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**Cover:** The spring of 2009 will be remembered for the large numbers of certain rarities. The breeding-plumaged Smith's Longspur on the cover of this issue was one of at least 30 present in late April in Berrien Co. This photo was taken on 28 April 2009 by Andre Moncrieff.



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## Dr. Laurence Charles Binford 1935-2009



Laurence (Laurie) Charles Binford, venerable ornithologist, passed away at his longtime summer home in Agate Harbor, Keweenaw County, Michigan, on Sept. 21, 2009. He was 74.

Dr. Binford, raised in the Chicago area, credited his mother, Irene, for the spark that led to a distinguished ornithological career of more than 50 years. Laurie was a friend and mentor to many, sharing his passion for birds and encouraging others to attain higher standards of field identification, note taking, and publication.

As a student, Laurie graduated from the University of Michigan in 1957 with a B.S. in zoology. He continued his studies at Louisiana State University and earned a doctorate in 1968 for his work on the distribution of the birds of Oaxaca, Mexico. He then spent more than 20 years as the curator of birds and mammals for the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. During this time he described the first known nest and young of the Marbled Murrelet (1974), and discovered California's most important fall hawk migration site at the Marin Headlands (1972). Laurie was also instrumental in the early 1970s for founding the California Field

Ornithologists, and establishing the California Bird Records Committee, both of which were pivotal in helping the growing number of amateur birders contribute to the field of ornithology.

After retiring from the California Academy of Sciences in 1989, Laurie split his time between his summer home in the Keweenaw Peninsula, which he visited annually since 1956, and his winter territory in Baton Rouge. In Louisiana, Laurie contributed to a network of enthusiasts interested in the winter identification and distribution of hummingbirds, a pursuit to which his legendary field skills and attention to detail were well suited.

In 2006, the University of Michigan published *Binford's Birds of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan*, a comprehensive treatment of the 324 species recorded on this isolated outpost that juts broadly northward into Lake Superior. Laurie's monograph showcased his ability to synthesize original data with scientific rigor, along with a dash of the sardonic humor for which he was well known and admired.

It is fitting, as a further remembrance, that this issue of Michigan Birds and Natural History includes an extensive update of his definitive work on Keweenaw birds (submitted for publication shortly before his death). As Laurie explains in the introduction to this manuscript: "a distributional monograph on birds is often viewed as 'the last word,' when in truth it is only the most recent word, and indeed should be considered a starting point." Let this serve as a parting reminder from a friend and mentor who contributed generously to our appreciation and understanding of birds for over a half century that our collective work is far from complete.

- Joe Kaplan

# Recent Bird Records from the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan

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## INTRODUCTION

A distributional monograph on birds is often viewed as “the last word,” when in truth it is only the most recent word, and indeed should be considered a starting point. In order for science to progress, experienced birders who keep written records should carefully compare their sightings with the monograph and publish all new data. Internet listings are useful for quickly keeping abreast of recent sightings, but scientifically cannot substitute for published hard copy, which is peer reviewed and permanent. The journal *Michigan Birds and Natural History*, especially its section entitled *Michigan Bird Survey*, is the best place to publish Michigan bird sightings. Binford (2006, including Addendum) published a monograph entitled *Birds of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan*, covering the counties of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw (excluding Isle Royale). The present article updates that work by listing subsequent records and their significance for 229 species, especially in regard to high counts, early dates, late dates, breeding, and vagrancy. Observers are urged to keep the two publications together for quick reference.

## METHODS

**Data.** The new data have been obtained from *Michigan Birds and Natural History* (Vol. 12, No. 4 through Vol. 15, No. 5, including the Michigan Bird Survey and reports of the Michigan Bird Records Committee (MBRC) (for brevity, I do not cite individual Michigan Bird Surveys except when correcting errors therein); the National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Counts; the original field notes of the author, Zach Gayk, Joe Kaplan, and Joe Youngman; and personal conversations with various other observers. I have attempted to acquire all available data through spring 2009, but doubtless have missed some useful records. Species status definitions

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follow Binford (2006), and I give all new records for casual and accidental species, but only selected records for occasional species. Within each species account, records are listed chronologically. For each record, data are usually presented in the following order: date(s), number of individual birds in parentheses, exact locality, county abbreviation (see below), observer's initials in alphabetical order, and, always last, the significance of the record in parentheses. If I know photos were taken, even though I might not have seen them, the word "photo" is placed after the initials of the photographer. The observer who discovered the bird, if known, is listed as "finder." Taxonomy follows the American Ornithologists' Union (1998) and its supplements.

**Counties.** Counties are abbreviated as follows: Baraga (B), Houghton (H) and Keweenaw (K). For brevity, county abbreviations are not given for the following localities: *Baraga Co.*, town of Baraga, Baraga marina, Baraga Plains, Baraga sewage ponds, L'Anse, L'Anse Bay, L'Anse marina; *Houghton Co.*, Calumet, Calumet sewage ponds, Hancock, Houghton; *Keweenaw Co.*, Agate Harbor (7 mi west of Copper Harbor), Copper Harbor, Eagle Harbor, Manitou Is. See Binford (2006) for details on some localities.

**Record significance.** The significance of each record, based on Binford (2006) is coded and listed in parentheses (see *Methods: Abbreviations*). *The given significance always refers to the Keweenaw Peninsula as a whole, unless annotated with a county abbreviation.* Examples: (a) "1<sup>st</sup>" means first record ever for the peninsula (obviously this would also be the first for the record's county). (b) "HCsu" means highest count of individual birds ever recorded by a single party on one summer day on the Keweenaw Peninsula (obviously this would also be the highest for the record's county). (c) "2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> w, 1<sup>st</sup> B" means the second record ever for the peninsula, first winter record ever for the peninsula, and first record ever at any time of year for Baraga Co. (d) "3<sup>rd</sup> EDf" means third earliest fall arrival date ever for the peninsula.

**Abbreviations.** The following abbreviations are used in the Species Accounts.

B = Baraga Co.

BBS = Breeding Bird Survey (USGS, Patuxent, MD). Only the Bootjack BBS is used herein; it consists of 50 3-min stops along a 25-mi stretch of road from southeast of Bootjack, Houghton Co., to a point west of Ahmeek, Keweenaw Co.

ED = earliest date ever for the given season for the Keweenaw Peninsula. See Notes below.

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EHCB = National Audubon Society's Eagle Harbor Christmas Bird Count, Keweenaw Co.

ew = early winter (ca. 8 Nov-31 Dec); see Notes below.

f = fall (ca. 15 Aug-7 Nov); see Notes below.

H = Houghton Co.

HC = highest all-time, *single party, one-day* count of individuals for the Keweenaw Peninsula for the given season; if not followed by a season, this represents the highest count ever for the peninsula at any time of year. A few multiparty high counts are so noted. A high count is usually an indication of the period of peak abundance. See Notes below.

HCCBC = National Audubon Society's Houghton County Christmas Bird Count, Houghton Co.

K = mainland Keweenaw Co. (excluding Isle Royale but including Manitou Island).

KBCBC = National Audubon Society's Keweenaw Bay Christmas Bird Count, northern Baraga and southern Houghton Cos.

KP = Keweenaw Peninsula (Baraga, Houghton, and mainland Keweenaw Cos.); this abbreviation usually is not given for records, because all records pertain to the peninsula as a whole unless annotated with a county abbreviation.

LD = Latest date ever for the given season for the Keweenaw Peninsula. See Notes below.

lw = late winter (ca. 1 Jan-25 Mar); see Notes below.

MBNH = journal *Michigan Birds and Natural History*, Michigan Audubon Society.

MBRC = Michigan Bird Records Committee.

sp = spring (ca. 30 Mar-7 Jun); see Notes below.

su = summer (ca. 8 Jun-14 Aug); see Notes below.

w = winter (ca. 8 Nov-25 Mar); see Notes below.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. are used to annotate ED, HC, and LD and refer to the total number of records recorded during the entire year or during the given season; as with other significance designations, these refer to the Keweenaw Peninsula as a whole, unless annotated by a county abbreviation.

Notes: the above five seasonal date periods are only approximate; they may be expanded or reduced depending on the species and its particular phenology; for instance, for a transient shorebird, "fall" may begin in late June (see Binford 2006). ED, HC, and LD are used for the peninsula as a whole, not for individual counties (although, obviously, such data, if not also annotated "2<sup>nd</sup>", "3<sup>rd</sup>" etc., would also pertain to the record's county).



**Observers.** Two or three initials are used for each of the 90 cited observers; these should not be confused with KP for the Keweenaw Peninsula or with significance designations (which are in parentheses): Rob Aho, Marty Auer, Nancy Auer, Tom Auer, Sean Bachman, Craig Bateman, Stewart Bentley (SBe), Vic Berardi, Laurence Binford, Ken Bracco, Rick Brigham, Shari Chase, Lathe Clafin, John Dadisman, Becky D'Agostino (BDA), Bill Deephouse, George Desort, Louis Dombroski, Elaine Dougavito, Erik Enbody, Dave Ewert, David Flaspohler, Sarah Freitag, Zach Gayk, Tim Gebuhr, Bruce Granat, Maureen Granat, Skye Haas, Russ Hanson, Max Henschell, Scott Hickman (SHi), Mary Hindelang (MHi), Jude Holloway, Ken Hyrkas, Mark Hubinger (MHu), Peter Hurley, Scott Jennex, Brian Johnson, Suz Jondreau, Joe Kaplan, Joey Kellner (JKe), Ken Kraft, Susie Kraft, Ray Krumm, Debbie Leick, Bill Leonard, Nancy Leonard, Alec Lindsay, Ross Martell, Ken Mettie, Own Mills, Brad Murphy, Lynn Murphy, Jake Musser, Ann Pace, David Pavlik, Steven Plunkett, Caleb Putnam, Barb Quenzi, Phil Quenzi, Marcia Raley, Fred Reese, Jan Reese, Dana Richter (DRi), Susan Robinson, Anna Roche, Dick Rupley, Ryne Rutherford, Mike Scheiwe (MSc), Doug Sherk (DSh), Nancy Sherk, Mike Shupe, Amy Slagle, Don Slagle, John Slivan, Eric Smith, Grant Soehnel, Ken Steiner, Keren Tischler, Barb Wachowski, Jim Wachowski, Kathy Wadaga, Linda Wadaga, Buck Wersinski, Mary Lou Wersinski (MLW), Chris Williams, Jim Williamson, Sandy Williamson, Joseph Youngman, and Kirk Zufelt.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Snow Goose.** 6-12 Nov 06 (5 white and 8 blue or intermediate morphs) Pilgrim River mouth, H, RH (finder), JK (2<sup>nd</sup> Ldf). 6 Sep 07 (5 blue morphs) head L'Anse Bay, JK (EDf).

**Ross's Goose.** 6-12 Nov 06 (1 adult associated with a probable family group consisting of an adult Snow Goose and three intermediate young) Pilgrim River mouth, H, RH, JK (photos) (3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> f), accepted by MBRC (Putnam 2008). 16-17 Sep 08 (1 ad) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (finder), RH, MH (4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

f, EDf), one adult accepted (four accompanying juveniles rejected) by MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009). 14 Oct 08 (1 juvenile) Copper Harbor, Ft. Wilkens State Park, LB, KS (finder) (5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> K), accepted by MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009).

**Cackling Goose.** 6 Sep 07 (4) head L'Anse Bay, JK (EDf).

**Canada Goose.** 8 May 06 (adults with pre-juveniles) Chassell, H, JY (ED for pre-juveniles). 21 Apr 07 (6843 migrating north) Brockway Mt., K, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsp).



**Mute Swan.** 19 Nov 06 (1) Calumet sewage ponds, LD, KH, JK (only inland record; transient) and (probably same bird) 4-16 Dec 06 (1) Pilgrim River mouth, H, NA, TA, JK, KT, JY (transient).

**Trumpeter Swan.** 12 Apr 06 (2) Arnheim, B, MH (casual). 22 Apr 06 (1) Sturgeon River Sloughs, H, JK (casual). 30 May 06 (1 adult not collared) Agate Harbor, LB, DS (photos) (casual; 2<sup>nd</sup> K, 1<sup>st</sup> sp K). 9 May 07 (1 not collared) Calumet sewage ponds, JK (casual). 25 May 07 (2 not collared) Arnheim, Unit 4, H, JY (casual). 30 Aug 07 (3) Bob Lake, H, DL (casual). 14 Apr 08 (1 not collared) head L'Anse Bay, JY (photo) (casual). Upgrade status from accidental to casual; may become occasional, even regular. Increasing Keweenaw population should be monitored and documented.

**Tundra Swan.** 24 Apr 07 (58) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JK, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> HC).

**American Wigeon.** 20 Mar 05 (1) head L'Anse Bay, LM (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 30 May 06 (4) Baraga sewage ponds, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> EDsp). 24 Apr 07 (81) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JK, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsp).

**Mallard.** 30 Mar 06 (260) Baraga sewage ponds and head L'Anse Bay, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsp).

**Northern Shoveler.** 28 Jun 06 (female with 9 small downy young) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (13<sup>th</sup> confirmed breeding). 24 Mar 07 (1) head L'Anse Bay, JY (EDsp). 1 Jul 08 (brood of 7 large downy young), 15 Jul 08 (another brood of 2 large downy young) both Calumet sewage ponds, LB (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> confirmed breeding). 27 Apr 09, Baraga (59), plus Chassell, H (19), LB (HC). 23 Jul 09 (brood of 4) Calumet sewage ponds, LB, ZG (16<sup>th</sup> confirmed breeding). The Michigan breeding population of this species is very small and local and should be monitored.

**Northern Pintail.** 28 Apr 06 (2) Manitou Is., ZG (3<sup>rd</sup> sp K).

**Canvasback.** 16 Dec 06 (1) Sturgeon River mouth, H, HCCBC, NA, TA, JK, KT (2<sup>nd</sup> LDw). 31 Mar 07 (12) head L'Anse Bay, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 24 Apr 07, Sturgeon River mouth, H (25) plus Pilgrim River mouth, H (2) JK, KT, JY (HC). 4-9 Sep 08 (1 female) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (EDf).

**Redhead.** 24 Jul 06 (8) Baraga sewage ponds, MH (HCsu). 21 Jan 07 (1) Baraga, JY (LDw). 31 Mar 07 (10) head L'Anse Bay, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 24 Apr 07, Sturgeon River mouth, H (31) plus Pilgrim River mouth, H (38) JK, KT, JY (HCsp). 28 Sep 07 (54) Chassell sewage

ponds, H, JY (HCf on water). 3 Jun 08 (male and female pair) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (ties LDsp).

**Ring-necked Duck.** 21 Jul 05 (12 broods with 84 pre-juveniles) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (highest number of broods and young in one summer). 30 Dec 06 (1) Copper Harbor, EHCBC, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> w K). 24 Apr 07 (267) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JK, JY (HCsp). 27 Oct 07 (316) Rice Lake, H, SH (HC).

**Greater Scaup.** 16 Dec 06 (29) HCCBC (multiparty HCw). 30 Dec 06 (1) EHCBC (1<sup>st</sup> w K).

**Scaup sp.** 14 Oct 07 (1279 flying east) Hebard Park, K, ZG, JY (large number; probably mostly Greater Scaup, but also including other duck species).

**Harlequin Duck.** 23 Apr 06 (1 male) Manitou ls., ZG (8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> sp, 1<sup>st</sup> sp K). 29 Sep-3 Oct 06 (1 female) Copper Harbor, LB, LD, SH, JK (finder), JY (9<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> f). 5 Oct 06 (2 migrating eastward together) Calumet Township Waterworks Park, H, LB (10<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> f, 1<sup>st</sup> f H). 20 Dec 07 (male and female swimming together) Great Sand Bay, K, DSh, NS (11<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> w K). Change status from accidental to casual in spring, fall, and winter.

**Surf Scoter.** 29 Apr (1 adult male) TA, JM, 13 May (6) LB, ZG, and 22 May (1) LB, LD, JK, JM, 06, L'Anse

Bay off L'Anse (2<sup>nd</sup> sp). 23 May 07 (1 female) Copper Harbor, LB (3<sup>rd</sup> sp, 1<sup>st</sup> sp K). 1 Jul and 8 Jul 07 (1 male), respectively, Portage Lake, H, OM, ES, and South Portage Entry, H, JY; at different locations but here considered the same bird (2<sup>nd</sup> su). 17 May 09 (1 female) Manitou ls., KM (4<sup>th</sup> sp). Change spring status from accidental transient to casual transient.

**White-winged Scoter.** 29 Apr 06 (1) on Keweenaw Bay off Assinins, B, TA, JM (EDsp). 28 May 06 (1 male) head L'Anse Bay, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> LDsp). 14 Jun 06 (1 adult male) Portage Canal 0.75 mi south of High Point Road on M203, H, JK (LDsp). 11 Jan 07 (1) L'Anse Bay, SH, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> LDw). 14 Oct 07 (320 migrating eastward) Hebard Park, K, ZG, JY (HC). 16 May 08 (150+) Bete Grise, ZG (HCsp). Change spring status to occasional transient, except at least common during at least first half of May, as indicated by the following: off Bete Grise, K, 16 May 08 (ca. 150) ZG; off east end of Manitou ls., 30 Apr (6), 1 May (13), 4 May (1), 5 May (1), 7 May (3), 8 May (16), 9 May (96) 06, fide JY, 14 May (6), 15 May (1), 16 May (2) 07, SH, and 16 (12), 17 (9), and 18 (16) May 09, KM.

**Black Scoter.** 11 Jan 07 (1) L'Anse Bay, SH, JK (LDw, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan). 29 Oct 07 (13) head L'Anse Bay, JY

(HC). 26 Apr 08 (1 female) head L'Anse Bay, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> sp). 24 May 08 (1 female) Baraga, TA, JM (4<sup>th</sup> sp, LDsp). 7-9 May 09 (1 female) Baraga, JY, NAMC (5<sup>th</sup> sp). 18 May 09 (1 immature male) Copper Harbor, LB (6<sup>th</sup> sp, 1<sup>st</sup> sp K).

**Long-tailed Duck.** 10 Jan 06 (1) L'Anse Bay, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> LDew). 5 May 06 (31) Manitou Is., fide JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsp). 22 May 06 (1) Baraga marina, LB, LD, JK, JM (LDsp). 10 Dec 06, Bete Grise Bay, K (8) plus off Gay, K (48) JY (HCew). 11 Jan 07, L'Anse Bay, JY (LDew). 24 Mar 07 (16) Keweenaw Bay 6 mi southeast Chassell, H, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> EDsp). 17 Feb 08 (50+) Seven Mile Point, K, NA (3<sup>rd</sup> lw). Change spring status to occasional transient, except common in at least first half of May off east end of Manitou Is., e.g. 30 Apr (1), 1 (11), 4 (16), 5 (31), 8 (16), 9 (13) May 06, fide JY; 13 (1), 14 (16), 15 (6), 16 (6), 17 (4) May 07, SH; and 16 (9), 17 (46), and 18 (6) May 09, KM.

**Common Goldeneye.** 16 Dec 06 (299) HCCBC (multiparty HCew). 24 Jun 07 (broods of 2 and 3 slightly more than half adult size) two different ponds in T58N, R28W, Sec. 26, near Hoar Lake, K, JY (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> confirmed breeding). 25 Jun 07 (brood of 4 small pre-juveniles) on Schlatter's Lake, T58N, R27W, Sec. 16, ZG, JY (9<sup>th</sup> confirmed breeding). 12

Jun 09 (female with 10 very small downies) "Fake Lake," 1 mi west Copper Harbor, LB (10<sup>th</sup> confirmed breeding). A small regular breeding population seems to have become established in northern K.

**Bufflehead.** 10-17 Jun 08 (1 female) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (casual in su). 13 Jul 08 (1 female) L'Anse Bay off Baraga State Park, JY (casual in su).

**Common Merganser.** 17 May 08 (flocks of 25 and 20) roosting in harbor and on shore of Lake Fanny Hooe, respectively, Copper Harbor, LB (good examples of spring transients).

**Red-breasted Merganser.** 9 May 06 (156 migrating westward) Manitou Is., fide JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsp). 12 May 06 (148 on water) L'Anse Bay off Baraga, LB (3<sup>rd</sup> HCsp). 10 Jan 06 (25) L'Anse Bay, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> LDew, HCw). The two May counts probably are indicative of the spring peak in abundance.

**Ruddy Duck.** 21-29 Apr (1) TA to 2 May (2) LB, 06, Ahmeek sewage ponds, K (EDsp). 13 Jun 08 (9) Baraga sewage ponds, JY (HC).

**Ruffed Grouse.** 1 Sep 06 (female with 4 half-grown pre-juveniles) Agate Harbor, LB (latest confirmed breeding by six weeks).



**Spruce Grouse.** 26 Mar 06 (18) along 60 yds of Prison Camp Road in Sec. 16, Baraga Plains, JY (HC). [The reports for 30 Dec 07 and 10 Feb 08, Seven Mile Point, K (MBNH 15:106-107) were not submitted by the stated observer (pers. comm.) and should be ignored; there are no acceptable records, even historical, for K.]

**Red-throated Loon.** 21 Sep 05 (14) Manitou Is., JK, KT (ties HCf). 6 Jun 07 (2) Keweenaw Bay 6 mi southeast Chassell, H, JY (LDsp). 1 May 08 (1 basic plumage) L'Anse Bay, RH, JK, MH (casual in spring at this locality). Change spring status to casual transient, except uncommon in at least first half of May flying past east end of Manitou Is., e.g. 1 (1), 7 (3), 8 (1), 9 (1) May 06, fide JY, and 13 (4), 18 (1) May 07, SH. Add to Migration Dates section of Binford (2006): "SLDD: 6 Jun 07."

**Pacific Loon.** The record listed by Binford (2006) for 10 Jan-3 Feb 06, L'Anse Bay, was accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007). 4 Jun 07 (1 in basic plumage) head L'Anse Bay, SH, RR (photos), accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> sp). 31 Oct 08 (1) Sand Point, L'Anse Bay, MH, accepted by the (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (6<sup>th</sup>).

**Arctic/Pacific Loon.** The record for 16-30 Nov 99, L'Anse, listed by Binford (2006) as a Pacific Loon, was rejected as such by the MBRC but later accepted (Chu 2006) as an Arctic/Pacific Loon (2<sup>nd</sup> for the species grouping). 18 May 09 (1 in alternate plumage) flying west past Manitou Is., JK, KM (finder), RR, in review by the MBRC (7<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> sp).

**Common Loon.** 7 Jan 07 (1) Copper Harbor, JK (LDw). 1 May 08 (250) head L'Anse Bay, RH, MH, JK (HC, exceptional).

**Pied-billed Grebe.** 27 Nov 08 (1) Sturgeon River near Chassell, H, JK (LDf).

**Horned Grebe.** 24 Apr 07 (43) Pilgrim River mouth, H, JK, KT (3<sup>rd</sup> HCsp). 31 May 07 (2) Hebard Park, K, LB, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> LDsp). 17 Dec 07 (3) Pequaming, B, RH, JK, KT, KBCBC (6<sup>th</sup> ew). 28 Sep 08 (314) L'Anse Bay from head to L'Anse, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCf, HC on water).

**Red-necked Grebe.** 7 Jan 07, Copper Harbor, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> LDw). 2 Apr 07 (2) Keweenaw Bay 6 mi southeast Chassell, H, JY (EDsp).

**Eared Grebe.** [26 Aug 06 (1) Calumet Twp. Waterworks Park, H (listed as simply "Houghton" Co. in MBNH 14:64); because a molting adult Horned Grebe in early fall can look remarkably similar to an

Eared Grebe, and the open Lake Superior habitat seems unlikely, I question this record.] 23 Sep 06 (1) L'Anse Bay, RH, JK (finder, photos) (6<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> f). 18 May 08 (1) Baraga sewage ponds, TA (7<sup>th</sup>).

**Western Grebe.** 5-20 Nov 06 (1) head L'Anse Bay, EE (photo), JY (photo), accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (2<sup>nd</sup> identified to species).

**Aechmophorus Grebe.** The record listed by Binford (2006, Addendum) as a Western Grebe on 2-8 Nov 05 in B was rejected by the MBRC as a Western but accepted as an *Aechmophorus* grebe (Putnam 2007) (1<sup>st</sup> identified only to genus). 7-11 Nov 06 (1) Torch Lake off Hubbell, H, RH, MH (finder), JK (photos), originally submitted as a Western Grebe, but rejected; later accepted as an *Aechmophorus* grebe (Putnam 2008) (2<sup>nd</sup> identified only to genus, 1<sup>st</sup> H). 30 Dec 06 (1) Copper Harbor, EHCBC, RH, JK (finder), KT, accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (3<sup>rd</sup> identified only to genus, 1<sup>st</sup> K). 10 Dec 07 (1) L'Anse Bay 1 mi north L'Anse, JY, accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee) (4<sup>th</sup> identified only to genus).

**American White Pelican.** 24 Apr 07 (28) Sturgeon River mouth, H, SH, JK, JKe, JY (HC). 1 Apr 08 (1) Chassell, H, BL, NL (EDsp).

**Double-crested Cormorant.** 24 Sep 06 (145) Hebard Park, K (not H as in MBNH 14:64) LB (2<sup>nd</sup> HC and largest single flock). 24 Apr 07 (77) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JK, JY (HCsp).

**American Bittern.** 2 Apr 07 (1) Sturgeon River Sloughs, Unit 1, H, JY (EDsp). 29 Jun 06 (nest with 5 young) Arnheim, SE corner Unit 8 (T52N, R33W, SE quarter of Sec. 4), B, JY (photos) (1<sup>st</sup> active nest; 3<sup>rd</sup> confirmed breeding for KP and B). 18 May 07 (1) Manitou Is., observed coming in off the lake (flying south) in early morning and leaving (flying north) at dusk, JK (3<sup>rd</sup> sp transient date). 16 May 09 (1) Manitou Is., flushed from woods near trail, JY (4<sup>th</sup> sp transient date).

**Least Bittern.** 20 Jun 07 (1) Arnheim, Unit 4, H, NA, TA (casual in summer).

**Great Egret.** 17-24 Aug 06 (1) Arnheim, Unit 4, H, RH, JK, JY (finder) (6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> f). 7 Jun 06 (1) Rice Lake, H, LB, JM (7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> sp).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron.** 30 Sep 05 (1) Arnheim, Unit 5, H, LM, JY (4<sup>th</sup>). 9 Jul 06 (1 adult) Arnheim, B and H, JK, LM, JY (finder) (5<sup>th</sup>).

**Black Vulture.** The bird seen on 3 Aug 02 at the Lake Fanny Hooe Resort, Copper Harbor, was accepted by the MBRC (Putnam



2007) without mention of the possibility that it might have been the same bird as one on Manitou Is., 16 Jul 02 (previously accepted by the MBRC), as suggested by Binford (2006); I continue to treat them as the same. 15 -17 Oct & 17 Nov 08 (1) Chassell, H, GD (photos on 17 Oct), MH (finder), JK (17 Nov), first observed feeding on a deer carcass then a month later on bovine entrails 0.5 miles from original location, accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (5<sup>th</sup>).

**Turkey Vulture.** 22 Aug 06 (16 perched) 3 mi east Mohawk, K, LB (HCf). 2 Apr 07 (1) south of Chassell, H, JY (ties EDsp). 19 Oct 07 (1) near L'Anse, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> Ldf).

[**Mississippi Kite.** 12 Aug 06 (2) Sturgeon River Sloughs, rejected by the MBRC (Putnam 2007); description consistent with Northern Harrier which breed in this locality.]

**Bald Eagle.** 16 Dec 06 (26) HCCBC (multiparty HCw).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk.** 10 Feb 06 (1) 6 mi southeast Chassell, H, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> lw). 7 Mar 06 (1) Seven Mile Point, K, TA (3<sup>rd</sup> lw). 14 Jan-8 Feb 07 (1) Hancock, SF, JK (photos) (4<sup>th</sup> lw). 17 Dec 08 (1) EHCBC, RH, MH, JK (casual in early winter). 20 Dec 08 (1) HCCBC (casual in early winter). 1 Feb 09 (1 eating Rock Pigeon near feeder) Hancock, DF (5<sup>th</sup> lw).

**Broad-winged Hawk.** 24 Apr 06 (1352) Manitou Is., ZG, RK (2<sup>nd</sup> HC). 27 Jul 07 (1 adult carrying food) Copper Harbor, LB (1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding K).

**Ferruginous Hawk.** The record listed by Binford (2006, Addendum) for 6 Apr 06, Swedetown marsh, H, was accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007).

**Swainson's Hawk.** 30 Apr 09 (1) Brockway Mt., K, VB (photo), SH (ED).

**Rough-legged Hawk.** 12 Jun 06 (1) Manitou Is., JY (LDsp).

**Merlin.** 29 Aug 06 (5) between Agate Harbor and Devil's Washtub, K, LB, JM (HCf).

**Peregrine Falcon.** 21, 26 Mar 07 (1) lift bridge between Houghton and Hancock, JK (EDsp). 19 Aug 07 (1 adult) Baraga sewage ponds, JY (5<sup>th</sup> su). 30 Jul 09 (1 adult, probably male) hunting over Lake Linden sewage ponds, H, LB (6<sup>th</sup> su).

**Yellow Rail.** [29 Apr 06 (1) Sturgeon River Sloughs, Unit 1, H, MBNH 13:215; I have seen no documentation for this record.] 13 Jun 07 (1 heard at 9.00 p.m. EDT) near Pt. Isabelle, T57N, R28W, Sec. 10, K, ZG (6<sup>th</sup>; probably a transient, as not found again).

**Sora.** 4 Aug 06 (adult with 4 tiny pre-juveniles) Calumet sewage ponds, TA (3<sup>rd</sup> confirmed and latest breeding). 1 Jul 07 (1) T58N, R28W, Sec. 5, K, ZG (new possible breeding locality). 19 Jul 09 (nest with 11 eggs) mouth Sturgeon River, H, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> confirmed breeding, first nest, latest breeding record).

**Common Moorhen.** 24 May-12 Jun 07 (1) pond on Green Acres Road 1.8 mi south of M-26 near Dodgeville, H, LB, RH, JK, LM, MS (finder, excellent photos), JY (4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> sp).

**American Coot.** 13 Apr 06 (1) Arnheim, H, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 2 Oct 06 (133) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> HCf). 4 Nov 06 (1) Copper Harbor, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> f K). 6 Oct 07 (147) head L'Anse Bay, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCf).

**Sandhill Crane.** 4 Nov 07 (1) Palosaari's farm 3.6 mi southeast Chassell, H, JY (LDf). 4 Jul 08 (adult on nest) east of Lac La Belle town, north side of Mendota Canal, K, ZG (confirmed breeding, 2<sup>nd</sup> for K, 1<sup>st</sup> for this historical site; latest nest date). 16 Sep 08 (245) Arnheim field, B, JY (HCf). 30 Oct 08 (1) Arnheim, B, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> LDf).

**American Golden-Plover.** 30 Sep 08 (52) Calumet sewage ponds (12), Lake Linden sewage ponds, H (39), Eagle Harbor beach, K (1) LB (3<sup>rd</sup> HC). 31 May 09 (1) Pequaming, B, JY (7<sup>th</sup> sp).

**Semipalmated Plover.** 24 May 07 (46) head L'Anse Bay, JY (HCsp).

**Piping Plover.** 10 May 06 (1 with leg bands) L'Anse marina, JY (finder), LB (7<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> sp). 24 May 07 (1 with light green band on right leg) head L'Anse Bay, ZG, RH, JK (photo), JY (finder) (8<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> sp). All Keweenaw records for this rare species should be published.

**Killdeer.** 1 Jun 06 (adult with 3 pre-juveniles) Chassell, H, JY (ED for pre-juveniles).

**American Avocet.** 17 Aug 09 (4) Ojibwa Beach, L'Anse Bay, JK (photos) (7<sup>th</sup>, 4th f).

**Greater Yellowlegs.** 29 Oct 06 (1) head L'Anse Bay, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> LDf). 3 Jun 07 (1) Seven Mile Point, K, TA (ties LDsp).

**Willet.** 9 May 09 (8) Assinins, B, plus (5) head L'Anse Bay, JK, CW (some of these seen also by LB, ZG, LM, JY et al.) (HC).

**Lesser Yellowlegs.** 30 Apr 09 (70) Calumet sewage ponds, JK (3<sup>rd</sup> HCsp).

**Solitary Sandpiper.** 2 May 06 (1) Ahmeek sewage ponds, K, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp).



**Upland Sandpiper.** 19 Jul 07 (18 together) Baraga Plains, JK, KT (HC); probably staging for migration.

**Whimbrel.** 31 Jul 08 (1) Eagle Harbor, MR (7<sup>th</sup> f). 18 May 09 (1) Manitou Is., JK, KM (EDsp).

**Hudsonian Godwit.** 31 May 08 (1) Manitou Is., JK (2<sup>nd</sup> K, 2<sup>nd</sup> LDsp).

**Marbled Godwit.** 13 May 08 (1) Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, H, JK (surprisingly, 1<sup>st</sup> record for any KP sewage pond). 18-19 May 09 (1) Manitou Is., JK, KM, RR, JY (1<sup>st</sup> K).

**Red Knot.** 28 Aug (2 adults)-1 Sep (3) 07, Lake Linden sewage ponds, H, LB (finder), ZG, MH, RH, JK (6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> f).

**Ruddy Turnstone.** 11 Sep 08 (1) Ojibwa Beach, L'Anse Bay, JY (casual in fall, 1<sup>st</sup> f B).

**Sanderling.** 26 Jul 05 (1) head L'Anse Bay, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> Edf). 25 May 07 (30) L'Anse Bay, LB (HCsp). 6 Sep 08 (15) Ojibwa Beach, L'Anse Bay, JY (ties 2<sup>nd</sup> HCf). 19 Jun 09 (1) Assinins, B, JK (probably LDsp, possibly Edf).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper.** 3 Jul 07 (3) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> Edf).

**Least Sandpiper.** 18 Jun 06 (3) Arnheim, Unit 4, H, JY (LDsp or Edf).

**White-rumped Sandpiper.** 1 Jun 09 (8) Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, H, JK (HC).

**Baird's Sandpiper.** 16 Aug 05 (53) Lake Linden sewage ponds, H, LB (Binford 2006; not 23 Aug as in MBNH 13:78). 15 Jul 08 (1 adult) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> Edf). 14 May 09 (1) Baraga sewage ponds, LD, AL, RR, accepted by MBRC (Putnam, in press) (4<sup>th</sup> sp.) 16 May 09 (2) Manitou Is., JK, AL (photos), KM, CW (5<sup>th</sup> sp), accepted by MBRC (Putnam, in prep.). 1 Jun 09 (1) Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, H, JK (photos), accepted by MBRC (Putnam, in prep) (6<sup>th</sup> sp).

**Pectoral Sandpiper.** 12 Jul 06 (1) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (3<sup>rd</sup> Edf). 20 Apr 08 (1) Arnheim, B, JY (EDsp). 4 Jul 08 (3) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG, MSc (2<sup>nd</sup> Edf).

**Dunlin.** 8 May 07 (19) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JK, JY (EDsp). 24 May 07 (100) head L'Anse Bay, RH, JK (HC). 19 Jun 09 (1 in alternate plumage) Assinins, B, JK (probably LDsp, possibly Edf). Perhaps regular in spring on Manitou Is, e.g. 30 May 05 (4) ZG; 29-31 May (2-3) and 2 Jun (30) 08, ZG; 15 May 09 (1) JY; 16 May 09 (6) RR.

**Stilt Sandpiper.** 21-22 May 06 (1) Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, H, LB, LD, JK, JM (4<sup>th</sup> sp). 16 Aug 06 (1)



Gull Rock off Manitou Is., JK (1<sup>st</sup> K).  
1 Jun 09 (1) Atlantic Mine sewage  
ponds, H, JK (5<sup>th</sup> sp).

**Short-billed Dowitcher.** 9 Jul 06  
(12) Arnheim, B, JY (HCf). 15 May  
08 (49 in tight flock flying due north  
past Brockway Mt. lookout, K, in late  
morning) TA (who heard distinctive  
calls), LB, MS (who took photo from  
which count made) (2<sup>nd</sup> f K).

**Long-billed Dowitcher.** 5 Sep 08 (1  
juvenile) Chassell sewage ponds, H,  
JY (5<sup>th</sup>, EDf).

**Wilson's Snipe.** 25 Jul 06 (16 in  
one flock) Calumet sewage ponds,  
LB (HCf).

**Wilson's Phalarope.** 30 Aug 07  
(1 juvenile) Baraga sewage ponds,  
ZG (LDf). 26 Apr 08 (1) Baraga  
sewage ponds, MH (EDsp). 23 Jul  
09 (1 juvenile) Lake Linden sewage  
ponds, LB, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> EDf).

**Red-necked Phalarope.** 26 Aug 06  
(1) Calumet sewage ponds, SH et al.  
(6<sup>th</sup>). 23 May 07 (1) Atlantic Mine  
sewage ponds, H, RH (finder), JK,  
OM (7<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> sp)

**Sabine's Gull.** 22 Sep 06 (6  
immatures) L'Anse Bay, JY (photos),  
RH, ZG, LM (4<sup>th</sup>, EDF, HC). 12-27  
(not 26 as in MBNH 15:71) Oct 07  
(1 juvenile) head L'Anse Bay and  
Baraga sewage ponds, JY (finder),  
SH, JK (photos) et al. (5<sup>th</sup>).

**Bonaparte's Gull.** 19 Oct 07 (97)  
Baraga sewage ponds, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HCf).  
24 Nov 07 (29) head L'Anse Bay,  
JY (3<sup>rd</sup> LDf).

**Laughing Gull.** 24-25 May 07 (1  
adult alternate plumage) L'Anse  
Bay off Baraga (not K as in MBNH  
14:155) MHu (photos), RH, SH, JK  
(finder, photos), JY (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Franklin's Gull.** 12-19 Oct 07  
(1 juvenile) L'Anse Bay head and  
Baraga sewage ponds, RH, SH, JK,  
JY (finder) et al. (5<sup>th</sup>, LDf). 27 May  
08 (2 adults calling) L'Anse Bay  
head, JK (6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> sp). 14 May 09 (1  
alternate plumage) Torch Lake off  
Tamarack City, H, LD, JK (7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> sp).

**Heermann's Gull.** 18 Jul 08 (1  
juvenile) Chassell boat launch, H,  
LM, JY (finder, photos) accepted by  
the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records  
Committee 2009) (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Ring-billed Gull.** 17 Oct 08 (170)  
Baraga sewage ponds, LB (HCf).

**California Gull.** 6 May 06 (1 third  
summer) east end Manitou Is., SBe,  
BJ (finder, photos), MSc, accepted  
by the MBRC (Putnam 2007) (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Herring Gull.** 24 Mar 07 (300  
following fishing boat) near Dan's  
Point, K, JK, KT (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsp).



**Iceland Gull.** 26-31 Dec 06 (1 first winter) Portage Lake near Pilgrim River mouth, H, TA (photos), RH, SJ, JK (finder, photos) (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Glaucous Gull.** 8 Dec 06-5 Jan 07 (up to 2, at one time together) Portage Lake off Chassell and Pilgrim River mouth, HCCBC, RH, JK (finder, photo of paler bird at Pilgrim River mouth) DRi (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>).

**Great Black-backed Gull.** 29 Apr-13 May 06 (1 first winter) Sand Point, L'Anse Bay, TA (photos) JM (4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> B). 9 (SH) and 13 (JK, photo) May 06 (1 first winter) Manitou Is. (5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> K); here treated as same bird, but not seen between these dates. 24 Mar 07 (1 first winter) near Dan's Point, K, JK (photos), KT (7<sup>th</sup>).

**Jaeger sp.** 30 Sep 06 (3) Manitou Is., SH, JK, JY et al. (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> identified only to genus).

**Common Tern.** 2 Sep 02 (some) head L'Anse Bay, ZG (few records for fall). 24 May 07 (357) Sand Point, L'Anse Bay, RH, JK (HC). 30 Sep 08 (2) Baraga, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> LDf).

**Forster's Tern.** 2 Sep 02 (5) head L'Anse Bay, ZG (1<sup>st</sup> f). 27 Aug 05 (3) Sand Point, L'Anse Bay, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> f). 28 May 06 (5) Pilgrim River mouth, H, RH (1<sup>st</sup> H). 11 Sep 07 (1 juvenile) head L'Anse Bay, JK (photos), JY (4<sup>th</sup> f). 13 May 09 (1)

Tamarack City sewage ponds, H, LD, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> H).

**Black Tern.** 19 Jun 06 (4) May Lake, B, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> su, HCSu, 1<sup>st</sup> possible breeding B). 26 Aug 06 (1) L'Anse Bay, SH et al. (1<sup>st</sup> f). 8 May 07 (1) Sturgeon River mouth, H, JK, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 3 May 09 (4) L'Anse Bay, SH (EDsp).

**White-winged Dove.** 10 May 09 (1) ca. 2.5 mi northeast of Skanee, in T52N, R31W, Sec. 13, B, JK, accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> B).

**Mourning Dove.** 17 Jun 07 (21) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCSu).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo.** 20 Jul 07 (1) North Portage Entry, H, JK (9<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> su).

**Black-billed Cuckoo.** 27 Jun 07 (nest with 1 adult seemingly incubating and other nearby) Elo, H, JK, KT (1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding).

**Snowy Owl.** 18-26 May 06 (1) Baraga, LB, LD, JK, JM, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> LDsp). 31 Oct 08 (1) South Portage Entry, H, LM, MS, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> EDf). 25 Oct 08 (1) Stanton Twp., H, TG (2<sup>nd</sup> EDf).

**Northern Hawk Owl.** 25 Nov 08 (1) south of Boston, near airport, NA, MS (photo) (13<sup>th</sup>).

**Barred Owl.** 30 Sep 07 (1) Agate Harbor, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> record of a post-breeding wanderer or migrant).

**Great Gray Owl.** 28 Apr-6 May 06 (1 heard only) Manitou Is., ZG, JY. 1-2 May 06 (1) Seven Mile Point, K, NA, TA. 16 Apr 07 (1) Arnheim, B, MS. 9 Sep 07 (1) Phoenix, K, MS (photo). 21 Oct 07 (1) Rice Lake Road 2 mi west Rice Lake and 0.05 mi east Post Road, H, JY. The exact status of this species in the Keweenaw is uncertain (Binford 2006); all records should be published.

**Long-eared Owl.** 28 Apr 06 (1) Manitou Is., ZG, JY (7<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> complete record K). 13 Apr 08 (1) Sturgeon River Sloughs, H, BL (photos), NL (8<sup>th</sup>, EDsp).

**Short-eared Owl.** 13 Mar 07 (1) Pilgrim River mouth, H, RH (EDsp). Change fall transient status from casual (Binford 2006) to very rare, the same as in spring.

**Boreal Owl.** 26 Mar 08 (1) in Hancock, MH (photo in *MBNH* 15:168), RH, JK, AP, JS, AW, m. ob. (10<sup>th</sup>). 2 May 08 (1) Philipsville, H, MA, NA (11<sup>th</sup>).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl.** 11 Jul 08 (1 adult) seen calling at Agate Harbor North Point, LB. 30 Jul 08 (1 full-grown juvenile) Agate Harbor North Point, LB, injured,

rehabilitated, and released. This species is not known to nest locally, suggesting that both birds were transients like the many summer birds recently banded at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co. (Chris Neri, pers. comm.)

**Common Nighthawk.** 17 Aug 06 (36) Arnheim, B and H, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> HC). 22-30 Jun 06 (adult on nest with 2 eggs) Baraga Plains, T49N, R34W, Sec. 20, JY; 6 Jul 08 (adult on nest with 1 egg) Baraga Plains, about 2.5 mi southwest Big Lake, T48N, R35W, Sec. 1, JY (confirmed breeding, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for B, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for KP). 20 Jul 09 (nest with 1 egg) south of Schlatter's Lake, T58N, R27W, Sec. 21, K, JG, JY (confirmed breeding, 2<sup>nd</sup> for K, 4<sup>th</sup> for KP).

**Whip-poor-will.** 12 May 07 (11 heard) Prison Camp Road, Baraga Plains, B, LB, JM (HC).

**Rufous Hummingbird.** 16 May 07 (1 adult male transient) 2.5 mi west Eagle River, T58N, R32W, Sec. 27, K, LB, FR (photos), JR (finder), JW, accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> sp, 1<sup>st</sup> K).

**Belted Kingfisher.** 26 Dec 07 (1) Eagle Harbor, NA, TA, EHCBC (1<sup>st</sup> w K).

**Red-headed Woodpecker.** 3 Jun 08 (1) feeder in Eagle Harbor, BW, JW (casual). 12-14 May 09 (1) Rabbit Bay, H, LB, BW, MLW (finder) (casual).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker.** 7 Oct 06 (1) near airport, H, RM (fide JK) (EDf). 8-15 Oct 06 to 10 Jan 07 (1) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG, JK, JY (2<sup>nd</sup> EDf). 16-17 May 07 (1) Copper Harbor, LB. 26 Oct 07 (1 at feeder) Hancock, SR. 9 Nov-10 Dec 07 (1 at suet feeder) Houghton, BD (photo). 4-21 Nov 08 (1) Hancock, MH. 5-30 Nov 08 (1) near Copper Harbor, KB. 10-17 Jan 09 (1) Houghton, BD. 9 May 09 (1) Pequaming, B, JK, NAMC. 20 May 09 (1) Agate Harbor, AS, DS. 24 May 09 (1 female) Rabbit Bay, H, BW, MLW. 12 Jun 09 (1) Seven Mile Point feeder, K, MA, NA (LDsp). Occasional vagrant, exact status still uncertain, so all records should be published.

**Downy Woodpecker.** 30 Dec 06 (16) EHCBC, RH, JK, KT (2<sup>nd</sup> single-party HCw).

**Hairy Woodpecker.** 16 Dec 07 (31) HCCBC (multiparty HC).

**American Three-toed Woodpecker.** 1 Oct 06 (1 male) Manitou Is., LD (finder), SH, JK, KT, accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (7<sup>th</sup>). 23 Nov-21 Dec 06 (1 male, 2 females) Keystone Bay burn, K, TA (photo),

ZG, BM, CP (photo), DP (photo in MBNH 14:104), JY (finder, photo), m. ob., accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (8<sup>th</sup>). 16 Nov 07 (1) Copper Harbor, RH (finder), JK, accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (9<sup>th</sup>). 1-24 Jan 09 (1) on coast 6 mi southeast Chassell in B, JY, m. ob., accepted by MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (10<sup>th</sup>).

**Black-backed Woodpecker.**

Apparent invasion(s) in fall 06 into fall 07, included at least the following records. 29 Sep 06 (1) Manitou Is., LD, JY. 4 Nov 06 (1) Copper Harbor, ZG. 16 Dec 06 (1) HCCBC. 23 Nov-21 Dec 06 (up to 3) Keystone Bay burn, K, RB, JY. 30 Dec 06 (5) EHCBC (multiparty HCew). 2 Jan 07 (1) Lac La Belle, K, JK. 13 Jan 07 (2) Copper Harbor, SH. 6 May 07 (5) Keystone Bay burn, K, ZG. 7 May 07 (1) Eagle Harbor, ZG. 13 Jun 07 (2) Point Isabelle, K, ZG. 28 Sep 07 (1) Bete Grise, K, ZG. 20 Sep 07 (1 male) Manitou Is., JY. 20 Oct 07 (1) Copper Harbor, JK. 28 Oct 07 (1) Bete Grise, K, ZG. 6 Jan 08 (1) 3 mi west Atlantic Mine, H, BQ, PQ. 27 Jun 08 (nest) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> confirmed breeding K). This influx presumably caused or contributed to the buildup of winter birds at the "bump fire" on the Baraga Plains (Sep 07-Jan 08, including 47 birds on 20 Oct 07, high count for KP, and 33 on 27

Jan 08, both JY), and the summer abundance at the same place in 08 (at least 42 adults; 21 nests found, of which only 3 probably failed and 18 reached the large young stage; JY).

**Northern Flicker.** 29 Apr 06 (81 in 4 hrs leaving west end of island and flying toward mainland) Manitou ls., JY (HC).

**Pileated Woodpecker.** 16 Dec 07 (20) HCCBC (multiparty HC).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher.** 21 Jul 07 (2 pre-juveniles attended by adult) near Twin Lakes, H, KT (finder), JK (1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding for H, 2<sup>nd</sup> for KP). 20 Jul 09 (adults visiting nest in black spruce) south of Schlatter's Lake, R58N, R27W, Sec. 21, ZG, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> confirmed breeding for KP, 2<sup>nd</sup> for K).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.** 3 Sep 07 (1) Agate Harbor, LB (ties LDf). 31 May 08 (30) Manitou ls., ZG (HC, exceptional). 16 Jun 08 (16 on census) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu). 27 Jun 08 (adult carrying nest material) T57N, R28W, Sec. 10, K, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> confirmed breeding K).

**Say's Phoebe.** 11 Jun 06 (1) east end Manitou ls., ZG (description), JY (photos), accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007) (2<sup>nd</sup>; 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan record for summer period, but

presumably a late spring vagrant). 28 May 07 (1) 1 mi southwest Bete Grise settlement, T58N, R29W, Sec. 34, K, ZG, accepted by the MBRC (3<sup>rd</sup>). 29 Sep 08 (1) Arnheim, B and H, MH (photos), RH, JY (finder) (4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> f, 1<sup>st</sup> B, 1<sup>st</sup> H). [The bird reported as a first state record on 2 May 74 along Sturgeon River Road south of Chassell, H (Sloan 1975, Binford 2006), and accepted by several ornithologists, was at first accepted, but later rejected, by the MBRC (Putnam 2008), reducing to four the number of acceptable KP records.]

**Great Crested Flycatcher.** 25 Aug 07 (1) Arnheim, B, JY (6<sup>th</sup> f).

**Western Kingbird.** 6 Sep 08 (1) Calumet sewage ponds, MH (11<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> f).

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.** 30 Sep 06 (1) east end Manitou ls., LD, SH, JK (finder, photo published in MBNH 14:74), KT, JY (photos), accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007) (5<sup>th</sup>).

**Blue-headed Vireo.** 22 Jun 08 (6) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCsu).

**Red-eyed Vireo.** 8 Jun 06 (nest barely begun) Agate Harbor, LB (earliest confirmed breeding). 17 Jun 07 (89 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCsu).



**Blue Jay.** 30 Dec 06 (29) EHCBC, RH, JK, KT (single-party HCew). 3 Aug 07 (19) Agate Harbor, LB (EDf for a migrating flock).

**Black-billed Magpie.** Record listed by Binford (2006, Addendum) for 30 Mar 06, Seven Mile Point (not Allouez as in Putnam 2007) K, was accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007). 30 Dec 06-10 Jan 07 (1) near Lac La Belle (T57N, R29W, north boundary Sec. 6) K, EHCBC, RB, RH, ZG (finder), SJ, JK, m. ob., accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> w).

**American Crow.** 24 Apr 06 (70 flying in groups from west end toward mainland) Manitou ls., JY (HCsp). 30 Jul 09 (325) Lake Linden sewage ponds, H, LB (HC).

**Horned Lark.** 29 Sep 07 (125 migrating westward along shore) Hebard Park, K, LB, ZG (HCf). 17 Dec 07 (1) Pequaming beach, B, KBCBC, RH, JK, KT (casual in winter).

**Tree Swallow.** 15 May 07 (300) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (HCsp). 17 Jun 07 (15) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCsu).

**Cliff Swallow.** 26 Apr 08 (2) head L'Anse Bay, JY (EDsp). 27 Aug 08 (nest with young) US41 bridge over Pike River, near Chassell, H, JY (latest date for nestlings).

**Barn Swallow.** 10 Nov 07 (2) Baraga sewage ponds, ZG, JH, SH, SHi, MHu, m. ob., Marquette Audubon Club (photos) (1<sup>st</sup> w). 15 May 09 (1) west end Manitou ls., flew in from west, JY (migrants reach Manitou ls.).

**Black-capped Chickadee.** 20 Jun 06 (23) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, JM (HCsu).

**Boreal Chickadee.** 12 Nov 05 (14) Peshekee Grade, B, SH (HC). 23 Jul 06 (9) Pt. Isabelle, T57N, R29W, Sec. 3, K, LB, JM (HCsu). 19 Dec 07 – 13 Apr 08 (1) feeder near Great Sand Bay, K, DSh (unusual locality).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch.** 20 Jun 06 (10) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, JM (HCsu). 30 Dec 06, multiparty (104) EHCBC, single-party (54) ZG, JY (both HCew). 15 May 08 (8) Copper Harbor, LB, TA; this record, together with two high counts on 10 May (Binford 2006) may pinpoint the spring migration peak.

**Brown Creeper.** 31 May 07 (5) Clark Mine and Estivant Pines, K, ZG (HCsu).

**Rock Wren.** 22 May 08 (1) Arnheim, B and H, TA (finder, photos), JK, JM, accepted by the MBRC (MBNH 15:172) (4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> sp). [The record of six in a flock at Copper Harbor, 12 May 07, was rejected by the

MBRC (Putnam 2008). Description consistent with American Pipit which were in this same location]

**House Wren.** 21 Jun (building nest in nest box), 14 Jul (feeding nestlings) 06, Copper Harbor, LB (1<sup>st</sup> K breeding confirmation since 1931). 10 May 06 (1) Manitou Is., JK, JM (EDsp). 12 May 07 (1) near Covington, B, LB, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 2 Sep 07 (1) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG (3<sup>rd</sup> Ldf, 2<sup>nd</sup> f K).

**Winter Wren.** 23 Apr 06 (10) Manitou Is., ZG (HCsp). 9 Aug 07 (adult feeding 1 pre-juvenile) Agate Harbor, LB (4<sup>th</sup> and latest confirmed breeding).

**Sedge Wren.** 19 Jun 08 (2 singing males) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (1<sup>st</sup> probable breeding for K; new summer locality for KP).

**Marsh Wren.** 13 May 06 (1) Arnheim, Unit 7, B, JM (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 25 May 06 (1) Eagle Harbor Coast Guard Station, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> K).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet.** 24 Apr 06 (33) Manitou Is., ZG (HCsp). 7 Jun 08 (14) census, Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet.** 29 Apr 04 (100+) Manitou Is., ZG, JY (HC, exceptional). 19 Jun 08 (7) census, Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.** 30 May 07 (1) Copper Harbor, LB (occasional vagrant). 7 (LB), 12 (LB, LD, JK), 18 (LB) May 09 (1 female) Copper Harbor, possibly different birds (occasional vagrant). All records should be published to document northward range expansion and impending breeding.

**Townsend's Solitaire.** 29 Oct 06-17 Mar 07 (up to 2) Copper Harbor, EHCBC, TA, LD, JK, GS, m. ob. (16<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> record of bird(s) remaining an entire winter). 28 Dec 07 (1) Eagle Lodge, ca 3 mi west Copper Harbor, JD (MBNH 15:115) (17<sup>th</sup>). 9 Mar 08 (1) Copper Harbor, MH (18<sup>th</sup>).

**Veery.** 17 Jun 07 (21 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (3<sup>rd</sup> HCsu).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush.** 26 Sep 05 (1) Copper Harbor, JK (late).

**Swainson's Thrush.** 9 Jun 07 (17 singing males) Bay Lake-Hoar Lake area, K, ZG (HCsu). 4 Jul 08 (adult carrying food) Montreal River mouth, K, ZG (1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding for K outside Manitou Is.).

**Hermit Thrush.** 21 Jul 09 (24 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCsu). 14 Dec 08 (1) Copper Harbor, MH (3<sup>rd</sup> w).



**Wood Thrush.** 16 May 09 (1 singing) Manitou Is., JY (3<sup>rd</sup> K, where considered a vagrant).

**American Robin.** 31 Jul 07 (25) Agate Harbor, LB (earliest "fall" flocking).

**Varied Thrush.** 22-29 Jan 09 (1 at feeder) near Phoenix, K, SC (9<sup>th</sup>).

**Northern Mockingbird.** 3 Jun (nest-building) to 4 Jul (nest with young) 06, Eagle Harbor, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> confirmed breeding, 1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding K; see MBNH 13:61-64 for details).

**American Pipit.** 28 Apr 06 (1) Manitou Is., JY (EDsp).

**Bohemian Waxwing.** 29 Sep 89 (10) Copper Harbor, DE (3<sup>rd</sup> EDf). 10 Mar 06 (150) L'Anse, ED (HClw). 6 May 06 (9) Manitou Is., SH (LDsp). 1 Oct 06 (3) Manitou Is., LD, JK, KT (4<sup>th</sup> EDf).

**Cedar Waxwing.** 10 Jun 06 (nest-building) Chassell, H, JY (ED for confirmed breeding).

**Golden-winged Warbler.** 23 Jul 06 (1 adult female) Pt. Isabelle, K, LB, JM (EDf for migrant or post-breeding wanderer). 25 May 08 (1) Copper Harbor, TA (ties LDsp for a migrant).

**Tennessee Warbler.** 27-29 Oct 06 (1) 6 mi southeast Chassell, H, LM, JY (LDf).

**Orange-crowned Warbler.** 19 Oct 05 (1) Copper Harbor, LB (LDf).

**Nashville Warbler.** 19 Jun 08 (72 singing males) census, Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu, exceptional).

**Cape May Warbler.** 15 Oct 06 (1) Copper Harbor, JK (3<sup>rd</sup> LDf).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler.** 16 Jun 08 (15 singing males) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu).

[**Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler.** 3 May 09 (1 male) Copper Harbor, ZG, SHi, rejected by the MBRC (A. Byrne, per comm.). Add to Hypothetical List]

**Black-throated Green Warbler.** 26 Jun 06 (18 singing males) Lake Bailey Sanctuary, K, ZG (HCsu). 5 Jun 07 (15 singing males) Brockway Mt., K, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsu).

[**Townsend's Warbler,** 7 November 06 (1) Quincy Hill, Hancock, RH, JK, rejected by the MBRC (Putnam 2007). Add to Hypothetical List]

**Blackburnian Warbler.** 7 Jun 08 (12 singing males) census, Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu).

**Yellow-throated Warbler.** 15-19 May 09 (1) Manitou Is., JK, AL (photos), RR, CW (finder), JY(2<sup>nd</sup>).



**Pine Warbler.** 27 Apr 06 (2 singing males seen) Big Lake, Baraga Plains, LB (EDsp).

**Kirtland's Warbler.** The nest record listed by Binford (2006) for 15 Jul 05 on the Baraga Plains resulted in a pre-juvenile being fed by the adult female, with the adult male nearby, on 2 Aug 05, JY (*MBNH* 13:93). 11 Jun 07 (1 singing male) Baraga Plains, RA (Petrucha and Carlson 2008). 9 Jun 09 (3 singing males) Baraga Plains, SP (fide S. Sjogren). Exact localities for this endangered species are not revealed by the USFWS.

**Prairie Warbler.** 26 May 09 (1) Manitou Is., KM (2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> sp).

**Palm Warbler.** 24 Apr 07 (1) Pilgrim River mouth, H, JK, KT (EDsp). 23 Aug 07 (1) Hebard Park, K, LB, ZG (EDf). 25 Jun 07 (2) near pond in T28N, R27W, Sec. 19, K, ZG (1<sup>st</sup> probable breeding for K). 7-19 Jun 08 (several singing males) Pt. Isabelle and Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> probable breeding for K).

**Bay-breasted Warbler.** 25 May 08 (8) Copper Harbor, TA, JM (HCsp).

**Blackpoll Warbler.** 19 Aug 06 (2) Agate Harbor, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> EDf). 14 May 07 (1) Calumet Twp. Waterworks Park, H, JK (ties EDsp). 25 May 08 (10) Copper Harbor, TA, JM (HCsp).

**American Redstart.** 17 Jun 07 (21 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCsu).

**Ovenbird.** 21 Jun 09 (46 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (HCsu).

**Louisiana Waterthrush.** 6 Apr 08 (1) Copper Harbor, MS (photo in *MBNH* 15:176) (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Connecticut Warbler.** 11 Jun 07 (1 heard singing) about 180 m north Fish Cove, T58N, R28W, Sec. 26, K, ZG, JY (very rare; late transient?). 20 Jun 08 (1 heard singing only) Copper Harbor light house, LB, ZG, not refound 22 Jun (very rare; late transient?).

**Common Yellowthroat.** 31 May 07 (1) Agate Harbor, LB, ZG (LDsp for a migrant).

**Wilson's Warbler.** 26, 27, 30 Jun, 17 Jul 08 (2 singing males) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (Gayk 2008) (1<sup>st</sup> probable breeding for KP).

**Summer Tanager.** 25 Apr 08 (1 first spring male) 2.5 mi west Eagle River, K, JW (photos)(3<sup>rd</sup>). 26 Apr-13 May 08 (1 all-red male) near Jacobsville, H, BG (photos), MG, JK, AW, m. ob. (4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> H). 20 May 09 (1 first spring male) Houghton feeder, LM (5<sup>th</sup>).

**Scarlet Tanager.** 4 Aug 07 (2 juveniles) Agate Harbor, LB (EDf for post-breeding wanderers or migrants).

**Western Tanager.** 9-15 May 06 (1 male) about 3 mi west Baraga, B, LB, ZG, RH, SH (photo in *MBNH* 13:224), JK (photos), LM, KW (finder), LW, JY, m. ob., accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007) (2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> B).

**Spotted Towhee.** The record listed by Binford (2006) for 17 Dec 05-27 Jan 06, Hancock, was accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007). [2-16 Nov 07 (1 at feeder) Copper Harbor, photos, and another 19 Nov-5 Dec 08 (1 at feeder) Seven Mile Point, K, photos, were not accepted by the MBRC on the grounds that hybridization with Eastern Towhee could not be ruled out.] However, as regards the Keweenaw avifauna, these two records should be accepted as Spotted/Eastern Towhee winter records.

**Eastern Towhee.** 14 Nov to at least 17 Dec 07 (1 at feeder) town of Baraga (not K, as in *MBNH* 15:118), RH, JK, KT, LW (finder, photos) (2<sup>nd</sup> w). 26 Apr 08 (1) feeder along Pike River Road, Chassell, H, KK, SK (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp, occasional vagrant in northern H).

**American Tree Sparrow.** 15 Jan 06 (1) Hancock, PH, JK, KT (casual in lw).

**Chipping Sparrow.** 20 Aug 06 (2 adults feeding 1 pre-juvenile) Agate Harbor, LB (latest confirmed breeding by a month).

**Clay-colored Sparrow.** 3 May 06 (1) Copper Harbor, TA, LB (EDsp). 17 Nov 06 (1) Ahmeek, K, LD, JK (photos) (LDew). 23 Aug 07 (1) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG, (ED for fall movement).

**Field Sparrow.** 23 Aug 07 (1) Copper Harbor (not Hebard Park, K, as in *MBNH* 15:85) LB, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> f vagrant). 16 May 08 (1) Bete Grise, K, ZG (5<sup>th</sup> sp vagrant).

**Vesper Sparrow.** 26 May 06 (1) Copper Harbor, LB (LDsp for a migrant).

**Lark Sparrow.** 23 Aug 07 (1) Hebard Park, K, LB, ZG (12<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> f).

**Lark Bunting.** Bird listed by Binford (2006, Addendum) for 2-3 Oct 05 (Arnheim, both B and H) present through 6 Oct and accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007); photo by JK in *MBNH* 13:95. 17-19 May 08 (1 adult male) Oskar feeder, H, TA, RH, JK, AW (finder, photos) accepted by the MBRC (5<sup>th</sup>). [A male reported on 22 May 07 from Little Traverse Bay, H, was not accepted by the MBRC (A. Byrne, pers. comm.).]

**Savannah Sparrow.** 20 Jun 06 (35) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, JM (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsu). 16-22 Nov 07 (1) Copper Harbor, TA, RH, JK (1<sup>st</sup> w).

**Grasshopper Sparrow.** 31 May 06 (1) near Pilgrim River mouth, H, JK (5<sup>th</sup> sp). 17 Jun 07 (1 singing male) Bootjack BBS, T55N, R32W, Sec. 21, H, LB, ZG (9<sup>th</sup> su). 19 Jul 07 and all summer (up to 3 territorial males) Baraga Plains, JK, KT (1<sup>st</sup> probable breeding for KP, 10<sup>th</sup> su), JY. 14 Jun 08 (2 singing males) Big Burn Field, Baraga Plains, JY (11<sup>th</sup> su). 22 Jun 08 (1 singing male) Bootjack BBS, T56N, R32W, Sec. 16, H, LB, ZG (12<sup>th</sup> su). Because this species appears to be spreading northward and almost certainly will eventually be confirmed breeding on the peninsula, it is important to document the invasion by publishing all records.

**Le Conte's Sparrow.** 21 Apr 07 (1) Wescoat's field, Copper Harbor, ZG, JH (photo), SH, JK, RR (finder), m. ob. (EDsp). Summer 07 (5 singing males) island in Mendota Canal east of Lac La Belle, K, JK, KT (2<sup>nd</sup> breeding locality for K). 20 Oct 07 (2) Wescoat's field, Copper Harbor, RH, JK, et al. (LDf).

**Nelson's Sparrow.** 17 Jun 09 (1 seen singing) Arnheim, T53N, R33W, Sec. 33, H, JY, accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee 2009) (2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> H).

**Fox Sparrow.** 20 Sep 07 (1) Manitou Is., JY (EDf). 14 Oct 08 (12) Bete Grise, K, ZG (HC). Dec 07 – 1 Apr 08 (1) feeder near Great Sand Bay, K, DSh (photos) (3<sup>rd</sup> w, 1<sup>st</sup> to successfully overwinter)

**Song Sparrow.** 16 Dec 06 (1) Rabbit Bay, H, HCCBC, NA, TA, BW, MLW (2<sup>nd</sup> w). 10 Jan 07 (1) Eagle Harbor (not Eagle River as in MBNH 14:107), K, MH, SH, JK (3<sup>rd</sup> w).

**Lincoln's Sparrow.** 23 Aug 07 (1) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG (EDf). 7 Jun 08 (17 singing males) census, Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HCsu, but may include some migrants). 26 Jun 08 (adult flushed from nest) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> confirmed breeding K).

**White-throated Sparrow.** 21 Jun 09 (36 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG (2<sup>nd</sup> HCsu).

**Harris's Sparrow.** 5 Sep 06 (1) Agate Harbor, LB (2<sup>nd</sup> EDf). 26-27 May 08 (1) Agate Harbor, AS, DS (photos) (2<sup>nd</sup> LDsp).

**White-crowned Sparrow.** 3 Sep 06 (1 immature) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG (EDf). 9 Jun 09 (1) Arnheim, H, JY (LDsp).

**Dark-eyed Junco.** 20 Apr 08 (400) Copper Harbor, SH (HCsp). "Oregon Junco". 24-25 Nov 07 (1) 2.5 mi west Eagle River 2.5 miles, K, JW, SW (photos) (3<sup>rd</sup>).



**Lapland Longspur.** 31 May 08 (1) Manitou Is., ZG, and 31 May 09 (1) Seven Mile Point, K, NA (both LDsp).

**Smith's Longspur.** 23 Apr 06 (1 male) Manitou Is., ZG, JY (two photos in MBNH 13:226 and cover) accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2007) (5<sup>th</sup>). 12 May 09 (1 adult male) west end of Brockway Mt. (lookout), K, LB, BD, LD, JK (photos), accepted by the MBRC (Michigan Bird Records Committee) (6<sup>th</sup>). [The bird seen 20 May 97 at the Sturgeon River Sloughs, Unit 1, and accepted by Binford (2006) and originally by the MBRC, was recently rejected by the MBRC (Putnam 2008)]

**Northern Cardinal.** 16 Sep 07 (male and female feeding tiny pre-juvenile) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG, LM, JY (3<sup>rd</sup> confirmed breeding, 1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding K).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak.** 18 May 07 (21 in single flock!) east end Manitou Is., SH, RR, JK (HC).

**Indigo Bunting.** 20 Jun 06 (18 singing males) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, JM (HCsu). 16 Dec 06-19 Jan 07 (1 at feeder) Hancock, JK, JM, OM (photos), HCCBC, (3<sup>rd</sup> w).

**Dickcissel.** 19 Jun 06 (1) Arnheim, B, JY (5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in su). 20-22 Jun 06 (1 singing male) 0.5 mi west Tapiola, H, TA, LB, RH, JK (6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in su).

**Red-winged Blackbird.** Mid Dec 07-31 Jan 08 (1 male) Eagle Harbor, AR (4<sup>th</sup> lw). 14 Dec 08-15 Feb 09 (2) Copper Harbor, MH (5<sup>th</sup> lw).

**Western Meadowlark.** 9 Apr 06 (1) Gay, K, TA, JK (photos) (3<sup>rd</sup> EDsp). 21 Mar 07 (1) Wescoat's field, Copper Harbor, JK et al. (EDsp). 16 Nov 07 (2) Wescoat's field, Copper Harbor, RH, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> w).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird.** 16 Aug 06 (1 female) Calumet sewage ponds, RH (6<sup>th</sup> f). 26 Aug 06 (1) Calumet sewage ponds, SH (7<sup>th</sup> f). 26 Aug 06 (1 female) Sand Point, Baraga, SH (8<sup>th</sup> f). 28-29 Oct 07 (1) Copper Harbor, SH (9<sup>th</sup> f). 27-29 Oct 07 (1) Chassell, H, SH, DR fide DRi (10<sup>th</sup> f). This species, considered accidental in fall by Binford (2006), has been very rare since 2005 and may be changing its fall status.

**Rusty Blackbird.** 31 Aug 06 (2) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (EDf). 5 Oct 06 (210) Calumet sewage ponds, LB (3<sup>rd</sup> HC, 2<sup>nd</sup> HCf). 30 Apr 09 (282) Swedetown Creek mouth, Hancock, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> HC, HCsp). 18 May 09 (1) Manitou Is., KM (2<sup>nd</sup> LDsp).

**Common Grackle.** 21 Aug 08 (77) near Arnheim, B, JY (HCf). 28 Jan-15 Feb 09 (1) Copper Harbor, MH (4<sup>th</sup> lw, LDw).

**Orchard Oriole.** 15-16 May 09 (1 first spring male) 3 mi west Baraga, feeder, KW (finder, photo seen by LB) (5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> B).

**[Common Chaffinch.** 29 Apr (2), SB and SJ (finders, photos), 3-23 May (1) TA, LB, LD, JK (photos) 06, Copper Harbor, identification accepted but wild origin rejected by the MBRC (Putnam 2007). 17 May 08 (1 female) Copper Harbor, LB. 7 May 09 (1 male) Copper Harbor, LB. 27 May 09 (1 male) Agate Harbor, LB, AS, DS (photos). Add to Hypothetical List. Almost certainly among the many Eurasian species that were illegally released from captivity in the Chicago area and found widely in the Midwest during this decade. Because of the slim possibility that this species might establish a breeding population, all records should be published.]

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch.** 17 Dec 06-18 Mar 07 (1) in L'Anse, BDA, TA, LC (photo), MH (finder), SJ (photo), JK (photo), CP (photo), KZ (photo on cover of *MBNH* 14, No. 3) m. ob., accepted by the MBRC (Putnam 2008) (2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> w, 1<sup>st</sup> B).

**Pine Grosbeak.** 13 Mar 08 (100) Seven Mile Point, K, NA (HC).

**House Finch.** 16 Mar 06 (4) Hancock, JK (2<sup>nd</sup> EDsp). 26 Jun 07 (1 singing male) Calumet golf course, H, LB (1<sup>st</sup> record in years

for Calumet area). 21 May 08 (1 female) Eagle Harbor feeder, LB (casual vagrant overshoot).

**White-winged Crossbill.** 19 Jun 08 (20+) Hancock, JK. 20 Jun 08 (88 in 9 flocks flying west) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG. 30 Jun 08 (300) Bete Grise Preserve, K, ZG (HC). 21 Jul 08 (40) near Oskar, H, JK. These four records were part of a summer invasion first noted on 14 Jun (ZG), a temporal pattern noted in some previous years (Binford 2006).

**Common Redpoll.** 17 and 18 Apr 08 (175 each day) Hancock, JK (HCsp). 24 May 08 (2) Copper Harbor, LB, ZG (ties LDsp). 20 Dec 08 (510) HCCBC (multiparty HC).

**Hoary Redpoll.** 11 Nov 06 (2) "Four Beer Corners," T50N, R31W, Sec. 36, B, SH (EDf, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov record). 16 Dec 06 (2) Pelkie, B, SH (3<sup>rd</sup> EDf). 13 Jan 07 (ca 3) near Lac La Belle, K, CB, EE, MH, JK, DP (1<sup>st</sup> K). 24 Feb 07 (3-6) Seven Mile Point, K, JK (video), KT (2<sup>nd</sup> K). 16 Nov 07 (2) Copper Harbor, RH, JK (photos) (2<sup>nd</sup> EDf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 3<sup>rd</sup> K). 18 Apr 08 (1) Hancock, MH, JK (finder), JM, KT (2<sup>nd</sup> LDsp). The winter of 2006-07 was clearly an invasion year, coincident with a moderately large flight of Common Redpolls.



**Pine Siskin.** 24 Sep 06 (200)  
Copper Harbor, LB, ZG, JK,  
JY (HCf). 1 Oct 06 (191 in  
numerous flocks) arriving on east  
end of Manitou Is. over water  
from northeast, JK, JY (trans-  
Lake migrant). 18 May 07 (500  
migrating west along shore) Agate  
Harbor, LB (HC).

**House Sparrow.** 3 Jun 08 (1  
female) Manitou Is., JK (photos)  
(casual vagrant in K).

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow.** 5-11 May  
07 (flock of 3) Copper Harbor,  
LB (finder), ZG (photos), JK, KT,  
accepted by the MBRC (Michigan  
Bird Records Committee 2009) (1<sup>st</sup>).

**American Goldfinch.** 17 Jun 06  
(30) Bootjack BBS, H plus K, LB, ZG  
(HCsu).

## CORRECTIONS

A number of errors in the *Birds of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan* (Binford 2006) have come to my attention. Here I correct only those I deem important.

P. 19, column 2, line 1: change “.25” to “2.5.”

P. 43, column 1, line 25: change “7” to “14.”

P. 88, column 2, line 23: delete “One record for K.”

P. 129, the Yellow-throated Vireo record for 14-22 Jul was in 2004.

P. 191, column 1, paragraph starting “17 (pair)” is out of chronological order and should be moved to column 2 after entry starting “20 Apr 2002.”

P. 191, column 2, under *Breeding*: change “6 Jun 2000” to “6 Jun 2002.”

P. 296 column 1, line 4: change “275” to “276.”

P. 296, column 1, Harlequin Duck, record for 28 Jan 2006: change “winter” to “late winter.”

P. 296, column 1, Bufflehead: change “first late winter record for B and second for peninsula” to “second late winter record for peninsula and H.”

## SUMMARY

The records above increase the total Keweenaw Peninsula list to 332 with the addition of Laughing Gull, Heermann's Gull, California Gull, Iceland Gull, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow. County totals increase as follows: *Baraga* 287 (Laughing Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, White-winged Dove, Say's Phoebe, Western Tanager, Orchard Oriole, and



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# Michigan Bird Survey, Spring 2009 (March - May)

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## SIGHTINGS

The number of species reported during the spring season of 2009 was 308, one less than last year. This season will be remembered not for rarities but for the impressive numbers of several species which are generally scarce. It will also be remembered for one of the more remarkable birding periods ever during a spring season, in late April. Of the species seen in exceptional numbers, the most remarkable case by far was the casual Smith's Longspur. Ross's Goose, Cattle Egret, and American Avocet also were seen in very unusual numbers. A new state bird was found, Fish Crow in Berrien County (pending acceptance by the Michigan Bird Records Committee). Other excellent finds were White-winged Dove, Black-legged Kittiwake, and multiple White-faced Ibises.

A major theme this year was good numbers of some less common species, which was the case for geese. The number in particular of Ross's Geese was unprecedented. In the last decade, the average number of this species seen during the spring season was 2. The number seen this spring season well exceeds numbers from the entire previous decade with as many as 5 in both Berrien and Saginaw Counties. Numbers of Snow Goose and Greater White-fronted Goose were not so spectacularly out of proportion to previous years but were still impressive. Two Brant at WPBO rounded out the best season for scarcer geese of recent years.

A single Harlequin Duck lingering into the spring season matched the typical pattern of recent years. Scoter counts matched recent years with good totals of Surf Scoter from Lake Huron and inland. Close scrutiny of Lake Michigan in March produced spectacular numbers of Long-tailed Ducks, as is often the case. The number of Northern Bobwhite reports has reached its lowest point of recent years. Numerous in the 1970s, it suffered a major decline in the state with the harsh winters late in that decade. Populations have continued to decline from several recent winters with lengthy periods of deep snow and intensified agriculture practices, such as the removal of hedgerows.



Numbers of most species counted at Whitefish Point, Chippewa County were lower than usual and loons were no exception. A Pacific Loon flew past the Point on 28 May, the first spring record of this species there since 2003. Due to good coverage of Lake Michigan, Red-necked Grebes were well reported in the Lower Peninsula. American White Pelicans were more widely reported than last year in the Lower Peninsula.

The pattern of waders reported was rather odd with some species absent and others numerous. In the former class were Little Blue Heron (missing for the third consecutive spring after averaging two per spring from 2000 to 2006) and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. More numerous species were Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, and White-faced Ibis. Snowy Egret numbers slightly exceeded their maximum for recent years, and numbers of Cattle Egrets were much larger than for any previous spring season. Largest numbers were in Monroe and Ottawa Counties at the end of April. Though historically Glossy Ibis is the *Plegadis* species most often seen in Michigan, all individuals identified this spring were White-faced Ibis.

A Black Vulture was found in Washtenaw County; there have been 15 records in Michigan in the last decade. A Mississippi Kite was an excellent find in Jackson County. One day counts of 71 Bald Eagles in Keweenaw County and 62 in Saginaw County were impressive. On 25 April, a huge movement of Broad-winged Hawks was observed along the Lake Huron shoreline. Swainson's Hawks were reported only from WPBO. Golden Eagles made good showings at the state's hawk watches. A Gyrfalcon was reported for the first spring since 2006.

A migrant Yellow Rail was discovered in Monroe County. Most of the scarcer shorebirds were reported, with single reports of Stilt Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, and Red-necked Phalarope. The migration event of the last week of April brought remarkable numbers of American Golden Plover and American Avocet to the state. As was the case for the Cattle Egret, more avocets were seen this spring than in the last 10 spring seasons combined. Most of the season's Willets were found in early May; these numbers equaled the highest totals of the last decade. Following the theme of a migration that was displaced to the east, two Baird's Sandpipers were reported, a species found in the state in only two of the last 10 spring seasons.

A single Parasitic Jaeger was seen at WPBO. A Black-legged Kittiwake was found in Sanilac County, there was only a single report in the previous 10 spring seasons. The scarcer gulls were all reported in very good numbers,

most notably Thayer's, Iceland, and Glaucous Gulls. A White-winged Dove in Baraga County was one of the major rarities of the season. A Eurasian Collared Dove was reported from Mason County.

Lingering Great Gray Owls and Northern Hawk Owls were reported in the Upper Peninsula; Snowy Owls were seen statewide. Long-eared and Boreal Owls were both banded in greater numbers this spring than last at Whitefish Point. The Chuck-will's-Widow returned to its usual location in Berrien County for the fifth consecutive year. Recent burns in the Upper Peninsula have allowed greater numbers of the three-toed woodpeckers to be found, including an American Three-toed Woodpecker this spring.

This spring's Western Kingbird was found at the end of May in Alger County. The bird of the season was a Fish Crow discovered during the Southwest Michigan Team Birdathon and seen by many through the end of the season. As the Fish Crow has not been recorded in Wisconsin or Minnesota, this is one of the northernmost records in the central part of North America. There were several reports of White-eyed Vireos from north of the usual range.

Both Sedge and Marsh Wrens were disrupted from favored nesting areas by flooding. For the first time since 2004, no Townsend's Solitaires were reported this spring. A Varied Thrush in Washtenaw County lingered into the spring. After last year's impressive invasion, Bohemian Waxwings were seen only in the Upper Peninsula this spring. Around 1 May, Yellow-rumped Warblers were seen in large numbers throughout the southern Lower Peninsula. Yellow-throated Warblers were reported widely away from their nesting areas, but it was a rather routine season for Prairie, Worm-eating, and Kentucky Warblers. Hooded and Cerulean Warblers were again found in several locations north of their usual range.

After remarkable showings last spring, Summer Tanagers and Lark Sparrows were again reported in above average numbers, though not matching last year's totals. A Nelson's Sparrow was located through determined and innovative sleuthing in Berrien County in late May. A good proportion of this elusive species' spring migration seems to take place after the end of May. For the first time since 1999, no Harris's Sparrows were found this spring – rather surprising in view of the large numbers of several other species whose northward migration is to our west.

There were many interesting phenomena during the period just after April 24. The most remarkable of these, without any doubt, was the large number (many observers counted at least 40) of Smith's Longspurs in Berrien County



after April 27<sup>th</sup>. There had been just one spring Smith's Longspur in the last decade and only one previous Michigan record of this longspur involved more than one individual. Another of this species was found in Keweenaw County in May. Since this species is numerous locally in spring migration in central Illinois and breeds directly to our north along the western shore of Hudson Bay, its scarcity in the spring is quite enigmatic, but it is also considered casual in Wisconsin. Two Painted Buntings were found this spring. Only a single Western Meadowlark was reported from the Lower Peninsula this season.

If last year was for redpolls and Pine Grosbeaks, this was a year for Pine Siskins and White-winged Crossbills. The latter species staged its most impressive invasion in decades. At the start of the spring season, both of these species were present statewide. The crossbill retreated rapidly and numbers seen at Whitefish Point were amazingly low in view of the large numbers statewide. In which direction did these crossbills depart from southern Michigan? Siskins were another story; many remained to breed south of their normal summer range, as documented by Allen Chartier. In contrast, Pine Grosbeaks and Red Crossbills were scarce, neither was detected outside of Chippewa County this spring. Common Redpolls were found statewide with numbers quite a bit smaller than last spring; Hoary Redpolls were reported from several localities around the state. Evening Grosbeaks were restricted to the northern part of the state after having been rather more widespread last spring. Eurasian Tree Sparrow was found for the fourth consecutive spring season.

## **WEATHER AND MIGRATION**

The winter of 2008-2009 was the coldest in several years in the state, but February temperatures were above normal. Deep snow covered the entire state from 10 January to 7 February. On the latter date, temperatures topped 50°F in southern Michigan causing the snow to melt completely in the south; it did not return again for more than a brief period. Temperatures reached the 50°Fs again on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and brought some early migrants north.

After the first few days, March was generally warmer than normal, with temperatures reaching the mid 60°Fs in the southern Lower Peninsula on the 6<sup>th</sup>. This resulted in several quite early arrivals, including Blue-winged Teal, Great Egret, and Tree Swallow. As is usual, this episode of warm weather was followed by windy rainy weather for the next few days resulting in the first incident this season of western migrants moving east. Completely

unprecedented numbers for Michigan of Ross's Goose were seen and very good numbers of Greater White-fronted Goose and Snow Goose. Those familiar with the larger picture - the large numbers of these geese that move north a few hundred miles to our west - can only be amazed that this does not occur more often. Choosing a year at random, in Adam Byrne's Western Great Lakes report for the Spring Season of 2007 (Byrne, 2007) Minnesota reported 716 Ross's Geese and a high count of 13,695 Greater White-fronted Goose, the latter on March 16<sup>th</sup> in the southwestern county of Lac Qui Parle.

The next warm period of March was around the 15<sup>th</sup>. While the warm air on the 6<sup>th</sup> did not bring a lot of migrants to the Upper Peninsula, temperatures in the 50°Fs reached Marquette on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the earliest migrants - Killdeer, American Woodcock, Eastern Bluebird, and Red-winged Blackbird - were recorded in various Upper Peninsula counties around that time. There was also an impressive movement of Bald Eagles in Keweenaw County on the 15<sup>th</sup> and an early Turkey Vulture at Whitefish Point the next day.

After mid March, temperatures were rather average statewide. March temperatures as a whole were significantly above average in the south but only slightly above average in the north. The south was wet, with most of the precipitation coming as rain in the stormy period after the 6<sup>th</sup>, while the north was very dry with significant but diminishing snow cover at the end of the month.

April began with a rather weak front that caused temperatures greater than 60°F on only one day (the 2<sup>nd</sup>) in the south and had no large effect on the migration, though a Black-legged Kittiwake was discovered on this date. April weather then remained tranquil - cool and dry - until mid month. During the period of 16-17 April, the first genuinely warm temperatures of the season were seen with temperatures in the 70°Fs on 17 April almost statewide. There was normal arrival of migrants during this period, including a decidedly early Eastern Kingbird on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but the migration seemed somewhat behind schedule in the south at this point. For example, not a single Blue-headed Vireo, House Wren, or Palm Warbler was detected during that period. In the Upper Peninsula, the effects of this warm air were more dramatic. At Whitefish Point, counters observed in excess of 3000 Sandhill Cranes, over half the season's total, on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and 61 Northern Flickers were seen on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The warmup of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> was followed by lots of snow in the north with Marquette receiving 20" of snow on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> - even southern Michigan received traces of snow then. This was followed by one of those violent swings of weather so typical of spring in the Midwest; the temperature in Marquette jumped from 17°F on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> (with 9" of snow on the ground) to 77°F of the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>. In Lansing over the same period, the corresponding change was 29°F to 82°F; winds were strong out of the southwest.

The combination of rarities and heavy volume of migration that followed made this period as remarkable as any that I've observed. Up to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, a somewhat small total of 7 species of warblers had been detected in the state. Between the 24<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>, 17 species were detected for the first time. As suggested above, this included many that should have been here already, and a few that were quite early. The magnitude of this arrival was notable, as illustrated by the case of the Yellow Warbler. No Yellow Warblers were detected anywhere in the state before the 24<sup>th</sup> on which date (a Friday), they were found in seven counties. By the 25<sup>th</sup>, this observer counted about 40 around Hillsdale County. They seemed to be present in all available habitats; a process that often takes a week had been compressed into a couple days.

In the north, these days were less dramatic, perhaps because, in the Upper Peninsula, cold, windy weather with rain swiftly followed the warm weather of the 24<sup>th</sup>. At Whitefish Point, 107 Long-eared Owls were recorded on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, almost half the season's total; many Northern Harriers and Merlins and the first significant swallow flight passed the point on the next day.

During this period, some scarce species appeared in remarkable numbers. At the top of this list is Smith's Longspur, discussed above. Cattle Egret and American Avocet also appeared in numbers well beyond what had been observed previously. Other rarities that merit mention from this period are White-faced Ibis, Summer Tanager, and Lark Sparrow.

Temperatures for the exciting month of April were very close to normal statewide; precipitation was normal in the north and well above normal in the south. The reason for the imbalance was very heavy rainfall in the south around the frontal passage of the last week of April but only moderate amounts in the north for this period. The weather pattern was similar in May to April in that most of that month was also cool, and the brief stretches of warm weather were generally followed by substantial rain. In the south, this frontal activity was sufficient for temperatures to be normal and rainfall

again above normal. In the north, warm temperatures generally were seldom seen after the 10<sup>th</sup>, so May temperatures there were significantly below normal and May rainfall slightly below normal.

Compared to April, May thus lacked drama, especially in the south where many migrants had already appeared. After the events of 24-28 April, later migrants did not appear particularly early; for example, no Canada Warblers were reported before 11 May. Around the 16<sup>th</sup>, in the cool, clear days after a frontal passage, the latest passerine migrants appeared: Olive-sided, Alder, and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. In southern Michigan, the peak migration during the month for many species at River Rouge Bird Observatory, Wayne County was during 16-18 May.

In the Upper Peninsula, migration tends to look different from the southern part of the state, especially towards the end of May, which is when a couple of weeks of migration in the Lower Peninsula are compressed into just a few days in the Upper Peninsula. There was substantial migration of raptors in early May at Whitefish Point, most notably 4 May with 993 Broad-winged Hawks, 9 Golden Eagles and 8 Peregrines. The main passerine migration there began on the 14<sup>th</sup> when 18 species of warblers were seen, 9 for the first time in the season. Also on this day were 445 White-crowned Sparrows, 50 White-throated Sparrows and 4 Clay-colored Sparrows. The 25<sup>th</sup> was another good day there, with 20 species of warblers, including the first Canada Warbler and 10 each of Blackburnian and Black-throated Green Warblers. Chris Neri, Whitefish Point Bird Observatory director, expressed the opinion that the migration was far from complete at the end of the season, however, and indeed many migrants were seen there on 1 June, including a Palm Warbler and 15 Red-eyed Vireos, one less than what was seen during all of May.

Farther south, there was a strong migration of later migrants at Tawas Point, Iosco County on 29 May with notable numbers of Alder Flycatchers and Blackpoll, Mourning, and Wilson's Warblers. As is often the case, migrants were seen statewide into June, and in the northern part of the state, many species were still on the move, not just the late migrants.

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**ABBREVIATIONS:**

ad. – adult  
 FRD – First reported date(s)  
 HRT – Highest reported total  
 LNSGA – Lost Nation State Game Area, Hillsdale  
 LP – Lower Peninsula  
 LRD – Last reported date(s)  
 MBRC – Michigan Bird Records Committee  
 m.ob. – Many observers  
 MP – Metropark  
 MWS – Muskegon Wastewater System, Muskegon  
 NC – Nature Center  
 NLP – Northern Lower Peninsula  
 NPSWA – Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area, Bay  
 p. a. – pending acceptance by the MBRC  
 ph. – photo submitted  
 PM – Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe  
 SBA – Saginaw Bay Area  
 SGA – State Game Area  
 SLP – Southern Lower Peninsula  
 SNWR – Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw  
 SP – State Park  
 TPSP – Tawas Point State Park, Iosco  
 Twp. – Township  
 UP – Upper Peninsula  
 WPBO – Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Chippewa

County names are in italics. Species of note are capitalized. Numbers in parentheses at the beginning of the report for each species represent the counties reporting the species in the UP, NLP, and SLP, respectively. If a species was reported from all 83 counties, these numbers would be (15,33,35). At least one report was obtained from every county, very likely a first for the spring season; the only reports for Alpena were from the hummingbird survey. A total of 297 named observers contributed for the season.

**SPECIES ACCOUNTS**

**Greater White-fronted Goose**

(2,2,10) FRD - 5 Mar in *Allegan* (DL, JnL). LRD - 1 on 29 Apr in *Alger* (JHu). HRT - up to 15 between 9-11 Mar at *Galien, Berrien* (EH, AV, RJ).

**Snow Goose** (2,1,10) FRD - 1 on 5

Mar in *Clinton* (JB). LRD - 1 on 29 Apr in *Alger* (JHu). HRT - 251 on 17 Mar at SNWR (DPe), also totals of 84 in *Allegan* and 40 in *Berrien*.

**ROSS'S GOOSE** (1,1,6) 2 on 5 Mar

in *Monroe* (SHa); 1 on 7 Mar at Robert H. Long Park, *Oakland* (FH); 4 on 9-10 Mar with 1 still present 18-19 Mar in *Ingham* (TWh); 5 on 10-13 Mar at 3 locations in *Berrien* (TBa, MH, AM); 1 on 17 Mar at *Linwood, Bay* (KO, MW, SJ); 1 on 21-23 Mar at *Kensington MP, Oakland* (AC); 5 on 27 Mar at SNWR (DPe); 1 on 17 Apr in *Delta* (fide SHa); and 1 on 4 May in *Lenawee* (KO).

**Cackling Goose** (1,2,6) FRD - 3

Mar in *Wayne* (SJ). LRD - 1 on 29 Apr in *Alger* (JHu). HRT - 15 on 14 Mar at *Sleepy Hollow SP, Clinton* (LL, RL, CBr).

**Canada Goose** (13,24,33) HRT -

15,146 on 26 Mar at SNWR (DPo, JDs).

**BRANT** (1,0,0) 2 on 27 May at

WPBO (AB, PC).

**Mute Swan** (2,16,33) HRT - 450

on 21 Mar at PM (WW). First observed in the UP on 14 Mar in *Mackinac* (fide SHa).

**Trumpeter Swan** (7,11,16).

**Tundra Swan** (1,10,16) LRD - 1 on

29 May at SNWR (DPe, SK); HRT - 3000 on 22 Mar at *Pinconning Park, Bay* (DJ). 135 on 21 Mar and none on 18 Apr in the lakewatches along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.). In the UP, 100 on 21 Apr in *Munuscong Bay, Chippewa* (SBa, GV).



More Ross's Geese were recorded this spring than ever before. At least 5 Ross's Geese were in this interesting group of 17 small white geese in Berrien County in March 2009. Photo by Tim Baerwald.

**Wood Duck** (7,12,30) First observed on 4 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and 4 Apr at WPBO.

**Gadwall** (3,7,22) Last observed on 19 May in *Berrien* (PU). HRT – 3390 on 4 Apr at PM (AB).

**American Wigeon** (6,9,24) FRD – First observed on 11 Mar in *Berrien* (AM), 17 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and 17 Apr at WPBO. HRT – 773 on 4 Apr at PM (AB).

**American Black Duck** (5,8,23) HRT – 868 on 26 Mar at SNWR (DPo, JDs).

**Mallard** (11,22,34) HRT – 10,168 on 26 Mar at SNWR (DPo, JDs).

**Blue-winged Teal** (6,11,20) FRD – 6 Mar in *Berrien* (DSc), first observed on 26 Mar the SBA (DPe).

**Northern Shoveler** (5,7,25) HRT – 382 on 1 May at MWS (JnL, JsL, DL). First observed in the UP on 25 Mar in *Marquette*, *Marquette* (*fide* SHa). 14 from 18 Apr-29 May at WPBO.

**Northern Pintail** (5,6,19) HRT – 461 on 26 Mar at SNWR (DPo, JDs). First observed in the UP on 20 Mar in *Marquette*, *Marquette* (*fide* SHa). 146 from 16 Apr-4 May with a peak of 40 on 16 Apr at WPBO.

**Green-winged Teal** (6,8,23) HRT – 547 on 21 Apr at SNWR (DPe).

**Canvasback** (4,6,24) LRD – 1 on 30 May at the Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery, *Van Buren* (RS). HRT – 3750 on 6 Mar at Sunshine Point, *Macomb* (AC).

**Redhead** (8,13,25) HRT – 2000 on 26 Mar at Pinconning Park, *Bay* (REr, DJ).

**Ring-necked Duck** (9,18,28) HRT – 3373 on 26 Mar at SNWR (DPo, JDs), the highest count ever in the SBA. First observed in the UP on 17 Mar in *Alger* (*fide* SHa).

**Greater Scaup** (6,9,21) HRT – 10,000 on 21 Mar at PM (WW). 246 from 27 Apr-29 May at WPBO.

**Lesser Scaup** (7,12,27) HRT – 1167 on 4 Apr at PM (AB). 62 from 24 Apr-21 May at WPBO. First observed in the UP on 25 Mar in *Marquette*, *Marquette* (*fide* SHa).

**Harlequin Duck** (0,1,1) 1 on 1 Mar at Ludington SP, *Mason* (DDi). 3 on 27 Mar at Port Huron, *St Clair* (BK).

**Surf Scoter** (2,3,5) 57 from 4-26 May (LRD) with a peak of 22 (HRT) on 20 May at WPBO. 12 on 2 May at TPSP (JD) was the highest total away from WPBO.



**White-winged Scoter** (2,6,10) HRT – 1196 counted in 2 hours on 21 Mar at Pt. Betsie, *Benzie* (CFm, DC). 1212 from 18 Apr–30 May (LRD) with a peak of 220 on 20 May at WPBO. There were inland records from *Hillsdale*, *Livingston* and *Washtenaw*.



This male White-winged Scoter was nicely photographed at Tiscornia Park, Berrien Co. in March 2009. *Photo by Tim Baerwald.*

**Black Scoter** (0,3,3) LRD – 3 on 18 Apr at Douglas, *Allegan* (RB, AL), observed until 28 Mar in *Berrien* (JW). HRT – 6 on 27 Mar in *Muskegon* (JsL, JnL). Inland, 1 on 2 Apr in *Clare* (KO, SJ). None at WPBO.

**Long-tailed Duck** (4,6,12) HRT – 15,000 on 4 Mar in *Ottawa* and *Muskegon* (CF). There were inland reports from *Ingham* and *Saginaw*. 512 from 15 Apr–31 May (LRD) with a peak of 140 on 25 May at WPBO.

**Bufflehead** (9,21,30) HRT – 232 on 4 Apr at PM, also 224 on 26 Apr at MWS (JsL, JnL). 40 from 16 Apr–25 May (LRD) at WPBO.

**Common Goldeneye** (7,16,25) HRT – about 1200 independently counted on 14 and 21 Mar in the Douglas area, *Allegan* (DL, JnL, JsL, RB, AL). 72 from 16 Apr–30 May at WPBO.

**Hooded Merganser** (10,17,25) HRT – 100 on 6 Mar at Erie Marsh, *Monroe* (LF). 6 on 21 Mar and 1 on 18 Apr in a lakewatch along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.). First observed in the UP on 20 Mar in *Baraga* (*fide* SHa).

**Common Merganser** (10,22,28) HRT – 450 on 13 Mar at Pere Marquette Park, *Muskegon* (DL, JnL, JsL). 344 after 5 Apr at WPBO.

**Red-breasted Merganser** (8,15,21) 2611 on 21 Mar and 643 on 18 Apr in a lakewatch along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.). A peak of 248 on 12 May at WPBO.

**Ruddy Duck** (4,4,22) HRT – 2000 on 28 Apr in *Muskegon* (CF). First observed on 8 Mar in *Berrien* (JW) and 26 Mar in the SBA (DPe). In the UP reported from *Alger*, *Delta*, *Dickinson* and *Marquette*.

**Ring-necked Pheasant** (2,5,26) In the UP, reported from *Delta* and *Menominee*.

**Ruffed Grouse** (13,16,10)

Reported from *Berrien* on 4 May at the interesting location of Warren Dunes SP (TBa).

**Spruce Grouse** (4,0,0) Reported from *Alger, Chippewa, Luce and Marquette*.

**Sharp-tailed Grouse** (4,0,0) Reported from *Alger, Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac*.

**Wild Turkey** (5,24,30).

**Northern Bobwhite** (0,0,3) Reported in very small numbers from *Gratiot, Ingham, and Wayne*.

**Red-throated Loon** (3,2,5) 13 on 21 Mar (11 in *Berrien*) and 3 on 18 Apr in a lakewatch along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.). 241 after 25 Apr with a peak of 58 on 3 May at WPBO.

**PACIFIC LOON** (1,0,0) 1 on 28 May at WPBO (AB).

**Common Loon** (9,19,21) FRD – 21 Mar in several counties. 9 on 21 Mar and 42 on 18 Apr in a lakewatch along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.). 2105 after 12 Apr with a peak of 340 on 3 May at WPBO.

**Pied-billed Grebe** (7,12,25) HRT – 88 on 11 Apr at PM (AB). Overwintered in *Berrien*; first observed on 12 Mar in *Hillsdale* (JR) and 17 Mar in the SBA (DPe).

**Horned Grebe** (4,7,23) FRD – 1 on 9 Mar at Belleville Lake, *Wayne* (WP). 47 on 21 Mar and 4 on 18 Apr in a lakewatch along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.). 26 from 23 Apr-6 May (LRD) at WPBO.

**Red-necked Grebe** (5,3,3) In the LP, the best count was 9 on 21 Mar in *Leelanau* (AVZ). An inland record was 1 on 20-21 Apr on Reed's Lake, *Kent* (JsL, JnL). 293 from 15 Apr-29 May with a peak of 80 (HRT) on 30 Apr at WPBO.

**Eared Grebe** (0,0,3) 1 on 4 Apr at PM (AB); 2 on 1-3 May at MWS (JnL, JsL, DL, SJ); 1 on 12-18 May at Crow Island SGA, *Saginaw* (DD, RH).

**American White Pelican** (6,3,4) FRD – 1 on 12 Apr at Williamston, *Ingham* (AC). HRT – 20 on 25 Apr at Chassel Park, *Houghton* (JY); 5 from 16-30 Apr at WPBO.

**Double-crested Cormorant** (8,17,21) FRD – 1 on 19 Mar in Brownstown Twp., *Wayne* (WP). HRT – 1200 on 26 Apr at AuGres, *Arenac* (REr), also 418 on 21 Apr in lakewatch along Lake Michigan (CF, m.ob.); 241 after 12 Apr at WPBO.

**American Bittern** (7,4,10) FRD – 1 on 4 Apr at Wigwam Bay, *Arenac* (DJ).



**Least Bittern** (0,1,4) FRD – 1 on 26 Apr in Lake Erie MP, Wayne (SJ). Reported north to NPSWA.

**Great Blue Heron** (9,18,32) 40 after 26 Mar at WPBO.

**Great Egret** (2,8,22) FRD – 1 on 6 Mar in Penn Twp., Cass (DSc). HRT – 150 on 2 May in Oakland (MMn). In the UP, reported from Alger and Menominee.

**Snowy Egret** (0,2,3) About 4 in several locations from 11 Apr-27 May in Bay (SM, JSn, DJ, DD); 1 on 28 Apr at MWS (BJ); 1 from 7-22 May at Cecil Bay, Emmet (DCa); 1 on 16 May at the Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery, Van Buren (RS); 1 on 21 May in Oakland (SJ).

**Cattle Egret** (1,1,6) 4 on 12 Apr in Jackson (SJ); large numbers after 25 Apr in Monroe, top counts were 12 on 30 Apr in Berlin Twp.(WP) and 23 on 1 May at the Erie Gun Club (CP); about 5 after 26 Apr in Berrien (MH, AM, m.ob.); up to 3 on 29 Apr-3 May at Wickes Park, Saginaw (JfS, JnS, DPe); 15 on 4 May in Ottawa (CF); 4 on 5 May at Marquette Bay, Marquette (*vide* SHa); 1 on 6 May in Finn Park, Bay (MW, GP); also Wayne (WP).

**Green Heron** (3,11,25) FRD – 1 on 17 Apr in SNWR (ED). Singles on 23 and 25 May at WPBO, also reported from Mackinac and Menominee in the UP.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** (1,3,10) FRD – 1 on 30 Mar in Bay (SM). HRT – 23 on 15 May at PM (AB). In the UP reported from Mackinac (GV).

**WHITE-FACED IBIS** (0,0,4) 1 on 25 Apr-7 May at Lake Erie MP, Monroe (WP, CP, m.ob.); up to 2 on 15-31 May at PM (AB, PC, WW, m.ob.); 1 on 21-22 May in Washtenaw (AC, MJ, m.ob.); 1 on 21-22 May at Fish Point Wildlife Area, Tuscola (DS, DJ, m.ob.); 1 on 28 May at Three Oaks, Berrien (TBa, MH, m.ob.)(p. a.).

**BLACK VULTURE** (0,0,1) 1 on 1 May in Washtenaw (JSc).

**Turkey Vulture** (11,22,35) HRT – 371 on 2 Apr at Port Crescent SP, Huron (ME, DD, MF). 405 after 16 Mar with a peak of 35 on 4 May at WPBO.

**Osprey** (7,15,22) FRD – 2 Apr in Hillsdale (JR), first observed on 4 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 16 Apr at WPBO. 58 during the season at WPBO.

**MISSISSIPPI KITE** (0,0,1) 1 on 15-19 May in Jackson (DHe, LC).

**Bald Eagle** (13,23,21) HRT – 71 on 15 Mar at Lookout Mountain, Keweenaw (JY), also 62 on 5 Mar at SNWR (DPe). 308 during the season with a peak of 38 on 2 Apr at WPBO.



An extraordinary number of Cattle Egrets found their way to Michigan this spring; this individual was one of two at Sterling SP, Monroe Co. on 27 April 2009. *Photo by Allen T. Chartier.*



White-faced Ibises were much more widespread than normal this spring. This individual was photographed at Fish Point Wildlife Area, Tuscola Co. on 21 May 2009. *Photo by Doug Jackson.*



**Northern Harrier** (9,15,21) 523 after 26 Mar with a peak of 99 on 24 Apr at WPBO.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** (9,10,22)

A peak of 762 on 27 Apr at Port Crescent SP, *Huron* (ME, DD), the highest one-day count ever in the SBA; 8456 during the season with a peak of 1641 on 30 Apr at WPBO.

**Cooper's Hawk** (2,9,29) A peak of 10 on 18 Apr at Port Crescent SP, *Huron* (ME); 51 from 15 Mar–25 May with a peak of 12 on 24 Apr at WPBO; also reported from *Menominee* in the UP.

**Northern Goshawk** (2,3,6) 6 from 18 Apr–3 May at Port Crescent SP, *Huron* (ME, DD); 61 during the season with a peak of 4 on 24 Apr at WPBO.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** (2,10,17) 56 from 17 Mar–15 May with a peak of 14 on 2 Apr at WPBO.

**Broad-winged Hawk** (12,6,19) FRD – 9 Apr at Canton, *Wayne* (AC). HRT – over 3000 on 25 Apr along the eastern shoreline of *Huron* (ME). 2864 after 24 Apr with a peak of 993 on 4 May at WPBO.

**Swainson's Hawk** (1,0,0) 1 each on 13 and 20 May at WPBO.

**Red-tailed Hawk** (9,18,34) A dark morph was present at SNWR from 1 Mar–9 Apr (DPe). A peak count of

133 on 2 Apr at Port Crescent SP, *Huron* (ME, DD, MF); 1351 after 16 Mar with a peak of 115 on 12 Apr at WPBO.

**Rough-legged Hawk** (5,13,16)

LRD – 30 May at Tuttle Marsh, *Iosco* (AV). 796 from 1 Apr–27 May with a peak of 92 (HRT) on 19 Apr at WPBO.

**Golden Eagle** (3,2,6) 7 on 3 May at Port Crescent SP, *Huron* (ME) was the largest ever one-day count from the SBA; 86 from 17 Mar–23 May (LRD) with a peak of 9 (HRT) on 4 May at WPBO.

**American Kestrel** (10,18,31) 318 after 27 Mar with a peak of 54 on 24 Apr at WPBO.

**Merlin** (8,7,14) Last observed on 28 Apr in *Berrien* (JW) and 18 May in the SBA (DPe); 70 after 15 Mar with a peak of 11 (HRT) on 24 Apr at WPBO.

**Peregrine Falcon** (3,3,16) 65 after 2 Apr with a peak of 8 on 4 May at WPBO.

**Yellow Rail** (0,0,1) 1 on 2 May flushed from underfoot on a dike on at *Erie* Marsh, *Monroe* (SS).

**Virginia Rail** (2,6,19) FRD – 1 on 28 Mar in *Muskegon* (DL, JnL). In the UP, reported from *Iron* and *Mackinac*.





**Sora** (2,9,21) FRD – 1 on 21 Mar at PM (WW). HRT – 15 on 2 May at Erie Marsh, Monroe (SS).

**Common Moorhen** (0,2,7) FRD – 5 on 29 Apr at SNWR (DPe). HRT – 7 on 15 May at PM (AB). The northernmost report was 1 on 16 May at TPSP (WK).

**American Coot** (0,5,25) HRT - 6181 on 4 Apr at PM (AB). First observed on 27 Mar in the SBA (DPe).

**Sandhill Crane** (13,20,34) First observed on 4 Mar in Genesee (JBU) and 7 Mar in Ottawa (CF); 2 on 4 Mar in Munising, Alger (SB) were early for the UP; 4740 after 27 Mar with a peak of 2075 (HRT) on 17 Apr at WPBO, the highest one-day count of this species ever at this location.

**Black-bellied Plover** (3,4,6) FRD – 1 on 30 Apr in Berrien (AB). 113 after 19 May with a peak of 56 (HRT) on 31 May at WPBO.

**American Golden-Plover** (2,1,3) 31 on 25 Apr in Monroe (WP); 25 on 26 Apr in Wayne (SJ); maximum of 95 (29 Apr by AC) from 27-30 Apr in Berrien (KMi, m.ob.); 1 on 15 May at TPSP (JnL); 1 on 21-28 May in Marquette (MHa); 1 on 6 May and 17 on 23 May at WPBO.

**Semipalmated Plover** (4,7,11) FRD – 28 Apr in Berrien (AV). HRT – 110

on 15 May at SNWR (DPe); 74 after 11 May with a peak of 15 on 27 May at WPBO.

**Piping Plover** (3,3,1) FRD – 26 Apr in Alger and Mackinac. Present after 3 May with a peak of 4 on 11 and 12 May at WPBO.

**Killdeer** (9,22,33) First observed on 4 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and 16 Mar at WPBO, where the peak count was 16 on 6 May.

**American Avocet** (2,0,3) 1 on 25 Apr at WPBO (JHu, m.ob.); 1 on 25 Apr at Grand Marais, Alger (*vide* SHa); 8 on 26 Apr in Berrien (MI, DI); 11 on 26 Apr and 1 on 1 May at MWS (CP, JSL, JnL, m.ob.).

**Spotted Sandpiper** (10,11,22) FRD – 2 on 16 Apr in Washtenaw (MJ). HRT – 47 on 22 May at SNWR (DPe). 10 after 10 May at WPBO.

**Solitary Sandpiper** (4,5,22) FRD – 2 on 15 Apr in Washtenaw (MJ). LRD – 2 on 25 May at Boyne City, Charlevoix (SJo). HRT – 27 on 29 Apr in Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo (RS). 1 on 27 Apr at WPBO.

**Greater Yellowlegs** (7,5,22) FRD – 3 on 23 Mar at Willow MP, Wayne (WP). LRD – 1 on 29 May at SNWR (DPe). HRT – 21 on 13 Apr in Wayne (WP) and 30 Apr at SNWR (DPe); 7 from 18 Apr-2 May at WPBO.



**Willet** (5,2,4) FRD – 1 on 26 Apr at MWS (CF, CP, m.ob.). LRD – 1 on 26 May in Bay (DD, MW). HRT – 13 on 9 May at Keweenaw Bay, Baraga (JK), also 12 on 2 May at Erie Marsh, Monroe (SS).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** (5,4,21) FRD – 3 on 26 Mar at SNWR (DPe). LRD – 1 on 31 May in Bay (JSn). HRT – 54 on 5 May in Bay (JSn); 4 from 12-29 May at WPBO.

**Upland Sandpiper** (3,7,6) FRD – 3 on 19 Apr at MWS (CP). HRT – 10 on 29 Apr at Allegan SGA, Allegan (JnL). 1 on 26 May at WPBO.

**Whimbrel** (2,3,1) FRD – 6 on 16 May at PM (AB, TW). HRT – 188 on 22 May at TPSP (REr). 217 after 19 May with a peak of 75 on 24 May at WPBO; migration continued into June.

**Hudsonian Godwit** (3,0,1) 2 on 16 May in Schoolcraft (AY); 2 on 19 May at WPBO; 1 on 20 May at Maple River SGA, Gratiot (JR); 1 on 31 May at Grand Marais, Alger (SHi, MHu, JHu).

**Marbled Godwit** (1,1,1) 1 on 8-11 May in Bay (DD, LA, m.ob.); 1 on 24 May at SNWR (LA, CS); 1 on 30 May at WPBO (PC, JR, m.ob.).

**Ruddy Turnstone** (2,3,3) FRD – 1 on 12 May in Muskegon (BJ, CW). 17 on 24 May at SNWR (LA, CS)

was a good number inland. 80 after 24 May with a peak of 44 (HRT) on 31 May at WPBO.

**Red Knot** (1,1,1) 2 on 17 May in northeast Bay (MW); 2 each on 23 May and 27 May at WPBO; 2 on 26 May in Bay (MW); 3 on 29 May in Bay (DD); 2 on 30 May at PM (WW).

**Sanderling** (2,4,3) FRD – 1 on 12 May in Muskegon (BJ, CW). HRT – 30 on 21 May at TPSP (RD). 82 after 14 May with a peak of 21 on 28 May at WPBO

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** (2,2,7) FRD – 7 on 15 May at PM (AB). HRT – 150 on 30 May at PM (WW), another good count was 136 on 24 May at MWS (BJ, CW, JHm); 78 after 25 May with a peak of 34 on 28 May at WPBO.

**Least Sandpiper** (4,5,13) FRD – 29 Apr in Wayne and Berrien. HRT – 87 on 6 May at PM (AB). 15 from 13-31 May (LRD) at WPBO.

**White-rumped Sandpiper** (2,2,6) FRD – 1 on 6 May at PM (AB) was early. HRT – 5 on 27 May at Fennville Sewage Ponds, Allegan (TSm); 11 after 25 May with a peak of 5 on 28 May at WPBO.

**BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** (2,0,0) Singles on 14 May at Baraga Sewage Ponds, Baraga (LD) and 16 May at Isle Royale, Keweenaw (JK, AL).



**Pectoral Sandpiper** (0,2,11) FRD – 28 Mar in *Berrien* (AV, MC). LRD – 16 May in *Berrien* (HM).

**Dunlin** (2,6,12) FRD – 2 Apr in *Gratiot* (SJ). HRT – 946 on 6 May at PM (AB), also at least 500 on 24 May at SNWR (LA, CS, m.ob.).

**Stilt Sandpiper** (0,0,1) 1 on 16 May in *Berrien* (HM).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** (1,3,5) FRD – 12 May in *Alger*, *Chippewa* and *Muskegon*. LRD – 1 on 29 May at SNWR (DPe). HRT – 76 on 19 May in *Chatham*, *Alger* (SH). 4 on 12 May and 1 on 19 May at WPBO.

**Long-billed Dowitcher** (0,0,1) 1 on 19 Apr in *Muskegon* (CP-ph.).

**Wilson's Snipe** (8,5,15) FRD – 20 Mar in *Berrien* (MC). HRT – 211 on 11 Apr in *Berrien* (AV).

**American Woodcock** (6,14,20) Seen in February in *Berrien* (JW); first observed on 15 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and on 14 Mar in the UP, in *Delta* (*fide* SHa).

**Wilson's Phalarope** (1,2,5) FRD – 1 on 3 May in *Ingham* (JPA, TWh). LRD – 1 on 29 May at SNWR (DPe). HRT – 4 on 13-14 May at the Tamarack Sewage Ponds, *Houghton* (JK, LD).

**Red-necked Phalarope** (0,0,1) 1 on 15 May at PM (AB, TW).

**Parasitic Jaeger** (1,0,0) 1 on 29 May at WPBO (PC).

**BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE** (0,0,1) 1 on 2-4 Apr at Port Sanilac, *Sanilac* (MW, KO-ph., DH-ph.).

**Bonaparte's Gull** (3,8,23) First observed on 24 Mar in *Berrien* (JW) and 17 Mar the SBA (DPe). HRT – 201 on 12 May at MWS (BJ, CW); 776 from 5–31 May with a peak of 187 on 27 May at WPBO.

**Little Gull** (0,1,0) 1 immature on 21 May at TPSP (JBu).

**Laughing Gull** (0,0,1) 1 on 30 May at Jean Klock Park, *Berrien* (TBa, SJ).

**Franklin's Gull** (1,0,1) 1 on 18 Apr in New Buffalo, *Berrien* (AV, RJ); 1 on 14 May at Torch Lake, *Houghton* (JK, LD).

**Ring-billed Gull** (11,21,32) First appeared on 7 Mar in *Marquette*, *Marquette* (SHa). 364 after 4 May at WPBO.

**Herring Gull** (6,16,24).

**Thayer's Gull** (2,1,4) Up to 2 from 3-8 Mar in *Berrien* (PC, m.ob.); 1 on 4 Mar at Grace Lake, *Wayne* (AC);



1 on 4 Mar in *Macomb* (SJ); 1 on 31 Mar in *Marquette, Marquette* (SHa); 1 on 3 Apr at MWS (JsL, JnL); 1 on 19 May at TPSP (JH); 2 on 30 May at WPBO.

**Iceland Gull** (3,0,6) HRT – up to 5 during the last week of March at *Marquette, Marquette* (SHa), seen there until 3 May (LRD) (JHu). Reported well inland in *Livingston* (RHo, SJ) and *Genessee* (AH, DMA). One on 22 Apr at WPBO.



This first cycle Iceland Gull was nicely photographed at *Marquette* on 24 March 2009. Photo by David Pavlik.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** (1,0,9) LRD – 1 May at MWS (DL, JnL, JsL). HRT – 3 on 4-7 Mar in the *Belleville Lake-Grace Lake* area, *Wayne* (ELe, AC). In the UP, 1 on 28 Apr in *Alger* (JHu).

**Glaucous Gull** (3,4,13) HRT – 4 on 4 Mar in *Muskegon* (CF); 10 from 11 Apr-16 May (LRD) at WPBO.

**Great Black-backed Gull** (3,5,11) HRT – 14 on 11 Mar at *Sterling SP, Monroe* (SJ); high counts away from the southeast included 9 on 26 Mar

in *Bay* (REr) and 8 after 20 May at *St. Joseph, Berrien* (TBa); 1 each on 30 Apr, 16 May and 30 May at WPBO.

**Caspian Tern** (7,9,22) FRD – 4 Apr in *Berrien, Sanilac* and *Tuscola*. HRT – 120 on 26 Apr at PM (WW); 21 after 29 Apr at WPBO.

**Black Tern** (0,8,7) FRD – 3 May in *Eaton, Gratiot* and *Newaygo*. HRT – 28 on 25 May at *Wigwam Bay SWA, Arenac* (DJ).

**Common Tern** (2,8,10) FRD – 1 on 15 Apr at *Brownstown Twp., Wayne* (WP). HRT – 65 on 22 May at *NPSWA* (RD). 126 from 22-28 May with a peak of 60 on 25 May at WPBO.

**Forster's Tern** (1,4,17) FRD – 1 on 2 Apr at *Brownstown Twp., Wayne* (WP). HRT – 213 on 15 May at PM (AB). In the UP, 2 on 20 May at *Au Train, Alger* (SH).

**Rock Pigeon** (8,17,32).

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE** (0,1,0) 1 on 24 Apr in *Mason* (CD).

**WHITE-WINGED DOVE** (1,0,0) 1 on 10 May in *Baraga* (JK).

**Mourning Dove** (11,27,35) 6 from 26 Mar-25 May at WPBO.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** (0,4,18) FRD  
– 9 May in *Berrien* and *Oakland*.  
Reported north to *Iosco* and  
*Manistee*.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** (0,8,20) FRD  
– 7 May at *Walled Lake, Oakland*  
(DO). Reported north to *Cheboygan*.

**Eastern Screech-Owl** (0,2,16)  
Reported north to *Bay* and *Isabella*.

**Great Horned Owl** (6,2,19) 14  
from 10 Apr–25 May with a peak  
of 187 on 27 May at WPBO.

**Snowy Owl** (4,3,3) LRD – 15 May  
in *Bay* (LW, SW). Not reported after  
3 Mar in *Berrien* (JW). 7 from 19  
Apr–14 May with a peak of 2 on  
20 Apr at WPBO.

**Northern Hawk Owl** (2,0,0) A  
lingering individual was reported on  
4 May in *Luce* (DSt). Also reported  
from *Chippewa*.

**Barred Owl** (4,11,15) 11 from 15  
Apr–3 May with a peak of 4 on 2  
May at WPBO.

**Great Gray Owl** (1,0,0) Lingering  
individual reported as late as 14  
Mar in *Chippewa* (SJ); 17 from 10  
Apr–24 May (LRD) with a peak of 3  
on 3 May at WPBO.

**Long-eared Owl** (1,0,3) 1 on 6 Mar  
at *Lake Erie MP, Macomb* (AC); 1  
on 19 Mar in *Estral Beach, Monroe*

(WP); 1 on 3 Apr in *Kalamazoo*  
(fide RS); 240 from 26 Mar–24 May  
with a peak of 107 on 23 Apr at  
WPBO.

**Short-eared Owl** (2,1,4) HRT – 4  
on 17 Mar at SNWR (JDs) and on  
25 Mar in *St. Joseph, Berrien* (TBa).  
Also reported from *Bay, Hillsdale,*  
*Marquette, and Monroe*. 7 from 17  
Apr–3 May with a peak of 3 on 2  
May at WPBO.



This Short-eared Owl flew in off *Lake Michigan* at *Tiscornia Park, Berrien Co.* on 25 March 2009. Photo by *Tim Baerwald*.

**Boreal Owl** (1,0,0) 83 from 23  
Mar–11 May with peak of 13 on 2  
May at WPBO.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** (4,2,1)  
First heard calling on 15 Mar at  
*Shelter Bay, Alger* (SH). 600 after  
16 Mar with peak of 35 on 10 Apr  
at WPBO.

**Common Nighthawk** (1,7,14) FRD  
– 9 May in *Berrien* and *Muskegon*. 1  
on 18 May at WPBO.



**CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW** (0,0,1) 1 after 4 May in Berrien (MB, m.ob.) (p.a.).

**Whip-poor-will** (2,9,5) FRD – 30 Apr in Berrien (MB) and Missaukee (ACo). HRT – 6 on 31 May at Gratiot-Saginaw SGA, Gratiot (BC). 1 each on 8 and 23 May at WPBO; in the UP also reported from Alger.

**Chimney Swift** (5,11,26) FRD – 20 Apr in Oakland (SJ), first observed on 27 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 12 May at WPBO. HRT – 284 on 9 May at SNWR (DPe, SK, JfS), the highest one-day count ever in the SBA.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** (15,32,35) FRD – Record early arrivals on 2 Apr from St. Clair and Livingston, 3 Apr in Oakland, 6 Apr in Cass; 1 on 8 Apr in Lenawee tied previous record (*fide* AC); in the NLP, except for 1 on 19 Apr in Montmorency, all reports were after 27 Apr; in the UP, first reported on 3 May (*fide* AC); 17 after 15 May at WPBO.

**Belted Kingfisher** (12,17,27) 1 on 24 Apr at WPBO.

**Red-headed Woodpecker** (3,7,20) A bird assumed to be overwintering on 13 Mar in Tuscola (JV). First migrants on 16 Apr in Hillsdale and Washtenaw. One on 23 May at WPBO; also reported in the UP from Dickinson and Menominee.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** (5,21,33) 3 after 19 May at WPBO.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** (9,17,21) Last observed on 2 May in Berrien (JW). First observed on 26 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and 10 Apr at WPBO.

**Downy Woodpecker** (11,25,33).

**Hairy Woodpecker** (11,24,29) Not recorded during the season at WPBO.

**AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER** (1,0,0) 1 on 23 May in Keweenaw (JH).

**Black-backed Woodpecker** (3,0,0) HRT – 11 on 1-2 Mar at the Sleeper Lake Burn in Luce (JY, ZG). 1 each on 22 and 25 May at WPBO. Also reported from Houghton.

**Northern Flicker** (12,24,34) 129 from 13 Apr-6 May with a peak of 61 on 16 Apr at WPBO.

**Pileated Woodpecker** (10,22,24).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** (3,4,4) FRD – 16 May in Monroe (TW).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** (5,13,27) FRD – 7 May in Kalamazoo (RS). 4 after 26 May at WPBO.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (1,1,8) FRD – 1 on 15 May at Fenner Arboretum, Lansing, *Ingham* (JR). 6 on 23 May (HRT) at WPBO.

**Acadian Flycatcher** (0,0,13) FRD – 9 May in *Hillsdale* and *Berrien*. Reported north to *Gratiot* and *Tuscola*.

**Alder Flycatcher** (2,6,13) FRD – 16 May in *Berrien* and *Macomb*. HRT – 15 migrants on 29 May at TPSP (JR).

**Willow Flycatcher** (0,5,18) FRD – 8 May at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (AV). Reported north to *Alcona* (FA).

**Least Flycatcher** (7,13,21) FRD – 24 Apr from *Oakland* (SJ); 58 after 6 May with a peak of 20 on 21 May at WPBO.

**Eastern Phoebe** (12,22,30) FRD – 15 Mar in Three Oaks, *Berrien* (TS); 10 from 15 Apr–25 May at WPBO. A peak of 5 on 14 Apr in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO).

**Great Crested Flycatcher** (9,16,28) FRD – 24 Apr at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (AV, RJ). One on 29 May at WPBO.

**Western Kingbird** (1,0,0) 1 on 30-31 May at Grand Marais, *Alger* (JC, SH, JHu, MHu-ph).

**Eastern Kingbird** (5,20,24) FRD – 18 Apr at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (BA). First observed on 25 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 6 May at WPBO.

**Northern Shrike** (2,2,8) LRD – 16 Apr at WPBO. Latest report in the LP was 1 on 6 Apr at Fish Point Wildlife Area, *Tuscola* (MW).

**White-eyed Vireo** (0,2,10) FRD – 25 Apr in Dolph Park, Ann Arbor, *Washtenaw* (MJ). 3 on 30 Apr at Metro Beach MP, *Macomb* (AC) was an impressive total there. An unusual northern report was 1 on 13 May at TPSP (REr), also reported from 2 locations in *Bay*.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** (1,12,23) FRD – 25 Apr in *Hillsdale*, *Clinton* and *Washtenaw*. Observed from 26 Apr-16 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO). In the UP, 2 on 22 May at Tahquamenon Falls SP, *Chippewa* (GD).

**Blue-headed Vireo** (9,14,20) FRD – 1 on 23 Apr at Gratiot-Saginaw SGA, *Gratiot* (BC). Observed from 24 Apr-16 May with a peak of 5 on 2 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO). Six after 8 May at WPBO.

**Warbling Vireo** (4,13,28) FRD – 25 Apr in *Berrien* and *Hillsdale*.



**Philadelphia Vireo** (1,3,7) FRD – 1 on 7 May at Lost Nation SGA, Hillsdale (JR). LRD – 29 May at TPSP (JR) and WPBO; 11 from 18 May–29 May at WPBO, where also present in June.

**Red-eyed Vireo** (7,16,26) FRD – 26 Apr in Berrien (AV), also reported in April in Wayne and Allegan; 16 after 20 May with a peak of 6 on 27 May at WPBO.

**Gray Jay** (5,0,0).

**Blue Jay** (12,30,34) 4160 after 6 May with a peak of 585 on 25 May at WPBO.

**FISH CROW** (0,0,1) 1 in the Forest Lawn area of Berrien after 16 May (TBa, MH, m.ob.) (p. a.). More than one was thought to be present.

**American Crow** (14,29,35).

**Common Raven** (14,19,0).

**Horned Lark** (4,10,32) Present 17 Mar–31 May at WPBO. HRT – 345 on 31 Mar at MWS (JnL).

**Purple Martin** (1,7,21) FRD – 9 Apr in Hillsdale (WP). HRT – 122 on 2 May in southern coastal Monroe (CP). Most of the NLP sightings are from the SBA, where this species is numerous along the Lake Huron shoreline; 2 on 27 May at WPBO.

**Tree Swallow** (11,21,32) FRD – 1 on 6 Mar at Rockwood, Wayne (WP); 40 after 17 Apr at WPBO.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** (4,12,26) FRD – 11 Apr in Hillsdale and Wayne; 1 on 12 May at WPBO.

**Bank Swallow** (5,7,23) FRD – 1 on 21 Apr at Reed's Lake, Kent (JsL, JnL); 9 after 4 May at WPBO.

**Cliff Swallow** (4,10,14) FRD – 24 Apr at WPBO. Away from WPBO, the earliest sightings were on 30 Apr in Berrien and Wayne.

**Barn Swallow** (6,21,31) FRD – 9 Apr in Ottawa and Oakland; 165 after 16 Apr at WPBO.

**Black-capped Chickadee** (13,29,33) 386 during the season with a peak of 56 on 18 May at WPBO.

**Boreal Chickadee** (3,0,0) 1 on 16 Apr at WPBO.

**Tufted Titmouse** (0,17,31) Reported north to Cheboygan.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** (13,23,21) In Berrien, last observed on 19 May (AV). Numbers rather low in the SLP; 117 during the season with a peak of 18 on 25 May at WPBO.



**White-breasted Nuthatch** (9,23,31)  
5 from 24 Apr-6 May at WPBO.

**Brown Creeper** (8,15,27) Last  
observed on 25 Apr at Metro  
Beach MP, Macomb (AC); 26 from  
26 Apr-24 May with a peak of 12  
on 4 May at WPBO.

**Carolina Wren** (0,2,19) Reported  
north to *Isabella* and *Midland*.

**House Wren** (4,14,30) FRD – 24  
Apr from *Berrien*, *Eaton*, *Oakland*  
and *Ottawa*.

**Winter Wren** (6,16,19) Noted from  
27 Mar-16 May in *Berrien* (JW); 5  
on 2-3 May at WPBO.

**Sedge Wren** (3,4,10) FRD – 24 Apr  
in at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (AV,  
RJ). Francke commented that this  
species was absent from regular  
locations, possibly due to flooding.

**Marsh Wren** (2,3,15) One on 21  
Mar in *Monroe* (TW) was likely  
wintering. The first reported  
migrants were on 29 Apr in *Wayne*  
(WP) and *St. Clair* (SS). Absent  
during the spring from preferred  
locations in *Hillsdale* and *Gratiot* (JR)  
likely due to high water in May.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** (7,10,27)  
Last observed on 1 May in *Berrien*  
(JW); 24 from 26 Apr–27 May with  
a peak of 12 on 29 Apr at WPBO.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** (7,13,25)  
FRD – 1 on 31 Mar in *Barry* (JLe);  
93 from 26 Apr–24 May with a  
peak of 15 on 4 May at WPBO.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** (3,4,28)  
FRD – 18 Apr in *Berrien* (BBC) and  
*Kalamazoo* (RS); 1 on 29 May  
at TPSP (JR) appeared to be a  
migrant; 13 from 24 Apr–24 May  
at WPBO.

**Eastern Bluebird** (9,19,33) 100  
after 17 Mar with a peak of 62 on  
23 May at WPBO.

**Veery** (6,16,21) FRD – 29 Apr in  
*Dearborn*, *Wayne* – a peak of 5  
there on 18 May (JCr, DO); 4 from  
23-28 May at WPBO.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** (6,2,11)  
FRD – 1 on 26 Apr at Lincoln Twp.  
Beach, *Berrien* (JW). LRD – 2 on 31  
May at Grand Marais, *Alger* (SH,  
JHu, MHu). Observed from 3-18  
May in the U-M Dearborn area,  
*Wayne* (JCr, DO); 2 each on 14  
May and 23 May at WPBO.

**Swainson's Thrush** (4,6,25) FRD –  
1 on 24 Apr at Fish Point Wildlife  
Area, *Tuscola* (DD), reported from  
many counties in the last days of  
April. Observed from 26 Apr-31  
May with a peak of 16 on 18 May  
in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne*  
(JCr, DO). 14 after 14 May at  
WPBO.



**Hermit Thrush** (10,16,20) Present from 1-25 Apr in *Berrien* (JW). Observed from 9 Apr-5 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO); 21 on 18 Apr at Metro Beach MP, *Macomb* (AC) was the local migratory peak. First observed on 8 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 25 Apr at WPBO.

**Wood Thrush** (0,10,20) FRD – 24 Apr in *Berrien* and *Saginaw*.

**American Robin** (14,26,35) 285 after 17 Mar with a peak of 130 on 5 Apr at WPBO.

**Varied Thrush** (0,0,1) 1 on 11 Apr in *Washtenaw* (BW) was the last reported sighting of a bird that had been present through the winter.

**Gray Catbird** (5,18,31) FRD – 24 Apr in *Bay* and *Berrien*. 8 from 2–27 May at WPBO.

**Northern Mockingbird** (5,3,6) First observed on 2 Apr in *Berrien* (JW) and 17 Apr in the SBA (DPe); 1 on 19-20 May at WPBO.

**Brown Thrasher** (5,15,29) FRD – 1 on 5 Apr at Bay City State Recreation Area, *Bay* (RD); 5 after 8 May at WPBO.

**European Starling** (7,26,35).

**American Pipit** (4,5,17) FRD – 2 on 23 Mar in *Berrien* (JW). Last seen on 20 May in the SBA (DPe); 447 after

5 May with a peak of 100 on 5 May at WPBO, migration continued into June.

**Bohemian Waxwing** (2,0,0) HRT – 250 on 26 Mar in *Marquette*, *Marquette* (SSt); 22 from 17 Mar-18 Apr (LRD) at WPBO.

**Cedar Waxwing** (7,17,27) 15 on 5 Apr and 257 after 15 May with a peak of 95 on 29 May at WPBO.

**Blue-winged Warbler** (0,6,23) FRD – 25 Apr in *Washtenaw* (MJ). Observed from 26 Apr-6 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO). Reported north to *Missaukee* and *Iosco*.

**Golden-winged Warbler** (1,6,9) FRD – 2 May at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (TBd). Observed on 18 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO).

**Tennessee Warbler** (6,3,22) FRD – 25 Apr in the Galien River vicinity, *Berrien* (CP). Observed from 9-27 May with a peak of 12 on 18 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO); 14 from 14-28 May at WPBO.

**Orange-crowned Warbler** (4,1,13) One through mid March at a feeder in *Marquette*, *Marquette* (L&PC) had successfully wintered. The first reported migrant was 1 on 18 Apr at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (PU,

m.ob.). Observed from 11-18 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 10 from 14-29 May (LRD) at WPBO.

**Nashville Warbler** (12,15,27)

FRD – 24 Apr at Warren Dunes SP, Berrien (AV, RJ). Observed from 25 Apr-20 May with a peak of 11 on 2, 5 and 9 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 37 after 12 May at WPBO.

**Northern Parula** (9,5,17) FRD – 25

Apr at 2 sites in Berrien (CP, m.ob.). Observed from 1-27 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 5 from 14-25 May at WPBO.

**Yellow Warbler** (7,16,31) FRD – 24 Apr in a remarkable 7 counties north to Kent and Bay. 6 from 21-29 May at WPBO.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** (7,10,23)

FRD – 1 on 26 Apr at Shubel Park, Lansing, Ingham (TC). Observed from 2-28 May with a peak of 14 on 16 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 26 from 11-29 May with a peak of 6 on 28 May at WPBO.

**Magnolia Warbler** (8,11,20) FRD – 1 May in Hillsdale (JR). Observed from 9-30 May with a peak of 16 on 16 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 32 after 11 May at WPBO.

**Cape May Warbler** (5,2,12)

Observed from 28 Apr (FRD)-16 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 20 from 14-28 May with a peak of 6 on 14 and 21 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler**

(6,5,16) FRD – 1 on 28 Apr at Three Oaks, Berrien (TS). Observed from 30 Apr-21 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 7 from 4-25 May at WPBO.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** (13,18,30)

First observed on 4 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 24 Apr at WPBO. HRT – 163 on 2 May in southern coastal Monroe (CP), also 125 were present on 1 May in a single woodlot in Lost Nation SGA, Hillsdale (JR). Observed from 14 Apr-18 May with a peak of 97 on 1 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 505 after 24 Apr with a peak of 118 on 29 Apr at WPBO. An individual of the race *auduboni* reported on 4 May at Copper Harbor, Keweenaw (ZG, SH).

**Black-throated Green Warbler**

(12,17,25) Observed from 24 Apr (FRD)-27 May with a peak of 7 on 26 and 29 Apr and on 2 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 74 after 30 Apr with a peak of 11 on 12 May at WPBO.

**Blackburnian Warbler** (7,7,21) FRD – 1 on 25 Apr in *Muskegon* (CF) was somewhat early. Observed from 8-25 May with a peak of 6 on 16 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO).

**Yellow-throated Warbler** (1,0,5) FRD – 17 Apr at Forest Lawn Rd., *Berrien* (AV, RJ). HRT – 12 on 14 May during a kayak survey in *Branch* (CP). Reports away from extreme south were: 1 on 22-23 Apr at Smith's Creek, *St. Clair* (REm, DM, m.ob.); 1 on 15 May at Manitou Island, *Keweenaw* (*vide* SHa); 1 during May in *Stinchfield Woods, Washtenaw* (MJ); 3 on 30 May in *Van Buren* (SJ).

**Pine Warbler** (5,11,21) An individual appeared at a feeder in the third week of March near Bath, *Clinton* (*vide* AB) after having been present in early winter. First migrants reported in 18 Apr in *Allegan, Berrien, and Hillsdale*. Four from 24 Apr-10 May at WPBO.

**Kirtland's Warbler** (0,5,0) FRD – 14 May in *Clare* (ES).

**Prairie Warbler** (0,0,3) FRD – 1 on 24 Apr at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (AV, RJ); 1 on 1 May at Dolph Park, Ann Arbor, *Washtenaw* (MJ). Also reported from *Allegan*.

**Palm Warbler** (8,8,24) FRD – 24 Apr in *Bay, Berrien, Ottawa* and *Wayne*. HRT – 50 on 3 May in Hampton Twp., *Bay* (PR). Observed from 24 Apr-16 May with a peak of 23 on 2 May, and an individual of the eastern race *hypochrysea* was reported on 24 Apr, in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO); 18 after 30 Apr at WPBO.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** (4,3,12) FRD – 1 on 2 May in *Bay* (JSn, JfS). LRD – 29 May at Forest Lawn, *Berrien* (DB). Observed from 10-21 May with a peak of 7 on 18 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO); 6 from 14-25 May at WPBO.

**Blackpoll Warbler** (5,3,16) FRD – 1 on 7 May in *Hillsdale* (JR). HRT – 12 on 16 May at TPSP (DL, JnL). Observed from 16-31 May with a peak of 5 on 18 and 23 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO); 9 after 14 May with a peak of 5 on 28 May at WPBO.

**Cerulean Warbler** (0,3,16) FRD – 1 May in *Hillsdale* and *Berrien*. HRT – 14 on 14 May during a kayak survey in *Branch* (CP). NLP reports included a female on 12 May at TPSP (REr) and 6 on 23 May at one location in *Arenac* (KO).

**Black-and-white Warbler** (7,11,24) FRD – 1 on 24 Apr at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (AV, RJ). Observed from 25 Apr-22 May with a peak

of 5 on 2 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 27 from 2-25 May with a peak of 8 on 20 May at WPBO.

**American Redstart** (11,17,26) FRD – 30 Apr in *Hillsdale* and *Wayne*. Observed from 30 Apr-31 May with a peak of 16 on 17 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO); 28 after 16 May at WPBO.

**Prothonotary Warbler** (0,1,15) FRD – 26 Apr in *Washtenaw* and *Wayne*. HRT – 61 on 14 May during a kayak survey in *Branch* (CP); 10 (8 males) on 29 May at SNWR (DPe) was a good total farther north. In the NLP, 1 after 5 May along the Baldwin River in *Lake* (BS).

**Worm-eating Warbler** (0,0,4) 1 on 8 May at Metro Beach MP, *Macomb* (AC); 1 after 9 May along Swan Creek in the Allegan SGA, *Allegan* (CF, TSm); up to 4 after 23 May at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (BA, m.ob.); 1 on 25 May at Gregory SGA, *Livingston* (RW).

**Ovenbird** (13,20,26) FRD – 26 Apr in *Ingham* and *Wayne*. First observed on 6 May in the SBA (DPe) and 12 May at WPBO.

**Northern Waterthrush** (4,12,21) FRD – 19 Apr at Harbert, *Berrien* (C&NM). Observed from 25 Apr - 18 May with a peak of 4 on 3

May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO). One on 14 May at WPBO.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** (0,1,13) FRD – 1 on 6 Apr in Lost Nation SGA, *Hillsdale* (JR), also 1 on 10 Apr at UM-Dearborn, Wayne (DO). In the NLP, 1 along the Pere Marquette River, *Mason* (CSc).

**Kentucky Warbler** (0,0,4) 2 on 26 Apr at Shubel Park, Lansing, *Ingham* (TC, JPa); 1 on 9-16 May at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (JSh, AV, m.ob.); 1 on 22 May in *Wayne* (SJ); 1 on 27 May at Lost Nation SGA, *Hillsdale* (JR).

**Connecticut Warbler** (1,0,5) FRD – 1 on 11 May at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (AV, RJ). 1 on 26 May at UM-Dearborn, Wayne (JCr, DO). 1 on 29 May near Trout Lake, *Chippewa* (TW, JHu).

**Mourning Warbler** (3,8,10) FRD – 1 on 9 May at Half Moon Lake, *Washtenaw* (MJ). HRT – 12 on 29 May at TPSP (JR). Observed from 16-31 May in the U-M Dearborn area, Wayne (JCr, DO). One on 24 May at WPBO.

**Common Yellowthroat** (10,20,28) FRD – 23 Apr at Copper Harbor, *Keweenaw* (*vide* SH), otherwise reported in several counties on 25 Apr. First observed on 30 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 14 May at WPBO.

**Hooded Warbler** (0,2,12) FRD – 25 Apr in *Berrien* and *Washtenaw*. Three from 9-28 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO). In the NLP reported from *Arenac* (first record for that county) and *Bay*.

**Wilson's Warbler** (5,3,13) Observed from 3 (FRD)-23 May with a peak of 5 on 21 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO). HRT – 14 on 29 May at TPSP (JR); 21 after 14 May at WPBO.

**Canada Warbler** (3,6,14) FRD – 1 on 11 May at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (MH). HRT – 12 on 16 May in *Berrien* (SJ). Observed from 16-31 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO). 5 after 25 May at WPBO.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** (0,1,4) FRD – 1 on 7 May at Lost Nation SGA, *Hillsdale* (JR). In the NLP, 1 on 15 May at TPSP (JHu, PR, RH). Also reported from *Berrien*, *Lapeer*, and *Washtenaw*.

**Summer Tanager** (1,0,6) 4 individuals were discovered on 28 Apr in 3 locations in *Berrien* (TS, JB, m.ob.); 1 on 29 Apr in *Kalamazoo* (JoS-ph); observed on 30 Apr, 10 May and 23 May in the U-M Dearborn area, *Wayne* (JCr, DO); 2 May in *Ottawa* (CF); 9 May in *Washtenaw* (MJ); 1 on 9 May in *Marenisco*, *Gogebic* (BoA-ph); 24 May in *Oakland* (SJ).



This first year male Summer Tanager was farther north than normal at *Marenisco*, *Gogebic* Co. on 9 May 2009. Photo by Bob Anderson.

**Scarlet Tanager** (4,12,23) FRD – 1 on 25 Apr in *Berrien* (JJ). HRT – 10 on 14 May at TPSP (KO, JLs, m.ob.); 12 from 14 May-28 May with a peak of 5 on 25 May at WPBO.

**Eastern Towhee** (4,18,27) First observed on 27 Mar in the SBA (DPe). In the UP, reported from *Chippewa*, *Delta*, *Dickinson*, and *Menominee*.

**American Tree Sparrow** (8,17,30) Latest record in the SBA was on 5 May (DPe); few were seen in the LP after the late April warm spell; 24 from 14 Apr-8 May (LRD) at WPBO.

**Chipping Sparrow** (12,24,31) FRD – 1 on 18 Mar in *Berrien* (DSc), first observed on 26 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and 1 May at WPBO.

**Clay-colored Sparrow** (5,8,11) FRD – 1 on 5 May at Crosswinds Marsh, Wayne (WP). One singing on 24 May at Fenner Arboretum, Lansing, Ingham (JR), was a rather late migrant for the SLP; 23 from 8-29 May at WPBO.

**Field Sparrow** (4,13,30) FRD – 21 Mar in Berrien (AM); 1 on 14 Apr at WPBO.

**Vesper Sparrow** (7,10,20) FRD – 1 on 3 Apr at Oakwoods MP, Wayne (WP). One on 8-9 May at WPBO.

**LARK SPARROW** (1,0,2) 1 on 26 Apr at Nichol's Arboretum in Washtenaw (MJ, m.ob.); 1 on 21 May in Mackinac (GV); 1 after 28 May in Barry (BR, m.ob.).

**Savannah Sparrow** (9,14,25) FRD – 2 on 28 Mar in Tuscola (JV); 19 from 3-30 May at WPBO.

**Grasshopper Sparrow** (0,0,12) FRD – 1 on 18 Apr at St. Joseph, Berrien (MH). HRT – 57 (53 males) on 31 May at MWS (BJ).

**Henslow's Sparrow** (0,1,7) FRD – 25 Apr in Hillsdale (JR). Reported north to Iosco (CF).

**Le Conte's Sparrow** (2,0,1) FRD – 1 on 25 Apr in Chippewa (JBU). HRT – 21 on 20 May at Munuscong Wildlife Management Area,

Chippewa (BJ). In the LP, 1 on 10 May at Warren Dunes SP, Berrien (BK).

**NELSON'S SPARROW** (0,0,1) 1 on 28-31 May at the Galien River Marsh, Berrien (TBa, m.ob.).



This Nelson's Sparrow at the Galien River marsh, Berrien Co. was uncharacteristically cooperative. Photographed on 28 May 2009 by Tim Baerwald.

**Fox Sparrow** (5,10,23) LRD – 1 May at WPBO, last observed on 17 Apr in Berrien (JW); present from 17 Mar-29 Apr in the SBA (DPe).

**Song Sparrow** (14,27,34) First observed on 26 Mar at WPBO.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** (4,4,13) FRD – 25 Apr at Forest Lawn Rd., Berrien (BBC). 1 on 29 May at TPSP (JR) was the latest migrant in the LP. 17 from 3-28 May at WPBO.

**Swamp Sparrow** (6,12,23) First apparent migrant was 1 on 5 Apr at Metro Beach MP, Macomb; the



migratory peak there was from 30 Apr-10 May, with 19 banded on 30 Apr (AC). Seven from 1-28 May at WPBO.

**White-throated Sparrow** (12,17,27) A peak of 65 on 24 Apr in the U-M Dearborn Area, Wayne (JC, DO), where last observed on 18 May; last observed on 25 May in Berrien (JW); 407 from 24 Apr-28 May with a peak of 225 on 1 May at WPBO.

**White-crowned Sparrow** (10,16,28) A peak of 57 on 9 May in Dearborn, Wayne, where last observed on 26 May (JC, DO); 1150 after 3 May with a peak of 445 on 14 May at WPBO; 6 were still present on 31 May.

**Dark-eyed Junco** (10,21,31) A peak of 33 on 14 Apr in the U-M Dearborn Area, Wayne (JC, DO), where last observed on 30 Apr; last observed on 8 May in Berrien (JW).

**Lapland Longspur** (4,0,12) HRT – 150 on 31 Mar at MWS (JnL) and on 19 Apr at SNWR (RN); 17 from 25 Apr–31 May (LRD) at WPBO, the adult male present on 31 May at WPBO could not be found the next day (JR). also 1 on 31 May in Keweenaw (NA).

**SMITH'S LONGSPUR** (1,0,1) Reported from 27 Apr-9 May in Berrien (AV, RJ, m.ob.), with counts

totalling up to 40 birds; 1 on 12 May at Brockway Mountain, Keweenaw (LD, JK).

**Snow Bunting** (4,4,12) Latest report in the LP was of 1 on 12 Apr at SNWR (RN); 41 from 15 Mar–23 Apr (LRD) at WPBO.

**Northern Cardinal** (6,22,34) 1 on 22 May at WPBO.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (10,22,30) FRD – 24 Apr in Berrien and Monroe, first observed on 27 Apr in the SBA (DPe); 25 after 8 May at WPBO.

**Indigo Bunting** (7,17,28) FRD – 23 Apr at WPBO, seen on 25 Apr in Berrien, Hillsdale and Ingham; first observed on 1 May in the SBA (DPe).

**PAINTED BUNTING** (0,1,1) 1 male on 6 May at Midland, Midland (JP, JZ); 1 on 10-14 May in Alcona (REr, CWH).

**Dickcissel** (0,0,2) First seen on 15 May in Berrien (TBa, MH), later found in several locations there; 1 on 30 May in Eaton (DW).

**Bobolink** (7,13,18) FRD – 1 on 29 Apr at Allegan SGA, Allegan (JnL). HRT – 200 on 21 May at TPSP (JHu); 60 from 12–30 May with a peak of 20 on 13 May at WPBO.



**Red-winged Blackbird** (12,27,35)

In the UP, first observed on 13 Mar in *Delta* (fide SHa).

**Eastern Meadowlark** (6,18,28)

First observed on 11 Mar in the SBA (DPe) and 30 Mar at WPBO; 16 on 29 Mar at TPSP (RD) was a migratory peak count.

**Western Meadowlark** (4,0,1) FRD

– 17 Apr in *Delta* (DeM). HRT – 2 on 8 May in *Iron* (BRg). In the LP, the only report was 1 on 28 Apr in *Berrien* (JSc).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** (3,2,6)

FRD – 1 on 7 Apr near Centerville, *St. Joseph* (JJ). HRT – 14 on 9 May at NPSWA (JSn). One on 20 May at TPSP (REr) and 1 on 24-25 May at WPBO.

**Rusty Blackbird** (6,7,22) FRD – 1

Mar in *Hillsdale* (JR). HRT – 254 on 27 Mar at SNWR (DPe); 96 from 8-29 (LRD) May with a peak of 26 on 18 May at WPBO.

**Brewer's Blackbird** (3,5,7) FRD –

1 male on 10 Mar in Berlin Twp, *Monroe* (WP). HRT – 51 on 21 Mar at NPSWA (JD), 39 on 25 Apr at MWS (DL, JnL, JsL) was also a good count.

**Common Grackle** (14,26,35) In

the UP, first observed on 14 Mar in *Marquette* (fide SHa).

**Brown-headed Cowbird** (12,26,34)

In the UP, first observed on 17 Mar in *Schoolcraft* (fide SHa).

**Orchard Oriole** (2,3,19) FRD – 3 on

25 Apr in *Hillsdale* (JR). HRT – 15 on 19 May at TPSP (JBU). Reported from *Iron* and *Delta* in the UP.

**Baltimore Oriole** (6,20,26) FRD –

25 Apr in *Hillsdale* and *Wayne*. HRT – 125 on 19 May at TPSP (JBU). First observed on 27 Apr in the SBA (DPe) and 13 May at WPBO.

**Pine Grosbeak** (1,0,0) 123 from 16

Mar-5 Apr (LRD) with a peak of 56 on 1 Apr at WPBO. Reported from elsewhere in *Chippewa* but in no other UP counties.

**Purple Finch** (11,23,21) Latest

report in the SLP was 9 May in *Berrien* (JW). 239 after 25 May with a peak of 60 (HRT) on 29 Apr at WPBO.

**House Finch** (4,14,31) 1 on 12

May at WPBO.

**Red Crossbill** (1,0,0) 29 from 19

Mar–26 May with a peak of 10 on 26 May at WPBO. Reported from elsewhere in *Chippewa* but in no other UP counties.

**White-winged Crossbill** (7,14,19)

LRD – 16 May in Thompsonville, *Benzie* (CFm, m.ob.). HRT – 100 on 14 Mar at Brighton SRA, *Livingston*

(LH, CK); 19 from 15-27 Mar at WPBO. This species was reported from only 8 counties in April and May (after having been seen in every county in the state during the winter season) according to data compiled by AC.

**Common Redpoll** (8,15,23) HRT – 300 on 5 Apr in *Leelanau* (SJ), 140 on 6 Mar in *Ionia* (SJ, KT) was the largest count from the SLP; numbers in the southern few tiers of counties were low as RK handled only 7 in *Kalamazoo* during the winter and spring in his banding operations; 400 from 15 Mar–25 Apr (JHu) (LRD) with a peak of 125 on 26 Mar at WPBO.

**Hoary Redpoll** (2,2,2) 3 on 6 Mar in *Ionia* (SJ, KT); 1 until 8 Mar in *Berrien* (AM); 1 on 14 Mar from *Mackinac City, Emmet* (SJ); a few reported in *Marquette* for most of March (*vide* SHa); reported on 5 Apr from *Leelanau* (SJ, DF, SSa); 16 from 15 Mar-7 Apr at WPBO.

**Pine Siskin** (12,22,32) After the heavy invasion of the previous winter, possible or confirmed nesting was observed in 19 counties in the SLP according to data compiled by AC; his data shows that the species lingered into mid May in many areas in the SLP but that relatively few were seen after 20 May; 274 during the season at WPBO with few seen before 28 Apr.



Pine Siskins nested well south of normal this spring, as evidenced by this juvenile (right) with its presumed parent at a feeder in Wyandotte, Wayne Co. on 14 May 2009. Photo by Jerry Jourdan.

**American Goldfinch** (13,27,34) 303 after 24 Apr with a peak of 34 on 18 May at WPBO.

**Evening Grosbeak** (4,3,0) In the NLP, reported from *Iosco, Kalkaska,* and *Oscoda*; 206 during the season, with a peak of 100 (HRT) on 30 Apr at WPBO.

**House Sparrow** (6,17,34) None at WPBO during the season.

**EURASIAN TREE SPARROW** (1,0,0) 1 on 20 May at WPBO (CN).

## LAST YEAR'S REPORT

Both the Ross's Goose from Traverse City and the Glaucous-winged Gull were accepted by the MBRC.

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