

# Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 thru Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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**Weather:** The period began with temperatures slightly below normal, but the situation quickly reversed in week two of December, and from then on into the second week of January daytime temperatures remained above freezing. As a result, even many shallow, still bodies of water remained ice-free into the new calendar year. Temperatures then returned to normal until the first week of February, when they abruptly fell to zero, and remaining below average until the third week of the month. Despite the cold final month, the period was overall an average of 2 degrees above normal in the SBA. Precipitation was near normal.

**Summary:** 110 species were reported during the winter '06-'07 season, a higher than average number. By far the rarest species recorded was a **Bullock's oriole**, which visited what must be the SBA's best yard for attracting unusual winter birds. The bird capturing the most media coverage was a **Peregrine Falcon** that resided for over a month at the City Hall in Bay City. A full complement of waterfowl species was recorded, highlighted by an ever increasing number of **Trumpeter Swans** at two dams on the AuSable River, and a higher than average number of **Common Goldeneyes** on inner Saginaw Bay. Not one, but three wren species were reported, with **Carolina Wren** sightings reaching their highest number since the winters of 1993-95. Species that visit primarily in the winter were highlighted by a **Varied Thrush** in Midland, and, from the coniferous forests in the northern portion of the area, a bounty of **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, and an encouraging number of **Purple Finches**. Other reported species unusual for their occurrence during the period were **Red-Throated Loon**, **American Bittern**, **Long-eared Owl**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, and **Eastern Towhee**.

**First SBA records:** 1 **Bullock's Oriole** on 12/3 @ Bangor Twp., Ba \*

**New SBA peak counts:** 126 Trumpeter Swans on 12/10 @ Iargo Springs, Io  
46 Red-breasted Nuthatches on 2/17 @ Cooke Dam area, Io

**New SBA fall late dates:** 2 Cackling Geese on 1/7 @ Grindstone City, Hu  
7 Sandhill Cranes on 12/4 @ SNWR, Sa  
1 Bonaparte's Gull on 1/25 @ SNWR, Sa  
1 Marsh Wren on 12/28 @ Hampton Twp., Ba

\*Pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

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 2000-2006, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on spring 2007 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area as reported to Joe Soehnel at soehnelj@hotmail.com or by calling at 989-892-3687.***

***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, and to Janea Little for handling the mailing/emailing.***



*Lesser Black-backed Gull by: Dan Duso  
Taken 01/24/07 on Saginaw River, BA*



*Bald Eagle by: Roger Eriksson  
Taken 02/09/07 at Middlegrounds, BA*



*Peregrine Falcon by: Doug Jackson  
Taken 01/09/07 at Bay City's City Hall, BA*



*Varied Thrush by: Mike Fales  
Taken 02/04/07 in Midland, MI*



*Carolina Wren by: Doug Jackson  
Taken 02/12/06 at SNWR/Green Point ELC, SA*



*Bullock's Oriole by: Glenn Peterson  
Taken 12/03/06 in Bangor Twp, BA*

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observers / Comment
SNOW GOOSE:	34	12/1 - 12/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Mi
	3	1/12	SNWR, Sa	DJP - last date
CACKLING GOOSE:	1	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
	10	12/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP - in one flock, ties SBA peak count
	2	1/7	Grindstone City, Hu	JCD - new SBA fall late - within a morphologically diverse flock of ~200 CAGO
CANADA GOOSE:	2000	12/10	Port Austin, Hu	MW - also noted tp in Ba
	13615	12/15	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count, tp at this location
	3150	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
MUTE SWAN:	175	12/8	Linwood Rd, Ba	GP,MW - peak count
	62	12/18	AuGres, Ar	RE - also noted in Mi,Sa
	109	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
TUNDRA SWAN:	175	1/15	Pinconning Park, Ba	JS - peak count
	108	1/17	AuGres, Ar	JS,MW,DD - also noted in Sa
TRUMPETER SWAN:	<b>126</b>	12/10	Iargo Springs, Io	WWS,RE - new SBA peak count
	2	12/18 - 1/25	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	78	2/3	Cooke Dam area, Io	RE,WWS
	23	2/3	Iargo Springs. Io	RE,WWS
	21	2/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	RE,WWS
GADWALL:	67	12/16	Dow Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS - peak count - also noted in Sa
	4	1/28	Dow Ponds, Mi	fide SBB.org
	1	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
AMERICAN WIGEON:	1	12/18	SNWR, Sa	DJP
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:	478	12/29	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Mi
	5	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
	4	2/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	RE,WWS
MALLARD:	200+	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
	5897	1/3	SNWR, Sa	JJD - peak count
	200	2/21	Middlegrounds, Saginaw River, Ba	GP,EP
NORTHERN SHOVELER:	7	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
	6	1/3	SNWR, Sa	JJD - last date
NORTHERN PINTAIL:	6	12/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP
	3	1/3	SNWR, Sa	JJD
	2	2/27	Middlegrounds, Saginaw River, Ba	LD - a male/female pair
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	1	1/18	Karn Plant, Ba	JS - a male
CANVASBACK:	2	12/7	Tawas Bay, Io	RE
	8	12/15	Pinconning Park, Ba	GP,MW
	2	1/3	SNWR, Sa	JJD

REDHEAD:	44 620 1	12/7 1/6 2/2 - 2/16	Tawas Bay, Io Tawas Bay, Io Middlegrounds, Saginaw River, Ba	RE - also noted in Mi,Sa RE - peak count JS,LD - a female
RING-NECKED DUCK:	48 1 2	12/16 1/3-1/7 2/11 - 2/17	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi BCSRA, Ba Cooke Dam area, Io	JZ,JS - also noted in Sa GP,LD WWS,RE
GREATER SCAUP:	14 1	12/16 2/7	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi Karn Plant, Ba	JZ,JS JS - a female
LESSER SCAUP:	24 4 1	12/16 1/5 2/5	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa Middlegrounds, Saginaw River, Ba	JZ,JS DJP JS - a female
SCAUP SP:	25	1/18	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	1  2	12/18  2/20	AuSable River mouth, Oscoda, Io Karn Plant, Ba	RE  JS
LONG-TAILED DUCK:	1 1 1	12/8 1/6 2/2	Linwood Rd, Ba Tawas Bay, Io AuSable River mouth, Io	MW RE - female RE
BUFFLEHEAD:	6 52 2	12/15 1/17 2/17	Pinconning Park, Ba AuSable River mouth, Io Karn Plant, Ba	GP,MW - also noted in Mi,Sa JS,MW,DD - peak count JS
COMMON GOLDENEYE:	458 2060  60	12/16 1/24  2/17	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi Karn Plant, Ba  Cooke Dam Area, Io	JZ,JS - also noted in Hu,Sa JS,SG - peak count - the first 2000+ winter COGO count since 1996 RE,WWS
HOODED MERGANSER:	38 1 6	12/13 1/9 2/20	Karn Plant, Ba SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba	JS - peak count - also noted in Mi DJP - female JS
COMMON MERGANSER:	5000 659 220 1200	12/16 1/3 1/7 1/18	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa Tawas Bay, Io Karn Plant, Ba	JZ,JS - peak count JJD RE JS - an equivalent count here on 2/20 (JS)
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:	250+ 26 3 1	12/18 1/7 1/15 2/20	National Gypsum Dock, Io Tawas Bay, Io Pinconning Park, Ba Karn Plant, Ba	RE - also noted in Mi,Sa RE JS JS
RUDDY DUCK:	12 1	12/14 1/5	Dow Ponds, Mi SNWR, Sa	RD DJP - last date
RING-NECKED PHEASANT:	30	1/18	SNWR, Sa	BG,LA,CS - Interesting that Sa was only county that RNPH were reported from.
RUFFED GROUSE:	4 6	1/17 2/11	AuGres River mouth, Ar Cooke Dam Area, Io	JS,MW,DD WWS,RE - peak count
WILD TURKEY:	16 100+ 30	1/7 1/22 1/28	Mayville, Tu St.Charles Twp, Sa Ingersoll Twp, Mi	MW - also noted in Ba,Io fide DJP - peak count fide SBB.org

RED-THROATED LOON:	1	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	1	12/2	BCSRA, Ba	LD
	1	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
HORNED GREBE:	1	12/16	Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS
	1	12/18	National Gypsum Dock, Io	RE
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:	2	tp	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
AMERICAN BITTERN:	1	12/5	SNWR, Sa	EPD - Observed on a windy day at close range, as it stood in the open near a ditch. The observer stopped and exited his vehicle to make sure the bird wasn't sick or injured, but it was no longer visible. As he followed the bird's tracks in the snow, he happened to look-up and saw that the bird had just flushed from its hiding place nearby, and was flying away in apparently fine health. One had been recorded in this same vicinity just prior on 11/26 (BG et.al).
GREAT BLUE HERON:	1	1/6	Tuttle Marsh, Io	RE - also noted in Mi
	22	1/7	Karn Plant, Ba	JS - min. 2 present tp at this location (JS)
	15	1/11	SNWR, Sa	EPD
TURKEY VULTURE:	2	12/9	Oakley, Sa	EPD - soaring together, a new SBA fall late for multiple birds
BALD EAGLE:	22	12/15	SNWR, Sa	BG,CS - peak count - also noted in Mi
	13	1/18	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
	2	2/11	Standish, Ar	RE - at their nest
NORTHERN HARRIER:	15	12/4	SNWR, Sa	LA,CS,SL & CVAS - peak count
	3	12/13	Nayanquing Point., Ba	JS
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	1	12/12	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
	1	2/6	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
COOPER'S HAWK:	2	2/28	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP - individuals noted tp in Ba,Mi,Sa
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:	1	12/5	BCSRA, Ba	LD - immature age
	1	1/9	Kawkawlin Twp., Ba	LD - immature age - the observer notes: "same bird (as 12/5 BCSRA)?"
	1	1/17	Pinconning Twp., Ba	JS,MW,DD - adult age
	1	1/30	Thomas Twp., Sa	JSo,LA
	1	2/13	Mistequay Creek valley, Maple Grove Twp, Sa	DJP - adult age
	1	2/15	BCSRA, Ba	GP
RED-TAILED HAWK:	15	1/10	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Ar,Ba,Mi
	1	1/22 - 2/21	SNWR, Sa	DJP - wintering dark morph individual
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	17	1/26	SNWR, Sa	BG,LA,CS - peak count
	1	2/11	Omer, Ar	RE - also noted in Ba,Io,Mi
	1	2/28	SNWR, Sa	DJP - the observer notes: "Immature birds compose the vast majority of wintering RLHA at SNWR, so this beautifully plumaged light morph adult male was exceptional."
GOLDEN EAGLE:	1	1/6	Tuttle Marsh, Io	fide SBB.org, no age or other details
	1	2/20	SNWR, Sa	DJP - subadult age
AMERICAN KESTREL:	1	12/20	MCV Pond, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba
	5	12/27	Prairie Farm, Albee Twp., Sa	DJP - peak count - 3 in adjacent Spaulding Twp. Sa on the same date

PEREGRINE FALCON:	1	12/30 - 2/5	Bay City, Ba	SM,DJ,et.al. - Perching on the City Hall clock tower downtown, preying upon the flocks of rock pigeons. Recorded by many observers during its stay.
	2	1/2 - 1/4	Bay City, Ba	DM,MW,et.al. - The above bird plus one.
AMERICAN COOT:	64	12/16	MCV Ponds, Mi	JZ,JS - peak count - also noted in Sa JS
	2	2/20	Karn Plant, Ba	
SANDHILL CRANE:	7	12/4	SNWR, Sa	LA,CS,SL & CVAS - new SBA fall late
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	134	12/8	Saginaw River, Ba	JS - peak count - also noted in Mi RE DJP - adult age - new SBA fall late
	32	1/7	Tawas Bay, lo	
	1	1/25	SNWR, Sa	
RING-BILLED GULL:	315	1/5	SNWR, Sa	DJP - peak count - also noted in Mi DJP - a large RBGU count for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of January JS - last date
	233	1/19	SNWR, Sa	
	1	2/2	Saginaw River, Ba	
HERRING GULL:	750+	1/4	Saginaw River, Ba	JS - also noted in lo,Mi DJP - peak count JS
	2160	1/25	SNWR, Sa	
	175	2/2	Saginaw River, Ba	
ICELAND (KUMLIEN'S) GULL:	1	1/15	Pinconning Twp, Ba	JS - at the landfill, 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age, buffy plumage and dark bill were noted DJP - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age. The observer notes: "Plumage light gray -brown. Scapulars and coverts coarsely patterned, no significant color contrast between tertials and primaries when at rest, and the primaries and secondaries uniform in color when observed in flight." JS - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age, buffy plumage noted
	1	2/1	SNWR, Sa	
	1	2/2	Saginaw River, Ba	
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:	1	1/6	Grindstone City, Hu	JCD - age not reported DJP - 3 <sup>rd</sup> winter age, a smudgy tipped bill was noted JS,SG,DD - adult age
	1	1/22 - 1/26	SNWR, Sa	
	1	1/24	Saginaw River, Ba	
GLAUCOUS GULL:	1	12/15	Nayanquing Point, Ba	GP,MW MH,JHu,MW,MWi JS - at the landfill - peak count JS,MW,DD DJP - 2 <sup>nd</sup> winter age
	1	12/28	Port Austin, Hu	
	12	1/15	Pinconning Twp., Ba	
	1	1/17	AuSable River mouth, lo	
	1	2/2	SNWR, Sa	
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:	2	1/6	Grindstone City, Hu	JCD DD - peak count DJP - 11-1 <sup>st</sup> , 3-2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2-adult age JS
	34	1/18	Saginaw River, Ba	
	16	1/25	SNWR, Sa	
	1	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	
ROCK PIGEON:	182	1/5	Bay City, Ba	DJ,JS - peak count -also noted in Mi,Sa
MOURNING DOVE:	175	12/13	Nayanquing Point., Ba	JS - also noted in Mi DJP - peak count GP,EP
	363	12/22	SNWR, Sa	
	44	2/8	Bangor Twp, Ba	
EASTERN SCREECH OWL:	1+	2/8	SNWR, Sa	fide DJP - using wood duck nest boxes as winter roosts
GREAT HORNED OWL:	1	12/27	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Mi JS
	1	1/7	Karn Plant, Ba	
SNOWY OWL:	1	1/27	Reno Twp, lo	fide SBB.org

BARRED OWL:	1	12/16	Mi	fide SBB.org
LONG-EARED OWL:	2	12/5	SNWR, Sa	DJP - At a roost of mature shrubby willows and grapevines that was used throughout this fall and winter - 1 noted on 12/18 (DJP) was last date until February.
	3	2/1-2/9	SNWR, Sa	DJP - At the same roost. 2 remained here through 2/14, then 1 through 2/23
SHORT-EARED OWL:	10	12/4	SNWR, Sa	CS,LA,SL & CVAS - peak count - 5 noted here on 1/18 (BG,LA,CS)
	1	12/26	Hampton Twp., Ba	SM
	3	1/28	SNWR, Sa	CS et.al
BELTED KINGFISHER:	1	1/22	SNWR, Sa	DJP - also noted in Mi
	1	2/17	Karn Plant, Ba	JS
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	1	2/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:	3	2/11	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE - also noted tp in Mi,Sa
	2	1/26	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
DOWNY WOODPECKER:	4	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted tp in Sa
	4	12/4	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
HAIRY WOODPECKER:	2	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted tp in Sa
	2	12/17	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
NORTHERN FLICKER:	1	12/6	Midland, Mi	JZ
	1	1/1	Fish Point, Tu	MW
	1	1/29	Mayville, Tu	MW
PILEATED WOODPECKER:	1	1/10	Tobico Marsh, Ba	LD - a female, busy excavating
	3	1/24	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS - individuals also noted in Mi
	2	2/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP
NORTHERN SHRIKE:	1	12/5	Finn Rd., Ba	LD - also noted in Mi,Tu
	2	12/14	Nayanquing Point, Ba	RD
	1	1/30	Karn Plant, Ba	JS - 1 here on 2/20 (JS)
	1	2/24	SNWR, Sa	DJP - the observer notes: "A very vocal bird, singing and calling continuously on this late-winter morning, adding dimension to it's character, and audible proof that it is indeed a songbird."
BLUE JAY:	17	12/29	SNWR Headquarters, Sa	DJP - also noted tp in Ba,Mi
	50+	2/11	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE
AMERICAN CROW:	48	2/6	Saginaw, Sa	DJP - flocking up in the late afternoon
	60	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba
COMMON RAVEN:	12	1/6	Old US-23, Io	RE
	2	1/20	Gibson Twp., Ba	LD - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ba record. Observed in a corn field, in the company of two American crows, allowing direct comparison.
	14	2/3	River Rd, Io	RE,WWS
HORNED LARK:	62	1/15	Fraser Twp., Ba	JS - peak count - also noted in Mi
	36	1/17	Spauldiing Twp., Sa	DJP
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:	22	12/16	Poseyville Rd, Mi	JZ,JS - also noted tp in Ba,Sa
	44	2/17	Cooke Dam area, Io	WWS,RE - peak count
TUFTED TITMOUSE:	5	12/7	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP - also noted tp in Sa
	up to 4	tp	Midland, Mi	JZ

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	24 46	12/10 2/17	Cooke Dam area, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS,RE - also noted in Ba, tp in Sa WWS,RE - new SBA peak count !
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	4 3	tp 12/25	Midland, Mi Bangor Twp, Ba	JZ - also noted tp in Sa GP,EP
BROWN CREEPER:	4	1/7	SNWR (GPELC), Sa	DJ - also noted tp in Ba,Mi
WINTER WREN:	1 1	12/14 2/7	Tobico Marsh, Ba Rollways Rd., lo	RD GN,TN - The observers noted: "The temp was 3 degrees and the bird was ...under tree roots along the river. We were thrilled to be able to watch it." There are only two previous SBA February records for this species, one of which was near this location, at largo Springs, lo. WIWR occur in there (the AuSable River gorge) during the breeding season as well.
CAROLINA WREN:	2 2 1 1 1	tp 12/10- 1/27 12/28 2/10 2/10- 2/22	Bridgeport Twp., Sa SNWR (GPELC), Sa Eagle Bay, Hu Millington, Tu Mt Haley Twp, Mi	CS DJ,SNWR staff MH,JHu,MW,MWi fide MW KB fide JL
MARSH WREN:	1	12/28	Hampton Twp., BA	SM - new SBA fall late
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	5 4	12/9 1/7	Cooke Dam area, lo SNWR (GPELC), Sa	WWS,RE - also noted in Mi DJ
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	1	12/14	Tobico Marsh, Ba	RD
EASTERN BLUEBIRD:	3 3 5	12/13 12/12 - 2/15 2/13	SNWR (GPELC), Sa BCSRA, Ba Mayville, Tu	SFK - also noted in Mi GP fide MW
HERMIT THRUSH:	1	1/26 - 1/27	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP
AMERICAN ROBIN:	40 1 2 100+ 1	12/30 1/3 1/29 2/4 2/21	Quanicassee, Tu Cooke Dam area, lo Vanderbilt Park, Tu SE Frankenlust Twp., Ba Bangor Twp, Ba	MW WWS - 1 noted at CNC in Mi on this date JS RE - peak count - at the SB I-75 rest area, where a good supply of berries was apparently available - 50 here on 2/11 (RE) GP,EP - 1 in Saginaw, Sa on 2/20 (DJP)
VARIED THRUSH:	1	1/20 - 2/4	Midland, Mi	MF fide JL,JS - a male visiting the bird feeder, photographed by the observer - 12 <sup>th</sup> SBA record, 5 <sup>th</sup> for Mi
EUROPEAN STARLING:	2500+ 300	1/4 1/10	Saginaw River, Ba Bay City, Ba	JS -also noted tp in Mi,Sa GP,EP
CEDAR WAXWING:	25 50 15	2/2 2/6 2/21	Baldwin Twp, lo Midland, Mi SNWR (hdqtrs), Sa	RE - also noted in Ba JS - peak count SFK
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:	1	1/4	SNWR (GPELC), Sa	DJ
EASTERN TOWHEE:	1	1/29 - tp	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP - only the third SBA record of an EATO overwintering.



AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:	175 269 1	1/29 2/15 2/17	Almer Twp, Tu SNWR, Sa BCSRA, Ba	JS - also noted tp in lo,Mi DJP - peak count BG,CS - Recapture of a bird banded at this exact location on 2/19/05, illustrating the wintering site fidelity of ATSP.
FIELD SPARROW:	1 1	12/1- 1/3 12/16	Mayville, Tu Tawas Point, lo	MW TP
SONG SPARROW:	1 1 1 2	2/2 12/19 2/3 tp	BCSRA, Ba Hampton Twp, Ba Baldwin Twp, lo Albee Twp., Sa	LD MW RE JSo
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	1 1 3 1	12/13 12/28 1/18 2/3	SNWR (GPELC), Sa Eagle Bay, Hu Bangor Twp, Ba Baldwin Twp, lo	SFK MH,JHu,MW,MWi GP,EP - 2 on 2/28, WTSP overwintering at this location for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. RE
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:	3	12/16	Tawas Point, lo	TP - 1 <sup>st</sup> winter age birds
DARK-EYED JUNCO:	16 17	1/15 2/12	Bangor Twp., Ba Spaulding Twp, Sa	GP,EP - up to 12 noted tp in Mi (JZ) fide DJP - in a single flock under bird feeders
SNOW BUNTING:	1000+ 4000+ 250+	12/15 1/3 1/15	Pinconning, Ba western Tu Fraser Twp., Ba	MW - also noted in Ar,MI,Sa LA - in a single flock stretching ½ mile JS
NORTHERN CARDINAL:	25 6	12/7 2/11	Bangor Twp., Ba Cooke Dam area, lo	GP,EP - also noted in Mi,Sa WWS,RE
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:	2 1	12/5 12/16	Portsmouth Twp., Ba Dow & MCV Ponds, Mi	LD JZ,JS
COMMON GRACKLE:	2	1/20	Hampton Twp., Ba	JS
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:	42	1/9 - 1/10	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP - in a mixed BHCO & EUST flock, feeding in lawns and farm fields
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE	1	12/3	Bangor Twp, Ba	GP,EP,MW,MWi - observed and photographed as it visited a bird feeder. Documentation has been submitted to the MBRC, and pending acceptance, this will represent the first SBA BUOR record!
PURPLE FINCH:	60 42	2/3 2/17	Cooke Dam area, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	RE,WWS - observed among evergreens - By the looks of it, this is the highest PUF1 count reported for the SBA since 1961! WWS,RE
HOUSE FINCH:	34 31 32	12/8 1/19 2/16	SNWR Headquarters, Sa Bangor, Twp, Ba Hampton Twp., Ba	DJP - also noted tp in Midland, Mi (JZ) GP,EP JS - Hmmm...SBA HOFI flocks seem to max in the low 30's
PINE SISKIN:	20 40	12/9 2/3	Cooke Dam area, lo Cooke Dam area, lo	WWS,RE WWS,RE - 35 here on 2/17 (WWS,RE)
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	24 30	12/1 2/27	SNWR, Sa Bangor Twp., Ba	DJP - also noted in Ba,lo GP,EP - up to 30 tp in Midland, Mi (JZ)

HOUSE SPARROW:	94	1/23	SNWR Hdqtrs, Sa	SFK - peak count
	37	1/24	Bangor Twp., Ba	GP,EP

**TOTAL: 110 Species**

**EXOTICS and OTHERS:**

EGYPTIAN GOOSE:	1	1/7- 1/11	SNWR, Sa	JAP,BG,CS
CHUKAR	1	12/18 - 12/20	Spaulding Twp., Sa	DJP

**Observer Key:**

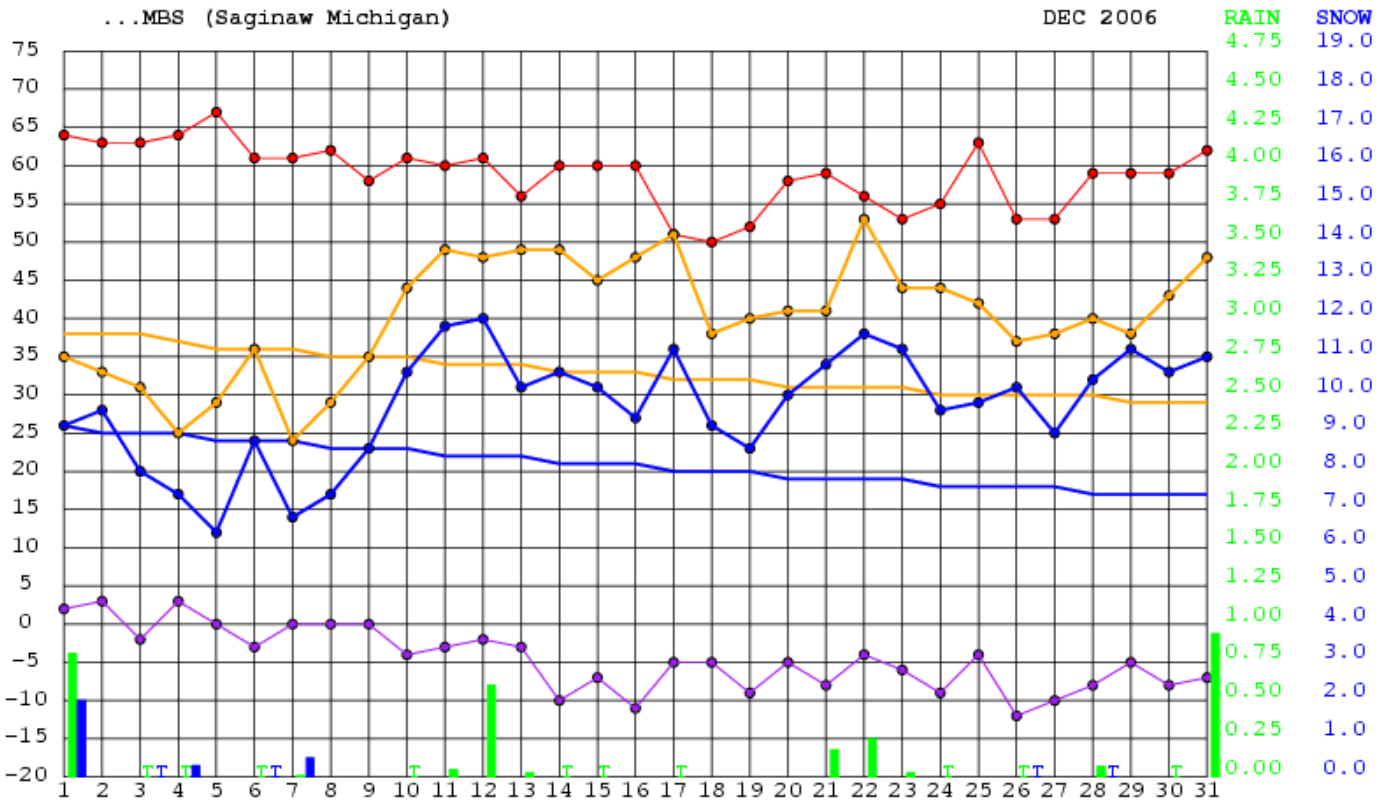
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DD	Dan Duso	GP	Glenn Peterson
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BG	Bob Grefe	CS	Carolyn Szaroletta
DJ	Doug Jackson	MWi	Marilyn Willard
SFK	Steve F. Kahl	MW	Myles Willard
SL	Stan Lilley	JZ	Jerry Ziarno
JL	Janea Little		

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

**Abbreviations:**

Ar	Arenac County	Mi	Midland County
Ba	Bay County	Sa	Saginaw County
BCSRA	Bay City State Recreation Area	SBA	Saginaw Bay Area
CNC	Chippewa Nature Center	SBB.org	SaginawBayBirding.org winter migration update webpage
GPELC	Green Point Environmental Learning Center	SNWR	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
Hu	Huron County	SGA	State Game Area
Io	Iosco County	tp	throughout entire period
MBRC	Michigan Bird Records Committee	Tu	Tuscola County
MCV	Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond)		

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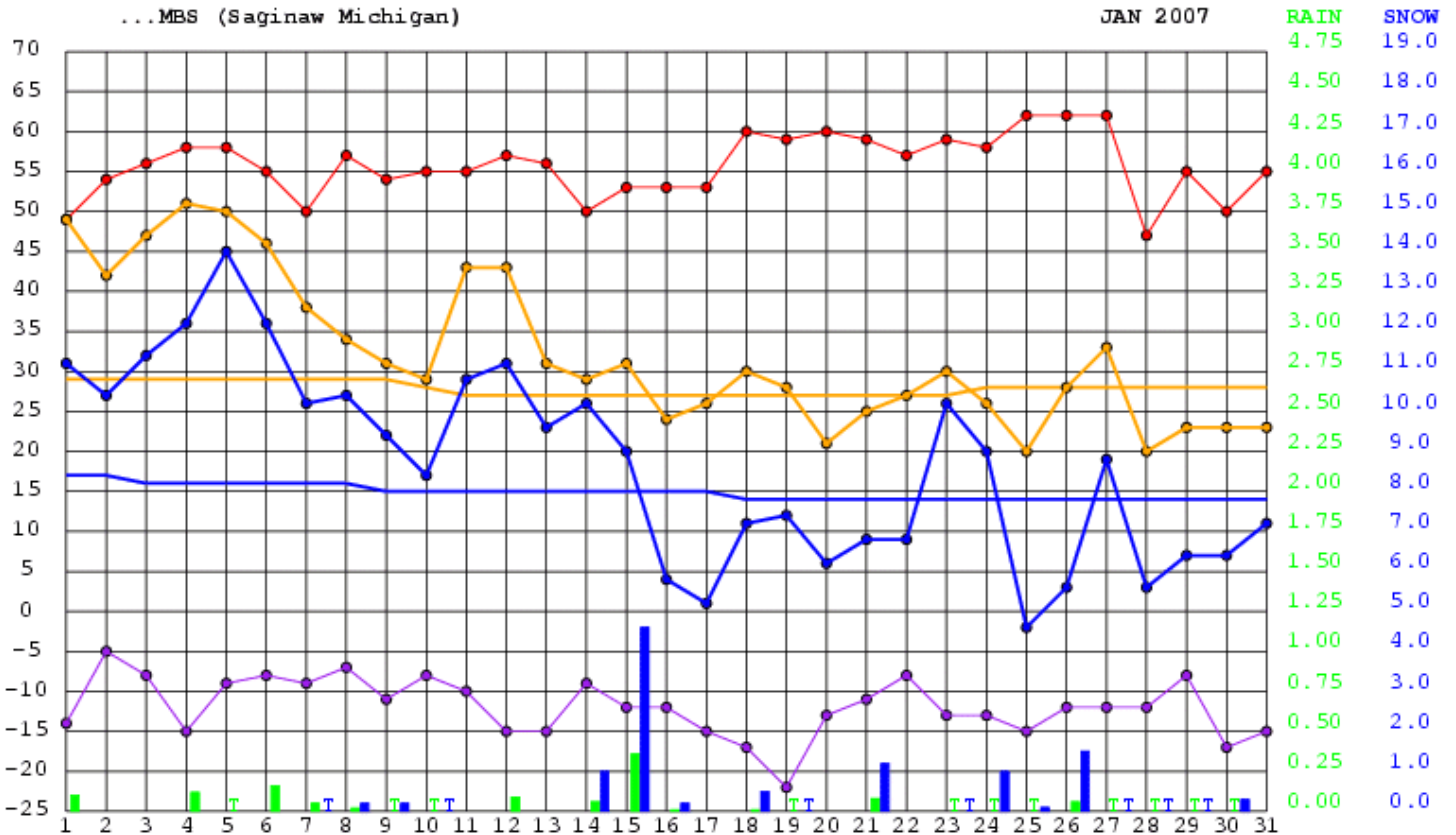


### TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Average High.....40.2	Monthly Normal.....33.0	Average Low.....28.6	Monthly Normal.....20.9
Average for Month...34.4	Monthly Normal.....27.0	Monthly HDD.....941	Monthly Normal HDD..1179
Monthly CDD.....0	Monthly Normal CDD..0		
Monthly Precip.....2.97	Monthly Normal.....2.11	Yearly Norm Precip..31.61	
Monthly Snow.....2.8	Monthly Norm Snow...10.2	Yearly Norm Snow....	



# January, 2007 Weather Graph – Saginaw (MBS)



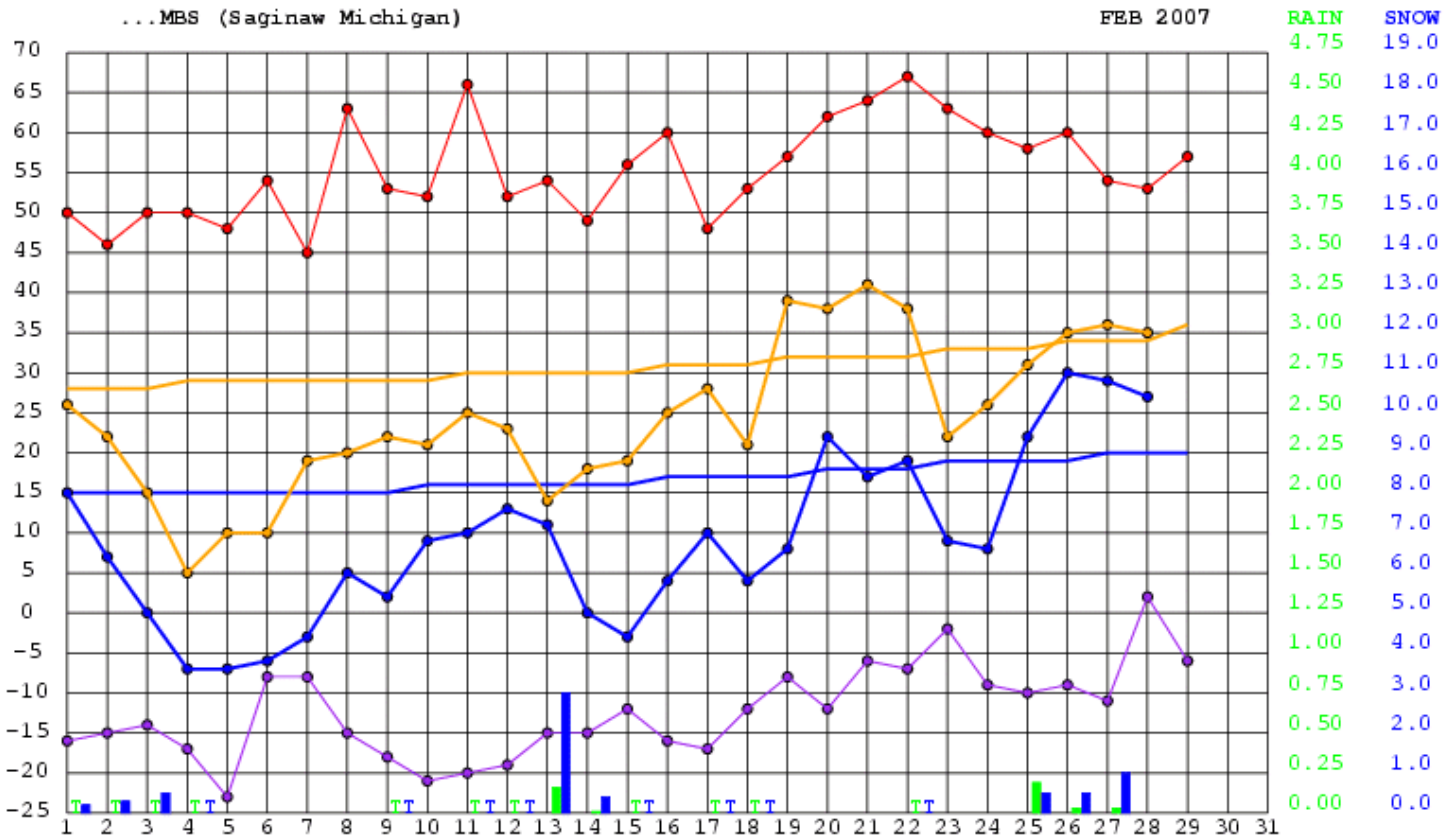
## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Average High.....32.3	Monthly Normal.....27.9	Average Low.....18.5	Monthly Normal.....14.9
Average for Month...25.4	Monthly Normal.....21.4	Monthly HDD.....1221	Monthly Normal HDD..1352
Monthly CDD.....0	Monthly Normal CDD..0		
Monthly Precip.....1.12	Monthly Normal.....1.77	Yearly Norm Precip..1.77	
Monthly Snow.....10.8	Monthly Norm Snow...11.8	Yearly Norm Snow....	

GRAPH KEY

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

## February, 2007 Weather Graph – Saginaw (MBS)



### TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Average High.....24.4	Monthly Normal.....30.7	Average Low.....9.1	Monthly Normal.....16.8
Average for Month...16.8	Monthly Normal.....23.8	Monthly HDD.....1343	Monthly Normal HDD...1155
Monthly CDD.....0	Monthly Normal CDD...0		
Monthly Precip.....0.42	Monthly Normal.....1.57	Yearly Norm Precip...3.34	
Monthly Snow.....6.4	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