

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

June 1st, 2012 thru July 31st, 2012

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Summary: A total of 197 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported in the Saginaw Bay Area this summer, the third highest count ever 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. Last departure dates and first arrival dates are listed for species that aren't present during the breeding season. The excellent number of species reported was in spite of the fact that overall observer effort was below that of recent years. It could be that summer birding is undergoing a bit of an ebb following the Breeding Bird Atlas data collection years. Regardless, each county managed to have decent coverage from at least one contributor, and healthy breeding populations were recorded from Au Sable State Forest in Midland County, Moffatt Township and Tyler Plains in Arenac County, Shiawassee National wildlife Refuge in Saginaw County, and Tuttle Marsh in Iosco County. Four new SBA peak counts were established, as was one new fall early date.

Weather: After a cool, wet opening day to the summer period, the SBA experienced a resurgence of the dryness and above average temperatures that had prevailed throughout the previous months. Similar to last summer, extreme heat built quickly across the southern plain states early in the season, only this year, dry conditions allowed it to expand quickly and aggressively northward into Michigan. Other than the occurrence of a few more brief thunderstorms in July, the weather for both summer months more or less melted together in one hot, dry season. While not quite the hottest July on record in the SBA, as it was for the nation as a whole, Saginaw County exceeded 90 degrees on thirteen days, and the average for an entire year is twelve. Fortunately, there were no apparent negative effects of this weather on SBA birdlife. In fact, the prevailing conditions could actually have contributed to an increased survival rate of hatching birds, as their invertebrate and plant foods thrived, and there were little if any of the exposure risks associated with prolonged damp, cold spells.

(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 fall 2011 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to Joe Soehnel at 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 M. Soehnel for his ongoing input.*



Dickcissels made a widespread, well documented range expansion northward in eastern North America this summer. The SBA was no exception, and the species was observed in all seven counties. It is noteworthy that the highest reported totals came from fields enrolled in the USDA's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). This is a fine illustration of the benefit of this Farm Bill program to the conservation of grassland birds in the United States.

**Photo by Roger A. Eriksson
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co.
July 12, 2012**

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comment
CANADA GOOSE:	77	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
MUTE SWAN:	42	6/4	Au Gres, Ar	RAE - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa
TRUMPETER SWAN:	2 2 2	6/6 tp 6/25	Tuttle Marsh, Io SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,TS DJP - resident pair with 6 cygnets initially, 5 surviving thru the end of the season WWS - a pair w/5 cygnets
TUNDRA SWAN:	1	7/9	Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD
WOOD DUCK:	225	7/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
GADWALL:	2	6/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - both hens, one w/ a brood of 9, the other w/ a brood of 10 - also noted in Ba
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	4	7/24	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Io,Sa
MALLARD:	1404	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	16	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io,Tu
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	1	7/24	Standish Sewage Lagoons, Ar	DLJ
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	42	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
REDHEAD:	1	7/27	East Tawas, Io	RAE - a drake
BUFFLEHEAD:	2	6/9	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,TS
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	1	7/21	Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD - a female
HOODED MERGANSER:	4	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
COMMON MERGANSER:	7	7/30	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	GSP - also noted in Io
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:				noted in Io (RAE)
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:	1	7/11	Deford SGA area, Tu	JEV
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	4	6/13	NPSWA, Ba	GSP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa
RUFFED GROUSE:	5	6/6	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Mi
WILD TURKEY:	25	6/7	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
COMMON LOON:	1	7/1	Tawas area, Io	JMS
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	32	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	1 4	6/3 6/14	Killarney Beach, Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	DF MKE
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	129	7/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,SM - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa
AMERICAN BITTERN:	5	7/6	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa

LEAST BITTERN:	2	7/30	SNWR, Sa	CS,LMA - adult age, also 2 juveniles - also noted in Ba
GREAT BLUE HERON:	60	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	278	7/27	SNWR, Sa	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
SNOWY EGRET:	1	7/25	Karn Plant, Ba	SM
GREEN HERON:	26	7/29	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON:	26	7/24	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Ba,Sa
TURKEY VULTURE:	46	7/13	Pt. Au Barques Twp., Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
OSPREY:	4	6/9	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,TS - two nest raising a total of 5 young at this location (RAE) - also noted in Ba,Mi
BALD EAGLE:	10	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
NORTHERN HARRIER:	1	7/11	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1	6/14	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Tu
COOPER'S HAWK:	1	7/11	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1	6/7	Grant Twp., Io	RAE,WWS - an adult at nest, w/ at least 3 nestlings observed
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	1	6/14	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
RED-TAILED HAWK:	2	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN KESTREL:	3	7/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,SM - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
MERLIN:				noted in Io (RAE)
PEREGRINE FALCON:	2	7/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,SM
VIRGINIA RAIL:	5	7/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,TS - also noted in Sa
SORA:	1	6/23	SNWR, Sa	JEV - also noted in Io
COMMON GALLINULE:	19	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io
AMERICAN COOT:	5	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io
SANDHILL CRANE:	117	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	1	6/8	SNWR, Sa	SFK - last date - also noted in Io
	1	7/9	Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD - first date
AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER:	1	7/9	Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD - first date
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	15	6/4	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba
	1	6/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
	6	7/24	Point Au Gres, Ar	DLJ - first date
PIPING PLOVER:	6	tp	Io	3 breeding pair, with a total of 9 chicks (RAE)

KILLDEER:	151	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN AVOCET:	3	7/15	SNWR, Sa	MM - photographed
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	19	7/13	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	1 4	6/4 7/20	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	3 20	7/9 7/21	Point Au Gres, Ar Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa RMD
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	1 179	6/13 7/13	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
UPLAND SANDPIPER:	1	7/9	Bridgeport Twp., Sa	LMA
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	4	6/5	BCSRA, Ba	LD - also noted in Sa
SANDERLING:	1 25	7/9 7/21	Point Au Gres, Ar Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD - first date RMD
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	198 1 11	6/4 6/13 7/20	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io DJP - last date DJP - first date
LEAST SANDPIPER:	75 274	6/28 7/13	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	25 1	6/4 6/30	SNWR, Sa Dayton Twp., Tu	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io JEV - ties SBA spring late date
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:	1 3	7/10 7/24	BCSRA, Ba BCSRA, Ba	JMS - first date GSP - also noted in Ar
PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	noted 5	7/9 7/13	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	TRW - first date DJP
DUNLIN:	37 11	6/4 6/5	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba BCSRA, Ba	RAE - also noted in Ar,Io LD - last date
STILT SANDPIPER:	noted 11	7/16 7/26	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	TRW - first date DJP
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	3 27	7/4 7/12	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:	1	7/16	SNWR, Sa	TRW - new SBA fall early date - the observer noted "adult in worn breeding plumage...underside reddish all the way to the undertail coverts, which were white and lightly barred; small amount of spotting/barring on sides of breast only; tertials very plain..."
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1	7/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:	1	7/13	SNWR, Sa	DJP - noted thru 7/16 (TRW)
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	25	7/9	Point Au Gres, Ar	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io
RING-BILLED GULL:	50	6/5	NPSWA, Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Tu

HERRING GULL:	4	6/11	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	GSP - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa
CASPIAN TERN:	28	7/24	BCSRA, Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa,Tu
COMMON TERN:	25 ~20	7/9 7/23	Point Au Gres, Ar Dow Ponds, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,lo MKE - nesting colony - 1 downy young noted
FORSTER'S TERN:	250	6/21	Au Gres, Ar	RAE - nesting, most w/ 3 eggs - also noted in Ba
BLACK TERN:	61	7/15	Tawas Lake, Io	RAE - nesting - also noted in Ar
ROCK PIGEON:	14	7/23	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo
MOURNING DOVE:	62	7/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	1	6/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	2	7/11	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa
EASTERN SCREECH-OWL	1	7/29	Hampton Twp., Ba	JMS - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
GREAT HORNED OWL:	2	7/24	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Io,Sa
BARRED OWL:	2	7/20	Oil City area, Mi	RMD - also noted in Tu
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	2	7/19	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io,Mi
EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL:	1	6/5	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	24	7/2	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	6	6/14	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
BELTED KINGFISHER:	5	7/29	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RAE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	2	6/12	Tyler Plains, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Io - confirmed nesting in Hume Twp., Hu (MKE)
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	8	6/23	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	9	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	9	6/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	4	7/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN FLICKER:	18	7/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	2	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Sa
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	20	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	3	7/13	Port Crescent Cemetery, Hu	MKE - also noted in Mi,Tu
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	2	6/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	6	7/21	NPSWA, Ba	RMD - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER:	1	7/24	FPSWA, Tu	JEV - also noted in Ar,Sa
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	4	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Sa
	1	7/11	Rush Lake SGA, Hu	MKE
EASTERN PHOEBE:	6	7/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	9	7/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	15	7/24	Karn Plant, Ba	JMS,SM - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	6	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Sa
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	1	6/22	Au Sable SF., Mi	RMD
WARBLING VIREO:	4	6/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi
RED-EYED VIREO:	23	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
BLUE JAY:	11	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN CROW:	up to 60	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
COMMON RAVEN:	2	6/5	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Io
HORNED LARK:	10	6/7	Geneva Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
PURPLE MARTIN:	10	7/11	Fraser Twp., Ba	GSP - also noted in Io,Tu
TREE SWALLOW:	150	7/28	Buena Vista Twp., Sa	JMS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	147	7/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Tu
BANK SWALLOW:	4	7/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
CLIFF SWALLOW:	11	6/11	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
BARN SWALLOW:	50+	7/4	Portsmouth Twp., Ba	JZ - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	26	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	13	7/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP -also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	1	6/5	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	11	7/1	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
BROWN CREEPER:	3	7/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi
HOUSE WREN:	18	6/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
WINTER WREN:	3	6/6	Tyler Plains, Ar	DLJ
SEDGE WREN:	3	6/8	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Mi,Hu,Tu
MARSH WREN:	30	7/9	SNWR, Sa	TRW - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	7	7/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi

EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	3	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
VEERY:	37	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,Io,Tu
HERMIT THRUSH:	2	6/4	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Io
WOOD THRUSH:	10	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu
AMERICAN ROBIN:	57	7/1	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
GRAY CATBIRD:	24	7/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:	1	6/9	Pine Barrens, Io	WWS,TS
BROWN THRASHER:	2	7/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
EUROPEAN STARLING:	40	6/8	SNWR, Sa	SFK - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
CEDAR WAXWING:	25	6/3	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
OVENBIRD:	6	6/4	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa,Tu
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:	2	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	1	6/9	Tuttle Marsh, Io	WWS,TS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	3	6/5	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Mi
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	3	6/5	Greendale Twp., Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Io
BREWSTER'S WARBLER:	1	6/23	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	7	6/5	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Io,Mi
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:	1	6/8	SNWR, Sa	DJP
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	1	6/17	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - presumably a tardy spring migrant
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	5	6/6	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Io
MOURNING WARBLER:	3	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Hu
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	40	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa
AMERICAN REDSTART:	24	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Sa
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:	1	6/19	Wilbur Rd., Io	WWS,TS
CERULEAN WARBLER:	4	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	1 1	6/4 6/17	TPSP, Io Koylton Twp., Tu	LD - a female - also noted in Sa JEV
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	1	7/13	Port Crescent Cemetery, Hu	MKE - also noted in Io
YELLOW WARBLER:	22	6/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi

CHESNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	8	6/5	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi
PINE WARBLER:	6	6/4	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Hu,lo
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	1	6/6	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in lo
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	3	6/6	Tyler Plains, Ar	DLJ - also noted in lo
CANADA WARBLER:	1	6/5	Moffatt Twp., Ar	RAE
WILSON'S WARBLER:	1	6/4	TPSP, lo	LD - a male
EASTERN TOWHEE:	38	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - new SBA peak count - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa,Tu
CHIPPING SPARROW:	6	6/17	Koylton Twp., Tu	JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	2	7/9	Au Gres Twp., Ar	RMD - also noted in lo
FIELD SPARROW:	11	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa,Tu
VESPER SPARROW:	4	6/6	Tyler Plains, Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
LARK SPARROW:	1	6/6	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - 1st Ar record - photographed
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	23	6/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	5	6/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
HENSLOW'S SPARROW:	1	6/23	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ
SONG SPARROW:	21	7/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
SWAMP SPARROW:	17	7/11	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Sa,Tu
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	3	6/6	Tyler Plains, Ar	DLJ - also noted in lo
DARK-EYED JUNCO:				noted in lo (RAE)
SCARLET TANAGER:	4	6/4	Pine Haven County Park, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,lo,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	17	7/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	9	6/4	Au Sable SF, Mi	RMD - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Tu
INDIGO BUNTING:	8	7/13	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
DICKCISSEL:	14	6/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - new SBA peak count - the observer noted "All in one field, the total SNWR singing population this summer was a minimum of 24." - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu - confirmed breeding at Rush Lake SGA, Hu (MKE)
	9	6/26	Portsmouth Twp., Ba	JMS
BOBOLINK:	25	6/6	Moffatt Twp., Ar	DLJ - also noted in Ba,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	140	6/8	SNWR, Sa	SFK - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Mi,Tu
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	6	6/11	Geneva Twp., Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,lo,Sa,Tu

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	5	7/21	NPSWA, Ba	RMD
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:	2	6/13	NPSWA, Ba	GSP
COMMON GRACKLE:	530	6/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	13	6/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	3	7/9	Arenac Twp., Ar	JZ - also noted in Mi,Sa
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	9	7/3	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
PURPLE FINCH:	6	6/14	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Mi
HOUSE FINCH:	10	7/19	Bangor Twp., Ba	GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
PINE SISKIN:	2	6/14	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - also noted in Mi,Sa
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	26	7/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu
EVENING GROSBEAK:	2	6/12	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,TS
	1	6/27	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - a juvenile
HOUSE SPARROW:	5	tp	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Mi,Tu

TOTAL: 197 Species

Peak counts and early/late dates are designated such 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.

Observer Key:

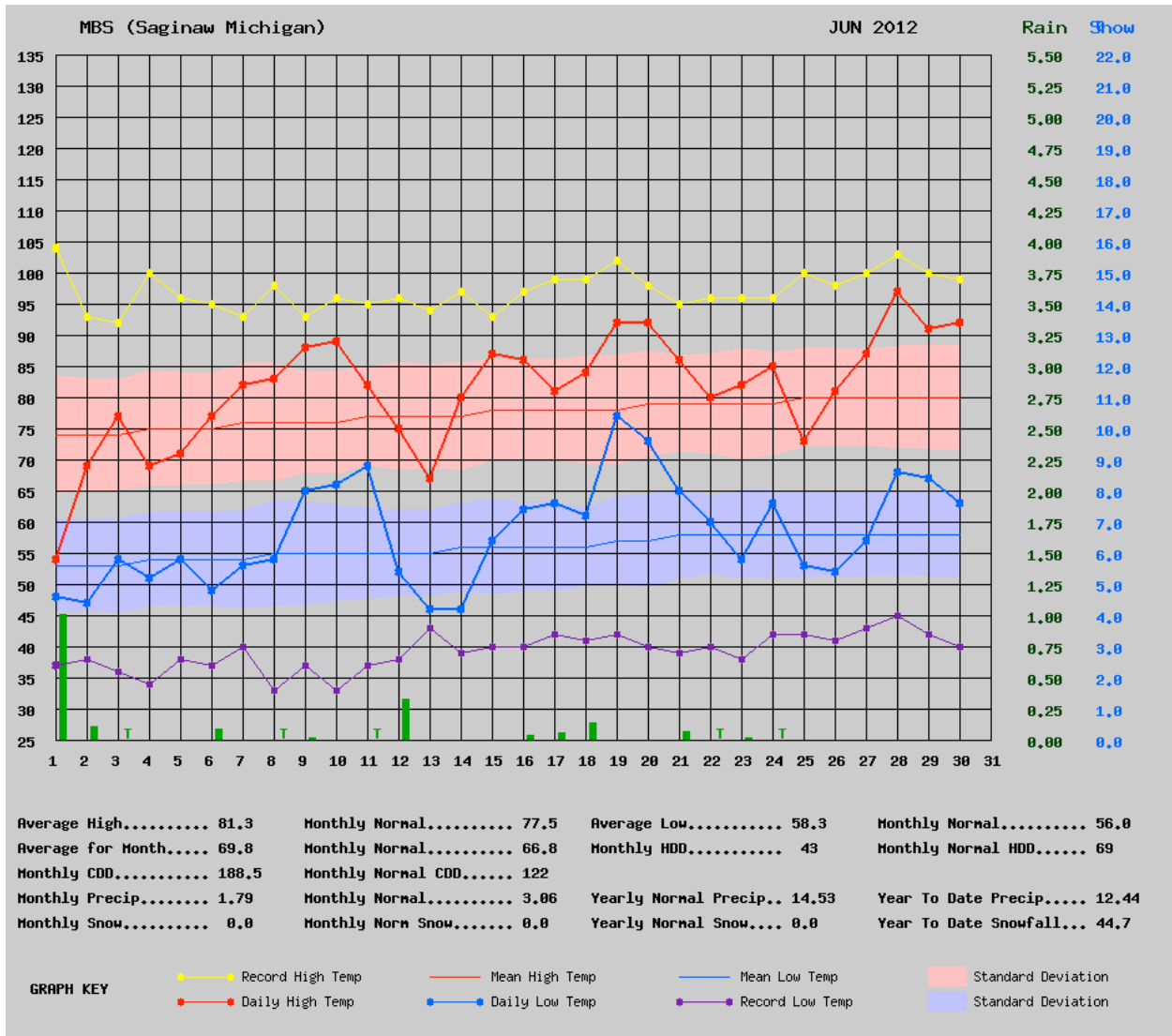
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Abbreviations:

Ar	Arenac County	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
Ba	Bay County	SF	State Forest
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	SGA	State Game Area
FPSWA	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
Hu	Huron County	tp	throughout entire or remainder of period
Io	Iosco County	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
Mi	Midland County	Tu	Tuscola County
NPSWA	Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
Sa	Saginaw County	WBSWA	Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area
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