

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

## June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 thru July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

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**Summary:** As is typical for the summer season, daily observer effort was less than the other three survey periods. Overall coverage was okay, with all counties receiving at least some attention, although some, such as Huron, and to a lesser extent Iosco, seemed a little shy on the attention they deserve. Recent efforts to explore less frequented areas of Arenac and Midland County continued in summer '09, providing insight into the birds breeding in these areas. Species whose numbers were reported in above average numbers included **Veery**, **Nashville Warbler**, **Cerulean Warbler**, **Ovenbird**, and **Acadian Flycatcher**. This last species was also reported from more locations than usual. Unusual summer encounters included **Willet**, **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, and **White-crowned Sparrow**. **American Coot** seemed to have been relegated to the ranks of the (unfortunately) overlooked common species this summer, being reported from only one county. Be they common, or rare, a total of 183 species were reported for the summer, one above the 1989-2008 average.

For the first time in over twenty years, Chippewa Nature Center in Midland is not involved in the production and distribution of The Birds in the SBA seasonal report. Due to Email, PDFs, the internet, etc., assistance from CNC and its staff became an unnecessary step. Albeit relatively small, relieving CNC of responsibility for the distribution of season's end reminders and the final report provides them a cost savings as well. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is now providing all of the elements - computer, email, server, paper and postage; necessary to compile and distribute the report, except the actual time and effort of the compiler. The value of CNC's contribution to the Birds in the SBA seasonal report is significant. With the support of the Center and its staff, over two decades of information on the comings and goings of migratory birds in the SBA have been collected and placed on record. True, this is a short period of time in some respects, but as the Carolina Parakeet, Brown-headed Cowbird, etc. illustrate very clearly, changes occur with comparative extreme rapidness of the "age of human-influence", and they can be quite dramatic. Thanks to CNC, USFWS, and the efforts of numerous volunteer compilers over the years, this report continues to represent a non-exclusive opportunity for contributors and readers to understand, appreciate, and conserve Birds in the SBA.

**Weather\*:** The above normal precipitation pattern that had prevailed in the SBA throughout nearly all of 2009 continued unabated in June. Temperature-wise, the first two-thirds of the month were below average, with summer-like temperatures arriving near the same time as the first calendar day of the season. The wind seemed notably persistent throughout much of the month, which can make completion of BBS routes a challenge. July 2009 was notably cool, indeed the coolest ever in Saginaw County since official records began in 1900. Daytime highs never exceeded 85 degrees. Unlike the first half of the year, precipitation was slightly below normal in July. Plenty of sunshine, coupled with the lack of scorching heat, and only a few isolated occurrences of the severe storms that are otherwise typical of July, made for a very pleasant month.

\*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 thumb portions of the area may have varied to some extent.

*This report, as well as those from 2000-2008, along with updates on summer 2009 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>. Sincere thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing support of these reports.*



**Black-throated Green Warbler by Doug Jackson  
Taken 06/12/2009 at Arenac County Park, Ar**



**White-crowned Sparrow by Doug Jackson  
taken 06/08/2009 at Pinconning Township, Ba**

| <b>Species</b>          | <b>Number</b> | <b>Date</b>         | <b>Location</b>   | <b>Observers / Comment</b>   |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|--|
| CANADA GOOSE:           | 83            | 6/17                | Linwood Rd., Ba   | GSP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| MUTE SWAN:              | 14            | 6/12                | BCSRA, Ba   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Sa,Tu   |
| TRUMPETER SWAN:         | 1             | 6/14                | Cooke Dam area, Io                                      | WWS  |
| TUNDRA SWAN:            | 1             | 6/5                 | Baldwin Twp., Io  | RAE - observer noted yellow lores and that the bird could fly                        |
| WOOD DUCK:              | 40<br>316     | 7/22<br>7/30        | BCSRA, Ba<br>SNWR, Sa                                   | GSP - also noted in Mi,Tu<br>DJP - peak count  |
| GADWALL:                | 5             | 6/4 -<br>6/12       | SNWR, Sa  | DJP  |
| AMERICAN WIGEON:        | 4             | 6/12                | SNWR, Sa  | DJP  |
| AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:    | 1             | 6/19                | SNWR, Sa  | DJP  |
| MALLARD:                | 1241          | 6/9                 | SNWR, Sa  | DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu  |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL:       | 13            | 6/4                 | SNWR, Sa  | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu  |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER:      | 7             | 6/4                 | SNWR, Sa  | DJP  |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL:      | 43<br>2       | 6/29<br>7/17        | SNWR, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba                                   | DJP - peak count<br>DLJ  |
| REDHEAD:                | 13            | 6/18                | Crow Island SGA, Sa                                     | JMS - includes six ducklings   |
| RING-NECKED DUCK:       | 1             | 6/4                 | Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi                               | KO,RE  |
| BUFFLEHEAD:             | 1             | 6/18                | Crow Island SGA, Sa                                     | JMS - a male   |
| HOODED MERGANSER:       | 3<br>14       | 6/30<br>7/24        | Murphy Lake SGA, TU<br>SNWR, Sa                         | GSP,MW - also noted in Io<br>DJP - HY individuals                                    |
| COMMON MERGANSER:       | 1             | 6/20                | Baldwin Twp., Io  | JMS  |
| RUDDY DUCK:             | 1<br>2<br>1   | 6/18<br>6/19<br>7/5 | Crow Island SGA, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba            | JMS - a male<br>DJP - a pair<br>GSP  |
| RING-NECKED PHEASANT:   | 9             | 6/29                | NPSWA, Ba   | DLJ - also noted in Sa   |
| RUFFED GROUSE:          | 1<br>1        | 6/6<br>7/15         | eastern Ar<br>Becroft Lake Trail, Tu                    | DLJ<br>JEV   |
| WILD TURKEY:            | up to 24      | tp                  | Midland, Mi   | JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Sa,Tu   |
| COMMON LOON:            | 1<br>3        | 6/26<br>7/24        | Saginaw R., Bay City, Ba<br>Lumberman's Monument,<br>Io | JMS - an uncommon location<br>JMS,GS   |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE:      | 7             | 7/19                | Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi                               | MKE - little striped-head young noted here, and at SNWR, Sa (DJP) - also noted in Ba |
| DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT: | 6             | 6/10                | FPSWA, Tu   | JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa  |
| AMERICAN BITTERN:       | 3             | 7/9                 | NPSWA, Ba   | DLJ - also noted in Sa   |

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| LEAST BITTERN:            | 1<br>2                                 | 6/10<br>7/5 -<br>7/16 | FPSWA, Tu<br>NPSWA, Ba  | JEV - also noted in Ar,Sa<br>GSP,DLJ                                       |   |
| GREAT BLUE HERON:         | 10                                     | 7/19                  | Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi                                     | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu.Sa,Tu   |   |
| GREAT EGRET:              | 78<br>14                               | 6/4<br>7/9            | SNWR, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba   | DJP - peak count<br>DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu                           |   |
| SNOWY EGRET:              | 1                                      | 6/10                  | FPSWA, Tu   | JEV  |   |
| CATTLE EGRET:             | 1<br>2                                 | 6/4<br>6/11 -<br>6/30 | White's Beach, Ar<br>Dow Ponds, Mi                            | DLJ<br>JL,MKE,JZ   |   |
| GREEN HERON:              | 4<br>13                                | 7/19<br>7/30          | Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi<br>SNWR, Sa                         | MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu<br>DJP,DEP - peak count                    |   |
| BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON: | 15<br>5                                | 6/26<br>7/14          | BCSRA, Ba<br>Dow Ponds, Mi                                    | GSP,EMP - also noted in Sa,Tu<br>MKE                                       |   |
| TURKEY VULTURE:           | 65                                     | 7/26                  | St. Charles, Sa   | KL - peak count - flying into a roost<br>- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |   |
| OSPREY:                   | 2<br>1<br>1                            | 6/19<br>7/20<br>7/26  | Tuttle Marsh, lo<br>LeBourdais Rd., Ba<br>Murphy Lake SGA, Tu | AR,MR<br>GSP<br>MW   |   |
| BALD EAGLE:               | 12                                     | 7/24                  | SNWR, Sa  | DJP - peak count   |   |
|                           | Summary of SBA 2009 bald eagle nesting |                       |   | DB   |   |
|                           | <u>county</u>                          | <u># nests</u>        | <u># successful nests</u>                                     | <u># fledged</u>   | Average # fledged per nest <u>1.14</u> (general rule: 0.6 = stable population, 1.0 = healthy, expanding population) |
|                           | Arenac                                 | 9                     | 6   | 11   |   |
|                           | Bay                                    | 4                     | 3   | 4  |   |
|                           | Huron                                  | 7                     | 4   | 6  |   |
|                           | Iosco                                  | 14                    | 11  | 16   |   |
|                           | Midland                                | 3                     | 3   | 7  | Overall success rate <u>69.4%</u>   |
|                           | Saginw                                 | 9                     | 5   | 9  |   |
|                           | Tuscola                                | 3                     | 2   | 3  | Average # fledged from successful nests <u>1.65</u>   |
|                           | total                                  | 49                    | 34  | 56   |   |
| NORTHERN HARRIER:         | 2                                      | 6/10                  | FPSWA, Tu   | JEV - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa   |   |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:       | 1                                      | 6/6                   | Cooke Dam area, lo  | WWS,RAE  |   |
| COOPER'S HAWK:            | 1                                      | 7/11                  | Bangor Twp., Ba   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Sa,Tu  |   |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:      | 1                                      | 6/5                   | western Ar  | DLJ  |   |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK:        | 1<br>1                                 | 6/14<br>7/5           | Cooke Dam area, lo<br>Albee Twp., Sa                          | WWS<br>JDS   |   |
| RED-TAILED HAWK:          | 1                                      | 6/12                  | Bangor Twp., Ba   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Sa,Tu   |   |
| AMERICAN KESTREL:         | 1<br>2                                 | 6/14<br>7/18          | Liberty Bridge, Bay City, Ba<br>Tuttle Marsh, lo              | JMS - also noted in Sa,Tu<br>WWS,RAE                                       |   |
| MERLIN:                   | 1                                      | 6/14                  | Cooke Dam area, lo  | WWS - also noted in Hu   |   |
| VIRGINIA RAIL:            | 2<br>1                                 | 7/5<br>7/18           | NPSWA, Ba<br>Tuttle Marsh, lo                                 | DLJ - also noted in Ar,Sa<br>WWS,RAE                                       |   |
| SORA:                     | 1                                      | 7/18                  | Tuttle Marsh, lo  | WWS,RAE - also noted in Ba,Sa  |   |

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| COMMON MOORHEN:         | 4<br>5       | 6/18<br>7/7         | Crow Island SGA, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba                     | JMS<br>JEV  |
| AMERICAN COOT:          | 21           | 7/30                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP   |
| SANDHILL CRANE:         | 52<br>23     | 6/9<br>7/19         | SNWR, Sa<br>Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi                | DJP - peak count<br>MKE - also noted in Ar,Ba,Io,Tu   |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:   | 1<br>2       | 6/5<br>6/12         | Baldwin Twp., Io<br>SNWR, Sa                         | RAE<br>DJP - last date  |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:    | 7<br>1       | 6/5<br>7/24         | LeBourdais Rd., Ba<br>SNWR, Sa                       | RAE - peak count & last date<br>DJP - first date  |
| KILLDEER:               | 62           | 7/13                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - peak count<br>- also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu   |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER:      | 13           | 7/13                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - peak count<br>- also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu  |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER:     | 1<br>14      | 7/13<br>7/18        | SNWR, Sa<br>Tuttle Marsh, Io                         | DJP - first date<br>WWS,RAE - peak count  |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS:     | 1<br>6       | 7/13<br>7/30        | SNWR, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa                                 | DJP - first date<br>DJP - peak count  |
| WILLET:                 | 1            | <b>6/13</b>         | LeBourdais Rd., Ba                                   | <b>JMS - new SBA spring late</b>  |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS:      | 2<br>42      | 6/29<br>7/30        | SNWR, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa                                 | DJP - first date - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi<br>DJP - peak count   |
| UPLAND SANDPIPER:       | 1            | 6/5 -<br>6/21       | Bridgeport Twp., Sa                                  | LMA - This species is most commonly encountered in Io this time of year, but does have a history of sporadic occurrence in Sa during the breeding season. On this occasion, in a small 5 - 7 acre fallow field. |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE:        | 12<br>2      | 6/1<br>6/4          | LeBourdais Rd., Ba<br>Dow Ponds, Mi                  | GSP - peak count<br>MKE - last date   |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | 102<br>1     | 6/4<br>7/22         | SNWR, Sa<br>BCSRA, Ba                                | DJP - peak count & last date<br>GSP - first date  |
| LEAST SANDPIPER:        | 26           | 7/13                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - first date & peak count<br>- also noted in Ba,Io,Mi   |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | 2            | 6/12                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - last date   |
| DUNLIN:                 | 75<br>1<br>1 | 6/1<br>6/13<br>7/13 | LeBourdais Rd., Ba<br>LeBourdais Rd., Ba<br>SNWR, Sa | GSP - peak count<br>JMS - last date<br>DJP - a rare summer straggler  |
| SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: | 18           | 7/13                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - peak count  |
| DOWITCHER SP:           | sev          | 7/12                | Wigwam Bay SWA, Ar                                   | SS,SJ - first date  |
| WILSON'S SNIPE:         | 1<br>3       | 6/4<br>7/13         | SNWR, Sa<br>SNWR, Sa                                 | DJP - uncommon summer encounter<br>DJP  |
| AMERICAN WOODCOCK:      | 2<br>2<br>1  | 6/18<br>7/7<br>7/15 | Bangor Twp., Ba<br>Murphy Lake SGA, Tu<br>SNWR, Sa   | GSP<br>JEV<br>DEP   |

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| BONAPARTE'S GULL:        | 15<br>11         | 6/1<br>7/13         | LeBourdais Rd., Ba<br>LeBourdais Rd., Ba                             | GSP - peak count - last date<br>GSP - first date - also noted in Sa  |
| RING-BILLED GULL:        | 75<br>1          | 6/2<br>6/5          | BCSRA, Ba<br>Tobico Marsh, Ba  | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu<br>JMS - plumage dyed green, as a visual marker for a 2007-08 study of the movements of RBGUs nesting in the Chicago IL area. |
| HERRING GULL:            | 8                | 6/17                | LeBourdais Rd., Ba   | GSP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa   |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | 3                | 6/13                | LeBourdais Rd., Ba   | JMS - 1 remaining here on 6/22 (GSP)   |
| CASPIAN TERN:            | 29               | 7/27                | LeBourdais Rd., Ba   | GSP - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu  |
| COMMON TERN:             | 30               | 6/11 -<br>7/14      | Dow Ponds, Mi  | JL,MKE,JZ - JZ noted "Probable nesting"<br>- also noted in Ba,Tu   |
| FORSTER'S TERN:          | <b>250</b><br>18 | 6/14<br>7/11        | Saginaw Bay CDF, Ba<br>Wigwam Bay SWA, Ar                            | MW - <b>new SBA peak count</b> - the observer noted "had nest site in deep weeds"<br>DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi   |
| BLACK TERN:              | 15<br>17         | 7/5<br>7/19         | NPSWA, Ba<br>Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi                               | DLJ - also noted in Io,Sa<br>MKE - peak count - feeding nestlings  |
| ROCK PIGEON:             | 25<br>34         | 7/25<br>7/31        | Bay City, Ba<br>SNWR, Sa   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi<br>DJP - peak count   |
| MOURNING DOVE:           | <b>521</b>       | 7/31                | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - <b>new SBA peak count</b><br>- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu  |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:     | 2<br>2<br>1      | 6/14<br>7/4<br>7/26 | Tyler Plains, Ar<br>Berry Rd./ Jack Pine Tr., Ar<br>Baldwin Twp., Io | DLJ<br>DLJ<br>JMS  |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:    | 2<br>1           | 6/2<br>7/19         | SNWR, Sa<br>Kawkawlin R. Flooding, Mi                                | DJP<br>MKE   |
| EASTERN SCREECH OWL:     | 1                | 7/9                 | Snover Rd., Tu   | JEV  |
| GREAT HORNED OWL:        | noted            | tp                  | SNWR, Sa   | DJP  |
| BARRED OWL:              | 2                | 6/6                 | eastern Ar   | DLJ  |
| COMMON NIGHTHAWK:        | 2<br>2           | 6/5<br>7/16         | Tobico Marsh, Ba<br>Saginaw, Sa                                      | JMS - also noted in Io<br>DJP  |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL:          | 2                | 6/18                | Ingersoll Twp., Mi   | MKE  |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT:           | 26               | 7/31                | Saginaw River, Sa  | DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba  |
| RUBY-THRTD HUMMINGBIRD:  | 1<br>3           | 6/9<br>6/20         | SNWR, Sa<br>Baldwin Twp., Io   | DJP - a male in courtship display flight<br>JMS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu   |
| BELTED KINGFISHER:       | 8                | 7/5                 | NPSWA, Ba  | DLJ - peak count<br>- also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:   | 1<br>1           | 6/5<br>7/26         | St. Charles, Sa<br>Baldwin Twp., Io                                  | KL<br>JMS  |
| RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:  | 3                | 6/12                | BCSRA, Ba  | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |

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| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | 5<br>2  | 6/14<br>6/15           | Cooke Dam area, Io<br>Mi                           | WWS - also noted in Tu<br>JR - the observer noted "the first for this<br>BBS route"<br>LMA,CS,EL,HFS |
|                           | 4       | 6/22                   | Manor/Ditch Rd. area, Ar                           |  |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER:         | 5       | 7/3                    | Bangor Twp., Ba                                    | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER:         | 3       | 7/7                    | Bangor Twp., Ba                                    | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| NORTHERN FLICKER:         | 5       | 7/21                   | Ditch Rd., Ar                                      | JF - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER:      | 3<br>3  | 6/10<br>7/14           | Price Nature Center, Sa<br>Tittabawassee Trail, Mi | LMA - also noted in Ar,Ba<br>MKE   |
| EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:       | 10      | 6/4                    | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - peak count<br>- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu   |
| ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:       | 2<br>1  | 6/10<br>6/18 -<br>7/14 | Price Nature Center, Sa<br>Pine Haven, Mi          | LMA<br>MKE   |
|                           | 7       | 7/25                   | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu                                | JDS - noted here tp (MW)   |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER:         | 1       | 7/7                    | Mi   | MKE - also noted in Sa   |
| WILLOW FLYCATCHER:        | 16      | 6/12                   | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Tu   |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER:         | 4       | 6/4                    | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - also noted in Ar,Mi  |
| EASTERN PHOEBE:           | 1       | 7/4                    | Midland, Mi  | JZ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu   |
| GRT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:   | 5<br>4  | 6/4<br>7/5             | SNWR, Sa<br>Manor / Ditch Rds., Ar                 | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu<br>JF   |
| EASTERN KINGBIRD:         | 12      | 7/7                    | NPSWA, Ba  | JEV - peak count<br>- also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:    | 4<br>8  | 6/2<br>7/14            | SNWR, Sa<br>Pine Haven, Mi                         | DJP - also noted in Ar,Tu<br>MKE - <b>new SBA peak count</b>   |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO:        | noted   | 6/15                   | Mi   | JR   |
| WARBLING VIREO:           | 4       | 6/19                   | Pine Haven, Mi                                     | JZ - also noted in Ba,Sa   |
| RED-EYED VIREO:           | 4<br>3  | 6/10<br>6/19           | Price Nature Center, Sa<br>Pine Haven, Mi          | LMA - peak count<br>JZ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu  |
| BLUE JAY:                 | 7       | 7/6                    | Bangor Twp., Ba                                    | GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| AMERICAN CROW:            | 50      | 7/28                   | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu                                | JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa   |
| COMMON RAVEN:             | 2<br>15 | 6/6<br>7/4             | Cooke Dam area, Io<br>Berry Rd./Jack Pine Tr., Ar  | WWS,RAE<br>DLJ - peak count - an unprecedented<br>number from this county                            |
| HORNED LARK:              | 31      | 7/29                   | SNWR, Sa   | DJP - peak count - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu  |
| PURPLE MARTIN:            | 8<br>13 | 6/14<br>7/24           | Ricoma Beach, Ba<br>LuLu's Cabins, Io              | JMS - peak count<br>JMS,GS   |
| TREE SWALLOW:             | 200     | 7/7                    | NPSWA, Ba  | JEV - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu   |

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| N ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:  | 8<br>6+       | 7/5<br>7/10          | SNWR, Sa<br>Pt Aux Barques, Hu                                  | DJP - also noted in Ba<br>DJP - the observer noted "nesting in cavities in the wave-cut sandstone cliff lakeshore"  |
| BANK SWALLOW:            | 1             | 7/19                 | BCSRA, Ba   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi  |
| CLIFF SWALLOW:           | 20+<br><br>8+ | 6/6<br><br>7/10      | Cooke Dam, Io<br><br>Pt. Aux Barques, Hu                        | WWS,RAE - the observer noted "over 200 nests under the eaves on the dam" - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi,Sa,Tu<br>DJP - the observer noted "at nests attached to the overhanging portions of the wave-cut sandstone cliff lakeshore" |
| BARN SWALLOW:            | 20<br>48      | 6/23<br>7/20         | Commerce Dr., Mi<br>SNWR, Sa                                    | JZ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu<br>DJP - peak count  |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:  | 12            | 6/30                 | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu   | GSP,MW - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE:         | 6             | 6/30                 | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu   | GSP,MW -also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:   | 3<br>1        | 6/6<br>7/25          | Cooke Dam area, Io<br>Bangor Twp., Ba                           | WWS, RAE - also noted in Mi<br>GSP,EMP  |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 2             | 7/29                 | SNWR, Sa  | BG,CS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu  |
| BROWN CREEPER:           | 3             | 6/2                  | SNWR, Sa  | DJP - also noted in Ar  |
| CAROLINA WREN:           | 4<br>1<br>1   | 6/14<br>6/19<br>7/19 | Mt. Haley Twp., Mi<br>Bridgeport Twp., Sa<br>Spaulding Twp., Sa | KB - 2 adults w/2 fledglings<br>LMA<br>DJP  |
| HOUSE WREN:              | 6             | 6/4                  | SNWR, Sa  | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu   |
| SEDGE WREN:              | 10<br>2       | 6/12<br>6/29         | SNWR, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba   | DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar<br>DLJ  |
| MARSH WREN:              | 19<br>12      | 6/12<br>6/29         | SNWR, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba   | DJP - also noted in Hu,Tu<br>DLJ  |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:  | 1             | 7/31                 | Mayville, Tu  | MW - a rare summer straggler in the SBA   |
| BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:   | 6<br>4        | 6/30<br>7/21         | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu<br>Ditch Rd., Ar                            | GSP,MW - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa<br>JF   |
| EASTERN BLUEBIRD:        | 4             | 7/20                 | DeFord SGA, Tu  | JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa  |
| VEERY:                   | 4<br>14<br>7  | 6/16<br>6/22<br>6/30 | Mills Twp., Mi<br>Manor / Ditch Rds., Ar<br>Murphy Lake SGA, Tu | MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa<br>LMA,CS,EL,HFS - peak count<br>GSP,MW   |
| HERMIT THRUSH:           | 6<br>3        | 6/14<br>7/11         | Tyler Plains, Ar<br>Brownell Rd., Io                            | DLJ<br>DLJ  |
| WOOD THRUSH:             | 5<br>6        | 6/30<br>7/15         | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu<br>Becroft Lake Trail, Tu                   | GSP,MW - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Sa<br>JEV   |
| AMERICAN ROBIN:          | 33            | 7/22                 | BCSRA, Ba   | GSP - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| GRAY CATBIRD:            | 7<br>6        | 6/30<br>7/29         | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu<br>SNWR, Sa                                 | GSP,MW - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu<br>BG,CS   |
| NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:    | 1             | 7/1                  | Hurd's Corner, Tu   | JEV   |



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| BROWN THRASHER:            | 2                | 6/26                         | BCSRA, Ba   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| EUROPEAN STARLING:         | 86               | 6/15                         | BCSRA, Ba   | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| CEDAR WAXWING:             | 80<br>45         | 6/3<br>7/11                  | BCSRA, Ba<br>NPSWA, Ba  | GSP,EMP - peak count<br>DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:       | 4<br>2           | 6/2<br>7/21                  | DeFord SGA, Tu<br>Ditch Rd., Ar   | JEV<br>JF  |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:     | 3<br>6           | 6/15<br>6/22                 | Caro, Tu<br>Manor / Ditch Rds., Ar  | MW - also noted in Ba,Sa<br>LMA,CS,EL,HS   |
| <i>BREWSTER'S WARBLER:</i> | 1<br>2           | 6/5<br>6/22                  | Big Creek Rd., Ar<br>Manor / Ditch Rds., Ar   | RAE<br>LMA,CS,EL,HFS   |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER:         | 1<br>7<br>7      | 6/14<br>7/4<br>7/11          | CNC, Mi<br>Berry Rd./Jack Pine Tr., Ar<br>Brownell Rd., Io                            | AD - also noted in Ba,Tu<br>DLJ<br>DLJ   |
| YELLOW WARBLER:            | 15               | 7/7                          | NPSWA, Ba   | JEV - also noted in Ar,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| CHESNUT-SIDED WARBLER:     | 1<br>1<br>1      | 6/1<br>6/11<br>6/14          | Bangor Twp., Ba<br>Arenac County Park, Ar<br>Cooke Dam area, Io                       | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi<br>DLJ<br>WWS   |
| BLK-THRTD BLUE WARBLER:    | 1                | 6/1                          | Bangor Twp., Ba   | GSP,EMP  |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:     | 1                | 6/5                          | Jack Pine Trail vicinity, Ar  | DLJ  |
| BLK-THRTD GREEN WARBLER:   | 1<br>1<br>1<br>1 | 6/10<br>6/11<br>7/24<br>7/25 | Bangor Twp., Ba<br>Arenac County Park, Ar<br>Iargo Springs, Io<br>Murphy Lake SGA, Tu | GSP,EMP<br>DLJ<br>JMS,GS<br>JDS  |
| PINE WARBLER:              | 1<br>4           | 6/14<br>6/26                 | Ingersoll Twp., Mi<br>Sterling truck Trail, Ar  | MKE - also noted in Io<br>DLJ  |
| KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:        | 1                | 7/11                         | Brownell Rd., Io  | DLJ - photographed   |
| CERULEAN WARBLER:          | 3<br>3<br>2      | 6/19<br>6/25<br>6/23         | Pine Haven, Mi<br>Ditch Rd., Ar<br>Murphy Lake SGA, Tu                                | JZ<br>DLJ<br>MW  |
| BLACK & WHITE WARBLER:     | 1<br>2           | 6/14<br>6/26                 | Tyler Plains, Ar<br>Sterling Truck Trail, Ar  | DLJ<br>DLJ   |
| AMERICAN REDSTART:         | 5<br>6           | 6/6<br>7/21                  | Cooke Dam area, Io<br>Ditch Rd., Ar   | WWS,RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu<br>JF  |
| PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:      | 1                | 7/7                          | SNWR, Sa  | JEV - the observer noted "I was standing near the photo blind in Ferguson Bayou reading the sign which has the photo of a Prothonotary Warbler. A bird caught my eye as it was foraging along the water's edge ten feet to my right. Believe it or not, it was a Prothonotary Warbler! Do they pay it extra to do that?" |
|                            | 1                | 7/12                         | Wigwam Bay SWA, Ar  | SS,SJ  |
| OVENBIRD:                  | 5<br>10          | 6/16<br>7/5                  | Mills Twp., Mi<br>Manor / Ditch Rds., Ar  | MKE - also noted in Ar,Io,Sa,Tu<br>JF  |
| NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:      | 1<br>1           | 6/6<br>6/16                  | Cooke Dam area, Io<br>Mills Twp., Mi  | WWS, RAE<br>MKE  |

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|                         | 2         | 6/26        | Sterling Truck Trail, Ar    | DLJ  |
| LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:  | 1         | 6/30        | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu         | GSP,MW - noted here tp (MW)  |
| MOURNING WARBLER:       | 2         | 6/6         | Cooke Dam area, Io          | WWS, RAE - also noted in Ar  |
|                         | 3         | 6/14        | Ingersoll Twp., Mi          | MKE  |
| COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:    | 10        | 7/29        | SNWR, Sa                    | BG,CS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu  |
| HOODED WARBLER:         | 1         | 6/21        | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu         | MW - the observer noted "singing" - This represents the first SBA record for the species in June / breeding season, following on the heels of the multiple sightings occurring the last two springs. |
| CANADA WARBLER:         | 2         | 6/15        | Caro, Tu                    | MW   |
|                         | 2         | 6/26        | Sterling Truck Trail, Ar    | DLJ  |
| SCARLET TANAGER:        | 4         | 6/4         | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP - also noted in Ar,Io  |
|                         | 4         | 6/30        | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu         | GSP,MW   |
| EASTERN TOWHEE:         | 5         | 7/4         | Berry Rd./Jack Pine Tr., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| CHIPPING SPARROW:       | 5         | 6/30        | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu         | GSP,EMP - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:   | 1         | 6/20        | Baldwin Twp., Io            | JMS  |
|                         | 3         | 6/25        | Hickory Island Rd, Ar       | DLJ  |
| FIELD SPARROW:          | 5         | 6/5         | western Ar                  | DLJ - also noted in Mi,Tu  |
| VESPER SPARROW:         | 3         | 6/16        | Mills Twp., Mi              | MKE - also noted in Hu,Tu  |
|                         | 4         | 6/29        | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP  |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW:       | 12        | 7/4         | Janish Rd., Ar              | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu   |
|                         | 38        | 7/29        | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP - peak count   |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:    | 1         | 7/4         | Janish Rd., Ar              | DLJ  |
|                         | 1         | 7/25        | Lobdell Rd., Tu             | JEV  |
|                         | 4         | 7/29        | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP - the observer noted "not noted singing here until mid/late July "   |
| SONG SPARROW:           | 10        | 7/7         | NPSWA, Ba                   | JEV - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| SWAMP SPARROW:          | 8         | 6/10        | FPSWA, Tu                   | JEV - also noted in Ba   |
|                         | 36        | 6/12        | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP - peak count   |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:  | 1         | <b>6/11</b> | Pinconning Twp., Ba         | DLJ - <b>new SBA spring late</b>   |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL:      | 10        | 7/28        | Bangor Twp., Ba             | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | 4         | 6/14        | Tyler Plains, Ar            | DLJ - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
|                         | <b>13</b> | 7/1         | Bangor Twp., Ba             | GSP,EMP - <b>new SBA summer high count</b>   |
| INDIGO BUNTING:         | 5         | 6/30        | Murphy Lake SGA, Tu         | GSP,MW - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Mi   |
|                         | 9         | 7/29        | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP  |
| BOBOLINK:               | 24        | 6/5         | western Ar                  | DLJ - peak count - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu  |
| RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:   | 504       | 7/14        | SNWR, Sa                    | DJP - peak count - a single flock - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu   |

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| EASTERN MEADOWLARK:      | 7<br>5      | 6/5<br>6/21         | western Ar<br>Bridgeport Twp., Sa                              | DLJ - also noted in Mi,Tu<br>LMA   |
| YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: | 3<br>11     | 6/18<br>6/29        | Crow Island SGA, Sa<br>NPSWA, Ba                               | JMS<br>DLJ   |
| COMMON GRACKLE:          | 500         | 7/7                 | SNWR, Sa   | JEV - peak count<br>- also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi,Tu  |
| BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:    | 10          | 6/10                | FPSWA, Tu  | JEV - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa   |
| ORCHARD ORIOLE:          | 5<br>2      | 6/15<br>6/28        | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi<br>Knickerbocker Rd., Ar               | MKE - nesting confirmed here on 6/18<br>(MKE) - also noted in Io,Sa<br>JZ - a pair, the observer noted "Probable<br>nesting" |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE:        | 7<br>6      | 6/4<br>6/24         | SNWR, Sa<br>Bangor Twp., Ba                                    | DJP - also noted in Ar,Mi,Tu<br>GSP,EMP  |
| PURPLE FINCH:            | 8<br>2<br>2 | 6/6<br>6/18<br>6/22 | Cooke Dam area, Io<br>Pine Haven, Mi<br>Manor / Ditch Rds., Ar | WWS,RAE<br>MKE - a pair<br>LMA,CS,EL,HFS   |
| HOUSE FINCH:             | 10          | 6/8                 | Bangor Twp., Ba  | GSP,EMP - also noted in Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| PINE SISKIN:             | 1<br>2<br>2 | 6/1<br>6/1<br>6/14  | Bangor Twp., Ba<br>Koylton Twp., Tu<br>Cooke Dam area, Io      | GSP,EMP<br>JEV<br>WWS  |
| AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:      | up to 35    | tp                  | Midland, Mi  | JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu   |
| HOUSE SPARROW:           | 10          | 7/19                | BCSRA, Ba  | GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu   |

**TOTAL: 183 Species**

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**Observer Key:**

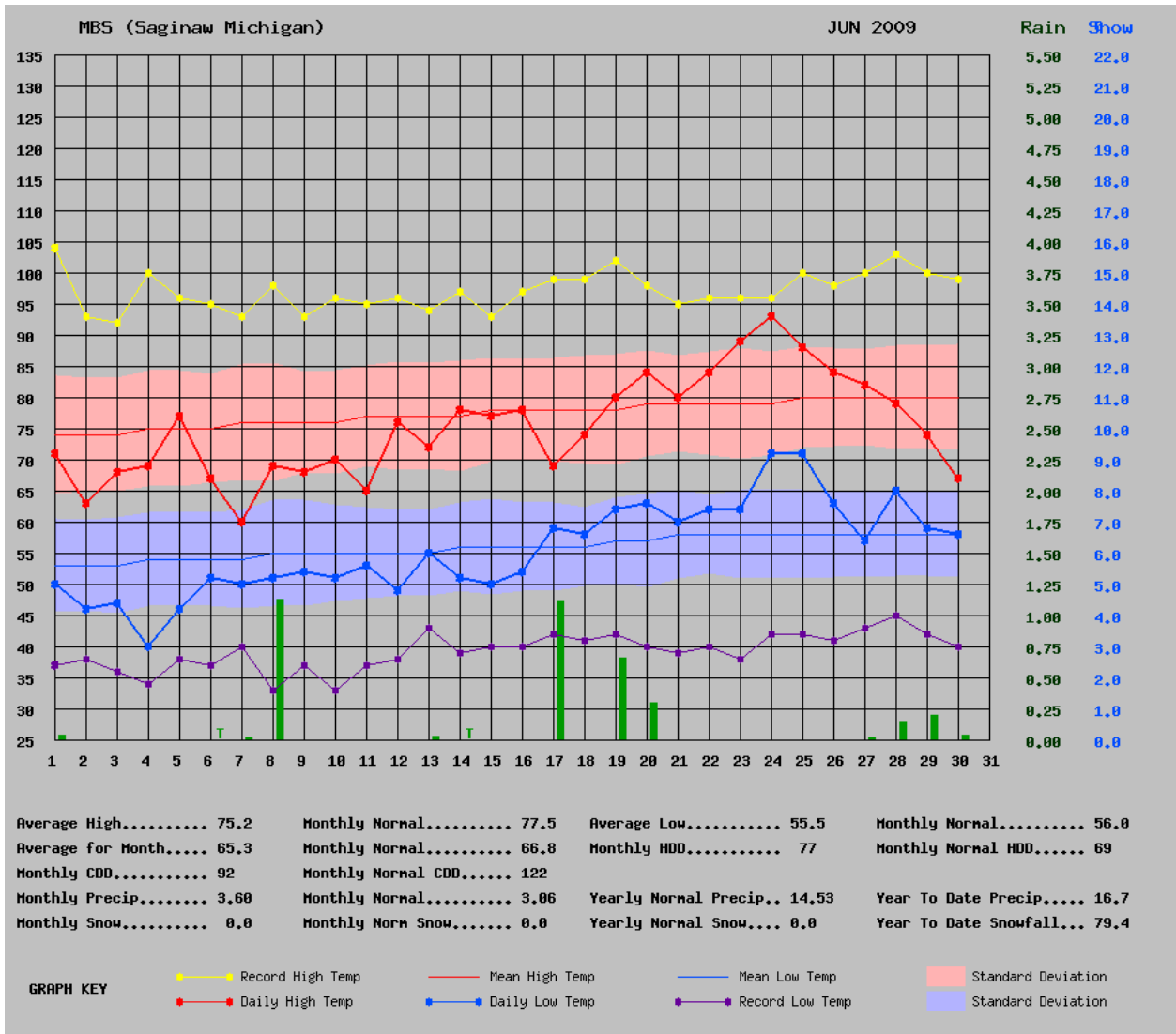
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| LMA | Larry M. Abraham      | GSP | Glenn S. Peterson   |
| DB  | Dave Best             | EMP | Ellen M. Peterson   |
| KB  | Karen Breternitz      | DEP | Don E. Poppe        |
| AD  | Audrey Diadiun        | JR  | Jack Reinoehl       |
| RE  | Robert Epstein        | AR  | Al Roberts          |
| RAE | Roger A. Eriksson     | MR  | Margaret Roberts    |
| MKE | Monica K. Essenmacher | SS  | Steve Santer        |
| JF  | Jed Fulkerson         | HFS | Heinz F. Schwarm    |
| BG  | Bob Grefe             | WWS | Wayne W. Shawl      |
| DLJ | Doug L. Jackson       | GS  | Grant Soehnel       |
| SJ  | Scott Jennex          | JMS | Joe M. Soehnel      |
| KL  | Kim LeBlanc           | JDS | Jeff D. Sommer      |
| JL  | Janea Little          | CS  | Carolyn Szarolletta |
| EL  | Elaine Livingston     | JEV | Jim E. VanAllen     |
| KO  | Karl Overman          | MW  | Myles Willard       |
| DJP | David J. Peters       | JZ  | Jerry Ziarno        |

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

**Abbreviations:**

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| Ar    | Arenac County                  | NPSWA   | Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area                                     |
| Ba    | Bay County                     | Sa      | Saginaw County   |
| BBS   | Breeding Bird Survey           | SBB.org | <a href="http://www.SaginawBayBirding.org">www.SaginawBayBirding.org</a> |
| BCSRA | Bay City State Recreation Area | SBA     | Saginaw Bay Area   |
| CDF   | Confined Disposal Facility     | SNWR    | Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge                                      |
| CNC   | Chippewa Nature Center         | SGA     | State Game Area  |
| FPSWA | Fish Point State Wildlife Area | SWA     | State Wildlife Area  |
| Hu    | Huron County                   | tp      | throughout entire or remainder of period                                 |
| Io    | Iosco County                   | TPSP    | Tawas Point State Park   |
| Mi    | Midland County                 | Tu      | Tuscola County   |

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