

Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area

Dec 1st, 2009 thru Feb 28th, 2010

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Summary: A total of 114 species from the Michigan Bird List were reported from the Saginaw Bay Area this winter. The average for the previous twenty years is 106. Observer effort was adequate, with all seven counties receiving at least some coverage by the current cadre of contributors. Coverage within each county was not always widespread, in some cases limited to two or three locations. While the period was generally lacking in sporadic / periodic winter visitors, there were a fair number of stragglers observed. These included the first ever Saginaw Bay Area winter record for **American Woodcock**, and the second ever December **Wood Thrush**. Overwintering was recorded for a number of species that do so only on rare occasions. This list included **Gadwall**, **Brown Thrasher**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, **White-crowned Sparrow**, and for the first time ever, **Marsh Wren**. There were no records of early spring arrivals reported.

Weather: December weather was normal this year, both in terms of temperature and snowfall, although rainfall was below normal. This trend continued in January, and although temperatures fluctuated quite a bit throughout this month, they averaged out as normal. In stark contrast to the previous two winters, snowfall in January was slightly below normal. The National Weather Service's outlook for the winter predicted it would be back-end loaded in terms of snowfall, and they were correct. February snow was well above normal, in some locations equaling that of the previous two months combined. Temperatures for the month were normal, but, unlike December, there was exceptionally low variability, with five degrees or less departure from normal on all but roughly five days.

(Weather is based upon the best available data from NOAA, which is for Saginaw MBS. While generally applicable to the greater SBA, conditions in the northern and lakeshore portions of the area may have varied to some extent.)

This report, as well as previous seasonal reports from 2000-2009, can be found at <http://www.saginawbaybirding.org>, along with updates on spring 2010 migration in the Saginaw Bay Area, as reported to Joe Soehnel at soehnelj@gmail.com or at 989-892-3687.

Many thanks to all observers who contributed their sightings directly to this compilation. Your extra efforts result in a significantly more accurate and thorough report. Additional thanks to Joe Soehnel for his ongoing input .



***Rough-legged Hawk by: Doug Jackson
2/1/10 at Sterling, Ar***

| Species | Number | Date | Location | Observers / Comment |
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| SNOW GOOSE: | 2 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP |
| CACKLING GOOSE: | 3 | 12/17 | north of White Rock, Hu | JEV |
| | 1 | 12/20 | MCV Ponds, Mi | MKE - 1 st Mi record |
| | 1 | 12/23 | SNWR, Sa | DJP |
| CANADA GOOSE: | 5512 | 12/4 | SNWR, Sa | DEP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu |
| | 2800 | 12/13 | Middlegrounds, Ba | LD |
| MUTE SWAN: | 90 | 12/5 | BCSRA, Ba | JZ - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Sa |
| TRUMPETER SWAN: | 2 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP |
| | 7 | 12/6 - 1/10 | Cooke Dam area, lo | WWS |
| | 11 | 1/18 | Westgate, lo | JMS,DJP |
| | 38 | 2/7 | Cooke Dam area, lo | WWS |
| | 89 | 2/12 | Cooke Dam area, lo | WWS - peak count |
| | 6 | 2/14 | Harbor Beach, Hu | MKE |
| TUNDRA SWAN: | 427 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - peak count |
| | 4 | 2/15 | Harbor Beach, Hu | MW,DD - also noted in Ba,Tu |
| WOOD DUCK: | 1 | 1/25 | Moffat Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in lo |
| GADWALL: | 17 | 12/9 | Dow Ponds, Mi | MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa |
| | 2 | 1/31 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RD - noted here tp (MKE) |
| AMERICAN WIGEON: | 1 | 1/2 | AuSable River mouth, lo | DLJ |
| AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: | 53 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,Mi |
| | 29 | 2/26 | Cooke Dam area, lo | WWS |
| MALLARD: | 3569 | 12/10 | SNWR, Sa | DEP - peak count |
| | ~200 | 12/18 | Sanford Lake, Mi | JAD - also noted in Ba,Hu |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER: | 191 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - peak count |
| | 2 | 1/31 | Dow Ponds. Mi | RD |
| NORTHERN PINTAIL: | 3 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP |
| | 2 | 2/26 | Cooke Dam area, lo | WWS |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | 29 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP |
| | 1 | 12/8 | SNWR, Sa | SFK |
| CANVASBACK: | 3 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP |
| | 1 | 1/18 | AuSable River mouth, lo | JMS,DJP |
| | 2 | 1/30 | Harbor Beacxh, Hu | SG |
| REDHEAD: | 665 | 2/12 | Tawas Bay, lo | RAE - also noted in Ba,Mi |
| | 700 | 2/15 | Harbor Beach, Hu | MW,DD |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | 130 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Hu |
| | 75 | 2/28 | Dow Ponds, Mi | RD - also noted here on 2/5 (JZ) |
| GREATER SCAUP: | 4 | 1/2 | Karn Plant, Ba | SM - also noted in Hu,Mi |
| | 1 | 2/12 | AuSable River mouth, lo | DLJ |
| LESSER SCAUP: | 1 | 1/1 | Middlegrounds, Ba | GSP,EMP - also noted in Sa |
| | 100+ | 1/9 | Hu | JEV |
| | 6 | 2/21 | Dow Ponds, Mi | JZ |

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| SURF SCOTER: | 1 | 1/9 | AuSable River mouth, Io | DLJ |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | 1 | 1/2 | AuSable River mouth, Io | DLJ - also noted in Hu on 1/9 (JEV) |
| BLACK SCOTER: | 5 | 12/28 | Dow Ponds, Mi | MKE - juvenile age |
| LONG-TAILED DUCK: | 14 5 | 1/18 2/12 | AuSable River mouth, Io AuSable River mouth, Io | JMS,DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu DLJ |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | 30 8 | 12/1 1/18 | Dow Ponds, Mi AuSable River mouth, Io | MKE - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa JMS,DJP |
| COMMON GOLDENEYE: | 2500+ 500 | 1/10 2/21 | Jones Rd., Ba Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi | DLJ - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa MKE |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | 4 12 | 12/2 12/19 - 1/18 | SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba | DJP - also noted in Hu,Mi JZ,SM,JMS,DJP |
| COMMON MERGANSER: | ~1800 300 | 12/15 2/21 | Essexville, Ba Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi | JMS - also noted in Hu,Io,Sa MKE |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | 5 9 | 12/6 1/18 | East Tawas, Io AuSable River mouth, Io | DLJ - also noted in Hu,Mi,Sa JMS,DJP |
| RUDDY DUCK: | 50+ 1 | 12/1 12/13 | Dow Ponds, Mi Dow Ponds, Mi | MKE - also noted in Sa MKE |
| RING-NECKED PHEASANT: | 10 | 1/13 | Dickerson Rd., Tu | JEV - also noted in Ba,Sa |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | 5 5 | 1/12 2/26 | Caro, Tu Cooke Dam area, Io | MW WWS - 3 present here tp |
| WILD TURKEY: | 110 102 | 1/22 2/4 | Meridian & Kent Rds., Mi Cemetery Rd., Tu | RD - peak count JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | 1 1 | 12/1 - 12/5 12/19 | BCSRA, Ba Karn Plant, Ba | GSP,JZ - also noted in Mi JMS,SM - last date |
| DOUBLE-CRSTD CORMORANT: | 10 1 | 12/19 1/18 | Karn Plant, Ba Karn Plant, Ba | JZ - also noted in Mi JMS,DJP |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | 9 1 | 12/2 1/18 | SNWR, Sa Karn Plant, Ba | DJP - also noted in Mi JMS,DJP |
| BLK-CROWNED NIGHT- HERON: | 4 | 12/15 | Saginaw River, Ba | LD - last date |
| BALD EAGLE: | 3 17 | 12/17 2/23 | Sanford Lake, Mi SNWR, Sa | JAD - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Tu DJP - low numbers @ SNWR this winter |
| NORTHERN HARRIER: | 3 2 | 2/12 1/30 | SNWR, Sa Bach, Hu | SFK - also noted in Ba,Tu SG |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | 1 1 2 1 | 1/20 - 2/28 2/2 2/20 2/26 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi SNWR, Sa Homer Twp., Mi Bangor Twp., Ba | MKE - adult male - the observer noted "Making like a flycatcher, swooped out of a tree, rammed into a Blue Jay, grabbed it by its breast, and... am sure the Jay never knew what hit 'm. Elapsed time: about 3 sec." DJP - an immature female MKE - also noted in Ar,Tu GSP |

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| COOPER'S HAWK: | 1 | 12/8 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - an adult male |
| | 1 | 2/19 | Monitor Twp., Ba | JMH - also noted in Mi,Hu,Tu |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | 1 | 1/17 | Gibson Twp., Ba | GSP,MW |
| | 1 | 2/3 | CNC, MI | KB - an adult, noted here tp per JML - also an immature noted here on 2/5 (AD) |
| | 1 | 2/12 | Deford SGA, Tu | JEV |
| | 1 | 2/20 | Currie Golf Course, Mi | MKE |
| | 2 | 2/21 | Tyler Plains, Ar | DLJ - the observer noted "flying high and very vocal" |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | 11 | 2/12 | SNWR, Sa | SFK - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu |
| | 5 | 2/13 | Prairie Farm, Sa | JDS,JLS - included one dark morph |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | 4 | 2/16 | Turner Twp., Ar | DLJ - also noted in Hu,lo,Mi,Tu |
| | 4 | 2/24 | SNWR, Sa | DEP - there was a noticeable increase in RLHA numbers during the last few weeks of the period |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | 1 | 1/13 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi | MKE - immature age |
| AMERICAN KESTREL: | 4 | 1/20 | Spaulding Twp., Sa | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Mi |
| | 5 | 1/29 | Bradleyville Rd., Tu | SG |
| MERLIN: | 1 | 12/21 | Fairgrove Twp., Tu | DD - photographed |
| | 1 | 1/1 | Albee Twp., Sa | JDS,JLS |
| PEREGRINE FALCON: | 1 | 12/19 | Karn Plant, Ba | JMS,SM |
| | 1 | 1/1 | Veteran's Memorial Bridge, Bay City, Ba | MKE - juvenile age |
| AMERICAN COOT: | 204 | 12/2 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - peak count |
| | 1 | 12/17 | Harbor Beach, Hu | JEV |
| | 2 | 1/18 | Karn Plant, Ba | JMS,DJP |
| SANDHILL CRANE: | 114 | 12/4 | SNWR, Sa | DEP - peak count |
| | 102 | 12/5 | SNWR, Sa | SFK - last date |
| AMERICAN WOODCOCK: | 1 | 12/5 | BCSRA, Ba | JZ - new SBA fall late date - the observer noted "flushed near beach at rear of bathhouse" |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | 300+ | 12/1 | Dow Ponds, Mi | MKE - also noted in lo |
| | 3 | 12/19 | Karn Plant, Ba | JZ - last date |
| | 3 | 1/28 | Hampton Twp., Ba | DD - 1 adult, 2 immature (1 immature photographed) - new SBA fall late date |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | 100+ | 12/1 | Dow Ponds, Mi | MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu |
| | 150 | 2/21 | Dow / MCV Ponds, Mi | MKE - LD,DJP noted very low numbers this winter |
| HERRING GULL: | 161 | 12/5 | SNWR, Sa | SFK - also noted in Ba,Hu,lo,Tu |
| | 300 | 12/28 | Dow Ponds, Mi | MKE - LD,DJP noted very low numbers this winter |
| ICELAND (KUMLIEN'S) GULL: | 1 | 1/21 | Karn Plant, Ba | MW,DD |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | 2 | 12/19 | SNWR, Sa | SFK |
| | 13 | 1/23 | Hampton Twp., Ba | DD |
| | 2 | 2/6 | Harbor Beach, Hu | JEV |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | 18 | 1/23 | Hampton Twp., Ba | DD - also noted in Hu |
| | 7 | 2/28 | MCV Pond, Mi | MKE |

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| ROCK PIGEON: | 191 | 12/15 | SNWR, Sa | SFK- also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Tu |
| MOURNING DOVE: | 105 | 2/12 | SNWR, Sa | DJP - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu |
| EASTERN SCREECH OWL: | 4 17 | 12/20 2/17 | Koylton Twp., Tu SNWR, Sa | JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi SFK - new SBA winter high count |
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | 3 3 | 12/1 12/20 | SNWR, Sa Koylton Twp., Tu | DJP - also noted in Ba,Hu JEV - the observer noted ""Last night at 11:00 PM the air was dead still with no sounds but a chorus of owls" |
| SNOWY OWL: | 1 3 | 12/4 1/12 - 2/2 | Bradleyville Rd., Tu Akron Rd., Tu | first date - per SBB.org LZ,JMS,JEV |
| | 1 1 | 1/30 2/13 | Birch Run Twp., Sa Bradleyville Rd., Tu | RAE JMH,LMA |
| BARRED OWL: | 1 2 | 1/17 2/2 | Pinconning Twp., Ba Oil City area, Mi | GSP,MW RD |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | 2 1 | tp 1/21 | SNWR, Sa Hampton Twp., Ba | SFK,DJP DD,MW |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | 1 1 1 | 12/23 2/12 2/20 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa Verona SGA, Tu | DJP SFK MW |
| NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: | 1 | 1/23 | Caro, Tu | MW,RN |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | 1 1 1 | 12/28 1/18 2/12 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi Cooke Dam area, Io Patterson Rd., Mi | MKE - also noted in Ba (12/19) JMS,DJP MKE |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | 1 1 | 12/6 1/30 | Cooke Dam area, Io Caseville, Hu | WWS SG |
| RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: | 7 6 | 1/9 1/17 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi SNWR, Sa | AD- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu SFK |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | 4 10 | 1/10 1/17 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi SNWR, Sa | AD- also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu SFK - peak count |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | 6 9 | 1/17 1/30 | SRSGA, Sa SNWR, Sa | JDS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu SFK - peak count - SFK,JDS,JLS,DJP all noted that HAWO numbers in portions of Sa have increased recently, with the ratio of HAWO to DOWO closer than ever. The fact that the emerald ash borer infestation is now widespread in the forests here is worth considering, as wood boring beetle larvae figure heavily in the HAWO's diet. |
| NORTHERN FLICKER: | 3 14 | 12/31 1/25 | Koylton Twp., Tu SNWR, Sa | JEV - noted here tp - also noted in Ba,Mi DEP - peak count - species present here tp |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | 2 3 | 12/20 1/7 | MoffatTwp., Ar SNWR, Sa | DLJ - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu DJP |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | 1 1 1 | 12/28 2/5 2/12- 2/19 | Bangor Twp., Ba Chippewa Trail, Mi SNWR, Sa | GSP,EMP - also noted in Tu JZ DJP |

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| BLUE JAY: | 37 51 | 1/10 2/28 | Cooke Dam area, Io Tittabawassee Trail, Mi | WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Sa,Tu MKE - peak count |
| AMERICAN CROW: | 754 | 12/28 | Saginaw, Sa | DJP - peak count - the observer noted "a roost of crows in the neighborhood always makes for a nice winter" - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| COMMON RAVEN: | 17 7 | 1/9 2/13 | Monument Rd., Io Moffat Twp., Ar | TS - the observer noted "..doing their usual stuff." (congregate along the roadside and "play" with chunks of ice) DLJ - a notably high count for anywhere in the SBA outside of Io |
| HORNED LARK: | 50 130 | 1/13 2/13 | Dickerson Rd., Tu Albee Twp., Sa | JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi JDS,JLS - peak count |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | 36 24 | 1/30 2/12 | SNWR, Sa Cooke Dam area, Io | SFK - peak count WWS - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE: | 6 14 | 12/12 1/30 | Koylton Twp., Tu SNWR, Sa | JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Mi SFK - peak count |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 5 2 | 12/6 1/30 | Cooke Dam area, Io Koylton Twp., Tu | WWS - peak count JEV - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | 4 12 | tp 1/30 | Midland, Mi SNWR, Sa | JZ - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Io,Tu SFK - peak count |
| BROWN CREEPER: | 12 4 | 1/30 2/6 | SNWR, Sa Laur Big Salt River County Park, Mi | SFK - peak count RD - also noted in Ar,Ba,Hu,Tu |
| CAROLINA WREN: | 1 1 1 1 | 12/4 1/15 1/14 2/5 | Albee Twp., Sa Mt. Haley Twp., Mi Midland, Mi BCSRA, Ba | JDS,JLS KB per JML LD |
| MARSH WREN: | 1 | 2/20 - 2/28 | Tobico Marsh, Ba | LD,GSP - first SBA February record - LD noted "...calling on its own on both days (but not singing). ...perched up nicely...showing the white-striped blackish patch on its otherwise unmarked brown back, its long thin bill, and dark-bordered white supercilium. I suspect that this bird was not an early spring arrival, but had over-wintered." |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | 4 4 | 12/19 2/13 | Koylton Twp., Tu Moffat Twp., Ar | JEV - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Sa DLJ |
| EASTERN BLUEBIRD: | 16 22 | 1/4 2/15 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi Tittabawassee Trail, Mi | MKE - also noted in Ba,Sa,Tu AD - new SBA winter high count |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | 1 1 1 | 12/16 1/21 2/20 | Hampton Twp., Ba Oil City area, Mi Hampton Twp., Ba | DD RD PR |
| WOOD THRUSH: | 1 | 12/6 | Saginaw, Sa | DJP - 2 nd SBA December record - the observer noted "eating wild grapes, quite likely the same bird as seen in this location on 11/27/09" - details submitted to state compiler |

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| AMERICAN ROBIN: | 100 18 14 | 1/20 12/13 2/19 | Caro, Tu Middlegrounds, Ba SNWR, Sa | MW - present here tp LD - also noted in Mi DJP - present here tp |
| BROWN THRASHER: | 1 | 2/7 tp | BCSRA, Ba | LD - 3 rd SBA February record, the first since the 1950's - observer noted "The bird had a drooping left wing, but seemed in good shape otherwise, scratching vigorously in the leaf litter." |
| EUROPEAN STARLING: | 2268 | 12/5 | SNWR, Sa | SFK - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu |
| BOHEMIAN WAXWING: | 1 | 12/19 | Pinnebog River., Hume Twp., Hu | MKE |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | 150 190 | 1/20 1/26 | Caro, Tu Homer Twp., Mi | MW - also noted in Ba,Hu,Sa MKE - peak count - a single flock |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: | 1 1 | 1/14 - 2/28 1/17 | Tittabawassee Trail, Mi SRSGA, Sa | AD,MKE JDS |
| AMERICAN TREE SPARROW: | 141 34 | 1/29 2/2 | SNWR, Sa Bangor Twp., Ba | DEP - peak count - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu GSP,EMP |
| FOX SPARROW: | 1 1 | 12/1 - 12/2 12/3 | Bangor Twp., Ba Midland, Mi | GSP,EMP BR |
| SONG SPARROW: | 1 1 2 3 1 | 1/13 1/13 2/7 2/13 2/27 | Bangor Twp., Ba Dickerson Rd., Tu SNWR, Sa Albee Twp., Sa Bangor Twp., Ba | GSP,EMP JEV SFK - noted here tp JDS,JLS GSP,EMP |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | 1 | 1/18 - 2/20 | SNWR, Sa | JDS,JEV |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | 1 | 1/17 | SRSGA, Sa | JDS |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | 2 | 2/13 | southern Ba | RH |
| DARK-EYED JUNCO: | 26 27 | 1/26 1/2 | SNWR, Sa Green Rd., Mi | SFK - also noted in Ba,Hu,Tu MKE - peak count |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | 2 250 | 1/9 2/13 | Bradleyville Rd., Tu Prairie Farm, Sa | JMS - also noted in Mi JDS,JLS - peak count - the observers noted "several flocks, largest with 190" |
| SNOW BUNTING | 375 500 | 1/9 1/9 | Bradleyville Rd., Tu Turner Twp., Ar | JMS - also noted in Ba,Hu,Io,Mi,Sa DLJ |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL: | 29 22 | 12/29 2/3 | Bangor Twp., Ba SNWR, Sa | GSP,EMP - peak count SFK - also noted in Hu,Io,Mi,Tu |
| RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: | 32 1 | 12/5 12/18 | SNWR, Sa SNWR, Sa | SFK - peak count DJP - last date |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | 1 | 12/5 | SNWR, Sa | SFK |
| COMMON GRACKLE: | 4 2 1 | 12/5 12/5 2/12 | SNWR, Sa Bangor Twp., Ba Cooke Dam area, Io | SFK GSP,EMP WWS - visited feeder here sporadically tp |

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| BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: | 600 5 | 12/5 2/9 | Prairie Farm, Sa Mayville, Tu | JDS MW |
| PURPLE FINCH: | 4 6 | 12/6 1/5 | Cooke Dam area, Io Greendale Twp., Mi | WWS - also noted in Hu RD |
| HOUSE FINCH: | 74 18 | 12/19 1/8 | SNWR, Sa Bangor Twp., Ba | SFK - peak count GSP,EMP - also noted in Hu,Mi,Tu |
| PINE SISKIN: | 1 1 2 | 12/5 12/6 12/28 | Albee Twp., Sa Cooke Dam area, Io Koylon Twp., Tu | JDS,JLS WWS JEV |
| AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: | 75 77 | 1/5 2/5 | Greendale Twp., Mi Bangor Twp., Ba | RD - also noted in Ar,Hu,Io,Sa,Tu GSP,EMP - peak count |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | 1 31 | 1/10 1/18 | Cooke Dam area, Io Cooke Dam area, Io | WWS - first date WWS,JMS,DJP |
| HOUSE SPARROW: | 108 | 12/10 | SNWR, Sa | SFK - also noted in Ba,Hu,Mi,Tu |

TOTAL: 114 Species

EXOTICS and OTHERS:

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| EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH: | 3 | 1/23 - 2/3 | Pinconning Twp., Ba | AD - males, visiting feeders - Initially reported to JML on 1/23, JZ recorded 1 here on 1/25. - Perhaps these were escaped / released cage birds, but prior escaped / released birds of this species have been confirmed as breeding in the United States, so these 3 could have hatched as wild birds. |
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Peak/high counts and early/late dates are designated based upon records established in the publication *Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area* by Ron Weeks, published in 1995, and subsequent updates to the data by the compilers of the Birds in the Saginaw Bay Area report. Comments on seasonal occurrences also relate to information found in this exhaustively researched book, as well as species notations on the Michigan Bird Survey Form.

Observer Key:

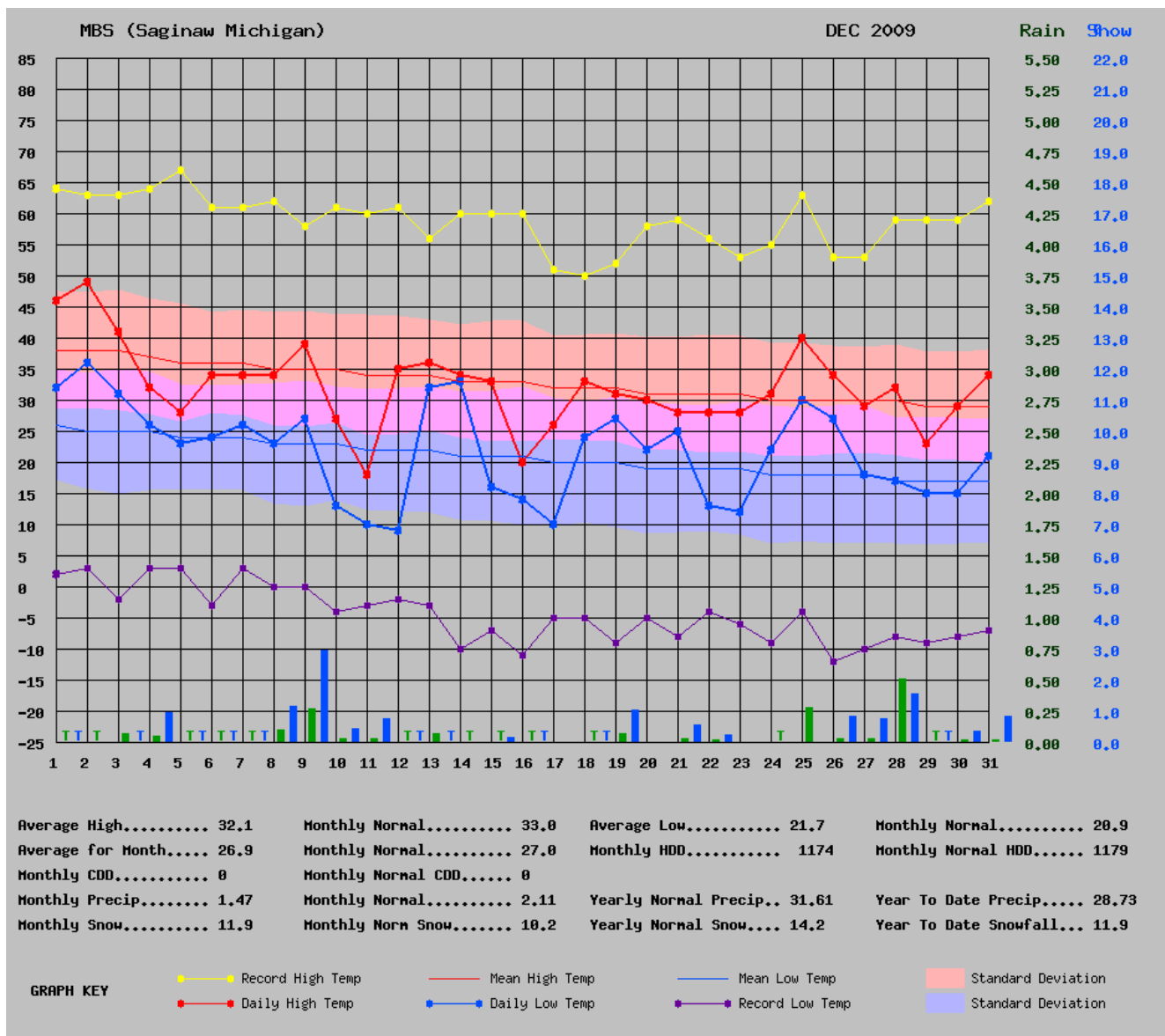
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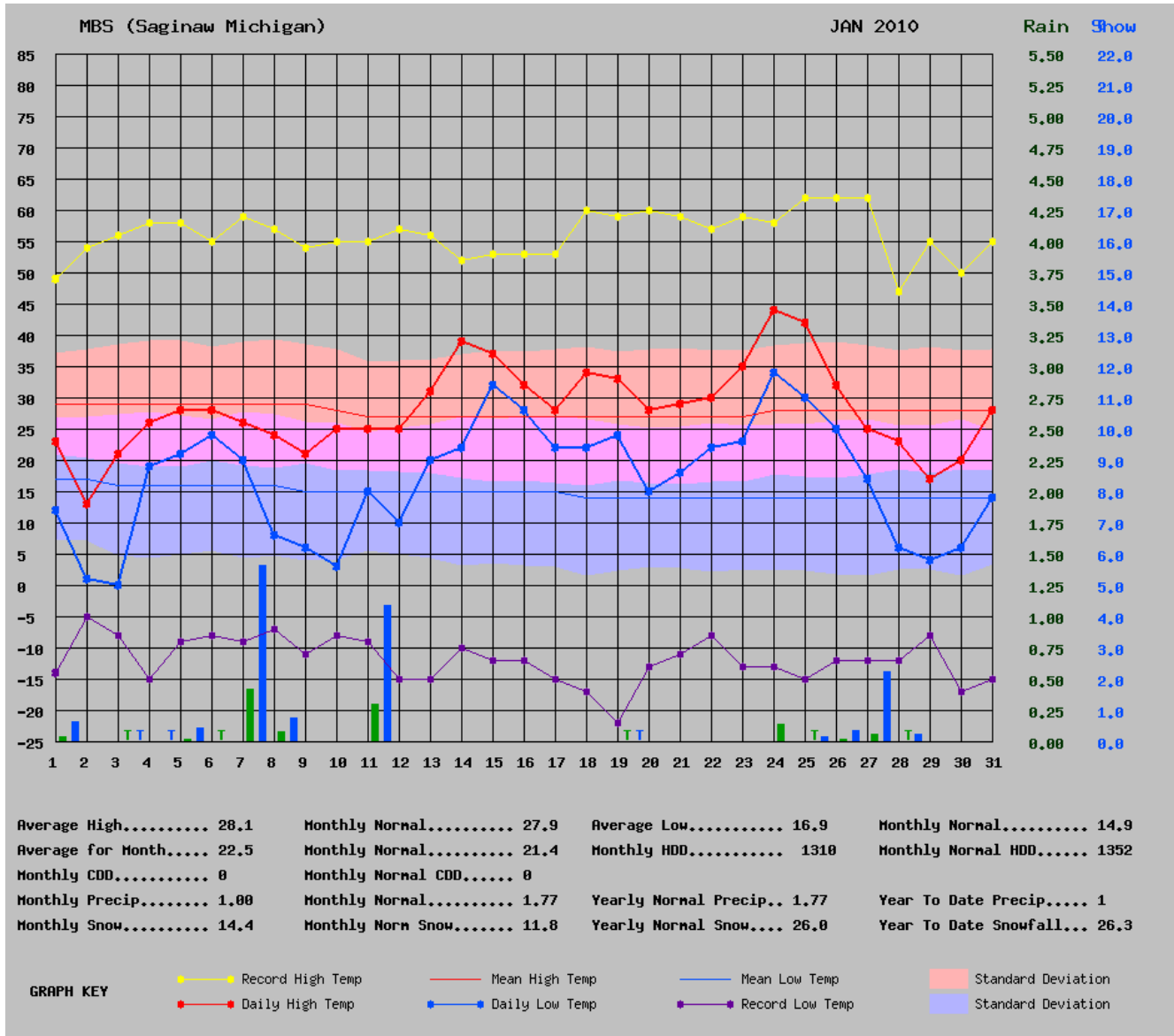
Abbreviations:

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| 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 |
| FPSWA | Fish Point State Wildlife Area | | |
| GPELC | Green Point Environmental Learning Center | SNWR | Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge |
| Hu | Huron County | SRSGA | Shiawassee River State Game Area |
| Io | Iosco County | tp | throughout entire period |
| MCV | Midland Cogeneration Venture (Pond) | Tu | Tuscola County |

December, 2009 Weather Graph – Saginaw (MBS)



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