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**Cover:** Michigan's 9th Rock Wren was quite a surprise on boulders at the M-136 bridge over the Black River in the Port Huron State Game Area, St. Clair Co. on 7 June 2009, found by a small group of birders on a Washtenaw Audubon Society field trip. Photo by Allen T. Chartier.

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## ***Letter from the managing editor:***

It has been nearly 15 years since I read through my first issue of Michigan Birds and Natural History in the library of Michigan State University. Little did I know then that in 2010 I would become its managing editor!

Since the inception of Michigan Birds and Natural History in 1994, the Internet has grown out of obscurity to become a mainstream medium of communication in nearly all aspects of life. The Internet has advantages and disadvantages in the field of ornithology. State, regional and local listserves have certainly provided faster communication among members of the birding community, and numerous blogs devoted to Michigan birds have appeared. Additionally, social networking sites such as Facebook and photo-sharing sites have recently appeared and made the task of compiling thousands of bird records even more challenging.

While the Internet has improved our communication, its role in long-term archiving of the ornithological records remains unclear. The Internet as a whole will undeniably be around for decades to come, but what will become of the personal blogs and individual Facebook and MySpace pages? Will the birding data and observations of their owners be accessible in a year? Ten years? Fifty years? Internet web sites come and go and website addresses change as quickly as the weather. Much of the ornithological data that appears on the internet is scattered and unorganized and remains vulnerable to being lost if a website is not maintained or a website host goes defunct. These factors have justifiably generated some uneasiness among the ornithological community.

The editorial committee of Michigan Birds and Natural History and I recognize the challenges the Michigan ornithological community faces when it comes to archiving the state's ornithological history. Thus, we feel it is essential that a print publication be maintained, devoted to Michigan ornithology and natural history which will be archived in public libraries and private collections for future generations. That is the mission we hold for Michigan Birds and Natural History.

The Michigan Bird Survey, a main feature of this journal, continues to serve a vital role by documenting the status and distribution of Michigan's avian life. This is achieved by assembling and assessing as many bird reports as possible from multiple sources (both from the Internet and forms submitted by birders around the state) into one concise report that summarizes each

species during each of the four seasons. Seasonal and long-term trends of various species can be followed in the survey, which is important data on Michigan's birds that cannot be found elsewhere.

Michigan Audubon has recently reaffirmed its commitment to the continued publication of Michigan Birds and Natural History. On March 27, 2010, the majority of this journal's editorial committee met at the Michigan Audubon office in Lansing and came away reassured and recharged. Together with Michigan Audubon, the board reaffirmed these goals:

- Return the journal to a regular publication schedule by July 2010.
- Make the journal financially sound.
- Increase the subscriber base.

It is also my personal goal as managing editor to raise additional funds to restore the fifth issue of each volume to a bound edition that will contain the North American Migration Count data. I would also like to see color covers grace each issue.

As a reader you can help us achieve these goals by subscribing to the journal and encouraging others in the birding community to do the same. Additionally, submitting short notes and papers for publication will be a tremendous help. Notes on first state, regional or county records would be welcomed in addition to other bird or natural history notes.

Producing this journal is undeniably a group effort. Each member of the editorial committee serves a vital role and deserves credit and recognition for their time, effort and dedication. Please take the time and look at the names and credits on the inside cover of this issue. When you see them in the field, please take time to tell them how much you appreciate their volunteer efforts.

Respectfully,

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# The 2009 Kirtland's Warbler Census

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The first Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) census of singing males was conducted in 1951, and repeated in 1961 and 1971 (Weinrich 1996). As the 1971 census recorded a singing male decline of 60% from the 1961 census, a decision was made to conduct an annual census starting in 1972 to closely monitor the population (Mayfield 1972). See Ryel (1976) for census methods.

The 2009 census was conducted from 6-15 June, and recorded 1798 singing males in Michigan, of which 1765 were located in the Lower Peninsula (LP) and 33 in the Upper Peninsula (UP) (Table 1). Wisconsin reported 11 males, and Ontario reported two males, for a North American total of 1811. This represents a 0.4% increase from the 1803 males reported in 2008, and is the highest total ever recorded. The warbler population has been on an upward climb since a low of 167 males in 1987 (Figure 1). The 1798 Michigan males counted this year are nearly 11 times more than the 1987 count.

Kirtland's Warblers were found in 11 LP and 5 UP counties (Table 1.). No Kirtland's were found on the Grand Traverse County census despite two males heard and one seen on 25 May (J. Wuepper pers. comm.). Ogemaw had the highest county count with 556 males, down from 627 in 2008 (Table 1.). This is over 40% more than Crawford, the next highest county, which had 326 males. Wisconsin reported 11 female Kirtland's Warblers and multiple nests that fledged young (J. Trick pers. comm.). Ontario reported nesting for a third consecutive year, with two females and two nests (P. Aird pers. comm.). Twelve female Kirtland's Warblers were reported in the UP.

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**Table 1. Census of Singing Male Kirtland's Warblers by County 1951-2009**

Location	1951	1961	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>MI LP Counties</b>											
Alcona	4										
Clare											
Crawford	142	52	101	101	114	88	90	95	78	74	75
<b>Grand Traverse</b>											
Iosco	74	30	1							2	1
Kalkaska	28	32					3	7	11	16	21
Montmorency	43	61	1								
Ogemaw		114	47	49	51	35	46	51	62	40	40
Oscoda	103	152	48	48	47	41	35	44	59	62	71
Otsego		14	3								
Presque Isle	34	34									
Roscommon	4	13				1	4	2	7	2	2
Wexford				2	4	2	1	1	1		
<b>LP Total</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>MI UP Counties</b>											
Baraga											
Chippewa											
Delta											
Luce											
Marquette											
Schoolcraft											
<b>UP Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MI Total</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>210</b>
Wisconsin										2	1
Ontario									1	1	
Quebec										1	
<b>N.A. Total</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>211</b>

**Table 1. Census of Singing Male Kirtland's Warblers by County 1951-2009**

Location	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>MI LP Counties</b>										
Alcona						1	1	1	6	6
Clare										
Crawford	93	72	67	72	81	80	84	66	63	55
Grand Traverse										
Iosco	3	3	1	1	3	7	3		3	8
Kalkaska	38	32	17	15	15	21	16	10	11	7
Montmorency				2	1					
Ogemaw	46	50	44	42	43	22	17	13	15	12
Oscoda	58	67	72	81	71	80	81	68	100	115
Otsego										
Presque Isle										
Roscommon	4	8	5	1	1	5	8	9	9	9
Wexford										
<b>LP Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>MI UP Counties</b>										
Baraga										
Chippewa										
Delta										
Luce										
Marquette			1	1						
Schoolcraft										
<b>UP Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MI Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>212</b>
Wisconsin	1								8	2
Ontario						1				
Quebec										
<b>N.A. Total</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>214</b>



**Table 1. Census of Singing Male Kirtland's Warblers by County 1951-2009**

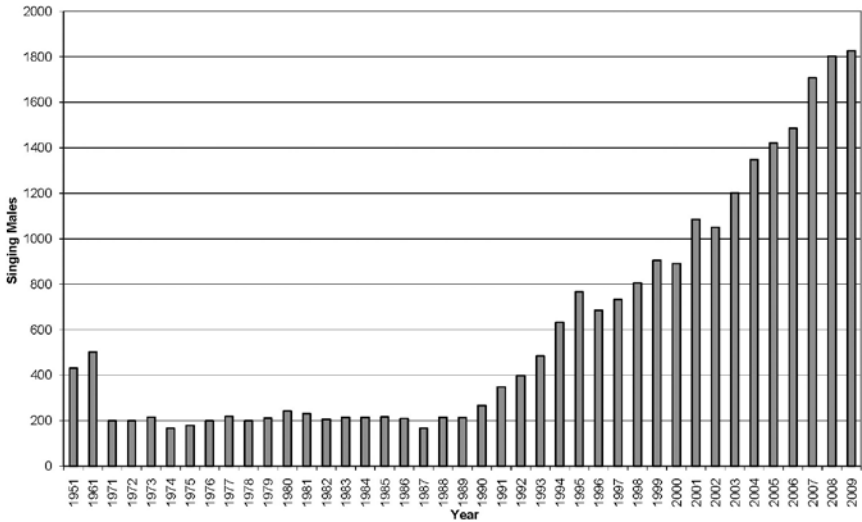
Location	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>MI LP Counties</b>										
Alcona	4	7	8	11	23	36	41	50	68	122
Clare					2	1		5	4	4
Crawford	59	65	52	34	46	75	75	119	175	200
<b>Grand Traverse</b>										
Iosco	5		4	3	16	8	10	23	31	41
Kalkaska	5	7	4	4	3	1	6	23	24	28
Montmorency						4	1	2	2	1
Ogemaw	17	35	51	81	153	225	191	187	231	215
Oscoda	166	226	274	344	381	391	324	264	236	245
Otsego				3	2	14	19	26	10	22
Presque Isle										2
Roscommon	9	7	4	4	5	2	4	10	9	5
<b>Wexford</b>										
<b>LP Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>885</b>
<b>MI UP Counties</b>										
Baraga					1	1	1			
Chippewa										
Delta						4	2	4	3	3
Luce										
Marquette						1	5	8	5	12
Schoolcraft				1	1	2	6	7	6	4
<b>UP Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>MI Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>904</b>
Wisconsin	1	1	1			1	1	5	1	
Ontario	1									1
Quebec										
<b>N.A. Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>905</b>



**Table 1. Census of Singing Male Kirtland's Warblers by County 1951-2009**

Location	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MI LP Counties</b>										
Alcona	120	132	124	160	171	140	170	175	207	205
Clare	3	11	6	48	64	113	138	147	141	137
Crawford	241	266	236	209	224	227	276	290	288	326
Grand Traverse			1	1	1	1	2	1	2	
Iosco	41	50	74	110	105	131	168	238	192	180
Kalkaska	32	20	23	24	19	11	4	4	10	40
Montmorency	2		6	7	7	14	10	14	11	23
Ogemaw	212	385	380	435	451	480	493	529	627	571
Oscoda	215	190	174	170	225	209	149	198	209	226
Otsego	15	9	17	3	35	47	35	43	40	27
Presque Isle					1			6	5	7
Roscommon	2	14	3	21	36	26	13	20	25	38
<b>Wexford</b>										
<b>LP Total</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>1188</b>	<b>1339</b>	<b>1399</b>	<b>1458</b>	<b>1665</b>	<b>1757</b>	<b>1780</b>
<b>MI UP Counties</b>										
Baraga	2		1	1		2		1	0	3
Chippewa					1	2	5	8	12	9
Delta	4	4	3	8	3	6	7	7	10	14
Luce					1	4			1	
Marquette	1	2	1				3	8	6	3
Schoolcraft	1	2	1	5	4	4	6	8	5	4
<b>UP Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>MI Total</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>1479</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>1791</b>	<b>1813</b>
Wisconsin						3	4	8	9	11
Ontario							3	2	3	2
Quebec										
<b>N.A. Total</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>1420</b>	<b>1486</b>	<b>1707</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>1826</b>

Figure 1. Singing Male Kirtland's Warblers 1951-2009.



**Corrections to the 2008 census**

There were 627 males found in Ogemaw County in 2008, not 628 as reported. The correct totals of singing males for 2008 should be 1757 in the LP, 34 in the UP, 1791 in Michigan, and 1803 in North America.

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The Kirtland's Warbler census could not be done without the help of various agencies and numerous volunteers. Phil Huber compiled the U. S. Forest Service census results. Steve Sjogren compiled the UP numbers. Chris Mensing provided corrections to the initial totals.

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# Proximity of Successive Pileated Woodpecker Nests

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Arthur Cleveland Bent (1938:176) in his series on life histories of American birds writes that Pileated Woodpeckers (*Dryocopus pileatus*) are “tenacious of their nesting places, returning year after year to the same location.” Studies in eastern Oregon indicate that distances between successive nests of the same pair of Pileated Woodpecker averaged 0.53 km and ranged from 0 (same tree) to 1.2 km (Bull and Jackson 1995). In monitoring a pair in Clinton County, Michigan, over five years, the average distance between successive nests was 0.123 km and ranged from 60 m to 230 m. Knowledge of this nesting pattern could be a helpful tool in locating successive nest sites. For example if nest-cavity holes of previous years were discovered, it is likely that in the next nesting cycle a new cavity would be excavated nearby.

Throughout this article I use the term “a pair” but I do not have empirical evidence that the pair consists of the same male and female during the years of observation, although it is probable that one or both are the same birds.

From 2004 through 2008, I have observed a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers nesting in section 34 Eagle Twp. (T5N R4W), Clinton County, Michigan. The territory, while not precisely known, appears to be sinuous in shape because of the meandering flow of the Grand River with its forested banks (Fig. 1). In addition the fragmentation of woodlots, open fields, and the variety of forest cover undoubtedly has an effect on territory shape. As such, it is quite likely the territory extends into a portion of Section 33 Eagle Township (T5N R4W) and Section 3 and 4, Oneida Township (T4N R4N), Eaton County. Each of these sections contains areas in which the woodpeckers could forage. I have seen individual Pileated Woodpeckers in three of these adjacent sections, and the observed individuals are likely to be a member of this pair—although it is possible that one or more sightings could have been of the pair’s fledglings or a neighboring bird.

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So while the geographical area of the territory could be quite large and irregularly shaped, the nest sites over the period have remained within a very limited area.

Nest-cavities were found in four of the five years. In 2005 while the nest cavity had been fully excavated the woodpeckers abandoned the site, possibly caused by the intrusion of a fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*). In 2007 limited time was spent observing the pair and no nest site was found. Of the four years in which nests were found, three were successful in fledging young and one was abandoned.

The four nest sites were in mature woods on public parkland and on adjacent private property. This contiguous woodlot primarily consists of American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), and black cherry (*Prunus serotina*). Of these, the most common trees were sugar maple and American beech, and these two were the choice of nest excavation. During the winter of 2007-2008 selective harvesting of mature maple trees occurred on a portion of the private land. While it did not have a noticeable adverse effect in 2008 on nest site selection, it remains to be seen what affect this will have in the future.

The 2004 nest-cavity was discovered by accident on 2 April as I was hiking in the area. The site was in a live mature American beech (61 cm dbh). The hole was approximately 10.4 m from the base and facing west. I visited the nest-site on 14 days spending between 1-2 hrs each visit. Two juveniles fledged on either 4 or 5 June (Baumgartner 2004).

In 2005 I began looking for nest excavations in late March. On 29 March I found a male Pileated Woodpecker working on a live American beech. However, it was not until 5 April that I discovered the 2005 nest-cavity in a dead sugar maple (39 cm dbh). The hole was approximately 13.5 m from the base and facing east and was already well excavated when I found it. I observed it for three more days. On 8 April a fox squirrel appeared in the opening of the cavity. I did not see Pileated Woodpeckers again in the area.

Beginning in early March of 2006 a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers began checking trees in the vicinity of the 2004 nest-site. The nest-cavity was first noticed on 27 March, but it was not confirmed as the nest-site until 5 April. It was in a dead sugar maple (38 cm dbh). The hole was approximately 10 m from the base of the tree and facing north. I visited the site on 14 days, spending between 0.5-2 hr. each visit. The fledging date for the

juvenile female was on 7 June and the fledging date for the juvenile male was on 8 June.

In 2008 I spent parts of 11 days beginning on 27 February searching for signs of excavations. After an extensive search, I finally found the nest-cavity on 14 April in a dead sugar maple (35 cm dbh). The cavity opening was 6.7 m from the base of the tree and facing northwest. I visited this site on 34 days spending from 0.5-2.5 hours each visit. On 25 June a juvenile male fledged.

The location of three of the nests (2004, 2005, and 2006) was in a line corresponding to the flow of the Grand River and on the upper part of the sloping bank, ranging from 51.2 m to 40 m distance from the river (Fig. 1). These three sites had an average distance of 70 m between them or 140 m from one end of the line to the other. The fourth nest (2008) was on a gentle rise 130 m from the river and across a ravine to the north of the other three.

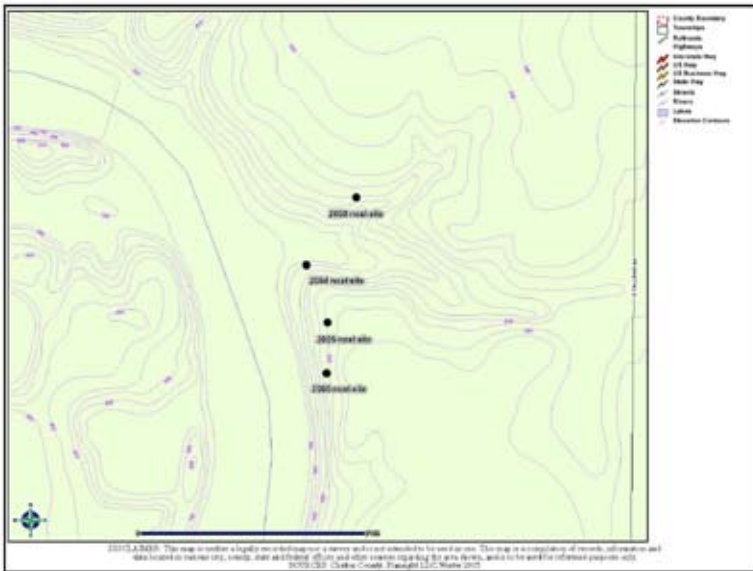


Figure 1. Map of nest sites 2004-2008 in section 34 Eagle Twp (T5N R4W) Clinton County, Michigan.

By using GPS (Magellan eXplorist 300—accurate to approximately 3 m) I measured the distance between successive nests. The 2005 nest tree was 80 m south of the 2004 nest tree and the 2006 nest was located 60 m south of the 2005 nest tree. The distance from the 2006 nest tree to the 2008 nest tree was 230 m. However, it was only 94 m from the 2004 nest tree.

The average distance in successive years was 123 m with 60 m being the closest and 230 m being the farthest.

By using the distance between the farthest nests (230 m) as an axis, the center would be 115 m from the 2006 nest tree and the 2008 nest tree. The area created by drawing a circle which includes all the nests is 4.15 ha or 10.25 acres.

The proximity of successive nests depends in part on the availability of suitable nest trees where a cavity can be efficiently excavated. In this particular location in contrast to other neighboring areas, there are a number of dead sugar maples, which could be potential nest sites and a large number of mature American beech, which may have a soft core. There may be other factors to consider including the survival of a pair or replacement of a mate that dies. The successive yearly sightings of a Pileated Woodpecker pair in this area would suggest that they are likely the same birds; however, definite empirical evidence was not obtained. Another factor to consider is the size and shape of the territory and the availability of a foraging habitat. This particular area with mature trees and abundant snags seems to make it optimal for site selection.

My observations of a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers in central Michigan would affirm that they locate successive nest-sites within a limited area of their territory and that these successive nest sites are relatively close to each other. These observations also indicate that the distance between successive nests of this pair is somewhat closer than the studies made in eastern Oregon.

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# **Michigan Bird Survey: Summer 2009 (1 June - 31 July)**

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A total of 266 species was documented in Michigan in Summer 2009. Additionally, one distinctive hybrid and two released exotics are mentioned below. Observations in one form or another were received from 169 observers. Coverage in the state was somewhat uneven, with the eastern and central Upper Peninsula, the southern Lower Peninsula, and the Saginaw Bay area receiving the most thorough coverage. The end of Breeding Bird Atlas field work resulted in lower coverage for parts of the northern Lower Peninsula and western Upper Peninsula.

Temperatures were cool statewide, especially in July. Precipitation was below normal statewide, except for the southern Lower Peninsula, which was wetter than normal in June, but dried out in July along with the rest of the state. Windy conditions often kept bird song at low levels.

Waterfowl diversity was high, with many uncommon species being reported at numerous locations. American White Pelicans continue to be widespread. Many of the rarer shorebirds for the state were reported in above average numbers, with June shore-birding along the Upper Peninsula shore of Lake Michigan being especially productive. Piping Plovers fared well yet again.

A Loggerhead Shrike made an all-too-brief appearance in Berrien County for the first accepted record anywhere in the Southern Lower Peninsula since 2002.

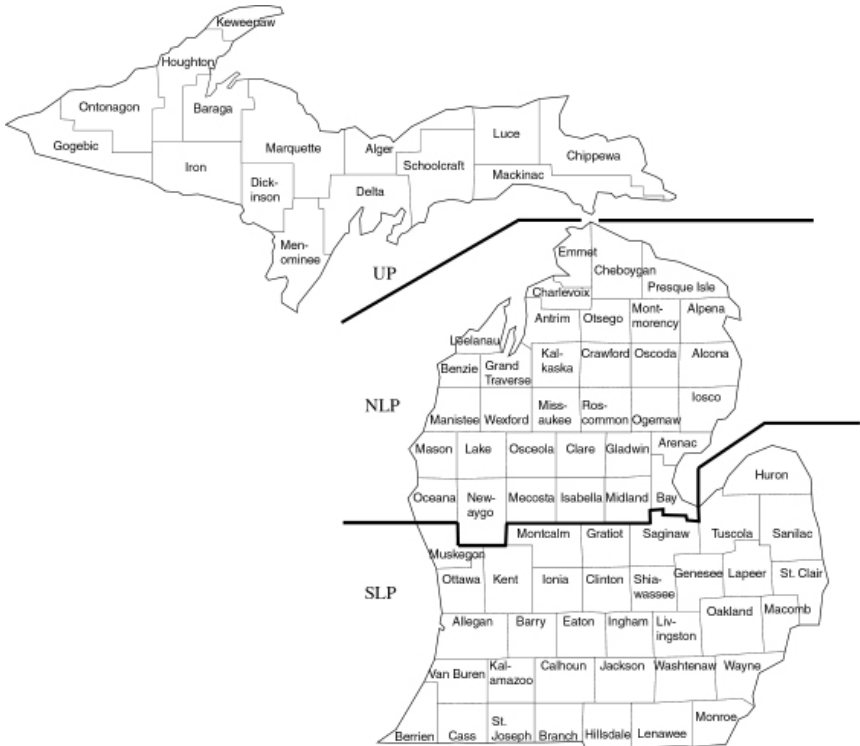
The state welcomed the return of Worm-eating Warblers and Summer Tanagers, both of which were missed in Summer 2008. Cerulean, Hooded, and Prothonotary Warblers were all seen north of normal.

The population of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler may have reached a plateau; this year's record-breaking number of singing males was just four higher than last year.

Both crossbills were reported by few observers, and in low numbers. Evening Grosbeaks continue to be scarce.

The most outstanding rarities discovered during the summer season were the state's 7<sup>th</sup> Swallow-tailed Kite and 9<sup>th</sup> Rock Wren. The unexpected Fish Crows discovered in Berrien County in the spring continued into the summer. Many who sought out the Fish Crows capped their day by listening to the Chuck-will's-widow calling from the same Berrien County location as last year.

Other rarities from the summer included Little Blue Heron, White-faced Ibis, Marbled and Hudsonian Godwits, and Laughing and Franklin's Gulls. A probable Nelson's Sparrow singing in a Houghton County marsh was accepted by the Michigan Bird Records Committee as a Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow. A Western Kingbird and a Lark Sparrow discovered in the spring continued into the summer. Out-of-season birds included Tundra Swan, Long-tailed Duck, Rough-legged Hawk, Glaucous Gull, and Snowy Owl.





**Abbreviations** (County names are in *italics*):

DNR = Michigan Department of Natural Resources

FFM = first fall migrant

HRT = highest reported total

LP = Lower Peninsula

LSM = last spring migrant

MBRC = Michigan Bird Records Committee

m. obs. = many observers

MWS = Muskegon Wastewater System, *Muskegon*

NLP = Northern Lower Peninsula (counties including and to the north of *Oceana* in the west to *Bay* in the east, excluding the Thumb)

NWR = National Wildlife Refuge

p.a. = pending acceptance by Michigan Bird Records Committee

PM = Point Mouillee State Game Area, *Monroe*

SLP = southern Lower Peninsula (counties including and to the south of *Huron, Kent, Gratiot, Montcalm, Muskegon, Saginaw, and Tuscola*)

SGA = State Game Area

SNWR = Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, *Saginaw*

SP = State Park

SRA = State Recreation Area

SWA = State Wildlife Area

TP = through period

Twp. = Township

UP = Upper Peninsula

WMA = Wildlife Management Area

WP = Whitefish Point, *Chippewa*

Numbers in parentheses following each species name refer to the number of counties reporting from the UP, NLP, and SLP, respectively. If a species was reported from all 83 counties, the numbers would be (15,33,35). Species that are accidental, casual, or otherwise noteworthy are in all CAPS.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Canada Goose** (8,17,27) Numbers not as high as 2008. HRT – 416 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Significant northward migration noted on 1, 5 & 6 Jun in Keweenaw (NAA).

**Mute Swan** (3,9,19) HRT – 51 on 12 Jul at Grosse Isle, Wayne (WGP). NLP sightings were mostly from northwestern counties from *Manistee* and *Wexford* to *Emmet* and *Cheboygan*, but also in *Bay* and *Clare*. The UP sightings were near Lake Michigan in *Delta*, *Mackinac*, and *Schoolcraft*.

**Trumpeter Swan** (6,7,3) “A very good year” at Seney NWR, *Schoolcraft*, where 234 adults were noted and 31 nests produced 136 cygnets, of which about 80 fledged (*fide* DO). Other UP reports came from *Alger*, *Chippewa*, *Delta*, *Gogebic* (confirmed nesting, BR), and *Marquette*. NLP reports occurred in a band from *Manistee* in the west to *Iosco* in the east (including also *Grand Traverse*, where confirmed nesting by PKB, *Kalkaska*, *Missaukee*, *Ogemaw*, and *Roscommon*). SLP reports came from *Cass*, *Jackson* (a group of 6 at Waterloo SGA, and a pair without young at the Phyllis Haehnle Sanctuary, RHH), and *Monroe* (1 on 20 Jul at the Brancheau Unit, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, GN).

**TUNDRA SWAN** (0,1,0) Very unusual for the summer was 1 on 5 Jun described from Baldwin Twp., *Iosco* (RAE).

**Wood Duck** (12,7,19) Widespread statewide. HRT – 316 on 30 Jul at SNWR (DJP). Another high count was 227 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Gadwall** (2,0,3) HRT – 16 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Also notable were 5 on 4-12 Jun at SNWR (DJP). Pairs were seen on 2 Jun at Munuscong WMA, *Chippewa* (BJ) and on 18 Jun at MWS (DJW). A lone bird was at Pte. LaBarbe, *Mackinac* on 1 Jun (JR).

**American Wigeon** (1,0,3) HRT – 10 on 28 Jun at PM (AMB). Other reports were 4 on 12 Jun at SNWR (DJP), 2 on 4 Jun at Maple River SGA, *Gratiot* (JR), and 1 on 11 Jul-TP in *Marquette* (GC).

**American Black Duck** (1,1,2) HRT – a mere 4 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB). Other reports were from *Alger*, *Manistee* (where the observer commented on the lack of breeding evidence, BAA), and on 19 Jun in *Saginaw* (1 at SNWR, DJP)

**Mallard** (9,16,24) Widespread with high numbers at concentration spots. HRT – 1295 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Another high count was 1241 on 9 Jun at SNWR (DJP).

**Blue-winged Teal** (4,5,8) More widespread than usual in the LP, but in low numbers. Reported from only

*Marquette* in the UP. HRT – 13 on 4 Jun at SNWR (DJP). The high count at PM was just 11 on 12 Jun (AMB). Other LP reports came from five counties lining Saginaw Bay, and *Berrien*, *Gratiot*, *Hillsdale*, *Manistee*, *Muskegon*, *St. Clair*, *Tuscola*, and *Wexford*.

**Northern Shoveler** (0,0,3) HRT – 7 on 4 Jun at SNWR (DJP). Other reports came from *Berrien* (2 on 27 Jun, AM) and MWS (4 on 18 Jun, DJW).

**Northern Pintail** (0,0,2) Single birds reported on 4 Jul at Maple River SGA, *Gratiot* (JR) and 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Green-winged Teal** (1,1,4) HRT – 43 on 29 Jun at SNWR (DJP). Other reports include 26 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB) and 12 on 4 Jul at Maple River SGA, *Gratiot* (JR).

**Canvasback** (0,0,3) A peak of 3 on 20 Jun, with 1 still present 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Two were at MWS on 18 Jun (DJW). Other reports were of single birds at MWS on various dates, and 1 male on 19 Jul at LEMP (WGP).

**Redhead** (0,0,3) HRT – 70 on 20 Jun at PM, where the number went down to 21 on 20 Jul (AMB). Six ducklings were among 13 seen on 18 Jun at Crow Island SGA, *Saginaw* (JMS). Four on 18 Jun at MWS (DJW).

**Ring-necked Duck** (7,1,2) Widely reported in the UP. The LP reports were of a female continuing from spring through 7 Jun in *Berrien* (AV, MJC, m.obs.), 1 on 4 Jun at the Kawkawlin River flooding, *Midland* (KO, RE), and 1 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB).

**Greater Scaup** (1,0,1) Reported on several dates at PM, with a peak of 8 on 20 Jul (AMB). The UP report was of 6 on 1 Jun at Pte. LaBarbe, *Mackinac* (JR).

**Lesser Scaup** (0,0,2) HRT – 3 on 20 Jun at PM (AMB). Other reports came from *Muskegon*, with 1 on 11 Jun (CF) and 2 on 18 Jun (DJW).

**Long-tailed Duck** (3,1,0) Observed at Munising, *Alger* from 2-4 Jun, with 2 present through 4 Jun, 1 until 11 Jun (SCH). One on 9 Jun at *Manistique*, *Schoolcraft* (RA). One on 18 Jul in *Manistee* (BAA) was later found dead on shore. One observed swimming at *St. Ignace*, *Mackinac* on 20 Jul (SkH).

**Bufflehead** (2,0,2) Two sightings in SLP, where unusual in the summer: 2 at MWS (BJ, CW) and 1 on 18 Jun at Crow Island SGA, *Saginaw* (JMS). The UP reports were from *Alger* and *Baraga*.

**Common Goldeneye** (6,0,0) HRT – 40 on 1 Jun at Pte. LaBarbe, *Mackinac* (JR). Breeding noted at Chassel sewage ponds, *Houghton* (JY).



**Hooded Merganser** (8,3,8) HRT – 14 on 24 Jul at SNWR (DJP). The highest number at PM was 5 on 12 Jun (AMB). Reported in good numbers from multiple locations in *Hillsdale* (JR).

**Common Merganser** (6,4,1) The unusual SLP report was of 1 on 12 & 20 Jun at PM (AMB). NLP reports were from *Cheboygan*, *Grand Traverse*, *Iosco*, and *Manistee*.

**Red-breasted Merganser** (6,1,1) LP reports came from *Berrien* and *Clare*.

**Ruddy Duck** (0,1,5) HRT – 75 on 18 Jun at MWS (DJW). A peak of 8 on 28 Jun at PM (AMB). A pair was seen on 19 Jun at SNWR (DJP). Singles on 18 Jun at Crow Island SGA, *Saginaw* (JMS), and on 5 Jul at Nayanquing Point SWA, *Bay* (GSP). Also reported from *Berrien* and *St. Clair*.

**Ring-necked Pheasant** (3,5,16) Widespread nesting reported from SLP and north to *Arenac*, *Gladwin*, and *Mason*. UP reports came from *Delta*, *Marquette* and *Menominee* (fide MP).

**Ruffed Grouse** (7,8,1) Reported south to *Arenac*, *Gladwin* and *Lake* in the NLP. The SLP report was from *Tuscola*.

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

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

**Wild Turkey** (7,18,27) Remains widespread, with many reports of breeding.

**Northern Bobwhite** (0,0,5) Very scarce. Bred in *Eaton* (fide MP). Also reported from *Hillsdale*, *Ingham*, *Tuscola*, and *Washtenaw*.

**Common Loon** (9,15,2) Reported in the NLP south to *Mecosta* and *Bay*, where 1 on 26 Jun on the *Saginaw* River was unusual (JMS). Two reports from the southeastern corner of the state: 1 from 7 Jun – 22 Jul at *Grosse Isle*, *Wayne* (WGP), and 1 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB).

**Pied-billed Grebe** (5,6,6) HRT – 303 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Horned Grebe** (1,0,1) Notable was 1 on 20 Jun at MWS (CP). Presumed early migrants were 3 on 25 Jul at *Munising*, *Alger* (SCH).

**Red-necked Grebe** (2,0,0) Nesting confirmed as in recent years in *Delta* (SkH). Migration over *Lake Superior* had begun by 25 Jul when 23 were noted at *Munising*, *Alger* (SCH).

**Eared Grebe** (0,0,1) One from 12-19 Jul at MWS (CF, CP).

**American White Pelican** (4,1,1) A flock present for much of June totaled 30 birds on 17 Jun at *Seney* NWR, *Schoolcraft*. Flocks of over 10 birds reported from *Delta*,

Menominee, and Marquette. A flock of 20 was at Manistee on 17 Jun (BAA). Seen on several dates at PM, with a peak of 8 on 8 Jul (KO).

**Double-crested Cormorant** (9,5,9) Widespread, but not as numerous as in past years. HRT – 150 on 4 Jun at Lake Erie MetroPark, Wayne (WGP). The highest count at PM was 34 on 12 Jun (AMB).

**American Bittern** (6,3,2) Widely reported from UP. NLP reports were from Bay, Manistee, and Wexford. The SLP reports were from Berrien (1 on 13 Jun at Brown Sanctuary, BC) and Saginaw.

**Least Bittern** (0,4,5) More reports than usual from LP, though unreported from UP. NLP reports came from Arenac, Bay, Manistee (2 on 13 Jul at Arcadia Marsh, BAA), and Roscommon. Reported from 5 locations in Berrien, including 6 on 5 July at Big & Little Smith Lakes (RJ, AV). Other SLP reports came from Hillsdale (a pair on 10 Jun, JR), Monroe, Saginaw, and Tuscola.

**Great Blue Heron** (10,16,28) HRT – 114 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Great Egret** (3,3,14) HRT – 375 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Another notable count was 78 on 4 Jun at SNWR (DJP). SLP reports were from the eastern half of the region (from Gratiot and Hillsdale east), and also from Berrien. NLP reports were from

Bay, Clare, and Midland. UP reports were from Delta, Marquette, and Menominee.

**Snowy Egret** (0,0,2) North of normal was 1 on 10 Jun at Fish Point, Tuscola (JEV). Also reported from PM (TW).

**LITTLE BLUE HERON** (0,0,1) One adult found on 27 Jul at South Rockwood, Monroe remained TP (WGP).

**CATTLE EGRET** (0,2,1) More reports than usual. Northernmost was 1 on 4 Jun in Arenac (DLJ). Two were at the Dow ponds, Midland on 11-30 Jun (JL, MKE, JZ). Up to 3 were seen from 2-27 Jun in Berlin Twp., Monroe (WGP). Two were at PM on 12 Jun (AMB).

**Green Heron** (4,8,24) HRT – 13 on 30 Jul at SNWR (DJP, DEP). Widespread throughout SLP, in southern half of NLP, and in central UP.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** (2,2,8) UP reports were near Lake Michigan in Delta and Mackinac. SLP reports were from the eastern part of the region, and from Allean. HRT – 15 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB). Also notable were 15 on 26 Jun at Bay City SRA, Bay (GSP, EMP). The other NLP report was from Midland.



**WHITE-FACED IBIS** (0,0,1) Two from spring were present to 12 Jun, with 1 remaining until 30 Jul at PM (AMB, m.obs.).

**Turkey Vulture** (10,22,27) Widespread throughout the state. HRT -75 on 6 Jul at Sharon Twp, Washtenaw (ATC). A high number for the UP was 70 on 21 Jul near Ishpeming, Marquette (GC).

**Osprey** (7,7,10) Widespread, with many nesting reports.

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (0,1,0) One photographed on 4 Jun near the Pellston Airport, Emmet (DK) was accepted by the MBRC as the 7<sup>th</sup> state record. It was the first for the summer season and only the second presumed spring migrant, most of the state's records being from the fall.



Michigan's 7th Swallow-tailed Kite, the first for the summer season, and the first for Emmet Co. was found at Pellston on 4 June 2009. Photo by David Kirschke.

**Bald Eagle** (11,13,11) Widely reported, especially in UP and Saginaw Bay area, where the rate of successful fledging from 49 nests in 7 counties was encouraging (DB).

**Northern Harrier** (8,3,6) Widespread in eastern UP. LP reports mostly from Saginaw Bay area, but also from Berrien, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, and St. Clair.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** (6,3,3) Reported south to Monroe, St. Clair and Wayne in the SLP. NLP reports were from Cheboygan, Iosco, and Manistee.

**Cooper's Hawk** (3,3,23) The number of reports was up in the SLP, but down in NLP (reported from Bay, Cheboygan, and Alcona) and UP (reported from Delta, Marquette, and Schoolcraft).

**Northern Goshawk** (2,2,0) Scarce. Reported from Chippewa and Marquette in the UP, and from Kalkaska and Ogemaw in the NLP.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** (3,4,4) Fewer reported than usual.

**Broad-winged Hawk** (9,3,6) Reported as far south as Berrien, Jackson, and Kalamazoo in the SLP.

**Red-tailed Hawk** (6,9,25) Widely reported.

**ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (1,0,0)**

Two unusual late July reports, both miles from the nearest Great Lake shoreline, may refer to over-summering birds (or 1 bird?): 1 on 23 Jul near Newberry, *Luce* (LJD) and 1 on 25 Jul in southwestern *Alger*, south of Grand Marais (J&JP).

**American Kestrel (5,8,18)** Widely reported, though not in large numbers.

**Merlin (10,3,4)** Successfully nested as far south as *Ottawa* (CF). Other SLP reports were from *Huron*, *St. Clair*, and *Wayne*.

**Peregrine Falcon (3,0,4)** Urban nesting locations included Flint, *Genessee*, and Grand Haven, *Ottawa*. A late migrant on 1 Jun at WP, *Chippewa* (JR).

**Yellow Rail (2,0,0)** One was heard and seen on 13 Jun near Shingleton, *Alger* (SCH). Also reported at Seney NWR, *Schoolcraft*, where 12 birds were detected (*vide* DO).

**Virginia Rail (5,5,6)** The most entertaining report was of an adult "with seven fuzzy black babies" that strolled across a street in *Marquette, Marquette*, on 19 Jul (TO, SK *vide* BO). Other UP reports came from *Alger*, *Chippewa*, *Delta*, and *Schoolcraft*. NLP reports came from *Arenac*, *Bay*, *Clare*, *Iosco*, and *Manistee*. Well distributed in the SLP.

**Sora (6,3,9)** Many reports from all parts of the state. A notable find was a nest containing 11 eggs on 19 Jul near the mouth of the *Sturgeon River, Houghton* (JY).

**Common Moorhen (0,1,7)** HRT – 19 on 28 Jun at PM (AMB). Other SLP reports came from *Berrien*, *Gratiot*, *Ingham*, *Jackson*, *Saginaw*, and *Washtenaw*. The NLP report was of 5 birds on 7 Jul at Nayanquing Pt. SWA, *Bay* (JEV).

**American Coot (0,0,6)** HRT – 315 on 28 Jul at PM, where numbers were fairly consistent through the season (AMB). The northernmost report was of 21 on 30 Jul at SNWR (DJP).

**Sandhill Crane (10,10,23)** Widely reported. HRT – 52 on 9 Jun at SNWR (DJP). Many reports of nesting, though a fledging rate of 0.39 young per pair from 36 nests in *Jackson* was below the long-term average (RHH).

**Black-bellied Plover (3,1,2)** HRT – 25 on 2 Jun in *Delta* (SkH). Another high count was 12 on 1 Jun at *Chatham, Alger* (SCH). LSM – 2 at SNWR (DJP) and 1 at PM (AMB) on 12 Jun.

**American Golden Plover (2,0,0)** Two reports from *Alger*: 2 on 1 Jun at the MSU Farm, *Chatham* (SCH), and 1 on 4 Jun at the *Chatham* sewage ponds (JZ, MHu, JHu). One on 1 Jun in *Marquette* (SkH).

**Semipalmated Plover** (6,1,6) HRT – 7 on 5 Jun in Bay (RAE). LSM – 1 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB). FFM – 4 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Piping Plover** (5,6,0) A total of 60 pairs fledged 103 chicks in Michigan. On Lake Superior, 8 pairs fledged 7 chicks, most of which were at Grand Marais, *Alger*. Elsewhere on Lake Superior, a pair at Vermillion, *Chippewa* was unsuccessful, but a pair at WP (the first in 23 years!) raised 2 young. In the southern UP, along the Lake Michigan shores of *Delta*, *Mackinac* and *Schoolcraft*, 18 pairs fledged 22 chicks. In the NLP, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, in *Benzie* and *Leelanau*, hosted 25 pairs that fledged 57 chicks. A pair nested successfully again in *Manistee*, fledging 1 chick. At Ludington SP, *Mason*, 4 pairs produced 11 chicks. *Emmet* had 3 pairs that fledged 4 chicks (from Cross Village and Wilderness SP). One pair at Silver Lake SP, *Oceana* fledged 1 chick. No nesting occurred on *Beaver*, *Fox*, or *High Islands* (the *Great Lakes Piping Plover Call* [University of Minnesota, 11 Sep 2009, Erin Roche, Ed.]).



The 2009 breeding season was productive for Michigan's Piping Plovers. This one was in Delta Co. on 2 June 2009. *Photo by Skye Haas.*

**Killdeer** (9,19,28) HRT – 711 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Counts at no other location exceeded 100 individuals.

**American Avocet** (0,0,3) HRT – 4 on 27 Jul at Saugatuck, *Allegan* (RB). One was found on 23 Jun in the Brancheau Unit of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, *Monroe* (GN). There were 3 reports from *Berrien*: 1 on 12 Jul at Warren Dunes SP (BA); 1 on 15 Jul (TBa); and 2 on 29 Jul at St. Joseph (MHy).

**Spotted Sandpiper** (8,9,17) HRT – 82 at MWS (BJ, CW). Another high count was 48 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). An adult with downy young was found on 14 Jun at Canton, *Wayne* (ATC).



**Solitary Sandpiper** (2,3,9) FFM – 1 on 4 Jul at Chatham, Alger (SCH). HRT – 14 on 18 Jul at Tuttle Marsh, Iosco (WWS, RAE).

**Greater Yellowlegs** (3,1,4) A bird on 25 Jun in Schoolcraft was most likely an early fall migrant (SkH). HRT – 11 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Willet** (0,1,1) LSM – 1 on 13 Jun in Bay (JMS). Several July records from Berrien: HRT – 11 on 15 Jul at St. Joseph (TBa); also 1 at Warren Dunes SP and 2 at Grand Mere SP on 7 Jul (both DH); 6 on 20 Jul at St. Joseph (PC, AV); 3 on 29 Jul at St. Joseph (MHy).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** (5,5,7) HRT – an impressive 599 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). FFM – 2 on 29 Jun at SNWR (DJP).

**Upland Sandpiper** (5,3,2) Surely under-reported. LP reports came from Crawford, Emmet, Manistee, Muskegon, and Saginaw.

**Whimbrel** (4,1,1) More reports than usual. HRT – 37 on 1 Jun at WP, Chippewa (JR). Other June reports were of 2 from 1-3 Jun in Marquette (SkH); 1 on 4 Jun at Ojibwa Beach, Baraga (JY); 1 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB); and 1 especially late for spring on 22 Jun at Gulliver, Schoolcraft (AY). Unusual were two July records: 1 on 11-13 Jul at PM (CO, JJ), and 1 on 18 Jul at Arcadia, Manistee (BAA).



There were more Whimbrel reports than normal during Summer 2009. These two were at Marquette on 1 June 2009. Photo by Skye Haas.

**Hudsonian Godwit** (0,0,1) One on 2 Jun and another on 15 Jul in Berrien (TBa).

**Marbled Godwit** (1,0,1) One continuing from the spring until 6 Jun in Delta (SkH) and 1 on 15 Jul at St. Joseph, Berrien (TBa).

**Ruddy Turnstone** (4,2,0) HRT – 12 on 1 Jun in Bay (GSP). Also on that date were 11 in Alger (SCH), 10 in Marquette (GC), and 1 at WP, Chippewa (JR). Two were at the Dow ponds, Midland on 4 Jun (MKE). Also reported from Delta.

**Red Knot** (1,1,1) One photographed on 2 Jun at St. Joseph, Berrien (TBa). One on 1 Jun at Tawas Pt. SP, Iosco (CC, PP). Two on 4-5 Jun at WP (DK).

**Sanderling** (5,2,3) LSM – 1 on 19 Jun in *Baraga* (JK). Reported in small numbers at various locations.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** (5,1,3) HRT – 108 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Another high count was 102 on 4 Jun at SNWR (DJP).

**Least Sandpiper** (4,5,8) A surprising number of early Jun reports including 5 on 4 Jun at Three Oaks sewage ponds, *Berrien* (ATC), 8 on 1 Jun at Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, *Houghton* (JK), and 2 on 12 Jun at PM (AMB). HRT – 128 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Another high count was 26 on 13 Jul at SNWR (DJP). Four on 28 Jun at PM were most likely early fall migrants (AMB).

**White-rumped Sandpiper** (4,0,3) HRT – 8 on 1 Jun at Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, *Houghton* (JK). LSM – 7 at PM (AMB) and 2 at SNWR (DJP) on 12 Jun.

**Baird's Sandpiper** (2,0,3) Jun reports are subject to MBRC review. Individuals were photographed on 1 Jun at Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, *Houghton* (JK), and at *Marquette, Marquette* (SkH), both accepted by MBRC. Small numbers in July, when expected as a fall migrant.



As the spring migration route of Baird's Sandpiper is mainly through the Great Plains, it is a scarce species in Michigan at this season. This well-documented individual was at *Marquette* on 1 June 2009. Photo by *Skye Haas*.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** (1,1,4) HRT – 20 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Dunlin** (6,1,3) HRT – 200 on 2 Jun in *Delta* (SkH). Another high count was of 75 on 1 Jun in *Bay* (GSP). The only July report was 1 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB).

**Stilt Sandpiper** (1,1,3) An unusual spring report was of 1 on 1 Jun at Atlantic Mine sewage ponds, *Houghton* (JK). FFM – 1 on 16 Jul at MWS (CP). Another early bird was 1 on 18 Jul at *Andrews University, Berrien* (TBa). HRT – 22 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Not often seen away from places with high concentrations of migrant shorebirds, so 1 that turned up on 25 Jul with a flock of 3 Pectoral Sandpipers at a farmer's horse pond in *Clare* was a surprise (EMS).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** (1,0,4)

HRT – 92 on 20 Jul at PM (AMB). Another notable count was of 18 on 13 Jul at SNWR (DJP).

**Wilson's Snipe** (5,3,1) Scarce in LP, where reported from *Clare*, *Manistee*, *Saginaw* and *Wexford*.

**American Woodcock** (5,5,3)

Reported in “good numbers” in *Cheboygan* (RMS). SLP reports came from *Berrien*, *Lapeer*, *Saginaw*, and *Tuscola*. UP reports came from *Chippewa*, *Delta*, and *Marquette*.

**Wilson's Phalarope** (0,0,1) One on 12 Jun at PM (AMB) was the only report.

**Red-necked Phalarope** (0,0,1) A spring migrant on 7 Jun at MWS was noteworthy (MHa).

**Bonaparte's Gull** (1,4,5) HRT – 26 on 6 Jun at PM (WW). Also notable were 15 on 1 Jun in *Bay* (GSP).

Other June reports include 3 on 1 Jun at *Berlin Twp.*, *Monroe* (WGP) and 5 on 28 Jun at PM (AMB). One on 23 Jul at *Olivet*, *Eaton* (RCF) was far from the shores of the Great Lakes, where most summer records occur. The only UP report was of 1 on 25 Jul at *AuTrain*, *Alger* (SCH).

**LAUGHING GULL** (0,0,2) Three reports from *St. Joseph*, *Berrien*: 1 adult on 3 Jun (TBa); a different adult bird there on 10 Jun (TBa); and 1 adult on 26 Jul (MHy). Also reported at PM (1 on 28 Jun, AMB).

**FRANKLIN'S GULL** (0,0,1) One 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle bird on 6 Jun at *Benton Harbor* (TBa) was *Berrien's* first summer seasonal record in over a decade.

**Ring-billed Gull** (11,19,24)

Widespread and numerous. HRT – 1700 on 4 Jun at *Forest Lawn Landfill*, *Berrien* (ATC). Another high count was of 1099 on 20 Jun at PM (AMB).

**Herring Gull** (11,7,10) HRT – 243 on 28 Jun at PM (AMB). All counties reporting border a Great Lake except *Midland*.

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL**

(0,0,1) One adult on 13 Jun in *Ottawa* (CF).

**GLAUCOUS GULL** (1,0,0) One with a flock of *Herring Gulls* on 17 Jul at *Munising*, *Alger* (SCH).

**Great Black-backed Gull** (0,2,4)

More reports than usual. Three were in *Bay* on 13 Jun (JMS), with 1 was still present on 22 Jun (GSP). From 1-3 were present on various dates at PM (AMB). One-two birds were at *Grosse Isle*, *Wayne* from 8 Jun – 22 Jul (WGP). *Lake Michigan* reports included a 1<sup>st</sup> cycle bird that spent all summer in *Manistee* (BAA), and single birds in *Berrien* and *Ottawa*.

**Caspian Tern** (5,7,8) Most UP reports were near expected Lake Michigan sites, but also from *Alger* and *Chippewa*. HRT – 43 on 20 Jul at Seul Choix Pt., *Schoolcraft* (SkH).

**Black Tern** (3,7,4) Noted as absent at some established sites, such as the Dollarville flooding, *Luce* (“apparently due to low water levels”, JR) and in *Manistee*. The species fared better in other locations, such as *Ogontz Bay*, *Delta*, which harbored about 50 pairs (SkH). Nested at the Kawkawlin River flooding, *Midland*, where 17 were counted on 19 Jul (MKE).

**Common Tern** (5,2,4) Thought to be nesting at the Dow ponds, *Midland* (JZ). HRT – an estimated 165 pairs on 29 Jun at the Trenton Channel, Detroit River, *Wayne* (GN). Numbers at PM were notably low.

**Forster’s Tern** (0,3,6) Most reports were from the Saginaw Bay and the southeastern border counties from *St. Clair* to *Monroe*, and also *Berrien*. HRT – 250 on 14 Jun at Saginaw Bay Confined Disposal Facility, *Bay* (MW).

**Rock Pigeon** (9,15,23) Widespread throughout.

**Mourning Dove** (13,21,31) Widespread and common. HRT – 521 on 31 Jul at SNWR (DJP).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** (1,9,18) Numerous in SLP. Reported in NLP north to *Antrim* and *Cheboygan*. UP reports came from only *Menominee*.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** (7,10,11) Widespread, though less numerous than Yellow-billed Cuckoo in SLP.

**Eastern Screech-Owl** (0,1,7) The NLP report was from *Cheboygan*, where seldom noted. Otherwise reported north to *St. Clair* and *Tuscola*.

**Great Horned Owl** (1,2,6) Reported from *Allegan*, *Berrien*, *Cheboygan*, *Ingham*, *Marquette*, *Manistee*, *Oakland*, *Saginaw*, and *St. Clair*.

**SNOWY OWL** (0,1,0) One on 24 Jun in *Bay* was unexpected (LJD).

**Barred Owl** (4,6,7) Widely reported.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** (1,1,0) The only UP report was from WP, *Chippewa*, where 196 were banded during the summer (CNe). Also reported from *Grand Traverse*.

**Common Nighthawk** (5,6,7) Nest with 1 egg found on 20 Jul near Schlatter’s Lake, *Keweenaw* (JY). Not reported as numerous anywhere.

**CHUCK-WILL’S-WIDOW** (0,0,1) For the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive summer, one was present TP in *Berrien Twp.*, *Berrien* (MB).

**Whip-poor-will** (3,5,5) Reported present in very high numbers in *Cheboygan* (RMS). SLP reports were all from the western counties of *Allegan*, *Berrien*, *Cass*, *Kalamazoo*, and *Ottawa*.

**Chimney Swift (8,9,25)**

Widespread. HRT – 26 over the Saginaw River, Saginaw on 31 Jul (DJP).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

(8,12,27) Widespread. HRT – 71 on 25 Jul in Branch, the result of a concentrated effort that included banding (BK file ATC).

**Belted Kingfisher (7,10,20)**

Widespread.

**Red-headed Woodpecker (3,5,11)**

Reported in scattered locations throughout the SLP. Reported north to Cheboygan and Grand Traverse in NLP. UP reports came from Delta, Dickinson and Menominee.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker (5,9,25)**

UP reports came from Alger, Delta, Keweenaw, Marquette and Menominee. Widespread in SLP and north to Cheboygan in NLP.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (12,12,2)**

Notably far south were 2 on 16 Jun at SNWR (DBG). Also reported from Tuscola in SLP. Widespread in UP and NLP south to Mecosta and Midland.

**Downy Woodpecker (8,15,28)**

Widespread and common.

**Hairy Woodpecker (8,10,20)**

Widespread and common.

**Black-backed Woodpecker (5,0,0)**

Reported from Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Luce and Marquette.



The Sleeper Lake Fire, Luce Co., has provided good opportunities to photograph Black-backed Woodpeckers, this one on 12 June 2009. Photo by Skye Haas

**Northern Flicker (10,17,31)**

Widespread and common.

**Pileated Woodpecker (9,12,17)**

In SLP, most numerous in southwest, but reported east to Hillsdale, Oakland, St. Clair, and Washtenaw as well. Widespread in NLP and UP.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher (7,1,3)**

Late migrants were reported in early June in the SLP in Berrien (1 on 7 Jun at Warren Dunes SP, TBa), Kalamazoo (1 in Alamo Twp. on 5 Jun, RGS), and Livingston. A nest with young being fed by adults was discovered on 20 Jul near Schlatter's Lake, Keweenaw (JY). One on 1 Jun at Pte. LaBarbe,



Mackinac (JR), and 1 on 24 Jun at Laughing Whitefish Pt., Alger (SCH) were most likely late migrants. Also reported from Chippewa, Marquette, and Schoolcraft in the UP and from Cheboygan in the NLP.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** (10,17,32)  
Widespread and common.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (7,0,2)  
Reported from typical UP locations. Late migrants were found on 5 Jun at Metro Beach MetroPark, Macomb (ATC) and Warren Dunes SP, Berrien (TBa).

**Acadian Flycatcher** (0,1,17)  
Widely reported in SLP north to Kent, Ottawa, Saginaw, and Tuscola (present TP at Murphy Lake SGA with a peak of 7 on 25 Jul, MW). Present at Pine Haven, Midland from 18 Jun – 14 Jul (MKE).

**Alder Flycatcher** (10,7,16) More reports than usual from SLP, such as 9 on 23 Jun along the Waterloo/Pinckney Trail, Washtenaw (MSJ). One on 14 Jun at Boyle Lake SGA, Berrien (JTW) was unusual.

**Willow Flycatcher** (1,4,25) Common and widespread in SLP. Reported in Bay, Clare, Manistee, and Osceola in the NLP, but from only Delta in the UP (1 on 27 Jun at Portage Marsh, RR).

**Least Flycatcher** (11,11,12)  
Widely reported through the summer statewide.

**Eastern Phoebe** (9,14,27)  
Widespread.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** (6,19,26)  
Widespread.

**WESTERN KINGBIRD** (1,0,0) One from the spring was still present on 2 Jun at Grand Marais, Alger (MHu, JHu, JZ).

**Eastern Kingbird** (7,18,30)  
Widespread and common.

**LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE** (0,0,1) One photographed on 12 Jun in Galien Twp., Berrien (HV, RV) was accepted by MBRC.

**White-eyed Vireo** (0,0,4) Reported from Berrien (1 on 7 Jun at Warren Dunes SP, TBa, AV), Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, and St. Clair (1 on 7 Jun at Port Huron SGA, ATC).

**Yellow-throated Vireo** (2,9,24)  
HRT – 8 on 14 Jul at Pine Haven, Midland (MKE). UP reports came from Dickinson (6 on 4 Jul at Fumee Lake, GC) and Menominee. Reported north to Cheboygan, Crawford, and Grand Traverse in NLP.

**Blue-headed Vireo** (8,3,3)  
Widespread in UP. LP reports came from Allegan, Gratiot, Lake, Manistee, Midland, and St. Clair.

**Warbling Vireo** (5,12,24) Most numerous in SLP and southern half of NLP.

**Philadelphia Vireo** (2,1,1) Late migrants were noted on 2 Jun in *Oakland* (SAJ) and *Benzie* (SSc) and on 1 Jun at WP (JR). Possible summering birds reported from *Chippewa* and *Schoolcraft*.

**Red-eyed Vireo** (12,21,30) Widespread and common. Considered “clearly migrants” were 15 on 1 Jun at WP (JR).

**Gray Jay** (4,0,0) Reported from *Alger*, *Baraga*, *Marquette*, and *Schoolcraft*.

**Blue Jay** (11,21,25) Widespread and common.

**American Crow** (11,20,32) Widespread and common.

**FISH CROW** (0,0,1) Continuing from the spring season were claims of multiple birds with American Crows at Forest Lawn Landfill and vicinity, *Berrien* (TBa, ATC, m.obs.), reported TP.

**Common Raven** (12,11,0) Reported south to *Arenac* (where 15 on 4 Jul was an unusually high count, DLJ), *Iosco*, *Lake*, and *Manistee*.

**Horned Lark** (0,6,26) Widespread in small numbers in SLP. HRT – 31 on 29 Jul at SNWR (DJP).

**Purple Martin** (1,4,18) The only UP reports was from *Delta*. NLP reports were from *Bay*, *Iosco*, *Manistee*, and *Mecosta*. HRT – 35 on 28 Jul in *Brownstown Twp.*, *Monroe* (WGP).

**Tree Swallow** (8,18,29) Widespread and common. HRT – 200 on 7 Jul at *Nayanqing Pt.* *SWA*, *Bay* (JEV).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** (4,8,16) Widespread.

**Bank Swallow** (4,7,10) Widespread.

**Cliff Swallow** (6,9,15) Widespread.

**Barn Swallow** (10,17,31) Widespread.

**Black-capped Chickadee** (11,18,30) Widespread and common.

**Boreal Chickadee** (4,0,0) Reported from *Alger*, *Baraga*, *Keweenaw*, and *Marquette*.

**Tufted Titmouse** (0,8,27) “Numbers increasing in *Cheboygan*” (RMS).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** (9,14,7) Not as many reports in SLP as last year; reported south to *Ottawa*, *Jackson*, and *Washtenaw*.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** (5,15,26) Widespread and common.

**Brown Creeper** (9,5,4) Reported south to *Allegan*, *Livingston*, *Muskegon*, and *Saginaw*.

**ROCK WREN** (0,0,1) One at Port Huron SGA, *St. Clair*, on 7 Jun (ATC, m.obs) was the 9<sup>th</sup> state record, and the first for Jun (most Michigan records are from the fall).



**Carolina Wren** (0,1,16) Nesting confirmed on 14 Jun at Mt. Haley Twp., *Midland* when 2 adults and 2 fledglings were seen (KB). Individuals reported from 2 *Saginaw* locations: 1 on 19 Jun at Bridgeport Twp. (LMA), and on 1 on 19 Jul at Spaulding Twp. (DJP). All other reports were from the southern 3 tiers of counties.

**House Wren** (6,14,32) Widespread.

**Winter Wren** (6,8,0) Reported south to *Lake, Manistee, Missaukee, Ogemaw, and Roscommon*.

**Sedge Wren** (8,7,12) Widely distributed, though few reports from northern half of NLP.

**Marsh Wren** (2,4,17) UP reports came from *Delta, and Menominee*. NLP reports came from *Bay, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Manistee*. Widely distributed in SLP.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** (7,0,1) The unusual SLP report was of 1 on 31 Jul at Mayville, *Tuscola* (MW). Widespread in UP.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** (6,0,0) Reported in small numbers from *Alger, Baraga, Keweenaw, Luce, Marquette, and Schoolcraft*.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** (2,6,22) UP reports came from *Delta* and *Menominee*. Northernmost reports in NLP were from *Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Manistee*. Other NLP reports were from *Arenac, Bay, and Midland*. Widespread in SLP.

**Eastern Bluebird** (7,18,30) Widespread.

**Veery** (7,14,16) Widespread.

**Swainson's Thrush** (7,0,1) One banded on 6 Jun at Metro Beach MetroPark, *Macomb* (ATC). Widespread in UP.

**Hermit Thrush** (10,19,1) One banded on 5 Jun at Metro Beach MetroPark, *Macomb* (ATC). In NLP reported south to *Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Lake, and Mecosta*.

**Wood Thrush** (4,12,24) Widespread, most numerous in SLP.

**American Robin** (11,21,31) Widespread and common.

**Gray Catbird** (7,13,31) Widespread and common.

**Northern Mockingbird** (3,0,7) More reports than usual. HRT – 6 on 14 Jun in *Washtenaw* (MSJ). UP reports were from *Alger, Keweenaw, and Marquette*, and all near Lake Superior. SLP reports scattered across region, north to *Tuscola* (1 on 1 Jul at Hurd's Corner, JEV).

**Brown Thrasher** (7,12,18) Widespread.

**European Starling** (10,19,28) Widespread and abundant.

**AMERICAN PIPIT** (2,0,0) A very late flock of 18 on 1 Jun at WP (JR). One on 2 Jun in *Alger* (MHu, JHu).

**Cedar Waxwing** (8,17,31) Widespread and common.





**Blue-winged Warbler** (0,3,13). NLP reports came from *Arenac*, *Gladwin*, and *Manistee*.

**Golden-winged Warbler** (1,6,3)  
The only UP report was from *Delta*. NLP reports came from *Arenac*, *Bay*, *Cheboygan*, *Clare*, *Manistee*, and *Ogemaw*. SLP reports came from *Saginaw*, *St. Clair* (1 on 7 & 16 Jun at Port Huron SGA, ATC), and *Tuscola*.

**“Brewster’s Warbler”** (0,1,1) Two reports of this hybrid form from *Arenac*: 1 on 5 Jun (RAE) and 2 on 22 Jun (LMA, CS, EL, HFS). Another hybrid warbler photographed in June in *Antrim* (JV) was difficult to categorize (see photo below).



This hybrid warbler appearing mostly like a Blue-winged but with golden wing bars and a partial black cheek patch was neither the classic “Lawrence’s” nor “Brewster’s”. It was seen carrying food to a nest at the Jordan River Valley, Antrim Co. in June 2009. *Photo by John Van Orman.*

**Tennessee Warbler** (1,0,0)  
Reported from only *Mackinac*.

**Nashville Warbler** (9,13,3) One struck a window in *Berrien* on the surprising date of 21 Jun (WEJ). One on 29 Jul at Berlin Twp., *Monroe* was considered an early migrant (WGP). Elsewhere reported south to *Bay*, *Midland*, and *Tuscola*.

**Northern Parula** (9,0,3)  
Widespread in the UP, but unreported from the NLP. SLP sightings include 2 from *Berrien*: one present from the spring into early June at Love Creek NC (KM, PU), and 1 on 14 Jun at Forest Lawn Road (JTW). Another was seen on 14 Jun at Stinchfield Woods, *Washtenaw* (MSJ). Also reported from *Livingston*.

**Yellow Warbler** (9,17,29) Widely reported throughout the state.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** (7,14,9)  
Widespread and common in UP and NLP. Fewer SLP reports than usual, but 14 on 16 Jun at Port Huron SGA, *St. Clair* was an unusually high number (ATC).

**Magnolia Warbler** (8,1,4) A few late migrants lingered into the first week of June in the SLP. At least 2 were noted through 4 Jul on territory at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (BA). The only NLP report was from *Missaukee*.



**Cape May Warbler (3,0,0)**

Reported from only *Alger, Baraga* and *Iron*.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler (7,2,1)**

One on 1 Jun at Bangor Twp., *Bay* (GSP,EMP). One on 16 Jun at Port Huron SGA, *St. Clair* (ATC). The other NLP county reporting was *Manistee*. Widespread in the UP.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler (9,8,0)**

Widespread and common in the UP. Reported south in NLP to *Arenac, Lake*, and *Manistee*.

**Blackburnian Warbler (8,2,4)**

SLP reports include one atop Mt. Edward at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* (BA), and 1 on 21 Jun in *Sanilac* (ATC). Also reported from *Ottawa* and *Washtenaw*. NLP reports came from *Cheboygan* and *Manistee*. Widespread in the UP.

**Yellow-throated Warbler (0,1,1)**

Unusually far north was 1 singing at Ludington SP, *Mason* on 21, 26 & 27 Jun (DCD-ph.). This early nester was observed through 14 Jun along Forest Lawn Road in *Berrien*.

**Pine Warbler (8,12,9)** Common in UP and NLP, where reported south to *Mecosta* and *Midland*. SLP reports are increasing, as in *Hillsdale*, where this was “the first year there were singing males in more than one twp.” (JR). A high number for the SLP was 8 on 16 Jun at Port Huron SGA, *St. Clair* (ATC).

**Kirtland’s Warbler ( 5,11,0)** This year’s DNR census total of 1795 singing males was the highest ever, though just 4 birds higher than 2008’s record total. Singing males were counted in 11 NLP counties and 5 UP counties. Numbers of singing males censused were as follows: UP: *Chippewa* (8), *Baraga* (3), *Delta* (12), *Marquette* (3), and *Schoolcraft* (4); NLP: *Alcona* (243), *Clare* (137), *Crawford* (326), *Iosco* (142), *Kalkaska* (40), *Montmorency* (26), *Ogemaw* (556), *Oscoda* (226), *Otsego* (27), *Presque Isle* (4), and *Roscommon* (38).

**Prairie Warbler (0,0,1)** Reported from only *Berrien*, where it maintains its stronghold at Warren Dunes SP.

**Palm Warbler (5,0,0)** Reported from *Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Luce*, and *Marquette*. HRT – 30 on 1 Jun near Gwinn, *Marquette* (RR).

**Blackpoll Warbler (1,0,1)** Only 2 reports of late migrants: 1 on 1 Jun at WP (JR), an expected location, and more surprisingly, 1 on 14 Jun at Stinchfield Woods, *Washtenaw*, the same date 1 was seen at that location last year (MSJ)!

**Cerulean Warbler (1,2,11)** One on 4 Jul at Fumee Lake, *Dickinson* (GC) was noteworthy for this UP location. There were 2 NLP reports: 1 on 10 Jun (DBG) and 3 on 25 Jun in *Arenac* (DLJ), where the species was found during the spring, and 3 on

19 Jun at Pine Haven, *Midland* (JZ). Reported in good numbers in the SLP, north to *Allegan* in the west and *Lapeer*, *St. Clair*, and *Tuscola* in the east.

**Black-and-white Warbler** (10,8,6)

Widely reported in UP, becoming less frequent as one goes south.

**American Redstart** (10,20,21)

Widely reported throughout the state. HRT – 18 on 21 Jun along a *Sanilac* BBS route (ATC).

**Prothonotary Warbler** (0,1,8)

Seldom reported north of established breeding locations, so 1 on 12 Jul at Wigwam Bay SWA, *Arenac* was notable (SS, SAJ). In SLP reported north to *Clinton*, *Muskegon*, and *Saginaw*.

**Worm-eating Warbler** (0,0,2)

At least 2 of the 4 apparently territorial males found in the spring at Warren Dunes SP, *Berrien* were noted from 5-13 Jun, with 1 remaining until 4 Jul (BA, m.obs.). Another bird found during the spring at Allegan State Game Area, *Allegan* was still present on 1 Jun (RB).

**Ovenbird** (9,22,18) Abundant in UP and NLP. Widely reported in SLP south to *Berrien*, *Hillsdale*, and *Wayne*.

**Northern Waterthrush** (6,8,2)

Widespread in UP. A canoe trip on the AuTrain River, *Alger* produced

25 singing males in a 4-mile stretch (MHu, JHu). Reported from scattered locations in NLP south to *Midland*. SLP reports from *Jackson* and *Washtenaw* refer to presumed migrants.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** (0,2,5)

Infrequently reported in NLP, so 2 on 13 Jun at the Manistee National Forest, *Manistee* (BAA), and 1 on 6 Jul in *Oceana* (DS) were noteworthy. Reported from its usual northern outpost at Murphy Lake SGA, *Tuscola* (GSP, MW). Other reports came from *Berrien*, *Clinton*, *Hillsdale*, and *St. Clair*.

**Kentucky Warbler** (0,0,1) Only

1 was found inside Lost Nations SGA, *Hillsdale* this summer, but an agitated pair was seen just outside its boundary (JR).

**Connecticut Warbler** (1,0,0)

Remains very scarce. Two singing males present on 8 Jun at the traditional site near Trout Lake, *Chippewa* (SKH).

**Mourning Warbler** (8,7,5)

Southernmost reports were from *Berrien*, *St. Clair* (where 10 on 7 Jun at Port Huron SGA was a high number, ATC), and *Van Buren*. Widely reported in UP.

**Common Yellowthroat** (11,20,30)

Widespread and common.



**Hooded Warbler** (0,0,10) The northernmost report was of 1 on 21 Jun singing at Murphy Lake SGA, Tuscola (MW), for a first summer record for the Saginaw Bay area. (DJP notes that this follows “on the heels of the multiple sightings occurring the last two springs.”) Other sightings reached north to Lapeer, Ottawa, and St. Clair.

**Wilson's Warbler** (3,0,2) Late migrants were found on 6 Jun at Metro Beach Metropark, Macomb (ATC), and on 7 Jun near Warren Dunes SP, Berrien (CP, JK). The only other spring migrants were 3 on 1 Jun at WP (JR), and 3 on 2 Jun at Presque Isle Park, Marquette (MHa). Breeding was suspected in Keweenaw and Luce in the UP.

**Canada Warbler** (8,2,3) A surprising SLP report was of 1 on 3 Jun at Waterloo SRA, Jackson (ATC). One present through 13 Jun at Warren Dunes SP, Berrien (BA, m.obs.). Two were present on 15 Jun at Caro, Tuscola (MW). NLP reports came from Arenac and Grand Traverse. Widespread in UP.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** (0,0,4) Two on 5 Jun at Oakwoods Metro Park, Wayne (WGP). All other reports were from the southern border counties of Berrien (where 1 remained until 7 Jun at Brown Sanctuary, CP, m.obs.; and another was heard on 14 Jun at Boyle Lake SGA, JTW, KM), Hillsdale, and Monroe.

**Eastern Towhee** (4,15,28) Common in SLP, widespread in NLP. Scarce in UP, where reported from Alger, Delta, Iron, and Marquette.

**Chipping Sparrow** (10,18,31) Widespread and common.

**Clay-colored Sparrow** (7,5,5) Four on 21 Jun in Sanilac (ATC) was a notable concentration for the SLP. One on 6 Jun at Bainbridge Twp., Berrien was unusual (RGS). Other SLP counties reporting were Gratiot, Macomb, and St. Clair. Widespread in the UP.

**Field Sparrow** (6,13,26) Reports of single birds at scattered UP locations, with 2 on 16 Jun in Alger (SCH). Widely reported in LP, north to Alcona, Cheboygan, and Grand Traverse.

**Vesper Sparrow** (5,12,20) Fairly widespread throughout state.

**LARK SPARROW** (0,0,1) One found during the spring season in Barry was present through 1 Jun (BC).

**Savannah Sparrow** (7,17,27) Widely reported statewide. HRT – 66 on 21 Jun in Sanilac (ATC).

**Grasshopper Sparrow** (3,4,12) UP reports came from Alger, Delta, and Menominee. NLP reports came from Antrim, Arenac, Manistee, and Mecosta. SLP reports were widely scattered throughout the region, though somewhat concentrated in the thumb and the southwest.

**Henslow's Sparrow** (0,0,5)

Reported from only *Allegan*, *Berrien*, *Hillsdale*, *Van Buren*, and *Washtenaw* (8 singing in one field on 25 Jun, DF).

**LeConte's Sparrow** (5,0,0) Widely reported from *Marquette* to *Chippewa* in the UP, though not in large numbers.

**NELSON'S/SALTMARSH SPARROW**

(1,0,0) A bird seen and heard singing on 17 Jun in *Houghton* (JY), was accepted by MBRC.

**Song Sparrow** (11,17,31)

Widespread and common.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** (5,0,0)

Widespread in UP. The lack of reports in the NLP must be a result of lower observer effort.

**Swamp Sparrow** (10,12,24)

Widely reported throughout the state.

**White-throated Sparrow** (11,7,0)

Reported south to *Clare* in the NLP. Widespread and common in UP.

**White-crowned Sparrow** (3,1,1)

Many more lingering into June than in most years, including 2 rare LP records: 1 on 1 Jun at *Clyde Twp.*, *St. Clair* (SBH) and 1 on 8 Jun in *Pinconning Twp.*, *Bay* (DLJ-ph). UP records include: 4 on 1 Jun at *WP* (JR); 1 on 1 Jun in *Marquette* (GC); and 1 on 9 Jun in *Houghton* (JY).

**Dark-eyed Junco** (5,1,0) Fewer reports than normal. The only NLP report was from *Crawford*.

**SUMMER TANAGER** (0,0,1) One heard calling on 7 Jun at *Warren Dunes SP*, *Berrien* (SkH, CP, JK, LJD); 2 birds were subsequently observed here through 5 Jul (m.obs.).

**Scarlet Tanager** (6,17,26) Widely reported statewide.

**Northern Cardinal** (6,14,31)

Widespread throughout LP. Small numbers in the UP from *Delta* and *Marquette* eastward.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (8,19,27)

Widespread.

**Indigo Bunting** (8,21,30)

Widespread.

**Dickcissel** (1,0,7)

Numbers even lower than last year, further ebbing from the influx of 2006 & 2007. The UP report was of 1 female or immature on 5 Jul in southern *Keweenaw* (ZG). Except for birds in *Ingham* and *Muskegon*, LP records were restricted to the southern two tiers of counties. Present in at least 3 *Berrien* locations, with 5 birds seen along *Mt. Tabor Road* on 10 Jul (AV). HRT – 6 on 14 Jun at *Canton*, *Wayne*, (ATC, DF). Other reports came from *Hillsdale*, *St. Joseph*, and *Washtenaw*.



**Bobolink** (7,12,21) Widespread in LP and eastern UP.

**Red-winged Blackbird** (10,21,31) Widespread and common.

**Eastern Meadowlark** (6,13,21) Widely reported, but not in large numbers.

**Western Meadowlark** (1,2,1) Reported from *Alger*, *Berrien*, *Charlevoix*, and *Manistee*. Low coverage in the western UP may account for the lack of reports there.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** (0,1,2) Three on 18 Jun at Crow Island SGA, *Saginaw* (JMS). HRT – 11 on 29 Jun at Nayanquing Point SGA, *Bay* (DLJ). Four on 10 Jul at PM (TW).

**Brewer's Blackbird** (7,2,1) Widespread in UP. The only LP reports were from *Emmet*, *Manistee* and *Muskegon*.

**Common Grackle** (8,19,29) Widespread and common. HRT – 500 on 7 Jul at SNWR (JEV).

**Brown-headed Cowbird** (9,18,28) Widespread and common.

**Orchard Oriole** (0,3,12) A pair in *Arenac* on 28 Jun were thought to be nesting (JZ). Other NLP reports came from *Iosco* and *Midland*. SLP reports somewhat concentrated in southwest, but also north to *Gratiot*, *Muskegon*, and *Saginaw*.

**Baltimore Oriole** (6,18,26) Widespread and common in LP, less numerous in UP.

**Purple Finch** (10,12,2) Two SLP reports, where unusual in summer: 1 on 18 Jul in *Ottawa* (CF), and 2 on 6 Jun at *Clyde Twp. St. Clair* (SBH). Commonly reported in NLP, south to *Arenac*, *Clare*, and *Midland* (where a pair was seen at *Pine Haven* on 18 Jun, MKE).

**House Finch** (2,9,26) The only UP reports were from *Delta* and *Marquette*.

**Red Crossbill** (4,0,0) Very few reports, and in low numbers. HRT – 5 on 22 Jul in northern *Luce* (PMc). Also reported from *Alger*, *Mackinac*, and *Marquette*.

**White-winged Crossbill** (2,0,0) Last year's invasion clearly over: reported from only *Alger* and *Baraga* (30 on 1 Jun, GC).

**Pine Siskin** (3,4,4) Not common anywhere. Fledglings present on 1 Jun in *Oronoko Twp, Berrien*, where breeding took place in May (AV). Most LP reports in *Saginaw Bay* area and *Thumb*: 1 on 1 Jun in *Bay* (GSP, EMP); 2 on 1 Jun in *Tuscola* (JEV); 2 on 14 Jun in *Iosco* (WWS); 1 on 21 Jun in *Sanilac* (ATC); 1 on 3 Jun in *Saginaw* (DBG). Also reported in *Cheboygan* and *Manistee* in the NLP. UP reports came from *Alger*, *Keweenaw* (10 on 6 Jul, NAA), and *Marquette*.



**American Goldfinch** (11,19,30)

Widespread and common throughout.

**Evening Grosbeak** (5,1,0) The only NLP sightings was in *Crawford*.

Reported in low numbers in the UP (from *Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Luce, and Marquette*).

**House Sparrow** (4,17,27) Certainly under-reported in UP, where noted in only *Alger, Delta, Mackinac, and Marquette*.

**Corrigenda:** Vol.16, No.1, Pg. 22: Observer for Ruddy Duck in *Mason* should be DCD (David C. Dister).

Pg. 30: Correct location for Olive-sided Flycatcher in *Wayne* is Huron Twp.

Pg. 31: Correct location for Western Kingbird in *Monroe* is Ash Twp.

**EXOTICS:**

**WHOOPING CRANE** (0,0,1) A bird hatched in 2007 that was released in Wisconsin was present in *Jackson* from 3-12 Jun (RHH).

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** (1,0,0) One on 8 Jun at WP (SkH).

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