

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

June 1st, 2008 thru July 31st, 2008

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Weather*: Temperatures in June were above normal in the first half and below normal in the second. The hottest temperature recorded during the month was already on the books by the end of the first week. June precipitation was above normal, with many locations in the southern counties and thumb area receiving 4"+. Some of this rain arrived via several severe storms, with wind gusts of 50 to 70 mph, which passed through the lower half of the SBA on the 6th, 8th, and 15th. Although less severe, scattered storms continued to occur into, and throughout the first two-thirds of July. Temperatures for this month were near average, with only one day of 90+. Total precipitation for July was near normal, but the previous month's extra amount contributed to a rise in water levels on Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay.

Summary: Summer is the peak vacation season in Michigan, and indeed many observers appear to take time off from birding in the summer as well. This annual reduction in observer effort during the period has recently been countered by an increase in field trips collecting breeding data for the Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas. This year, Midland and Huron County received a considerable amount of attention, and to a lesser extent, Tuscola and Bay County. In addition to all of the more well distributed species recorded for the Atlas, a number of species with limited SBA summer distribution were encountered at their favored locations, including **Common Tern**, **Acadian Flycatcher**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Chestnut-sided Warbler**, **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, and **Blackburnian Warbler**. One of the most active SBA observers this summer spent time exploring a few of the seldom visited portions of Arenac County. As a result, a few additional species with limited SBA summer distribution, such as **Blue-headed Vireo**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Northern Waterthrush**, and **White-throated Sparrow**, were reported from otherwise unfamiliar locations. Encouraging numbers of **Clay-colored Sparrows** were reported from Arenac County, and likewise **Grasshopper Sparrows** from single fields in Saginaw and Tuscola County. **Black Terns** reports were notably widespread and represented in better than average numbers. Just one MBRC review species was reported this summer, a **King Rail****. White plumage was a shared trait of the summer straggler species reported - **American White Pelican**, **Snowy Egret**, **American Avocet**, and **Franklin's Gull**. Other species reported that are not typical summer occurrences in the SBA were **Common Goldeneye**, **Eared Grebe**, and **Merlin**. A nice summer total of 191 species were reported, ten more than the 1989-2007 average.

*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.

**Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2007, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on fall 2008 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to Joe Soehnel at soehnelj@hotmail.com or at 989-892-3687.

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**Franklin's Gull by: Glenn Peterson
Taken 06/07/08 at Pinconning Twp., Ba**



**Whip-Poor-Will by: Doug Jackson
Taken 07/05/08 at Tyler Plains, Ar**



**Red-headed Woodpecker by: Roger Eriksson
Taken 07/19/08 at Baldwin Twp., IO**



**Snowy Egret by: Doug Jackson
Taken 07/31/08 at Bay-Arenac Rd., Ba**

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comment
CANADA GOOSE:	217 40	7/17 7/18	SNWR, Sa BCSRA, Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu GP
MUTE SWAN:	28	6/10	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
TRUMPETER SWAN:	3 2 2 7 2	6/8 6/16 - 6/19 6/28 7/11 7/24- 7/28	Tuttle Marsh, Io SNWR, Sa Pinconning Park, Ba Lake Huron shoreline, Io SNWR, Sa	WWS DJP DJ RE DJP
WOOD DUCK:	129 30	7/17 7/29	SNWR, Sa BCSRA, Ba	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu GP,EP
GADWALL:	8	6/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - a hen w/ 9 ducklings here on 6/19 - also noted in Mi
AMERICAN WIGEON:	1	7/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD - a male
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	5	7/25	SNWR, Sa	SG - first fall date
MALLARD:	245	6/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLUE-WINGED TEAL:	10	7/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - a hen w/brood of 9 here on 7/17 - also noted in Ar
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	4 3	6/10 7/18	SNWR, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi	DJP MKE - includes hatch year individuals
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	49 4	6/26 7/24	SNWR, Sa Wigwam Bay, Ar	DJP - peak count DJ
REDHEAD:	12 1	6/6 7/14	Crow Island SGA, Sa BCSRA, Ba	JS - also noted in Ar GP,EP
RING-NECKED DUCK:	1	6/6	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JS - a drake
LESSER SCAUP:	4	7/10	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD - new SBA summer high count
BUFFLEHEAD:	1	6/6	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JS - a drake
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	1	7/18 - 7/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - immature age - one of the only two previous SBA July records was also at this location
HOODED MERGANSER:	4	7/29	Dow Ponds, Mi	MKE - also noted tp and nesting in Sa
COMMON MERGANSER:	12	7/19	Tawas Bay, Io	JS - a hen w/ 11 ducklings
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	1	7/10	TPSP, Io	RD
RUDDY DUCK:	15 8	6/6 7/10	Crow Island SGA, Sa Dow Ponds, Mi	JS RD
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	8	6/5	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
RUFFED GROUSE:	1 2	6/12 7/17	James Twp., Sa Cooke Dam area, Io	fide DJP - also noted in Tu RE

WILD TURKEY:	5	6/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN BOBWHITE:	1	7/5-7/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	DJ
COMMON LOON:	1	7/10	TPSP, Io	RD
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	6 15	6/8 7/17	Tuttle Marsh, Io SNWR, Sa	WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba DJP - includes several juveniles
EARED GREBE:	1	6/1 - 6/10	Crow Island SGA, Sa	MW,JZ,JS,RH,DJ,SG
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:	1	6/16 - 6/19	SNWR, Sa	KKu fide SFK,DJP
DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT:	3	6/11	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
AMERICAN BITTERN:	1 2	6/12 7/31	Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi Nayanquing Point, Ba	MKE - also noted in Io,Sa DJ
LEAST BITTERN:	2 5	6/12 7/18	BCSRA, Ba Nayanquing Point, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Mi,Sa JCD - atypically, all were seen, not heard
GREAT BLUE HERON:	6	7/18	Nayanquing Point, Ba	JCD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
GREAT EGRET:	144 20+	7/17 7/18	SNWR, Sa Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJP - peak count JCD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi
SNOWY EGRET:	1 1 1	7/2 7/17 7/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa Bay-Arenac Rd., Ba	JSo, DJP DJP,BG - possibly the same bird as 7/2 DJ
GREEN HERON:	9	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON:	17 4	7/17 7/21	SNWR, Sa Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJP - also noted in Hu,Mi JCD
TURKEY VULTURE:	11 7	6/30 7/5	SNWR, Sa Tyler Plains, Ar	DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu DJ
OSPREY:	4 1	6/8 7/29	Tuttle Marsh, Io Dow Ponds, Mi	WWS - also noted in Hu MKE
BALD EAGLE:	8	6/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
NORTHERN HARRIER:	1 1	6/17 7/31	SNWR, Sa Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJP - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi DJ
COOPER'S HAWK:	2	6/12	BCSRA, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	1	6/23	Grey Rd., Mi	MKE - also noted in Ar,Hu
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	2 1 4	6/27 7/6 7/17	PCSP, Hu Albee Twp., Sa Cooke Dam area, Io	MKE - immature age JSo - 1 at this same location on 7/20 WWS - also noted in Mi
RED-TAILED HAWK:	10	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu
AMERICAN KESTREL:	2	tp	Bangor Twp., Ba	JS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa

MERLIN:	4	7/31	Baldwin Twp., Io	RE - two adult age and two immature age - only the fourth SBA summer record, the second for July, and the first ever with evidence of summer residency - reported by people living in the location as being present last year as well
KING RAIL:	1	6/27	on the border of Ar & Ba, recorded in both counties	DJ - photos sent to MBRC - first Arenac Co. record
VIRGINIA RAIL:	5 3	7/24 7/31	SNWR, Sa Nayanquing Point , Ba	DJP - also noted in Hu,Io DJ
SORA:	3	6/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io,Mi
COMMON MOORHEN:	7 27	6/6 7/17	Crow Island SGA, Sa SNWR, Sa	JS - also noted in Ba DJP
AMERICAN COOT:	10	7/17	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi
SANDHILL CRANE:	70 85	6/9 7/17	SNWR, Sa W of Wigwam Bay, Ar	JJD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu DJ - new SBA summer high count
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	1 3	6/10 7/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date - also noted in Io DJP - first date
PIPING PLOVER:	1 1	6/21 7/28	TPSP, Io Lake Huron shoreline, Io	DD RE - an unbanded individual
KILLDEER:	177	7/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
AMERICAN AVOCET:	1	6/11	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ,MKE,DM
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	7 13	7/18 7/31	Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa	MKE - includes immatures DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	1 13	7/10 7/31	Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa	RD - first date - also noted in Ar DJP - peak count
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	12 16	7/10 7/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Io DJP - peak count
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	3 98	6/26 7/17	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Ar,Io,Mi DJP
WHIMBREL:	6	6/1	Tawas Bay, Io	SS,DF
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	2 1	6/1 6/11	TPSP, Io Dow Ponds, Mi	SS,DF JZ,DM - last date
SANDERLING:	180+	6/1	AuGres, Ar	RE - peak count - last date
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	44 1 8	6/5 6/10 7/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Io DJP - last date DJP - first date
LEAST SANDPIPER:	29 92	7/3 7/17	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Io DJP - peak count
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	16 2	6/5 6/1	SNWR, Sa TPSP, Io	DJP - peak count SS,DF - last date

PECTORAL SANDPIPER:	2 9	7/17 7/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date DJP
DUNLIN:	210+ 1	6/1 6/26	AuGres, Ar SNWR, Sa	RE - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo DJP - last date
STILT SANDPIPER:	2 9	7/3 7/24	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - new SBA summer (fall) early DJP - peak count
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:	1 61	7/3 7/10	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date - also noted in Mi DJP - peak count
DOWITCHER SP:	1	6/1	AuGres, Ar	RE - last date
WILSON'S SNIPE:	1 5	6/21 7/23	Pinconning Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	GP,EP,WS DH
AMERICAN WOODCOCK:	1	7/27	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS
WILSON'S PHALAROPE:	1	7/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - first date
FRANKLIN'S GULL:	1	6/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,MW - photographed
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	26	6/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,MW
RING-BILLED GULL:	170	6/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
HERRING GULL:	2	6/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi
CASPIAN TERN:	6	7/24	Wigwam Bay, Ar	DJ - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
COMMON TERN:	20 30	7/10 7/10 - 7/18	LeBourdais Rd., Ba Dow Ponds, Mi	RD - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Sa RD,MKE - includes immatures, nesting at this location. The mid to late 1990's were the last time that this species nesting at the Dow Ponds was specifically mentioned in this report, and at that time the compiler expressed concern that future breeding at this location was in jeopardy. Apparently the situation has remained (or returned) in favor of the terns.
FORSTER'S TERN:	1 25	6/11 7/24	Dow Ponds, Mi Wigwam Bay, Ar	DM - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Sa DJ
BLACK TERN:	24 100+	6/12 7/24	Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi Wigwam Bay, Ar	MKE - peak count - also noted in Ba,lo,Sa DJ
ROCK PIGEON:	50 36	tp 7/8	Bay City, Ba SNWR, Sa	JS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi DJP
MOURNING DOVE:	146	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	1 1	6/22 6/24	Hampton Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	JS - also noted in Ar,Hu SG
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	1 2	6/18 6/24	Fraser Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi SG
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:				noted in Mi
GREAT HORNED OWL:	2	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP

BARRED OWL:	3 1	7/1 7/17	Gibson Twp., Ba Cooke Dam area, lo	DJ,MW - 1adult and 2 immature WWS
COMMON NIGHTHAWK:	9 1	6/5 6/9	Bangor Twp., Ba Bangor twp., Ba	GP - also noted in lo GP
WHIP-POOR-WILL:	1 1	6/26 7/5	PCSP, Hu Tyler Plains, Ar	MKE DJ
CHIMNEY SWIFT:	83 5	6/19 tp	SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba	DJP - peak count JS - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:	4	6/22	Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
BELTED KINGFISHER:	4	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	1 3	6/7 7/19	BCSRA, Ba Baldwin Twp., lo	EP,MWi RE - a pair w/one nestling
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	4 3	6/25 7/17	Bangor Twp., Ba Cooke Dam area, lo	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu WWS
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	2 4 6	6/1 - 6/26 7/14 7/17	Albee Twp., Sa northwest Ar Cooke Dam area, lo	JSo - a nesting pair, w/ at least 2 very noisy nestlings DJ - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu WWS - 2 adults and 4 fledglings
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	9	6/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	3 4	6/22 6/26	Cooke Dam area, lo Bangor Twp., Ba	WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa,Tu GP,EP
NORTHERN FLICKER:	8+	tp	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	2 4	7/14 7/17	northwest Ar Cooke Dam area, lo	DJ - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa WWS - 2 adults and 2 fledglings
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	1	6/4	southwest Mi	JZ
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:	9	6/12	BCSRA, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:	2 2	6/8 6/26	Murphy Lake SGA, TU Loosemore Rd., Hu	SG,LA MKE
ALDER FLYCATCHER:	2 6	6/7 7/18	Pinconning Twp., Ba Nayanquing Point, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in lo,Mi JCD
WILLOW FLYCATCHER:	16 11	6/26 7/31	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu DJP
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	1	7/31	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
EASTERN PHOEBE:	1	7/14	Two Mile Pond, Ba	GP - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa
GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	4	6/22	Mt. Forest Twp., Ba	DJ - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu
EASTERN KINGBIRD:	4	6/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	2 1	6/12 7/10	BCSRA, Ba Tyler Plains, Ar	GP,MW - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu DJ
BLUE-HEADED VIREO:	1	6/30	Omer Plains, Ar	DJ
WARBLING VIREO:	12	6/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
RED-EYED VIREO:	10 7	6/12 6/22	BCSRA, Ba Cooke Dam area, Io	GP,MW - peak count WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLUE JAY:	7 9	7/17 7/28	Cooke Dam area, Io Bangor Twp., Ba	WWS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Tu GP,EP - nesting in Saginaw, Sa (DJP)
AMERICAN CROW:	9	7/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
COMMON RAVEN:	5	7/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
HORNED LARK:	27	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
PURPLE MARTIN:	34 20+	6/7 7/19	Pinconning Twp., Ba Tawas Bay, Io	GP,MW - peak count JS - two active houses on Tawas Bay - active houses also noted in Lake Twp., Hu, on the lakeshore along M-25 between State Park & Oak Beach Rds. (MKE)
TREE SWALLOW:	300+	7/31	Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJ - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	18 66	6/22 7/11	Pinconning Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	GP,EP,WS - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi DJP - peak count
BANK SWALLOW:	275	7/30	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
CLIFF SWALLOW:	28	7/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Hu,Mi - nesting under all bridges over the Saginaw River in Bay City (JS)
BARN SWALLOW:	19 27	6/19 7/25	SNWR, Sa BCSRA, Ba	DJP - nesting under M-13 at Cass River GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	21 15	6/22 6/28	Cooke Dam area, Io SNWR, Sa	WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu DJP
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	2 6	7/17 7/27	Cooke Dam area, Io BCSRA, Ba	WWS -also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu GP,EP
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	1 3 1	6/22 7/17 7/31	Hampton Twp., Ba Cooke Dam area, Io Bridgeport Twp., Sa	JS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Tu WWS CS
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	8	6/12	BCSRA, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
BROWN CREEPER:	1 3	6/7 6/28	BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa	EP,MWi DJP
CAROLINA WREN:	1 4	7/2 7/29	SNWR, Sa Bridgeport Twp., Sa	DM,TW CS
HOUSE WREN:	14	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
WINTER WREN:	1	7/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS

SEDGE WREN:	8 10 6	6/19 7/10 7/28	SNWR, Sa Noggle Rd, Ar Pinconning Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy, Ba	DJP - also noted in Io,Mi RD DJ
MARSH WREN:	44 100+ 15	6/5 7/18 tp	SNWR, Sa Nayanquing Point, Ba Rose Island, Hu	DJP - also noted in Ar JCD MKE
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:	2	6/12	BCSRA, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	1	6/18	Fraser Twp., Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
VEERY:	6 2	6/8 6/29	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu Albee Twp., Sa	SG,LA - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi JSo - 2 here as well on 7/19 - singing at this location from the beginning of period thru 7/19
	4	7/5	Tyler Plains, Ar	DJ
SWAINSON'S THRUSH:	3	6/26	Hume Twp., Hu	MKE
HERMIT THRUSH:	3 5 5	6/22 6/29 7/5	Cook Dam area, Io Omer Plains, Ar Tyler Plains, Ar	WWS,RE JS DJ
WOOD THRUSH:	3 4	6/22 6/28	Mt. Forest Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa	DJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu DJP
AMERICAN ROBIN:	21	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
GRAY CATBIRD:	19	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BROWN THRASHER:	2 2	6/8 7/12	Wilbur Twp., Io BCSRA, Ba	WWS - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa GP,EP
EUROPEAN STARLING:	40	7/25	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
CEDAR WAXWING:	10	7/23	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	2 2 3 1	6/1 6/10 6/22 7/6	Vassar SGA, Tu Rockwell Rd., Mi Mt. Forest Twp., Ba Albee Twp., Sa	DJ MKE - also noted in Io DJ JSo - heard singing at this location from the beginning of the period thru 6/27
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	1 2 2	6/8 6/22 7/1	Tuttle Marsh, Io Mt. Forest Twp., Ba Gibson Twp., Ba	WWS DJ DJ,MW
<i>BREWSTER'S WARBLER:</i>	1	7/1	Gibson Twp., Ba	DJ,MW
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	1 2 2 3	6/22 tp 6/29 7/5	Cooke Dam area, Io PCSP, Hu Omer Plains, Ar Tyler Plains, Ar	WWS,RE MKE JS DJ
YELLOW WARBLER:	11	6/12	BCSRA, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
CHESNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	1 1 1	6/1 6/5 7/14	Vassar SGA, Tu Bangor Twp., Ba northwest Ar	DJ - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi GP,EP DJ

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	1 2	6/22 tp	Cooke Dam area, lo PCSP, Hu	WWS,RE MKE
BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:	3 2 1	6/8 6/22 6/30	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu Cooke Dam area, lo Bangor Twp., Ba	SG,LA WWS,RE GP,EP
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	1	6/26	PCSP vicinity, Hu	MKE
PINE WARBLER:	3 2 4	6/22 6/29 7/5	Cooke Dam area, lo Arenac County Park, Ar Tyler Plains, Ar	WWS,RE - also noted in Mi DJ DJ
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:	1	6/8	Wilbur Twp., lo	WWS
CERULEAN WARBLER:	1 1	6/1 6/23	Santiago Rd., Ar Patterson Rd., Mi	SS,DF MKE
BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:	2 2	6/22 7/14	Cooke Dam area, lo northwest Ar	WWS,RE - also noted in Sa,Tu DJ
AMERICAN REDSTART:	8 8 5	6/12 6/28 7/17	BCSRA, Ba SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam area, lo	GP,MW - also noted in Hu,Mi DJP WWS
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:	4	6/24	SNWR, Sa	SG
OVENBIRD:	3 8	6/1 6/22	Vassar SGA, Tu Cooke Dam area, lo	DJ WWS,RE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:	1 2	6/22 7/14	Cooke Dam area, lo northwest Ar	WWS,RE - also noted in Tu DJ
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:	1	6/8	Murphy Lake SGA, Tu	SG,LA
MOURNING WARBLER:	1 1 1 1	6/12 6/29 7/2 7/10	CNC, Mi Arenac County Park, Ar SNWR, Sa Noggle Rd., Ar	MKE - also noted in Hu,Tu DJ DM,TW RD
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:	38	6/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
CANADA WARBLER:	1	6/2	Tu	DJ,MW
SCARLET TANAGER:	2 2	6/28 6/29	SNWR, Sa Omer Plains, Ar	DJP - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu JS
EASTERN TOWHEE:	3 4 1	6/29 7/5 6/1 - 7/13	Omer Plains, Ar Tyler Plains, Ar Albee Twp., Sa	JS - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu DJ JSo - a singing male - also a hatch year individual here on 7/20
CHIPPING SPARROW:	10+ 6	7/6 7/29	PCSP, Hu BCSRA, Ba	DJP - also noted in Ar,lo,Mi,Sa,Tu GP,EP
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:	1 3 2 1 3	6/7 6/29 7/1 7/1 7/10	Pinconning Twp., Ba Hickory Island Rd., Ar Gibson Twp., Ba Salt River Rd., east of Greendale Rd., Mi Noble Rd., Ar	GP,MW - also noted in lo DJ DJ,MW MKE RD

FIELD SPARROW:	2	6/22	Mt. Forest Twp., Ba	DJ - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu
	3	6/29	Omer Plains, Ar	JS
	2	7/10	TPSP, Io	RD
VESPER SPARROW:	2	6/7	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Mi
	2	6/26	SNWR, Sa	DJP
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	17	6/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu
	23	6/27	Tomlinson Rd., Hu	MKE
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:	1	6/29	Hickory Island Rd., Ar	DJ - also noted in Hu
	8 - 10	7/2	James Twp., Sa	DM,TW - in one field, some possibly feeding young - this field is enrolled in the USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), illustrating potential benefits of this program towards the conservation of grassland birds
	6	7/4	Tu	GP,MW - in one field, apparently including some juveniles
SONG SPARROW:	40	6/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
SWAMP SPARROW:	34	6/19	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi
	6	7/5	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	2	6/29	Arenac County Park, Ar	DJ - known to breed in Io, this is a previously unknown SBA summer location
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	10	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	12	6/22	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
INDIGO BUNTING:	3	7/5	Tyler Plains, Ar	DJ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
	18	7/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP
BOBOLINK:	4	6/1	Noggle Rd, Ar	RE - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa
	3	6/22	Pinconning Twp., Ba	GP,EP,WS
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	50	7/25	SNWR, Sa	SG - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	3	7/1	Gibson Twp., Ba	DJ,MW - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:	1	6/6 - 6/8	Crow Island SGA, Sa	JS,SG,RH
	6	7/31	Nayanquing Point, Ba	DJ - juvenile aged
COMMON GRACKLE:	2130	7/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - in a single flock - also noted in Ar,Ba.,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	13	7/9	BCSRA, Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	2	6/23	CNC, Mi	MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu
	1	6/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - adult male
	1	6/28 - 7/19	Albee Twp., Sa	JSo - adult male - a female noted here on 7/6, and a hatch year on 7/20 & 7/22
	4	7/10	TPSP, Io	RD
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	5	6/16	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io.Mi,Tu
	8+	7/2	SNWR, Sa	DJP,JSo
PURPLE FINCH:	17	6/22	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE
	14	7/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS

HOUSE FINCH:	11	6/16	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:	14	6/15	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
EVENING GROSBEAK:	1	6/18	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
	1	7/25	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS
HOUSE SPARROW:	~50	7/31	SNWR, Sa	DJP - in a single flock - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu

TOTAL: 191 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.

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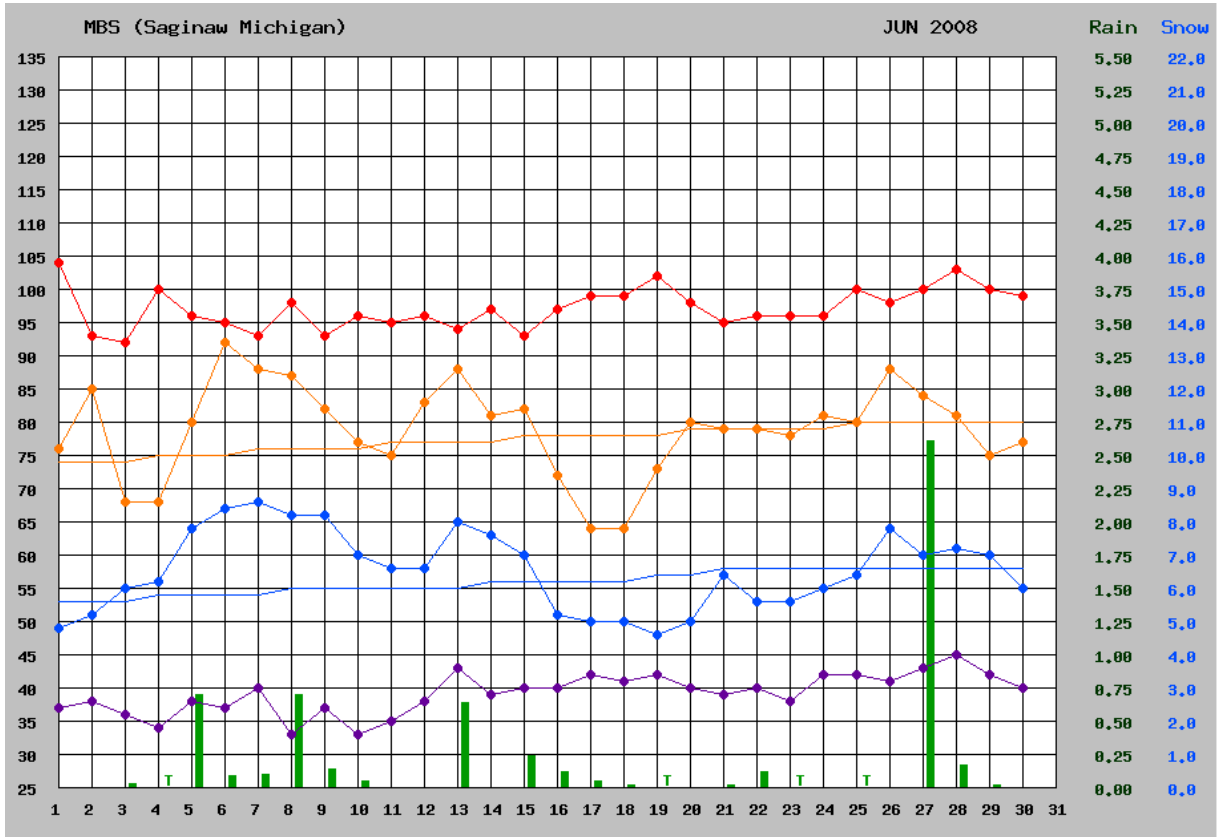
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RE	Roger Eriksson	SS	Steve Santer
MKE	Monica K. Essenmacher	WS	Win Schaughnessey
DF	Darlene Friedman	WWS	Wayne W. Shawl
SG	Steve Gasser	JS	Joe Soehnel
BG	Bob Grefe	JSo	Jeff Sommer
DH	Dan Hansz	CS	Carolyn Szaroletta
RH	Roger Hill	TW	Tom Wheeler
DJ	Doug Jackson	MWi	Marilyn Willard
SFK	Steven F. Kahl	MW	Myles Willard
KKu	Kile Kucher	JZ	Jerry Ziarno

Ten individuals generously submitted reports for this compilation. The balance of the sightings were taken from records submitted for posting on the saginawbaybirding.org summer update, or from personal communication.

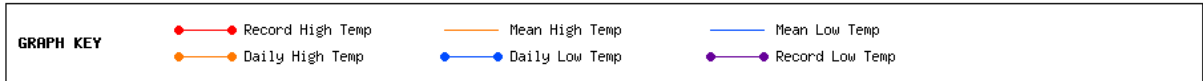
Abbreviations:

Ar	Arenac County	Mi	Midland County
Ba	Bay County	PCSP	Port Crescent State Park
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	Sa	Saginaw County
CDF	Confined Disposal Facility	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
GPNC	Green Point Nature Center	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
HNC	Hartley Nature Center	SGA	State Game Area
Hu	Huron County	SRA	State Recreation Area
Io	Iosco County	tp	throughout entire or remainder of period
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	TPSP	Tawas Point State Park
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond)	Tu	Tuscola County

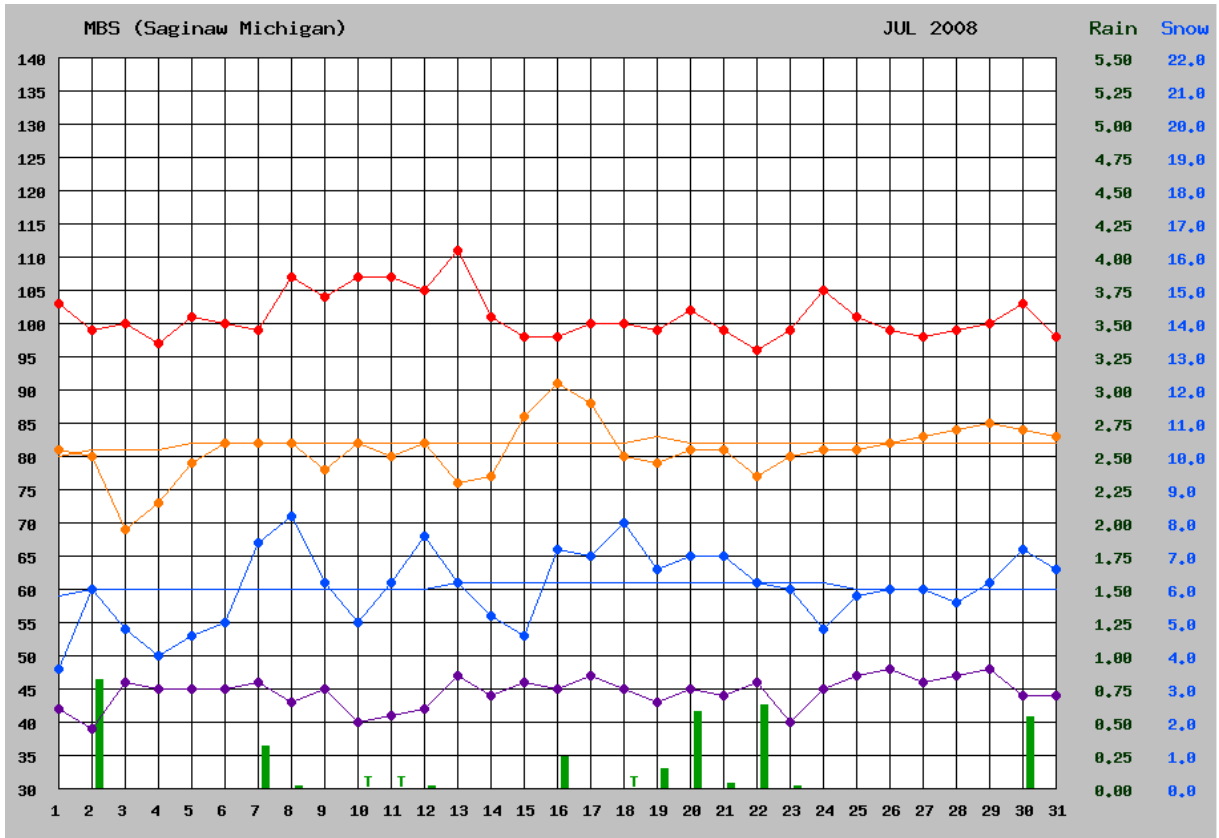
June, 2008 Weather Graph – Saginaw, Michigan (MBS)



Average High.....	78.9	Monthly Normal.....	77.5	Average Low.....	57.7	Monthly Normal.....	56.0
Average for Month.....	68.3	Monthly Normal.....	66.8	Monthly HDD.....	31	Monthly Normal HDD.....	69
Monthly CDD.....	131.5	Monthly Normal CDD.....	122	Yearly Normal Precip..	14.53	Year To Date Precip....	15.98
Monthly Precip.....	5.65	Monthly Normal.....	3.86	Yearly Normal Snow....	0.0	Year To Date Snowfall...	80
Monthly Snow.....	0.0	Monthly Norm Snow.....	0.0				



July, 2008 Weather Graph – Saginaw, Michigan (MBS)



Average High..... 80.9	Monthly Normal..... 81.9	Average Low..... 60.3	Monthly Normal..... 60.4
Average for Month..... 70.6	Monthly Normal..... 71.2	Monthly HDD..... 6	Monthly Normal HDD..... 9
Monthly CDD..... 181.5	Monthly Normal CDD..... 2000	Yearly Normal Precip.. 17.03	Year To Date Precip.... 19.25
Monthly Precip..... 3.27	Monthly Normal..... 2.50	Yearly Normal Snow.... 0.0	Year To Date Snowfall... 0
Monthly Snow..... 0.0	Monthly Norm Snow..... 0.0		

