPSWA, Tu	DB - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io JZ, JEV - last date
BARRED OWL:	2	5/1	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Io,Mi
LONG-EARED OWL :	1	3/18	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV
SHORT-EARED OWL:	1	4/15	Sumac Island, Hu	SJ
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	1	5/12	Ba	NAMC - first date, here and in Io (NAMC) - also noted in Mi,Tu
WHIP-POOR-WILL:	2 1	5/2 5/7	Hegwood's Woods, Io Oil City area, Mi	MH - first date, here and in Hu (MKE) RMD
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	59 61	4/27 5/30	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi DJP
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD	1 7	5/3 5/12	Oil City area, Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu JDS,DJP
BELTED KINGFISHER:	2	4/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	2 2	5/8 5/27	Mi Pine Barrens, Io	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu WWS
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	15	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	2 14	3/24 4/27	Cooke Dam area, Io Geneva Twp., Mi	WWS - first date RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	13	4/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	5	3/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN FLICKER:	59	4/14	PCSP, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	3	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu



OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	1 1	5/13 5/19	Bridgeport Twp., Sa TPSP, Io	JDS CP
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	1	5/12	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP - first date, here and in Sa (JDS) - also noted in Io,Mi
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	1	5/19	TPSP, Io	JEV
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	1 4	5/12 5/23	Io Pine River Park, Mi	NAMC - first date MKE,RMD
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	1 23	5/12 5/23	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date, here and in Ba(NAMC) DJP - also noted in Mi,Tu
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	2 12	5/3 5/5	Manitou County Park, Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date, here and in Sa (DJP) DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
EASTERN PHOEBE:	1 10	3/14 5/12	Greendale Twp., Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu DJP,JDS
GRT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	2 33	5/2 5/12	PCSP, Hu SNWR, Sa	MKE - first date, here and in Mi (RMD) DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	3 12+	5/2 5/11	TPSP, Io TPSP, Io	MH - first date, here and in Hu (MKE) and in Ba (GSP,JG) RMD - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa,Tu
*LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:	1	5/26	Wurtsmith Airport, Io	RAE - photographed - pending MBRC acceptance
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	3/11	Tuttle Marsh, Io	MH,EC - last date - also noted in Hu,Mi
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	1 <b>10</b>	5/3 5/12	Manitou County Park, Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date, here and in Sa (DJP) DJP - <b>new SBA peak count</b> -also noted in Ar,Io
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	1 2	4/21 5/8	SNWR, Sa Moffatt Twp., Ar	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu DLJ
WARBLING VIREO:	1 44	4/20 5/12	CNC, Mi SNWR, Sa	JML - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu DJP,JDS
PHILADELPHIA VIREO:	1 1	5/2 5/15	TPSP, Io Grindstone City, Hu	MH - first date - also noted in Ba,Tu LD - last date
RED-EYED VIREO:	1 6	4/25 5/12	BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa	JEV - first date JDS,DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
BLUE JAY:	607	5/3	PCHW, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	up to 60	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
COMMON RAVEN:	6 3	4/29 5/12	Cooke Dam area, Io Gibson Twp., Ba	WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Hu NAMC
HORNED LARK:	24	3/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
PURPLE MARTIN:	noted 12	4/8 5/19	Linwood Beach, Ba TPSP, Io	AH - first date - also noted in Ar,Hu JEV
TREE SWALLOW:	12 202	3/9 4/16	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu

N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	2 11	4/16 5/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu DJP,JDS
BANK SWALLOW:	110	5/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS - first date - also noted in lo,Sa
CLIFF SWALLOW:	12 33	5/1 5/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Tu DJP
BARN SWALLOW:	1 84	4/10 5/1	CNC, Mi SNWR, Sa	JZ - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	16	3/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	11	4/14	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	5	4/11	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	11	3/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu
BROWN CREEPER:	7	3/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
CAROLINA WREN:	1	3/17	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV
HOUSE WREN:	1 13	4/12 5/12	Saginaw, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP,JDS - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
WINTER WREN:	1 4 1	3/24 4/1 5/19	Cooke Dam area, lo SNWR, Sa lo	WWS - first date - also noted in Mi,Tu DJP MH
SEDGE WREN:	2 7	4/27 5/12	Geneva Twp., Mi SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu DJP
MARSH WREN:	2 51	4/7 5/12	FPSWA, Tu SNWR, Sa	JEV - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi DJP
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	1 19	4/19 5/12	Deford SGA, Tu SNWR, Sa	JEV - first date DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	29	4/1	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	1 22 4	<b>3/25</b> 4/21 5/11	Bridgeport Twp., Sa SNWR, Sa TPSP, lo	JDS - first date - <b>ties SBA spring early date</b> DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu RMD - last date
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	5	5/27	Pine Barrens, lo	WWS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
VEERY:	1 18	5/8 5/18	Hampton Twp., Ba Jerome Twp., Mi	JMS - first date, here and in Mi (RMD) RMD - also noted in Ar,lo,Tu
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	1 7	5/11 5/12	TPSP, lo SNWR, Sa	RMD - first date, here and in Sa (DJP) JDS,DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu
HERMIT THRUSH:	2 11	4/6 4/20	Veterans Memorial Park, Mi FPSWA, Tu	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa SG

WOOD THRUSH:	2 <b>20</b>	5/3 5/12	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date, - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu DJP,JDS - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - In contrast, GSP noted an ongoing local decline of this species, with a territorial singer absent from his yard this spring for the first time in 14 years, and also absent or nearly so at nearby BCSRA.
AMERICAN ROBIN:	87	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
GRAY CATBIRD:	1 30	5/1 5/12	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu DJP,JDS
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:	1 1	5/20 5/25	TPSP, lo Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV,CP JEV
BROWN THRASHER:	1 20+	3/31 5/2	Geneva Twp., Mi TPSP, lo	RMD - first date MH - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
EUROPEAN STARLING:	500	3/1	Portsmouth Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN PIPIT:	1 4	4/30 5/12	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	GSP - first date - also noted in Mi DJP - very few AMPI this spring
CEDAR WAXWING:	28	5/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	77 34	4/13 4/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP DJP
SNOW BUNTING	50 5	3/11 3/14	PCHW, Hu Karn Plant, Ba	MKE - also noted in Tu JMS - last date
OVENBIRD:	1 8	4/25 5/18	CNC, Mi Jerome Twp., Mi	JZ - first date RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:	1 1 1	4/15 4/21 5/10	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu FPSWA, Tu Veteran's Memorial Park, Mi	SJ - first date JEV RMD
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	1 6	5/1 5/3	Oil City area, Mi Hampton Twp., Ba	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,lo,Hu,Tu JMS
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	1 2	5/3 5/8	Manitou County Park, Mi Moffatt Twp., Ba	RMD - first date - also noted in lo,Tu DLJ
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	1 4	5/2 5/8	Oil City area, Mi Moffatt Twp., Ar	RMD - first date DLJ - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	1 7	5/2 5/4	Cooke Dam area, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - first date WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:	3	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	1 8 2	5/3 5/12 5/24	Manitou County Park, Mi SNWR, Sa TPSP, lo	RMD - first date DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu JRe - last date
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:	1 4 4 1	<b>4/14</b> 5/5 5/11 5/12	Hume Twp., Hu SNWR, Sa TPSP, lo Ba	JBu - <b>new SBA spring early date</b> DJP - also noted in Mi,Tu RMD NAMC - last date

NASHVILLE WARBLER:	2 39	4/19 5/5	Deford SGA, Tu SNWR, Sa	JEV - first date DJP - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
CONNECTICUT WARBLER:	1	5/8	Deford SGA, Tu	JEV
MOURNING WARBLER:	1 2	5/10 5/24	LBSRP, Mi TPSP, Io	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa JRe
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	2  164	5/2  5/12	NPSWA, Ba  SNWR, Sa	GSP,JG - first date, here and in Mi (RMD) and in Sa (DJP) - also noted in Ar,Io,Tu DJP,JDS - <b>new SBA peak count</b>
HOODED WARBLER:	1 1	5/11 5/18	TPSP, Io Jerome Twp., Mi	RMD RMD
AMERICAN REDSTART:	1 33	5/3 5/12	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JMS - first date, here and in Sa (DJP) JDS,DJP
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:	10 1	5/12 5/17	Io TPSP, Io	NAMC JZ
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	1 2 1	5/4 5/7 5/19	FPSWA, Tu Hampton Twp., Ba TPSP, Io	JEV - first date JMS - also noted in Mi JEV - last date
CERULEAN WARBLER:	3	5/4	SNWR, Sa	LMA - first date - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi
NORTHERN PARULA:	1 5 1	4/15 5/11 5/19	Sebewaing, Hu TPSP, Io TPSP, Io	SJ - first date - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu RMD JEV - last date
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	4  11	5/3  5/11	Manitou County Park, Mi  TPSP, Io	RMD - first date, here and in Ba (JMS) - also noted in Ar,Sa,Tu RMD
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:	1 1	5/8 5/20	Bay City, Ba Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP - first date - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu GSP,EMP - last date
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	3 5	5/3 5/11	Manitou County Park, Mi TPSP, Io	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa RMD
YELLOW WARBLER:	1  163	4/24  5/12	SNWR, Sa  SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu DJP,JDS
CHESNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	2 7	5/3 5/11	BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa	GSP,EMP - first date, here and in Mi (JML) DJP - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu
BLACKPOLL WARBLER:	1 3 1	5/5 5/16 5/24	Koylton Twp., Tu SNWR, Sa TPSP, Io	JEV - first date DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi JR - last date
BLK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:	1  4 1	5/3  5/11 5/19	BCSRA, Ba  TPSP, Io TPSP, Io	GSP,EMP - first date, here and in Mi - also noted in RMD JEV - last date
PALM WARBLER:	1 21 1	4/20 5/7 5/18	CNC, Mi Hampton Twp. Ba Pine Barrens, Io	JML - first date - also noted in Sa,Tu JMS WWS,TS

PINE WARBLER:	5	4/6	Veterans Memorial Park, Mi	RMD - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	1 56	3/5 4/16	Homer Twp., Mi PCSP, Hu	MKE - first date MKE - included one Audubon's, w / "crisply defined brilliant yellow throat." "Yellow on head and a thick solid black breast band" also noted, as well as "yellow markings on sides/rump and other in common field marks." - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu,Sa
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	1 9	5/2 5/4	Cooke Dam area, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - first date WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
CANADA WARBLER:	2 1	5/12 5/19	Ba TPSP, lo	NAMC - first date, here and in lo (NAMC) JEV - last date - also noted in Mi
WILSON'S WARBLER:	1 5 1	5/10 5/11 5/24	TPSP, lo TPSP, lo TPSP, lo	RMD - first date - also noted in Ba RMD JRe
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:	1	5/15	TPSP, lo	GN - photographed
EASTERN TOWHEE:	1 26	3/17 4/27	Koylton Twp., Tu Geneva Twp., Mi	JEV - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa RMD
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	104 2	3/2 5/10	SNWR, Sa TPSP, lo	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Tu RMD - last date
CHIPPING SPARROW:	1 10	3/21 4/16	PSCP, Hu SNWR, Sa	MKE - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	1 9	5/6 5/16	Hickory Island, Ar Rush Lake SGA, Hu	DLJ - first date - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa MKE
FIELD SPARROW:	1 8	3/20 4/27	Oil City area, Mi Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - first date RMD - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
VESPER SPARROW:	1 6	4/6 5/1	Elmwood Twp., Tu Pine Barrens, lo	JEV - first date - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa WWS
LARK SPARROW:	1	5/8	TPSP, lo	LC
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	3  <b>102</b>	3/21  5/12	SNWR, Sa  SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu DJP - <b>new SBA spring high count</b>
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	1 3	5/4 5/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	LMA - first date - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo DJP
HENSLOW'S SPARROW				
FOX SPARROW:	1 25 1	<b>3/2</b> 3/31 4/13	BCSRA area, Ba Geneva Twp, Mi Bangor Twp., Ba	fide DD - <b>new SBA spring early date</b> RMD - also noted in lo,Tu GSP,EMP - last date
SONG SPARROW:	135	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
LINCOLN'S SPARROW:	1 1	5/10 5/12	NPSWA, Ba Bangor Twp., Ba	JEV - first date - also noted in Sa GSP - only 3 LISP reported this spring

SWAMP SPARROW:	1 30	3/27 4/7	Crow Island SGA, Sa FPSWA, Tu	JMS - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi JEV
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	1 76 2	4/7 4/28 5/19	FPSWA, Tu SNWR, Sa Tuttle Marsh, lo	JEV - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi WWS,TS - on territory
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	1  40+	3/10  5/2	Bangor Twp., Ba  TPSP, lo	GSP,EMP - first date, very early if this was not an overwintering individual MH - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa,Tu
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	<b>200+</b> 4	4/6 5/12	Cooke Dam area, lo lo	WWS - <b>new SBA peak count</b> NAMC - last date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
SUMMER TANAGER:	1	5/11	TPSP, lo	RMD
SCARLET TANAGER:	1 8	5/3 5/18	Manitou County Park, Mi Jerome Twp., Mi	RMD - first date RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	27	3/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	1 27	4/28 5/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
INDIGO BUNTING:	1 12	5/9 5/11	SNWR, Sa TPSP, lo	DJP - first date RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
DICKCISSEL:	1	5/24	SNWR, Sa	SFK
BOBOLINK:	1 20+	5/3 5/10	SNWR, Sa Geneva Twp., Mi	DJP - first date RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	3700	3/2	Fraser Twp., Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	8	5/1	Wurtsmith Airport, lo	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	2 12 1	4/19 5/12 5/29	NPSWA, Ba NPSWA, Ba Pt. Aux Barques, Hu	MM - first date RMD MA
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	27 122 4	3/8 3/15 5/8	Bangor Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Tu JMS - last date, here and in Ar (DLJ)
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:	12 8 2	3/17 5/12 5/22	FPSWA, Tu lo Mi	DD - new SBA spring early date NAMC RMD
COMMON GRACKLE:	129	3/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	48	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	3 5	5/11 5/19	TPSP, lo TPSP, lo	RMD - first date JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	1 59	4/25 5/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu DJP,JDS
PURPLE FINCH:	12	4/6	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
HOUSE FINCH:	6	3/5	SNWR, Sa	SFK - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:	8 9	3/5 3/31	Bay City, Ba Frankenmuth, Sa	JMS - also noted in Mi,Sa HFS,JAS - last date
COMMON REDPOLL:	25 1	3/7 3/14	Cooke Dam area, Io Greendale Twp., Mi	WWS - also noted in Ba,Sa RMD - last date
PINE SISKIN:	150 150 1	3/1 3/7 5/18	Moffatt Twp., Ar Cooke Dam area, Io Jerome Twp., Mi	DLJ - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu WWS - present here tp RMD
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	49	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
HOUSE SPARROW:	47	3/8	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu

**TOTAL: 253 Species**

**EXOTICS and OTHERS:**

BLACK SWAN:	1	5/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - present thru 5/17
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Peak/high counts and early/late dates are designated based upon records established in the publication *Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area* by Ron Weeks, published in 1995, and subsequent updates to the data by the compilers of the Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area report. Comments on seasonal occurrences also relate to information found in this exhaustively researched book, as well as species notations on the Michigan Bird Survey Form.

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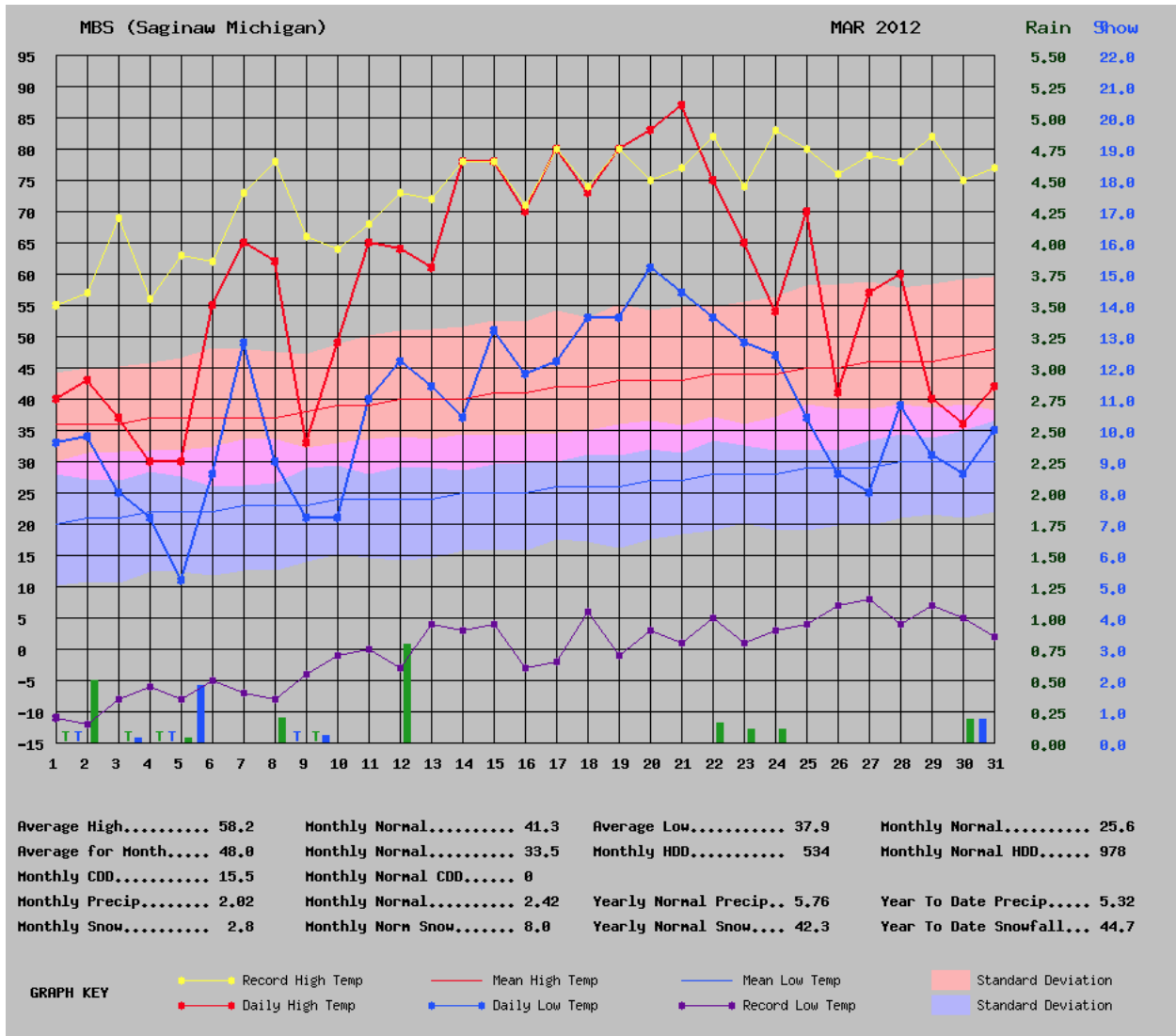
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## Abbreviations:

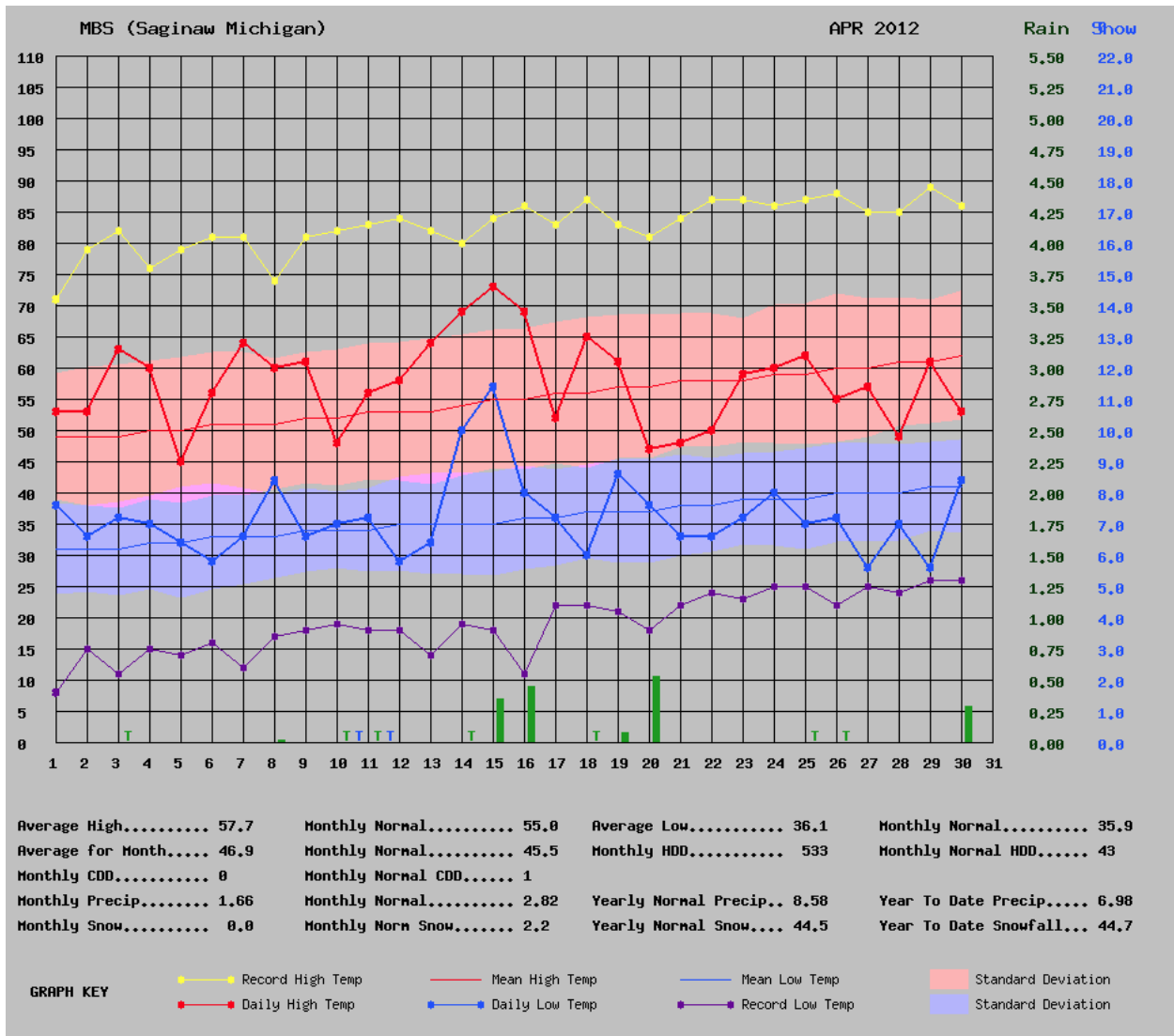
Ar	Arenac County	NAMC	North American Migration Count
Ba	Bay County	PCHW	Port Crescent Hawk Watch
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	PCSP	Port Crescent State Park
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	Sa	Saginaw County
FPSWA	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
Hu	Huron County	SBB.org	<a href="http://www.SaginawBayBirding.org">www.SaginawBayBirding.org</a>
Io	Iosco County	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
LBSRP	Laur Big Salt River Park	SGA	State Game Area
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	tp	throughout entire period
Mi	Midland County	Tu	Tuscola County
NPSWA	Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area	WBSWA	Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area



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