## BIRDS IN THE SAGINAW BAY AREA March 1 – May 31, 2003

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#### Summary:

Spring of 2003 started cold and finished cold with a few warm days in between. A snow and sleet storm in early April caused problems for those birds that were already migrating through the area. While there were a couple of days of large numbers of warblers at some of the usual spots, the migration of our favorite, colorful birds seemed to be spread out over a longer period this spring. Joe Soehnel had "an endless river of passerines (hundreds) that flew just above the tree tops" in Hampton Township in Bay County on May 6. The NAMC for Bay County on May  $10^{th}$  produced 22 warbler species and Gary and Tess Nelkie had an early "fall out" of warbler species (19 total) at Tawas Pt. on May  $11^{th}$ , in spite of some "rotten" weather. Steve Rosenberg had 24 Warbler species at BCSRA on May  $13^{th}$ . Warblers continued to pass through with some being seen at the end of May.

With a total of 242 species, it was an average spring season. The numbers of people submitting reports is increasing and, while we did a good job finding the usual residents and migrants, there were not as many "rarities" as we have found in previous years. Some of the more notable sightings for this season include: a Red-throated Loon and Red-necked Grebes that stayed in the open water near the Karn Plant in Bay County into March. Four American White Pelicans remained at SNWR at the end of May and (probably) another four showed up at Tawas Pt. State Park in late May. A Cattle Egret made an appearance for the third consecutive year, I believe, in Bangor Township in Bay County. White-winged Scoters showed up close to shore in fairly large numbers in Bay and losco Counties. Willet, Whimbrel and both Godwit species were observed. One Red-necked Phalarope appeared on May 17-20 at Nayanguing Pt. and another (?) one was at SNWR on May 23. A Common Raven was reported from Huron County, unusual from this far south. Gray-cheeked Thrushes were observed in a number of sites. A total of 32 species of eastern wood-warblers were reported, a good number. Glenn and Ellie Peterson had a Summer Tanager at their yard. Henlsow's Sparrows were absent from their usual locations this spring but one was reported from a new site in Arenac County. Fox Sparrows seemed to be widespread and in higher numbers than the past several years as were **Orchard Orioles.** 

We did miss a few species that we normally find during this season: N. Goshawk, Am. Golden Plover, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Short-eared Owl, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Chat and Pine Siskin. But, that's birding.

In summary, it was a good season for our usual birds and relatively free of biting insects due to the colder weather. Some interesting species were located and, hopefully, all of you enjoyed yourselves.

Thanks to all who submitted reports. These are submitted to the state compiler who then sends the state records to *North American Birds* where records are published and archived.

Good birding, Jerry Ziarno

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Species	#	Date	Location	County	Observer(s)	Comments
Red-throated Loon	1	01-Mar		Ba	МНу	fide NMB
	1		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	1	24-May	TPSP	lo	Bbo	Fide NMB
Common Loon	1	08-Apr	Haithco Park	Sa	JZ	
	4	11-Apr	TPSP	lo	BB	
	1	12-Apr		Hu	M&JH	
	1	•	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	In ditch, nesting?
	1	26-May	SNWR	Sa	DF	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	08-Mar	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	9		Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also in Sa
		45.14	IK DI 1	5	TD	" L 000
Horned Grebe	4		Karn Plant	Ba	TB	fide SBB
	25 10	30-Apr	Karn Plant SNWR	Ba Sa	DD DP	
	10	30-Api	SINVIK	Sa	DF	
Red-necked Grebe	1	01-Mar	Karn Plant	Ba	Mhy	fide NMB
	3	05-Apr	Karn Plant	Ba	DD	
American White Pelican	4	15-May	SNWR	Sa	DP, BG	Remained thru end of period. Nonbreeding birds w/o "fins" on upper mandibles.
	4	24-May	TPSP	lo	DH	(Daniel Hansz) fide SBB
	4	25-May		lo	G&TN	(Darrer France) had GDD
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Double-crested Cormorant	5		Fillion Rd.	Hu	M&JH	Alsoin lo
	1025		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Peak count.
		18-May	TPSP	lo	M&JH	Also at SNWR, Sa
American Bittern	1	11-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ва	BR	fide SBB
	3		Hampton Twp	Ba	DD	Also in Sa
Least Bittern	1	20-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	DD	
Great Blue Heron	1	07-Mar	Karn Plant	Ba	JS	Then TP, all counties
	15	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	NAMC
Croat Earst	4	28-Mar	SNWR	80	BG, CS	Forly
Great Egret	1 28	16-Apr	SMWR	Sa Sa	DP	Early. Also in Io, Ar,
	1		Nay. Pt.	Ba	M&JH	Also III Io, Al,
	•	27 7101	ray. 1 t.	Ба	Madri	
Cattle Egret	1	25-May	State St. Road	Ba	JG	This is the 3rd year for this species at this location. It was later observed by other birders including J. Soehnel.
Green Heron	1	08-Mar	Washburn Rd.	Tu	Eha	fide NMB
Orech Heron	7		Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	Also in Sa
	,	10 May	CIDCOII I WP	Du	30	7.130 III Ga
Black-cr. Night Heron	2	11-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	BR	fide SBB, also in Sa
	6		Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	
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Turkov Vulturo	1	20 Mar	M 20	N.A.:	IC	fide CDD
Turkey Vulture	1	20-Mar	M-20	Mi	JS	fide SBB
	~200	19-Apr	Port Crescent	Hu	JB	fide SBB, Also in Sa, Ba,
						Tu, Hu, Ar
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Snow Goose	20	21-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Tu
	3	22-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	All blue phase
	23	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
	2	11-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	
Canada Goose		TP				All counties.
	17200	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
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Mute Swan	2	15-Mar	BCSRA	Ba	M&JH	
mate small	10		Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	
		10 May	rtuy. 1 t.	Ба	02	
Tundra Swan	19	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	
Turiura Swari						AL
	2000		Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	Also in Io, Hu
		27-Apr		Ba	M&JH	
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Trumpeter Swan	1	10-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	JS	NAMC
Wood Duck	few	22-Mar	Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	Also in Ba, Hu
	40	21-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG	
Gadwall	2	22-Mar		Hu	JZ, etal.	Also in Ba, Tu
	8	16-Apr	Dow Ponds	Mi	JZ	,
	3	30-May		Sa	DP	
American Wigeon	few	22-Mar	Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	
7 thorroan Wigoon	30		Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	
	5	30-Api		Sa	DP	Also in Ba, Hu
	J	30-iviay	SINVIX	Sa	DF	Also III Ba, Tiu
Mallard		TD				all counties
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	635	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
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American Black Duck	74		SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Ba, Tu, Hu, Mi
	84	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
American Wigeon	6	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Ba
Blue-winged Teal	4	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	
•	75	05-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	also in Hu, Tu
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Northern Shoveler	2	21-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	
	27	21-Apr		Sa	BG	Also in Ba, Tu, Hu
	2	30-May		Sa	DP	7.100 III Da, 1 a, 1 a
	_	oo iviay	Sittiff	Ju	٥.	
Northern Shoveler	8	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	
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	142	11-Apr		Sa	BG, CS	Alon in Do. Try Lly
	1	30-May	SINVVK	Sa	DP	Also in Ba, Tu, Hu
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Green-winged Teal	8	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Tu, Hu
	100	22-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	
	100+	05-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	
		17-May	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
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Canvasback	2	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	Also in Hu
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	20	11-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	
	2	10-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	JS	
Redhead	8	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Hu, Tu, Mi
	116	12-Apr	TPSP	lo	BB	
	1	10-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	JS	
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Ring-necked Duck	2	14-Mar	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Also in lo
rang nooned back	~300	19-Apr	Kawkawlin	Mi	JZ	7 11 00 111 10
	000	10 7 (p)	Flooding		02	
	few	27-Apr	Pinconning	Ba	M&JH	
	ICW	ZI Api	Tillcoming	Da	MOOT	
Creator Cooup	4	14-Mar	Hampton Tun	Do.	JS	Female
Greater Scaup	1		Hampton Twp SNWR	Ba		
	2	25-Mar		Sa	BG, CS, LA	Also in Ar.
	1	27-Apr	Pinconning	Ba	M&JH	
Lesser Scaup	3	21-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also in Tu
	25	10-Apr	Jerry's Marina	lo	JZ	
	25	19-Apr	Kawkawlin	Mi	JZ	
			Flooding			
	6	02-May	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
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White-winged Scoter	1	01-Mar	Karn Plant	Ba	МНу	fide NMB
Time imiged cooler	36		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	IIGO TAME
	6	14-May		lo	M&JH	
	0	10-Way	Tawas	Ю	IVIOUT	
1	4000	40.4	TDOD		D.D.	
Long-tailed Duck	1000	•	TPSP	lo	BB	
	2	30-Apr	SNWR	Sa	DP	2 Drakes.
Bufflehead		15-Mar		Ba	M&JH	Also in Hu, Sa, Ar, Mi
	110	12-Apr	TPSP	lo	BB	
	14	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JS	
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Common Goldeneye	3	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	Also in Hu, Ar, Mi
	20		Jerry's Marina	lo	JZ	
	1	•	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
		02-Way	Trampton Twp	Da	30	
Llandad Maranana	4	45 Man	Kenn Dlant	D-	TD	fide CDD
Hooded Merganser	1	15-Mar	Karn Plant	Ba	TB	fide SBB
	10	21-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Io, Hu, Ar, Io, Mi
Common Merganser		15-Mar		Ba	M&JH	Also in Hu,Tu, Ar, Io
	90	14-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG,CS	
	6	30-Apr	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
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Red-breasted Merganser	sev	12-Apr		Hu	M&JH	
	2	22-May	TPSP	lo	JZ	Also in Ba
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Ruddy Duck	1	28-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also in Ba
Ruddy Duck						7 1130 III Da
	65	21-Apr		Sa	BG, CS	
	5	30-May	SINVVK	Sa	DP	
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Osprey	1	15-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	Lilley	fide NMB
	1	20-Apr	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Tu, Io
Bald Eagle		TP				Ba, Io, Mi
	7	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
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Northern Harrier	2	01-Mar	Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	Also in Sa, Ba
Northernmanter	2	17-May		lo	M&JH	Also III Sa, Ba
	_	17 Way	Tawas	10	Wash	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	18-Mar	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Tu, Hu
Cooper's Hawk		TP		Ba		
	5	29-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also in lo
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	16-Mar	Hampton Twp	Ba	JSom	
Red-Silouidered Hawk	1	12-Apr	папіріоп і wp	Tu	M&JH	Also in Hu
	1		Murphy Lake	Tu	DD	Also III i iu
	•	00 May	Wai pily Lake	Tu		
Broad-winged Hawk	1	15-Apr	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Also noted in Ba, Ar, Mi
J	~200	19-Apr	Port Crescent	Hu	JB	fide SBB
	1	21-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	Also noted 5/10, same loc.
Red-tailed Hawk		TP				Ba, Sa, Hu, Tu, Mi, Io, Ar
Rough-legged Hawk	4	01-Mar		Tu or	M&JH	Alog in Io. So
Rough-legged Hawk	1	U1-IVIAI		Hu	IVIOUT	Also in Io, Sa
	1	19-Apr	Port Crescent	Hu	JB	fide SBB
	1	17-May		lo	SH, etal	
Golden Eagle	1	10-Apr		Ba	DD	
American Kestrel	sev	01-Mar		Hu	M&JH	Also in Tu, Mi, Io
	2	TP	Bangor Twp	Ba	JS	
Merlin	2	19-Apr	Port Crescent	Hu	JB	fide SBB
WEITH	1	19-May		lo	DB	nac obb
	1	28-May		lo	DB	
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Peregrine Falcon	1	16-Apr	SNWR	Sa	DP	1 on 4/21 and 5/8 at
						SNWR, BG
	1	02-May		Sa	DP	Also in Hu
	1	07-May	TPSP	lo	GN	
Ding pooled Phogogat	2	TP	Hampton Tun	Ba	JS	Seems to be increasing
Ring-necked Pheasant	2 3		Hampton Twp Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	Seems to be increasing
	3	22-1VIai	TISH Ft.	Tu	IVIOLITI	
Ruffed Grouse	1	12-Apr		Tu	M&JH	
	5		Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	NAMC
Wild Turkey	40	22-Mar		Tu	M&JH	TP, all counties
V		45.4			10	
Virginia Rail	1	•	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	1	28-May	Tuttle Marsh	lo	DB	
Sora	4	16-Apr	SNWR	Sa	DP	
35.4	1	25-Apr		Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba, Io
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Common Moorhen	1	24-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS. LA	
	5	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	NAMC
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American Coot	1		SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also in Tu
	60	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	NAMC
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Sandhill Crane	1	21-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Also noted there on 5/23.
Carlariii Cranc	2		Stewart Rd.	Mi	DB DB	Remained until 4/20.
	2		Brooks &	Mi	DB	Remained until 5/25, may
			Patterson			be nesting in area.
	10	10-May	Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	Also at SSGA, Sa
Black-bellied Plover	3	20-May	TDQD	lo	GN	
Diack-beilied Flover	3		Nay. Pt.	Ва	DD	
	1	28-May		lo	DB	
Semipalmated Plover	1	10-May	BCSRA	Ba	JS, GS, CM	
	52	30-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also in Io.
1800	40	45.14				
Killdeer	12	15-Mar	ON IVA/ID	Ва	M&JH	Also in Hu, Tu Mi, Io
	13	21-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
American Avocet	1	23-May	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Clearly seen by both.
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Greater Yellowlegs	1	12-Apr		Tu	M&JH	
	12	30-Apr		Sa	DP	
	2	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	NAMC
Looper Vallenders	0	00 M	CNIMP	Co	ICore	fide CDD
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	23-Mar		Sa	JSom	fide SBB
	95 6	30-Apr		Sa	DP JZ	NAMC
	O	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	NAIVIC
Solitary Sandpiper	1	26-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	KO	fide SBB
Contain y Contain paper	2	07-May		Sa	DP	
Willet	9	09-May	nay. Pt.	Ba	SH	(Skye Haas) fide SBB
						no ther details.
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Spotted Sandpiper	1		Pinconning	Ва	M&JH	
	24	21-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Upland Sandpiper	3	26- Anr	Bad Axe Airport	Hu	KO	fide SBB
Oprana Ganapipei	3	20 Αρι	Dad Axe All port	Tiu	NO	iide ODD
Whimbrel	1	22-May	TPSP	lo	GN	
Hudsonian Godwit	1	13-May	TPSP	lo	GN, etal	No further details.
Marbled Godwit	2	17-May	TPSP	lo	M&JH, SH	No further details.
Ruddy Turnstone	3	14-May	TDQD	lo	GN, etal	Also in Ba
Ruddy Furnstone	ა many	24-May		lo	DH	fide SBB
	шапу	27-iviay	11 01	10	DIT	IIGC ODD
Red Knot	11	25-May	TPSP	lo	G&TN	
Sanderling	14	13-May		lo	GN, etal	
	6	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP,	
					MW	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	34	21-May	SNIMP	Sa	DP	
Semipannateu Sanupipel	34 212	30-May		Sa	DP	Peak numbers.
	Z1Z	oo-iviay	CINVIX	Ja	<i>5</i> 1	r dan Harribers.
Least Sandpiper	2	28-Apr	BCSRA	Ba	JS	
	28	20-May		lo	GN	Also in Sa
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White-rumped Sandpiper	1	20-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	DD	Also 3 on 5/23.
	5	30-May	•	Sa	DP	First arrivals at SNWR.
	3	30-iviay	SINVIX	Ja	DF	Tilst arrivals at Sivvix.
Baird's Sandpiper	1	21-May	TPSP	lo	JD	fide SBB, no details given
Destand Candainan	4.4	45 0	Hammeton Ton	D-	10	
Pectoral Sandpiper	11		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	45	19-Apr	Fish Pt.	Tu	JB	fide SBB
	30	20-May	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS,	
					JSom	
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Dunlin	2	19-Apr	Fish Pt.	Tu	JB	fide SBB
	69	23-Apr	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also in Ba, Io
	1204	30-May		Sa	DP	Peak numbers.
	1204	30-iviay	SINVIK	Sa	DP	reak numbers.
Short-billed Dowitcher	7	30-Apr	SNWR	Sa	DP	
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Mile ente Onine	0	00 4	CNUA/D	0-	DD	
Wilson's Snipe	3	23-Apr		Sa	DP	
	1	10-May	Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	NAMC
American Woodcock	1	22-Mar		Tu	M&JH	Also in Ba, lo
American Woodcock			0111415			AISO III Da, IO
	3	27-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Wilson's Phalarope	1	17-May	CNIMD	Sa	DP	
Wilson's I Halarope		17-IVIAy	SINVIX	Ja	DI	
Red-necked Phalarope	1	17-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JL,etal	No futher details.
	1		Nay. Pt.	Ba	DD	No futher details.
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	1	23-May	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS	Clearly seen by both.
Bonaparte's Gull	2	15-Mar		Ba	M&JH	
20.1000.1000.00	30	22-May	TDCD	lo	JZ	
	30	ZZ-IVI ay	IFOF	Ю	JZ	
Ring-billed Gull		TP				All counties
King-bined Guil	40.4		ONUMB	_	5.0	All Counties
	404	18-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG	
Herring Gull		TP				Sa, Ba, Io, Tu, Hu, Ar
Troming Can		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				Ga, Ba, 10, 14, 114, 74
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	20-Apr	BCSRA	Ba	S&CM	fide SBB
Glaucous Gull	E	10 / 0 = =		116	M&JH	Aloo roted by DD COCM
Graucous Guil	5	12-Apr		Hu		Also rptd by DD, S&CM
	1	17-May	TPSP	lo	SH, etal.	fide SBB
Great Black-backed Gull	3	05-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also in Sa
Great Brack-backed Guil	3	•				AISO III Sa
		27-Apr	BCSRA	Ba	M&JH	
		10-May		Ba		NAMC
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Coopies Torr	4	44 ^	DCCD A	Do	CCD EMP	Alaa in la Mi
Caspian Tern	1		BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Io, Mi
	40	24-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
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Common Tern	4	04 Mari	DCCD A	Do	17	
Common Lern	1	•	BCSRA	Ba	JZ	
	Sev	17-May	Tawas	lo	M&JH	Also in Ba.
Forster's Tern	3	11. Apr	Pine Riv. Mouth	Δr	SM	fide SBB
FUISIELS LELLI						
	few	27-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	M&JH	1 at BCSRA, same date
Black Tern	2	10-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	JZ	Also in Sa, Mi
DIACK I GITI		•	•			
	Sev	18-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba	M&JH	Also in lo
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Rock Dove		TP				1 obs. by BG, CS at SNWR where it is rare
Mourning Dove		TP				
	100	12-Apr	TPSP	lo	BB	
Black-billed Cuckoo	1 1	18-May 28-May		lo Sa	M&JH DP	
Eastern Screech Owl	1 1	11-Mar 12-Apr		Ba Tu	DD M&JH	Also in Sa
Great Horned Owl	1 1		near SSGA Nay. Pt.	Sa Ba	M&JH M&JH	
Snowy Owl	2	01-Mar		Tu-Hu		
	1	15-Mar	Bayport Rd.	Hu	JHa	fide SBB Also same date, Ba
Barred Owl	1	05-Apr	SSAG	Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba
Common Nighthawk	1 2		Tuttle Marsh Bangor Twp	lo Ba	M&JH GSP, EMP	
Whip-poor-will	1 1		Albee Twp Tuttle Marsh	Sa lo	JSom M&JH	fide SBB Also in Ba
Chimney Swift	4		BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in lo
	48	16-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Ruby- thr. Hummingbird	1 4	06-May 22-May	Hampton Twp TPSP	Ba lo	JS JZ	Also in Sa, Mi
Belted Kingfisher	1	14-Mar	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Also in Tu, Mi,
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	25-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	Also in Mi
	1 2	16-May 18-May	Hampton Twp Tawas	Ba Io	JS M&JH	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	TP			Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba, Mi
·	1	18-May	TPSP	lo	JHe, JLi, etal.	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	06-Apr		Ва	RK	fide SBB
	3 1	18-Apr 17-May	GPNC Wigwam Bay	Sa Ar	M&JH M&JH	Also in Ba, Tu, Hu, Mi
Downy Woodpecker	4	TP	Feeder, Midland	Mi		Also in Ba,
Hairy Woodpecker	2	TP	Feeder. Midland	Mi		
Northern Flicker	1 19	15-Mar 11-Apr	Hampton Twp TPSP	Ba lo	TB BB	Also noted in\ Sa, Tu, Hu, Mi, Ar and Io.
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	1	17-May	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Ba
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	15-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Sa
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	11-May		Ва	DD	This is very early for this species in the SBA where it is quite uncommon. No details provided.
Acadian Flycatcher	1	17-May	Murphy Lake	Tu	DD	Also 2 on 5/28.
Alder Flycatcherer	1	22-May	BCSRA	Ba	DD	
	1	24-May	Hampton Twp	Ba	GS	
Willow Flycatcher	1	•	SSNWR	Sa	BG, CS	
	1	•	Hampton Twp	Ba	GS	
	6	30-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Least Flycatcher	1		BCSRA	Ba	KK	fide SBB
	6	22-May	TPSP	lo	JZ	Also in Sa
Eastern Phoebe	1	17-Mar	Mayville	Tu	MW	fide SBB
	4	28-Mar	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Mi, Sa
Greater Crested Flycatcher	1	∩9-May	Hampton Twp	Ba	M&JH	Also in Sa
Greater Greated Flydatorion	4	17-May		Sa	BG	7400 III Od
Eastern Kingbird	1	10 May	Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	NAMC Also in Io
Eastern Kingbird	6		Nay. Pt.	Ва	JZ	NAME AISO III IO
	2	29-May	•	Sa	BG	
Northern Shrike	1	01-Mar	Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	Also in lo
Northern Onine	1	22-Mar	1 1011 1 1.	Tu	M&JH	7400 11110
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	06-May	Murphy Lake	Tu	DD	Also in Mi
renow-throated vireo	1	00-May		Sa	DP	AISO III IVII
Blue-headed Vireo	1	21-Apr 17-May	Albee Twp	Sa Io	JS M&JH	fide SBB Also in Ba
	sev	17-May 18-May		lo	M&JH	AISO III Da
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Warbling Vireo	1 8	04-May 08-May	Bay City	Ba Sa	S&CM BG, CS, LA	fide SBB Also in Io, Mi
		oo may	CITTUTE	Ou	DO, OO, L/(	7400 III 10, WII
Philadelphia Vireo	1	11-May		lo	G&TN	
	14	16-May	SNWR	Sa	BG	
	2	29-May		Ba	DD	
Red-eyed Vireo	1	12-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Sa, Mi
Blue Jay		TP				All counties
		30	TPSP	lo	JZ	
American Crow		TP				
Common Raven	1	12-Apr		Hu	S&CM	Documentation requested
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Horned Lark	75	TP 05-Apr		Sa	M&JH	Rptd from Ba, Hu, Tu, Mi
Purple Martin	4 14		Port Crescent Tawas Bay	Hu lo	JB JS	fide SBB
Tree Swallow	4 108	25-Mar 16-May		Sa Sa	BG, CS, LA BG	Also in Ba, Mi
Northern R-wing Swallow	1 5	15-Apr 16-Apr	Hampton Twp SNWR	Ba Sa	JS DP	Also in Mi
Bank Swallow	sev 35	02-May 15-May		Sa Sa	M&JH DP	Also in Mi
Cliff Swallow	1 10	30-Apr 15-May	SNWR Bay City	Sa Ba	DP JS	Also at CNC, Mi. Under all Sag. Riv. bridges
Barn Swallow	1 sev	21-Apr 02-May	Hampton Twp GPNC	Ba Sa	JS M&JH	
Black-capped Chickadee		TP				All counties.
Tufted Titmouse		TP				Ba,, Mi, Io, Ar, Sa, Tu
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP	
White-breasted Nuthatch		TP				Sa, Ba, Mi, Tu
Brown Creeper	few 1		BCSRA BCSRA	Ba Ba	M&JH GSP, EMP	Also in Sa, Mi Singing!
Carolina Wren	1 Pr.	mid-Mar 10-Apr	In yard Nelkie's Wood Pile	Sa lo	M&JH G&TN	overwintered. Nested, TP
House Wren	1	26-Apr	BCSRA	Ba	KO, et al	fide SBB
Winter Wren	1	14-Apr 05-May	Fish Pt. Hampton Twp	Tu Ba	DD JS	Also in Sa
Sedge Wren	2 3	08-May 23-May	Hampton Twp SNWR	Ba Sa	JS BG, CS	Also at SNWR, Sa
Marsh Wren	2 50	10-May 23-May	Nay. Pt. SNWR	Ba Sa	JZ BG, CS	NAMC Also in Io
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3 10 1	29-Mar 11-Apr 17-May	SNWR	Sa Sa Io	M&JH BG,CS M&JH	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 3 sev	15-Apr 21-Apr 18-May		Ba Ba Io	GSP, EMP JS M&JH	Also in Mi
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1	19-Apr	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Mi
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	15	24-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
	4	22-May	TPSP	lo	JZ	
Factors Dischind	4	44 М	D	D-	OOD EMD	Ales in To-Os-Mi
Eastern Bluebird	1 5	11-Mar 23-Mar	Bangor Twp	Ba lo	GSP, EMP WMcK	Also in Tu, Sa, Mi fide SBB
	9	25 IVIAI		10	VVIVICIC	nde ODD
Veery	1	8-May	Pine Haven	Mi	JZ	Also in Io, Ba
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	•	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
	1 1	17-May	Hampton Twp	lo Ba	M&JH GS	
	'	20 May	Trampton Twp	Ба	00	
Swainson's Thrush	1	04-May	BCSRA	Ba	KK	fide SBB
	4	23-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	Also in lo
Hermit Thrush	4	42 Mar	Kaabuilla Tum	Co	BG	Forbid
Hermit Thrush	1 6	23-Apr	Kochville Twp	Sa Ba	DD	Early!
	1	•	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
					,	
Wood Thrush	1	02-May		Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba, Io
	3	07-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
American Robin		01-Mar		Sa	M&JH	
American Robin	800	12-Apr	TPSP	lo	BB	In all counties
	000	12 7 (5)		.0		in an obanico
Gray Catbird	1	02-May		Sa	M&JH	Also in lo
	24	20-May	Pinconning	Ba	JZ	
			Park			
Northern Mockingbird	1	01-May	TPSP	lo	PR	fide SBB
	•	·				
Brown Thrasher	1		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	
	4	19-May	TPSP	lo	WMcK	fide SBB
European Starling		TP				All counties
European Starting		- ''				All countres
American Pipit	8	27-Apr	TPSP	lo	G&TN	Also in Ba
	40	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP,	
	200.	12 May	TDCD	lo.	MW CNL otal	
	<b>200+</b> 60	13-May 21-May		lo lo	GN, etal. JD	
	00	21 May	11 01	10	00	
Cedar Waxwing	118	09-Mar	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Also in Tu, Sa, Io, Mi
Diversity of March	4	04.84	CNUAD	0-	10	Alee in Tu. De
Blue-winged Warbler	1 3	04-May 16-May		Sa Sa	JSom M&JH	Also in Tu, Ba
	3	10-iviay	OI NO	Ja	WIGGIT	
Golden-winged Warbler	3	10-May	Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	NAMC
	1	18-May	•	lo	M&JH	
Topposoo Workler	4	10 May	Nov. Dt	Do.	17	NAMC
Tennessee Warbler	1 6	10-May 22-May	Nay. Pt.	Ba lo	JZ JZ	INAIVIC
	1	29-May		lo	GSP, EMP	
					•	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	•	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS, SM	
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	1	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP	
	•	21 may	0.	.0	301 , <u>2.</u>	
Nashville Warbler	2	29-Apr	GPNC	Sa	M&JH	Also in Mi
	sev	18-May		lo	M&JH	
	1	21-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	
Northern Parula	1	04-May	BCSRA	Ba	KK	fide SBB
Trontilorn Farana	4	22-May		lo	JZ	Also in Sa
	1	23-May		lo	JS	Also III Ga
		20-Way	11 01	10	33	
Yellow Warbler	3	29-Apr	SNWR	Sa	BG	Also in Ba, Mi
	40	22-May	TPSP	lo	JZ	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1		Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Sa, Mi
	8	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP	
	3	22-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
Magnolia Warbler	1	•	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in lo
	7	23-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
	1	31-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	
Ossa Marri Washina	0	45 14	DOOD A	D-	OOD EMD	
Cape May Warbler	2	•	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
	5	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	1	09-May	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS, SM	Also at SNWR, Sa same
	_	04 May	TDCD	la.	CCD EMP	Date
	5	21-May		lo	GSP, EMP	
	1	22-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	25-Mar		Ba	DD	
	100s	17-May	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
	108	•	Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	100s of flyover
		ay				Passerines on this date
	4	19-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Sa, Mi
		•				
Black-thr. Green Warbler	1		Albee Twp	Sa	JSom	Also in Ba, Mi
	12	09-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
	2	22-May	TPSP	lo	JZ	
Blackburnian Warbler	4	00 Max	SNIM/D	<b>S</b> o	PC CS IA	
DIACKDUITIIAH WAFDIEF	1	08-May		Sa	BG, CS, LA	
	3	16-May		Sa	BG, CS, LA	Alac in la Pa
	1	ou-iviay	Fish Pt.	Tu	DD	Also in Io, Ba
Pine Warbler	1	18-Apr	SNWR	Sa	JSom	fide SBB
	3	21-May		lo	GSP, EMP	Also in Ba
		•				
Kirtland's Warbler	1	23-May	TPSP	lo	TP	No further details
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Palm Warbler	1		Port Crescent	Hu	JB	fide SBB
	250+		BCSRA	Ba	SR	fide SBB
	few	18-May	I awas	lo	M&JH	Also in SA
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	11-May		Ba	DD	Also in Sa
Day broadica warbier	7	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP	7.000 111 00
	1		BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
	1	ZZ-IVIAY	DUSKA	Dd	GOP, EIVIP	
Blackpoll Warbler		10-May		Ba		NAMC
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		47.14	D00D4	_	000 5140	A1
	5	•	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in lo
	1	30-May	Fish Pt.	Tu	DD	
Cerulean Warbler	1	11-May	TPSP	lo	G&TN	Part of early "fall out".
Black & White Warbler	1		SNWR	Sa	JSom	fide SBB
	4	21-May	TPSP	lo	GSP, EMP	Also in Mi
	1	23-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	
American Redstart	1	09-May	BCSRA	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Io, Mi
	10	23-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
		•				
Prothonotary Warbler	1	09-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
,	1	•	Tuttle Marsh	lo	DB	
Ovenbird	1	04-May	BCSRA	Ba	S&CM	fide SBB
CVONDITA	2		Hampton Twp	Ba	JS	Also in Sa, Mi, Io
	2	00-iviay	Trampton Twp	Da	30	Also III Sa, IVII, IO
Northern Waterthrush	4	04 Max	BCSRA	Ro.	KK	fide SBB
inormenti watertiffusti	1			Ba	DP	HUC ODD
	5	16-May		Sa		
	1	17-May	lawas	lo	M&JH	
				_		
Louisiana Waterthrush	1		Murphy Lake	Tu	DD	
	1	13-May	BCSRA	Ba	SR	fide SBB
Connecticut Warbler	1	13-May	BCSRA	Ba	SR	fide SBB
Mourning Warbler	1	10-May	Pinconning	Ba	JZ	fide SBB
			Park			
	4	23-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
	1	24-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP,EMP	
Common Yellowthroat	1	04-May	SNWR	Sa	JSom	Also in Ba, Io, Mi
	19	16-May	SNWR	Sa	DP	
Hooded Warbler	1	14-May	Murphy Lake	Tu	DD	Female, no other details.
Wilson's Warbler	1	13-May	BCSRA	Ba	SR	fide SBB
vincent e viantite	12	•	Pinc. Park	Ba	JZ	1140 022
	3	27-May		lo	WMcK	Also in Sa
	3	21-iviay	11 01	10	VVIVICIX	Also III Sa
Canada Warbler	4	16-May	CDNC	90	M&JH	Also in lo
Canada Wai Diel	1	•		Sa		VISO III IO
	6	23-May		Sa	DP	
	1	3U-IVIay	Fish Pt.	Tu	DD	
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Summer Tanager	1	12-May	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Documentation enclosed.
Scarlet Tanager	3		Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	Also in Sa, Tu
	4	22-May	TPSP	lo	JZ	
Eastern Towhee	1	25-Mar		Ba	DD	
American Tree Sparrow	16	25-Mar	SNWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	
	1		BCSRA	Ba	JZ	Late
	•	o. may	200.01		<del>-</del>	
Chipping Sparrow	2	12-Apr	Yard feeder	Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba, Mi, Io
Onipping Opairow	_	12-MPI	Tara IEEUEI	Ja	IVICOLI	7430 III Da, IVII, IU
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Clay-colored Sparow	1	17-May	Tawas	lo	M&JH	
Field Sparrow	1 2	04-Apr 28-Apr	Midland TPSP	Mi lo	JZ G&DG	Also in Ba, Io fide SBB
Vesper Sparrow	1	•	Karn Plant	Ва	DD	Also in lo
vesper oparrow	2	21-May		Sa	DP	Also III lo
Savannah Sparrow	3	10-Apr	TPSP	lo	JZ	
	19	24-Apr	SMWR	Sa	BG, CS, LA	Also in Ba
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	10-May	Gibson Twp	Ba	JS	NAMC
Henslow's Sparrow	1	17-May		Ar	SH, etal	
Fox Sparrow	1	22-Mar	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, ESP	Also in Sa, Mi
	8	30-Mar	Eastern Pine Riv. Rd.	Mi	GV	# L 000
	<b>18</b> 2	07-Apr 18-Apr	Bangor Twp	Ba Ba	RK GSP, ESP	fide SBB
Song Sparrow	1	02-Mar	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	Also in Io, Tu, Sa, Hu, Ar,
	8	10-Apr	TPSP	lo	JZ	Mi
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	25-Apr		Sa	M&JH	Also in Hu, Io
	3 1	16-May 24-May	Bangor Twp	Sa Ba	DP GSP, EMP	
Swamp Sparrow	1	29-Mar	SSGA	Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba
	10 11	20-Apr 30-Apr	BCSRA SNWR	Ba Sa	GSP, EMP DP	
White-throated Sparrow	1	01-Mar	Yard feeder	Sa	M&JH	over-wintered
	30 sev	28-Apr 18-May	BCSRA Tawas	Ba lo	JS M&JH	Also in Mi
		·				AL . M. O
White-crowned Sparrow	1 few	15-Mar 18-May	BCSRA Tawas	Ba Io	M&JH M&JH	Also in Mi, Sa
	1	24-May	Hampton Twp	Ba	GS	
Dark-eyed Junco	21 1	07-Mar 18-May	Bangor Twp	Ba lo	GSP, EMP M&JH	
			Tawas			
Lapland Longspur	2 ~60	05-Apr 19-Apr		Sa Tu &	M&JH JB	fide SBB
	3	14-May	TPSP	Hu Io	GV	In full breedng plumage
Snow Bunting	75	05-Apr		Sa	M&JH	Also in Ba
Northern Cardinal		TP				Rpted from Ba, Sa, Mi, Io
	18	15-Mar	Bangor Twp	Ba	GSP, EMP	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 8	04-May 08-May	Bangor Twp	Ba Sa	GSP, EMP BG, CS, LA	Also in Sa, Io
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Indigo Bunting	2 9	08-May 11-May	Bangor Twp	Tu Ba	JHal GSP, EMP	fide SBB Also in Sa, Mi
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Bobolink	1 22 <b>40</b>		TPSP Gibson Twp TPSP	lo Ba lo	G&DG JS, NAMC GSP, EMP, MW	fide SBB Also in Sa
Red-winged Blackbird	few 500	15-Mar 18-Mar	Fish Pt. SNWR	Tu Sa	M&JH BG	Then TP all counties.
Eastern Meadowlark	1 2 3	15-Mar 21-Mar 22-Mar	Karn Plant SNWR	Ba Sa Tu	TB BG, CS M&JH	Tom Beachy fide SBB  Also in Ba, Io, Hu, Mi
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1 <b>31</b> 1	19-Apr 10-May 05-May	Nay. Pt. SNWR	Tu-Hu Ba Sa	JB JZ DP	fide SBB Also in Io. Also at Karn Plant, Ba
Rusty Blackbird	sev 30+	22-Mar 24-Mar 17-May	Fish Pt. Tawas	Tu Ba lo	M&JH DD M&JH	Also in Sa
Brewer's Balckbird	1	11-Apr	Nay. Pt.	Ba	BR	fide SBB (B. Rainwater)
Common Grackle	sev 100	15-Mar 15-Apr	Fish Pt. Bangor Twp	Tu Ba	M&JH GSP, EMP	Then TP all counties.
Brown-headed Cowbird	sev	15-Mar	Fish Pt.	Tu	M&JH	All counties
Orchard Oriole	1 3	•	SNWSR	lo Sa	GN DP	Also in Ar, Ba 1 Ad. Male, 1 FY male, 1 Ad female
	1 Pr.	•	Cass Riv. &n Sheridan S. of SNWR	Sa Sa		Rptd by SNWR staff. vide DP
Baltimore Oriole	1 16		Bay City	Ba Sa	S&CM BG	fide SBB Also in Mi, Io
Purple Finch	1 1 2	10-May	Bangor Twp Gibson Twp Freeland	Ba Ba Sa	GSP, EMP JS BW	Also in Tu, Io NAMC
House Finch		TP				All counties
American Goldfinch	up to 25	TP				All Counties
Evening Grosbeak	1	12-May	Freeland	Sa	BW	Now unusual in the SBA.
House Sparrow		TP				All counties

# Total Species 242

### **Abbreviations**

Ar Arenac
Ba Bay
Hu Huron
Io Iosco
Mi Midland
Sa Saginaw
Tu Tuscola

BCSRA
CNC
Chippewa Nature Center
GPNC
Green Point Nature Center
Nay. Pt.
NMB
NoorthMichiganBirding Website
SBB
SaginawBayBirding Website

SNWR Shiawasee National Wildlife Refuge

SSGA Shiawasee State Game Area

TSPS Tawas Pt. State Park

TWP Township

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