

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

## Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 thru Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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**Weather:** The period began with below normal temperatures, including a near record low on December 8. The situation completely reversed in the last week of that same month, with temperatures rising above normal, where they would remain until the second week of February, when they returned to average for the duration of the period. In between, it was the warmest January on record for the U.S. since NOAA began record keeping in the 1880's. Precipitation amounts were unremarkable relative to the average.

**Summary:** 110 species were reported during the winter '05-'06 season, a higher than average number. Two different hybrids were also reported, both from amongst the gulls that were present on the Saginaw River in Essexville, Ba.. These flocks also included **Iceland Gulls** and a **Black-legged Kittiwake**. Reports of species which normally migrate out of the area prior to the period were highlighted by the first December SBA record of a **Pine Warbler**, as well as no less than six separate **White-throated Sparrows**. Also unusual in their lingering were **Turkey Vulture**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Carolina Wren**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Eastern Towhee**, **Field Sparrow**, **Fox Sparrow**, **White-crowned Sparrow**, and **Eastern Meadowlark**. Reports of winter visiting species were average, with **Pine Grosbeak** being the most unique.

**New SBA peak counts:** 84 Trumpeter Swans on 12/31 @ Loud Pond Overlook, Io.  
46 Great Black-backed Gulls on 12/29 @ Karn Plant, Ba  
18 Short-eared Owls on 2/26 @ SNWR, Sa  
4 Pileated Woodpeckers on 2/3 @ Cooke Dam Area, Io  
26 Northern Cardinals on 12/17 @ Bangor Twp., Ba

**New SBA winter high count:** 17 Golden-crowned Kinglets on 1/10 @ SNWR, Sa

**New SBA fall late dates:** 1 Turkey Vulture on 1/12 @ Mayville, Tu  
1 Pine Warbler on 12/19 @ SNWR, Sa

**New SBA spring early date:** 1 Turkey Vulture on 2/6 @ Bridgeport, Sa

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.

***This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2005, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on spring 2006 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area as reported to Joe Soehnel at soehnelj@hotmail.com or by calling at 989-892-3687.***

***Many thanks to all the observers who contributed sightings to this compilation.***

***A special thanks to Joe Soehnel for selecting and providing the photos and weather graphs for this report. (In document ready Word format no less!)***



**Trumpeter Swans by: Gary Nelkie  
Taken 01/15/06 on Loud Pond, IO**



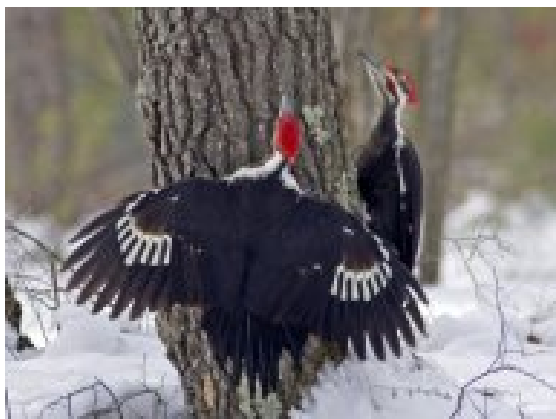
**Bald Eagle by: Dave Soderquist  
Taken 01/24/06 by Saginaw River, BA**



**Snowy Owl by: Dan Duso  
Taken 01/16/06 on Akron Rd, TU**



**Short-eared Owl by: Ken Willard  
Taken 02/16/06 at Shiawassee NWR, SA**



**Pileated Woodpecker photo by: Doug Jackson  
Taken 01/27/06 @ Round Lake Campground, IO**



**Horned Lark photo by: Doug Jackson  
Taken 02/12/06 on Akron Rd., TU**

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comment
SNOW GOOSE:	1	1/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	2	2/8	SNWR, Sa	JAP
ROSS' GOOSE	1	2/26	Harbor Beach, Hu	JCD - observer submitting report to MBRC
CANADA GOOSE:	2600	12/31	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,SL - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Tu
	12398	1/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count
	5764	2/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP
MUTE SWAN:	38	12/17	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,MB - peak count
	26	2/1	AuGres River Mouth, Ar	DH - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa,Tu
TUNDRA SWAN:	20	12/02	Nayanquing Pt, Ba	RD,LM,AB - peak count - also noted in Tu
	14	12/26	Sand Beach Twp., Hu	SJ,KO
	6	2/25	Harbor Beach, Hu	JCD
TRUMPETER SWAN:	78	12/6	Loud Dam Pond, IO	WM
	2	12/8	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
	7	12/27	Cooke Dam Area, Io	WWS
	84	12/31	Loud Pond Overlook, Io	WWS,RE - New SBA Peak Count!
	42	2/11	largo Springs, Io	RE
GADWALL:	32	12/31	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ,SL - peak count
	6	1/27	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	24	12/31	Cook Dam Area, Io	WWS,RE - also noted in Ba,Hu
	47	12/31	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,SL - peak count- tp @ this location
	46	2/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - tp @ this location
MALLARD:	781	12/30	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Io,Tu
	1200	12/31	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,SL - peak count
	153	2/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - tp @ this location
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	3	12/31	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ,SL
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	6	2/26	SNWR, Sa	BG,CS,LA
CANVASBACK:	1	12/02	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD,LM,AB
	1	2/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP
REDHEAD:	7	12/26	Harbor Beach, Hu	SJ,KO - 12 there on 2/26, JCD
	~1200	2/11	Karn Plant, Ba	JS - also noted in Mi,Sa
RING-NECKED DUCK:	16	12/31	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,SL - peak count - also noted in Ba
	8	1/27	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ
GREATER SCAUP:	12	1/27	Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ
LESSER SCAUP:	7	1/14	Dow Ponds, Mi	SG
	1	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,DD
SCAUP SP:	125	12/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JZ,MB - also noted in Mi
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	1	12/31	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ,SL
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	1	2/9	AuSable River mouth, Io	RE
	1	2/26	Harbor Beach, Hu	JCD
BUFFLEHEAD:	2	12/26	Harbor Beach, Hu	SJ,KO, - 7 there on 2/11
	20+	2/9	AuSable River Mouth, Io	RE - also noted in Ba
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	1524	12/31	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ,SL - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba
	60	12/31	Cook Dam Area. Io	WWS,RE
	124	2/10	Tawas River mouth, Io	RE

HOODED MERGANSER:	20 8 15	12/17 2/2 2/11	Karn Plant, Ba Gateway Park, Io Karn Plant, Ba	JZ,MB - peak count - also noted in Hu, Sa DH JS - tp @ this location
COMMON MERGANSER:	2820 179 34	12/17 1/18 2/9	Karn Plant, Ba SNWR, Sa Tawas River mouth, Io	JZ,MB - peak count - also noted in Mi DJP RE
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	4 2 2	12/17 2/9 2/11	Karn Plant, Ba Tawas River mouth, Io Karn Plant, Ba	JZ,MB - peak count - also noted in Hu RE JS
RUDDY DUCK:	1	12/30	Dow Ponds, Mi	RD
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	7 2	1/27 2/4	SNWR, Sa Bradleyville Rd, Tu	BG,CS,LA,JSo RD,AB
RUFFED GROUSE:	4 2	2/27 12/30	Cooke Dam Area, Io Tawas Area, Io	WWS - peak count - also noted in Hu RE
WILD TURKEY:	26	12/16	SNWR, Sa	DJP - MW noted 100+ Mayville, Tu
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	1 1	12/29 2/11	Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JS JS - tp @ this location
COMMON LOON:	2	2/8	SNWR, Sa	JAP
HORNED GREBE:	1	12/31	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ,SL
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:	5 7	12/31 2/11	Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	JS JS
GREAT BLUE HERON:	12 3 1	12/11 12/31 2/11	GPNC, Sa Karn Plant, Ba Harbor Beach, Hu	SFK,SG - peak count - also noted in Mi,Tu JS, up to 6 tp @ this location KO,MW
TURKEY VULTURE:	1 1 1	1/12 2/6 2/20	Mayville, Tu Bridgeport Twp, Sa Mi	MW - New SBA fall late JSo - New SBA spring early MKE
			The "fall late" designation is based upon the assumption that this individual never migrated much farther south. There are two previous SBA Jan. records, but both were of birds recovered in weak condition. The Feb. sightings are only the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> SBA records for that month, all of which have occurred in the last decade.	
BALD EAGLE:	35 4 6	12/30 12/31 2/17	SNWR, Sa Loud Pond Overlook, Io Karn Plant, Ba	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar, Tu, Mi WWS,RE JS,DD
NORTHERN HARRIER:	10	1/27	SNWR, Sa	BG,CS,LA,JSo - peak count - also noted in Ba, Tu
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1 1 1	12/31 1/11 2/15	Mi St. Charles area, Sa Ba	JZ,SL - also noted in Tu PR DD,MW
COOPER'S HAWK:	1	12/02	Nayanquing PT, Ba	RD,LM,AB - also noted in Io,Mi,Sa,Tu
NORTHERN GOSHAWK:	1 1	2/25 2/27	Mayville, Tu Cook Dam Area, Io	MW WWS
RED-TAILED HAWK:	12	2/13	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu, Io,Mi,Tu
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	1 6	12/17 1/24	Cooke Dam Area, Io SNWR, Sa	WWS - also noted in Ba,Tu BG,CS - peak count

GOLDEN EAGLE:	1 imm	2/15	Bentley, Ba	MW
	1 imm	2/21	Homer Twp, Mi	CA
	1 imm	2/26	SNWR, Sa	LA,BG,CS
AMERICAN KESTREL:	3	12/30	Bradleyville Rd, Tu	RD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu
	3	2/10	M-13, Spaulding Twp, Sa	DJP
MERLIN:	1	12/28	Elmwood Rd, Tu	JZ
	1	1/11	St. Charles area, Sa	PR
PEREGRINE FALCON:	1 ad	1/27	Karn Plant, Ba	JS - 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan. SBA record
AMERICAN COOT:	35	12/31	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ,SL - peak count - also noted in Ba
KILLDEER:	1	12/18	Karn Plant, Ba	DD - last date
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	118	12/2	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba
RING-BILLED GULL:	1108	12/2	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Hu,Mi
	4	12/31	AuSable River mouth, Io	RE
	1	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,DD
HERRING GULL:	1513	12/2	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Io, Hu
	4000+	12/18	Saginaw River, Ba	DD
	125	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,DD
THAYER'S GULL:	1	1/5 - 1/29	Saginaw River, Ba	DD,MW
ICELAND GULL:	1	12/18- 2/21	Saginaw River, Ba	DD et al, 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age
	1 ad	1/12	Saginaw River, Ba	MW
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	12/14- 1/16	Saginaw River, Ba	JS et al, adult age
	2	12/17	Saginaw River, Ba	MW, one 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age (photographed) & one adult - MW also noted two other adults in Jan @ this location
GLAUCOUS GULL:	15	12/26	Saginaw River, Ba	JS
	3 ad	12/26	Harbor Beach, Hu	SJ,KO
	15	1/10	Saginaw River, Ba	MW
	1	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,DD
GLAUCOUS X HERRING GULL	1 ad	12/26	Saginaw River, Ba	JS
GLAUCOUS X GR BLK-BK GULL:	1 ad	1/10	Saginaw River, Ba	JS, DD, photographed by MW
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	5	12/19	Saginaw River, Ba	JS - also noted in Hu
	46	12/29	Karn Plant, Ba	JS - New SBA Peak Count!
	16	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS,DD - 1ad,1 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr, 12 1 <sup>st</sup> yr
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:	1	1/10- 1/30	Saginaw River, Ba	DD, et al. - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age - image posted in photo gallery of <a href="http://saginawbaybirding.org">saginawbaybirding.org</a>
ROCK PIGEON:	40	12/11	GPNC, Sa	SFK,SG - peak count - tp in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu
MOURNING DOVE:	136	1/10	SNWR, Sa	BG,AG - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi
	162	1/25	Fish Point, Tu	DH
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	1	12/24	Tawas City, Io	GN - also noted in Ba,Tu
	1	2/22	Bridgeport Twp, Sa	LA
GREAT HORNED OWL:	2	2/26	SNWR, Sa	BG,CS,LA - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu

SNOWY OWL:	3imm 1 5 6	12/27 1/7 1/27 2/4	Bradleyville Rd, Tu Tawas Point, lo Pigeon, Tu Bradleyville Rd, Tu	LA - also noted in Ar, Hu JZ per MW RD, AB
BARRED OWL:	1 1	2/15 2/20	Bentley, Ba Cooke Dam Area, lo	MW, DD WWS
SHORT-EARED OWL:	<b>18</b>	2/26	SNWR, Sa	BG, CS, LA - New SBA Peak Count - 16 of the 18 were visible at one time! - reported tp @ this location
BELTED KINGFISHER:	1 1	12/31 1/15	Karn Plant, Ba Loud Dam Pond, lo	JS - tp @ this location GN, TN
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	1 1	2/11 2/11	Caseville, Hu Sand Lake area, lo	KO, MW - Feb. 11 is RHWO day? RE, WWS
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	7 3	12/18 2/20	SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam Area, lo	SFK - peak count - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Tu WWS
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	13 4	12/18 2/20	SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam Area lo	SFK - peak count - Also noted in Ba, Mi, Tu WWS
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	5 3	12/18 2/20	SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam Area, lo	SFK - peak count - Also noted in Mi, Tu WWS
NORTHERN FLICKER:	2 10 2	12/26 1/18 2/21	Loosemore Rd, Hu SNWR, Sa Caro berry patch, Tu	SJ, KO - also noted in Ba DJP - peak count - tp @ this location MW - tp in Mayville area, Tu
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	<b>4</b>	2/3	Cooke Dam Area, lo	WWS - New SBA Peak Count! - Also noted in Sa
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1 3 1 2	12/04 1/8 2/11 2/25	SNWR, Sa Fish Point, Tu Tuttle Marsh, lo M-25 near Huron City, Hu	SFK - also noted in Ba, Mi MW - peak count RE, WWS JCD
BLUE JAY:	50+	2/27	Cooke Dam Area, lo	WWS - peak count - also noted in Ba, Sa, Tu DJP noted a larger than average wintering population @ SNWR, Sa.
AMERICAN CROW:	206 167	12/11 1/3	GPNC, Sa Saginaw, Sa	SFK, SG - peak count - also noted in Ba, Hu, lo, Tu DJP - a single flock flying to roost
COMMON RAVEN:	16	2/10	Monument Rd. south of Gordon Creek, lo	WWS - peak count
HORNED LARK:	88 26	1/18 1/25	SNWR, Sa Fish Point, Tu	DJP - peak count - also noted in Hu DH JS had a nice multiple location total of 224 along M-15 in Ba & Sa on 2/17
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	12 36	12/27 1/10	Cooke Dam Area, lo SNWR, Sa	WWS - also noted in Ba, Mi, Hu, lo, Tu BG, AG - peak count
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	7 4	12/11 12/27	GPNC, Sa Cooke Dam Area, lo	SFK, SG - peak count WWS - also noted in Ba, Hu, Mi, Tu
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	5 4 6	12/27 1/18 2/20	Cooke Dam Area, lo Cooke Dam Area, lo Cooke Dam Area, lo	WWS - also noted in Sa, Mi, Ba, Tu WWS - wintering population consistent tp WWS - peak count
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	9 3	12/18 2/20	SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam Area, lo	SFK - peak count WWS - also noted in Ba, Hu, Mi, Tu

BROWN CREEPER:	8 1 4	12/18 12/27 2/15	SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam Area, Io Pinconning, Ba	SFK - peak count - also noted in Mi RE - also in Io @ Cooke Dam Area MW,DD
CAROLINA WREN:	1 1 1	12/10 12/26 1/28	at a feeder in Mi Grindstone City, Hu Mi	Per JL, date is general as the bird was reported from Nov. through mid-Dec. SJ,KO MKE
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	8 1 17	12/18 12/26 1/10	SNWR, Sa Grindstone City, Hu SNWR, Sa	SFK, also noted in Mi,Tu SJ,KO BG,AG - New SBA winter peak count!
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	14 6 3 6	12/11 12/18 1/7 2/1	GPNC, Sa SNWR, Sa Stover Rd., Ar AuGres, Ar	SFK,SG - peak count SFK - perched on snow covered branches JZ DH - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
HERMIT THRUSH:	1	2/11	Grindstone City, Hu	KO,MW
AMERICAN ROBIN:	31 18 97	12/11 1/7 2/11	GPNC, Sa AuGres, Ar GPNC, Sa	SFK,SG - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu JZ SG - peak count
EUROPEAN STARLING:	66	12/11	GPNC, Sa	SFK,SG -also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
CEDAR WAXWING:	27 150 34	12/11 1/20 2/1	Green Point NC, Sa Caro berry patch, Tu AuGres, Ar	SFK,SG MW - peak count - noted tp @ this location DH - also noted in Ba,Mi
PINE WARBLER:	1	12/02- 12/19	SNWR hdqtrs, Sa	SFK - 1 <sup>st</sup> December SBA record, and of course a new fall late date. Observed as it investigated the nooks and crannies of bird feeder trays and hovered at icicles hanging along the eaves. Documentation included for state compiler.
EASTERN TOWHEE:	1	1/18	Sturgeon Rd, Mi	JZ
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	122 90	12/9 2/8	SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu BG,CS
FIELD SPARROW:	1	12/17	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
FOX SPARROW:	1	12/20	at a feeder in Mi	Per JL - last reported date for a bird present from Nov. The only other SBA FOSP record this late is for two that reportedly overwintered @ Mi in '00-'01.
SONG SPARROW:	1	tp	Mayville, Tu	MW - the only SOSP reported this winter
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	1 1 1 1 1	12/07 12/10- 12/15 12/17- 2/28 12/30	Albee Twp, Sa CNC, Mi Bangor Twp, Ba Tawas Area, Io Grindstone City, Hu	JSo, 1 also noted there on 2/6 JL, 1 also noted there on 2/4 GP,EP, overwintered @ feeder, the first such record for the observers RE, 1 also noted there on 1/28 KO,MW - also noted in Tu
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	1	1/4	Bridgeport Twp, Sa	LA
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	26	1/10	SNWR, Sa	BG,AG - peak count - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	10	1/02	Garner Rd, Tu	JSo
SNOW BUNTING:	240+ 300+ 264	12/16 1/02 2/1	SNWR, Sa Garner Rd, Tu Pinconning Park, Ba	DJP JSo - also noted in Ar DH

NORTHERN CARDINAL:	26 24	12/17 12/25	Bangor Twp, Ba Bridgeport Twp, Sa	GP,EP - New SBA Peak Count! LA - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu
EASTERN MEADOWLARK:	1	12/29	lo	WM
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	1 8	12/07 12/27	Bridgeport Twp, Sa Bradleyville Rd, Tu	JSo LA - last date
COMMON GRACKLE:	1 1 1	12/14 12/27 2/28	Hampton Twp, Ba Bradleyville Rd, Tu Bangor Twp, Ba	JS LA - last date GP, EP - first date
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	1	12/05	HNC, Sa	PR - last date
PINE GROSBEAK:	3	2/11	Loosemore Rd, Hu	KO,MW - PIGR have been reported in just three out of the last ten winters
PURPLE FINCH:	1 6 1 15	12/02- 12/05 12/17 1/18 2/21	Hartley NC, Sa Cooke Dam Area, lo Sturgeon Rd., Mi Caro berry patch, Tu	PR WWS JZ MW - peak count
HOUSE FINCH:	24	12/11	GPNC, Sa	SFK,SG - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu
COMMON REDPOLL:	1	12/16	SNWR hdqtrs, Sa	SFK - a female and the only CORE report for the SBA this winter
PINE SISKIN:	40 23 4	12/17 1/18 2/20	CNC, Mi Cooke Dam Area, lo Cooke Dam Area, lo	JL - peak count - also noted in Sa,Tu WWS WWS
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	40+ 6	12/27 2/20	Cooke Dam Area, lo Cooke Dam Area, lo	WWS - also noted in Ba,Mi,Sa,Tu WWS
EVENING GROSBEAK:	11 17 12	12/27 1/11 2/20	Cooke Dam Area, lo Cooke Dam Area, lo Cooke Dam Area, lo	WWS WWS - peak count WWS
HOUSE SPARROW:	55+	tp	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi,Tu

**TOTAL: 110 Species**



**Observer Key:**

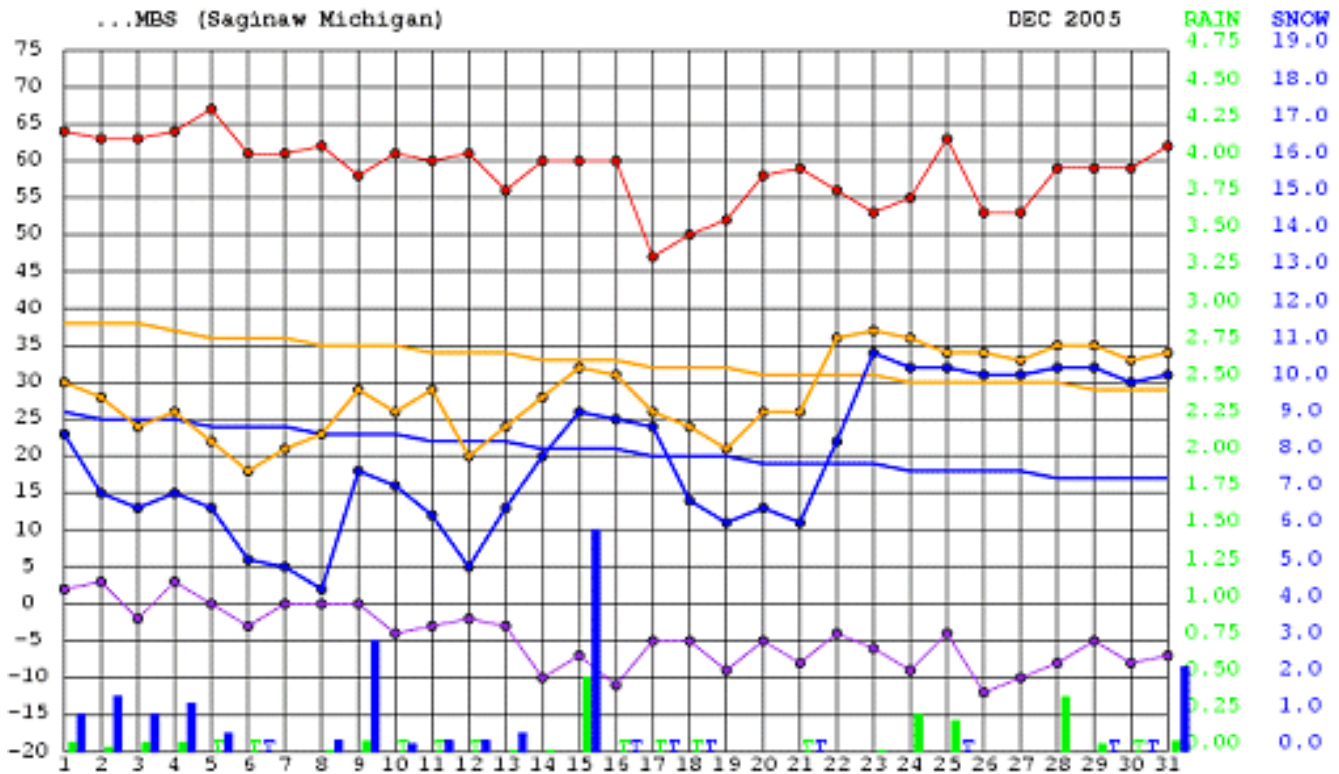
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JCD	Jim C. Dawe	DJP	David J. Peters
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AG	Ann Grefe	JS	Joe Soehnel
BG	Bob Grefe	Jso	Jeff Sommer
DH	Dan Hansz	CS	Carolyn Szaroletta
JH	Jeanne Henderson	MW	Myles Willard
SK	Steve Kahl	JZ	Jerry Ziarno

Six individuals generously submitted reports for this compilation, the balance of sightings were taken from postings on the [saginawbaybirding.org](http://saginawbaybirding.org) winter migration update.

**Abbreviations:**

Ar	Arenac County	MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond)
Ba	Bay County	Mi	Midland County
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	Sa	Saginaw County
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	tp	throughout entire period
Io	Iosco County	Tu	Tuscola County
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee		

## December, 2005 Weather Graph – Saginaw (MBS)

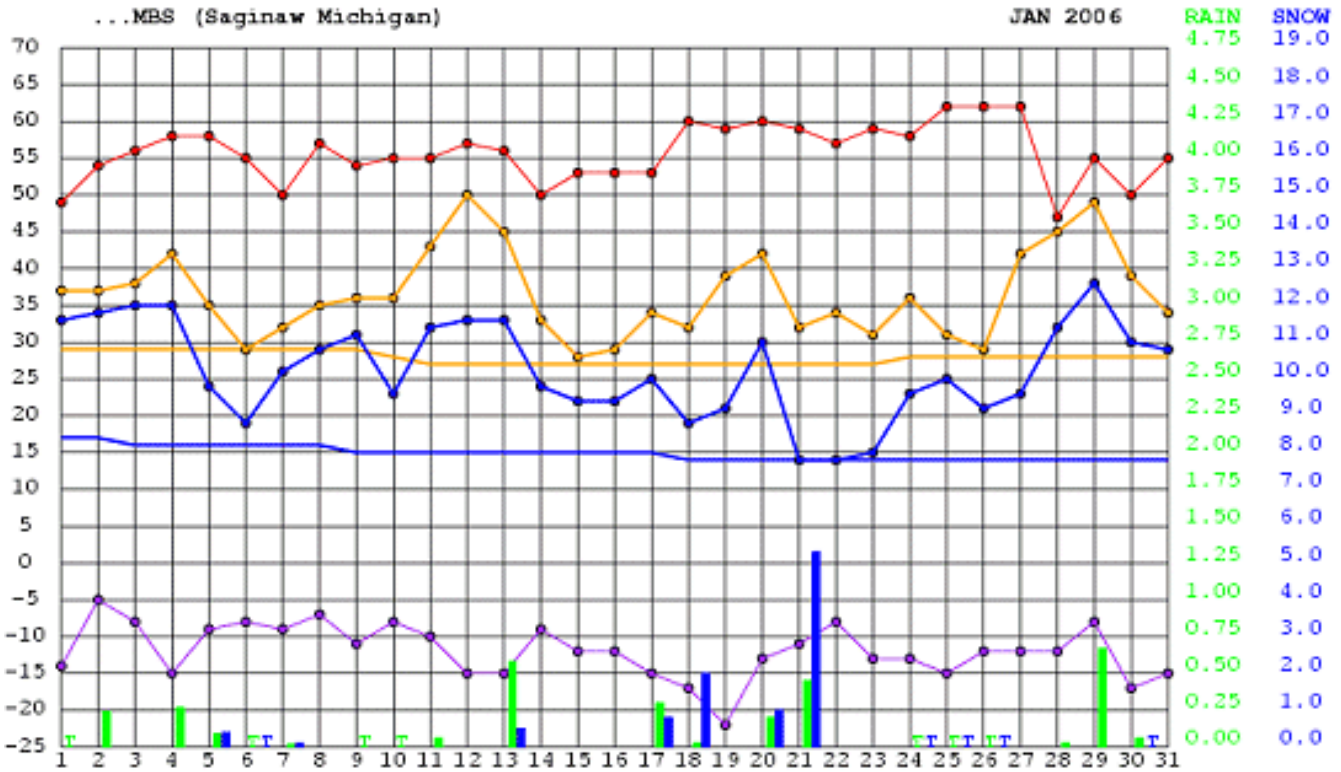


### TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Average High.....28.4	Monthly Normal.....33.0	Average Low.....19.6	Monthly Normal.....20.9
Average for Month...24.0	Monthly Normal.....27.0	Monthly HDD.....1262	Monthly Normal HDD..1179
Monthly CDD.....0	Monthly Normal CDD..0		
Monthly Precip.....1.77	Monthly Normal.....2.11	Yearly Norm Precip..31.61	
Monthly Snow.....18.2	Monthly Norm Snow...10.2	Yearly Norm Snow....	

GRAPH KEY	● Record High Temp	— Mean High Temp	— Mean Low Temp
	● Daily High Temp	● Daily Low Temp	● Record Low Temp

## January, 2006 Weather Graph – Saginaw (MBS)

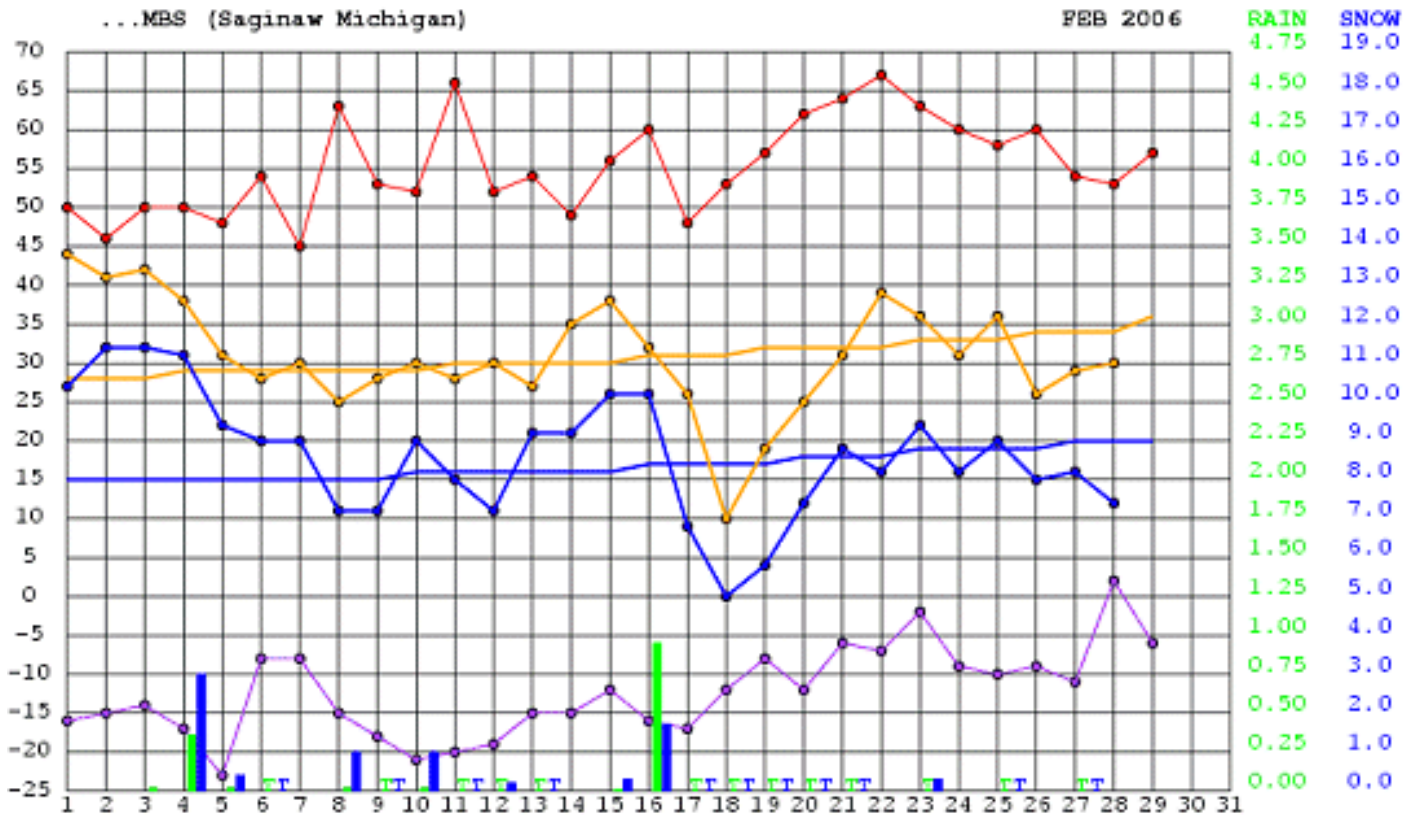


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Average High.....36.6	Monthly Normal.....27.9	Average Low.....26.3	Monthly Normal.....14.9
Average for Month...31.4	Monthly Normal.....21.4	Monthly HDD.....1032	Monthly Normal HDD..1352
Monthly CDD.....0	Monthly Normal CDD..0		
Monthly Precip.....3.00	Monthly Normal.....1.77	Yearly Norm Precip..1.77	
Monthly Snow.....10.1	Monthly Norm Snow...11.8	Yearly Norm Snow....	

GRAPH KEY	● Record High Temp	— Mean High Temp	— Mean Low Temp
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## February, 2006 Weather Graph – Saginaw (MBS)



### TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Average High.....30.9	Monthly Normal.....30.7	Average Low.....18.1	Monthly Normal.....16.8
Average for Month...24.5	Monthly Normal.....23.8	Monthly HDD.....1127	Monthly Normal HDD..1155
Monthly CDD.....0	Monthly Normal CDD..0		
Monthly Precip.....1.40	Monthly Normal.....1.57	Yearly Norm Precip..3.34	
Monthly Snow.....7.9	Monthly Norm Snow...8.3	Yearly Norm Snow....	

GRAPH KEY	● Record High Temp	— Mean High Temp	— Mean Low Temp
	● Daily High Temp	● Daily Low Temp	● Record Low Temp