

# FIELDNOTES

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### Introduction

In this volume of the *Field Notes* are listed all of the birds seen in Berrien County, Michigan during 2008. Included are the occurrence dates for each species. In the case of most birds seen regularly, only the first and last observations are given. Out of season records are also listed. For rare and accidental species all dates are given. Where significantly high counts were reported an entry is made at the end of each species account. Initials of observers are given with most observations. (See pages 12 & 13 for abbreviations keys.) However, in some cases where occurrence dates fall well within the normal period, initials are not included.

Four Christmas counts were conducted either largely or entirely within Berrien County in 2008. For rare species seen during one or more of these counts, complete information is given. Otherwise, the letters BCCBC indicates the total of all four counts. In the case of birds that are certainly present all winter the term "winter to" is used to mean "from the first of January to", while "to winter" is to be interpreted as "to December 31". The terms "Summer?" and "Fall?" are used for species that are known to be present at these seasons, but were not recorded by any observer. A few dates are earlier or later, as the case may be, than any previously recorded. An asterisk (\*) indicates these.

This was an excellent year for finding birds in the county with the species total for 2008 being 274, which is well above the 40-year average of 259.

Three news birds were added to the county list in 2008. A **Glaucous-winged Gull** was recorded in May and a **Spotted Towhee** was found in February. In September, a small flock of **Nelson's Sparrows** were found at Andrews University. Also noteworthy was a **Magnificent Frigatebird** seen in flight at St. Joseph. Berrien County has two previous frigatebird records, unidentified to species, thus, another species number is not added to the county total. Other rarities reported in 2008 included **Long-billed Dowitcher**, **California Gull**, **Chuck-wills-widow**, **Bohemian Waxwing**, **White-winged Crossbill** and **Hoary Redpoll**.

The total number of species reported and accepted in Berrien County by the Michigan Bird Records Committee since the *Field Notes* began in 1962, now stands at 343.

Additionally, three species were recorded prior to 1962. They are **Greater Prairie-Chicken**, **Passenger Pigeon**, and **Kirtland's Warbler**. This brings the Berrien County total to 346 species, which are accepted by the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

The compiler wishes to thank all those who submitted records for this volume. Anyone who observes birds in Berrien County is encouraged to keep records and submit them as the seasons progress or at the end of each year to help make the *Field Notes* as complete as possible.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

## SWANS, GEESE &amp; DUCKS (Anatidae)

- TUNDRA SWAN:** Feb 29 (St. Joseph River in Royalton Twp, 3, MH); March 24-29 (Avery & US-12 intersection, 1, WJ, MJC, AV). Oct 28 (St. Joseph, 28, AV, RJ) to Dec 20 (Niles, 1). NCBC-1.
- MUTE SWAN:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-43.
- CAACKLING GOOSE:** Mar 9 (Lake Mich. College, 1, DV, JW). Oct 29 (Lake Michigan College, 2, AV, RJ); Nov 12 (Royalton Twp, 2, MH); Dec 3 (Three Oaks, 2, MH).
- CANADA GOOSE:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-2818.
- SNOW GOOSE:** Feb 9 (Off US-31 between Buchanan & Berrien Springs, 4, MO); Feb 16 (Linco Rd, 30, SK); Mar 6 (Linco Rd, 5, JJ); May 1, June 28-29\* July 21 – Aug 3\*\* (Galien Sewage Ponds, 1, JJ, DV); Nov 22 (Jasper Dairy Rd, 2, *fide* MM); Nov 24 (Three Oaks, flock, TBa).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** Feb 29 (Lake Chapin, 12, AV, AM). Nov 22 (New Buffalo, 1, AV).
- WOOD DUCK:** Permanent resident. Small numbers in winter. BCCBC-11.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL:** Feb 4 (Buchanan, 1, KM) to May 10 (Avery Rd, 1, DB). July 26 (St. Joseph, 1, BBCFT). August 24 (Three Oaks, 1, JW) to Nov 3 (Three Oaks, 8, WJ).
- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:** Winter to Early Apr. July 21 (Three Oaks, 1, TBa). Oct 28 (St. Joseph, 12, AV, RJ) to Dec 31 (Coloma CBC, 7). BCCBC-19.
- MALLARD:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1174.
- NORTHERN PINTAIL:** Jan 23 (Royalton Twp, 2, GF) to early March (Lake Chapin, 3, JW, DV). May 17 (Forest Lawn Rd, 2, PU); Sep 9 (Benton Harbor, 2+, MH) to Nov 1 (St. Joseph, 15, AV). Dec 30 (New Buffalo, 8, AB).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL:** Mar 13 (St. Joseph, 1, MH) to June 8 (Bridgman, 1, JW). Aug 1 (Three Oaks, 1, AV) to Nov 1 (St. Joseph, 3, AV).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER:** Mar 7 (Pike Lake, 2, JT) to May 26 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AV). Sep 3 (St. Joseph, 12, MH) to Nov 3 (Three Oaks, 8, WJ).
- GADWALL:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Sep 10 (Bridgman, 1, AV, MJ) to Dec 31 (Paw Paw Lake, 2) BCCBC-5.
- AMERICAN WIGEON:** Mar 9 (Lake Chapin, 1, DV, JW) to April 27 (Three Oaks, 1, MM). Sep 22 (Rocky Weed Rd, flocks, MH) to Dec 10 (Three Oaks, 1, MH).
- CANVASBACK:** Feb 23 (Paw Paw Lake, 1, MM) to April 14 (Three Oaks, 1, WJ). Sep 30 (St. Joseph, 2, MH) to Dec 31 (Paw Paw Lake, 2, m.obs.). CCBC-2.
- REDHEAD:** Winter to Apr 30 (Three Oaks, 1, AV). Sep 30 (St. Joseph, 7, MH) to winter.
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** Winter to Early May. Mid-Oct to fall departure.
- GREATER SCAUP:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Sep 26 (St. Joseph, 7, MH) to Dec 14 (St. Joseph, 22). BSCBC-22.
- LESSER SCAUP:** Winter to May 26 (Bridgman, 1, m.obs.). Oct 13 (Three Oaks, 5, WJ) to winter. BCCBC-3.
- HARLEQUIN DUCK:** Dec 9-17 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa, MH, m.obs.). BSCBC-1.
- LONG-TAILED DUCK:** Mar 1-8 (St. Joseph, 1, EH); Mar 2 (St. Joseph, 3-4, EE, DP) to early Apr. Oct 28 (St. Joseph, 3, AV, RJ) to Dec 1 (New Buffalo, 1, MH).
- BLACK SCOTER:** Winter to Apr 5 (Union Pier, 1, BBCFT). May 17 (New Buffalo, SWMTB). Oct 17 (St. Joseph, 4, MH, AV, RJ) to Dec 14 (St. Joseph, 2). BSCBC-2.
- SURF SCOTER:** Winter to Apr 9 (Three Oaks, 1, JJ). May 17 (Big Smith Lake, 1, SWMTB). Oct 28 (St. Joseph, 13, AV, RJ) to winter.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** Winter to Apr 21 (North Lake, 1, JS). May 17 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, SWMTB). Oct 17 (St. Joseph, 22, MH, AV, RJ) to winter. BSCBC-14.
- COMMON GOLDENEYE:** Winter to Apr 21 (Three Oaks, 1, JS). Nov 1 (St. Joseph, 4, AV, RJ) to winter. BCCBC-103.
- BUFFLEHEAD:** Winter to May 17 (Three Oaks, SWMTB). Oct 2 (St. Joseph, 3, AV, RJ) to winter. BCCBC-90.

**HOODED MERGANSER:** Winter to June 13 (St. Joseph, 1, RB, CP). Mid Oct (St. Joseph, 1, AV) to winter. BCCBC-35.

**COMMON MERGANSER:** Winter to March (New Buffalo). Oct 28 (St. Joseph, 3, AV, RJ) to winter. BCCBC-75.

**RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Sep 30 (St. Joseph, 1, MH) to winter. BCCBC-453,

**RUDDY DUCK:** Mid-March (Andrews University, 1, JJ) to June 2 (Three Oaks, 1+, JS). Aug 2 (Three Oaks, 2, PU, JW, BBCFT) to Dec 3 (1, MH).

#### **PHEASANTS, GROUSE & TURKEYS** (Phasianidae)

**RING-NECKED PHEASANT:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-3.

**RUFFED GROUSE:** Permanent resident in low numbers. Mid-March (Sawyer, 1, DT). Nov 7 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc). Nov 16 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc).

**WILD TURKEY:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-224.

#### **NEW WORLD QUAIL** (Odontophoridae)

**NORTHERN BOBWHITE:** Uncommon permanent resident. Exact status unclear as some are recently released birds. Apr 19 (Snow Rd & Cleveland Ave intersection, Baroda Twp, 2, MO); Mid to Late Aug (Niles Twp, 2+, *fide* MK). Sep 2 (Buchanan Twp, 2, HBe).

#### **LOONS** (Gaviidae)

**RED-THROATED LOON:** Mar 5 (Bridgman, 1, DV, JJ) to May 3 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa). Oct 28 (St. Joseph, 3, AV, RJ) to Dec 14 (St. Joseph, 1). BCCBC-1.

**COMMON LOON:** Mar 16 (Lake Chapin, 1, MJC) to May 17 (SWMTB). Oct 6 (St. Joseph, 1, MH) to Dec 31 (Paw Paw Lake, 1). BCCBC-2.

#### **GREBES** (Podicipedidae)

**HORNED GREBE:** Feb 28 (St. Joseph, 1+, EH) to May 5 (Three Oaks Sewage Ponds, 1, WJ). Sep 27 (St. Joseph, 2, TBa) to Dec 14 (St. Joseph, 1). BCCBC-1

**EARED GREBE:** Mar 27 (St. Joseph, 1, MO, AV). Dec 9 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa).

**RED-NECKED GREBE:** Mar 27 (St. Joseph, 1, MO, AV).

**PIED-BILLED GREBE:** Reported every month of the year. BCCBC-4.

#### **CORMORANTS** (Phalacrocoracidae)

**DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Jan 3 (St. Joseph, 1, AM); Jan 26 (Niles, 1, JJ). Apr 6 (New Buffalo, 6, JW) to Nov 11 (New Buffalo, 1, AV, RJ).

#### **FRIGATEBIRDS** (Fregatidae)

**MAGNIFICANT FRIGATEBIRD:** Sep 26\* (St. Joseph, 1, MH). Accepted by MBRC. First county record.

#### **BITTERNS, HERONS & EGRETS** (Ardeidae)

**AMERICAN BITTERN:** May 16 (SWMTB) to May 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA).

**LEAST BITTERN:** May 17 to 30 (Warren Dunes SP, 1-2, m.obs); May 17 (Bridgman Sewage Ponds, 2, SWMTB); June 7-8 (Lincoln Twp Beach, 1, JW); June 7 (Big Smith Lake, 5, AV).

**GREAT BLUE HERON:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-6

**GREAT EGRET:** Apr 4 (Holden Rd, 1, BM) to Sep 24 (Oronoko Twp, 1, BY). HRT - July 26 (St. Joseph, 28, TBa).

**CATTLE EGRET:** May 16 (Three Oaks, 1, MK).

**GREEN HERON:** Apr 19 (Tudor Rd, 1, AV) to Sep 19 (Bacon School Rd, 1, JW).

**NIGHT-HERON, sp:** July 17 (Sarett NC, 1, MH).

#### **NEW WORLD VULTURES** (Cathartidae)

**TURKEY VULTURE:** March 5 (Oronoko Twp, 1, AV) to Oct 31 (Buchanan, 1, WJ).

**HAWKS AND EAGLES** (Accipitridae)

**OSPREY:** April 14 (Crescent Lake, 1, JT) to May 25 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). June 13 (Berrien Twp, 1, AV); July 5 (Boyle Lake Rd, 1, AV); Mid-July to July 26 (St. Joseph River, near Jasper Dairy, 2-3, MW, PU, m.obs.). Aug 1 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, RH) to Sep 27 (Berrien Springs, 1, MC).

**BALD EAGLE:** Jan 13 (Harbert, 2, NM) to Mar 24 – 25 (Jarvis Lake, 1, MMO); June 7 (Big Smith Lake, 1, AV); June 27-28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA, m.obs.); July 10 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, WG); Aug 1-10 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA, RH) to Dec 31 (Coloma CBC, 1). BCCBC-3.

**NORTHERN HARRIER:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Fall to Dec. BCCBC-2.

**SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Aug 18 (Berrien Springs, 1, MC) to winter. BCCBC-10.

**COOPER'S HAWK:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-21.

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:** Present every month of year. BCCBC-4.

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** Apr 17 (Niles Twp, 1, DSc) to Sep 26 (Berrien Springs, 1+, AV).

**RED-TAILED HAWK:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-72.

**ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Oct 27 (Scottdale & Linco Rds, 1, DSc) to winter. BCCBC-9.

**GOLDEN EAGLE:** Nov 5 (Bacon School Rd, 1, MH).

**FALCONS** (Falconidae)

**AMERICAN KESTREL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-20.

**MERLIN:** Jan 3 (Andrews University, 1, AM); Jan 31 (Andrews University, 1, CK, JW, WG); Mar 5 (Berrien Co, 1, DV, JJ) to Apr 24 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, JS); Sep 22 (St. Joseph, 1, MM) to Dec 13 (Andrews University, 1, RJ).

**PEREGRINE FALCON:** Jan 12 (St. Joseph, 1, JW) to May 4 (Three Oaks, 1, MH); Aug 15 (St. Joseph, 1, *fide* MM); Sep 12 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA) to Late Nov – 3 Dec (Benton Twp, 1, Mary Cecchi).

**RAILS AND COOTS** (Rallidae)

**VIRGINIA RAIL:** Apr 9 (Lincoln Twp Beach, 1, JW) to summer. Fall?

**SORA:** April 13 (Bakertown Marsh, 1, DV, JW) to summer. Fall?

**COMMON MOORHEN:** Apr 4\* to 9\* (Painter Lake, 1, AM, m.obs.); May 4 (Three Oaks, 1, TBa); May 15 (Jean Klock Park, 1 dead, TBa); August 24 (Three Oaks, 1 juv., JW).

**AMERICAN COOT:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-42.

**CRANES** (Gruidae)

**SANDHILL CRANE:** Jan 17 (Weiser Rd, 1, JJ). Mar 2 (Berrien Springs, flock, CS) to Fall.

**PLOVERS** (Charadriidae)

**BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Apr 30 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa, MH) to May 23 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa). August 24 (Magic Carpet Turf Farms, 1, JW) to Oct 19-20 (St. Joseph, 1, MM, TBa).

**AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:** May 1 (Holden Rd, 1, JJ, DV). Sep 6 (Rangeline Rd, 2-3, MC) to Oct 6 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).

**SEMPALIMATED PLOVER:** Apr 27 (Andrews University, 1, AM) to June 2 (Three Oaks, 1, JS). July 11 (Three Oaks, 2, MJC, AV) to Oct 20 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa).

**PIPING PLOVER:** July 14 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).

**KILLDEER:** Feb 18 (Bridgman, 1, KM) to Nov 3 (Three Oaks, 1, WJ). Dec 6 to Dec 13 (Andrews University, 1-5, m.obs.).

**AVOCETS & STILTS** (Recurvirostridae)

**AMERICAN AVOCET:** July 13 (St. Joseph, 2, TBa); July 13 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MK); July 26 (Jean Klock Park, 1, MM, JW); July 30 (Jean Klock Park, 1, MH); Aug 5 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA).

**SANDPIPERS & ALLIES** (Scolopacidae)

**GREATER YELLOWLEGS:** April 14 (Phillips Rd, 4, JJ, DV) to May 17 (SWMTB). July 11 (Three Oaks, 1, MJC, AV) to Oct 26 (Three Oaks, 14, DV, JW).

- LESSER YELLOWLEGS:** Apr 2 (Buffalo Rd, 1, AV, MC) to May 17 (SWMTB). July 12 (Andrews University, 28, TBA) to fall departure.
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER:** Apr 18 (Galien, 1, JW) to May 17 (SWMTB). July 12 (Andrews University, 14, TBA) to Sept 28 (Avery Rd, 1, DV, JW).
- WILLET:** Apr 26 (Three Oaks, 2, BBCFT); Apr 30 (New Buffalo, 1, TBA, MH); May 2 -3 (St. Joseph, 1, m.ob.). June 14 - 16 (St. Joseph, 1-2, TBA, MH); July 7 (St. Joseph, 2, TBA); July 8 (St. Joseph, 4, TBA); July 12 (New Buffalo, 8, KM); July 12 (St. Joseph, 12-15, MO); July 14 (St. Joseph, 2, TBA); Aug 4 (St. Joseph, 1, MH); Aug 13 (St. Joseph, 7, MH).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER:** Apr 18 (Bridgman, 1, JJ, DV) to Sep 8 (Three Oaks, 1, WJ).
- MARbled GODWIT:** May 2 - 4 (Avery Rd, 1, HB, KM, TBA, m.obs.). July 12 (St. Joseph, 1, BBCFT); July 13 (St. Joseph, 2, TBA).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** May 17 (SWMTB); Aug 9, 11 (St. Joseph, 1-2, TBA, MH); Aug 26 (St. Joseph, 2, MI, DI) to Sep 22 (St. Joseph, 1, MM).
- SANDERLING:** May 1 (St. Joseph, 2, TBA) to June 1 (St. Joseph, 1, TBA). July 14 (St. Joseph, 7, TBA) to Nov 25 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).
- SEMPALIMATED SANDPIPER:** May 5 (Three Oaks, 1, AM) to June 8 (Eau Claire, 10, JW). July 30 (St. Joseph, 1, MH) to fall departure.
- LEAST SANDPIPER:** Apr 28 (Royalton Twp, 1, SO) to May 17 (SWMTB). July 12 (Andrews University, 28, TBA) to fall departure.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** May 17 (Elm Valley Rd, 1, SWMTB).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** Aug 9 (1, AV). Aug 23 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). Aug 25 (St. Joseph, 1, MH); Aug 26 (Bridgman, 6, BA); Sep 1 (St. Joseph, 1+, MH); Sep 19 (Linco Rd, 1, MH); Oct 9 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** Apr 18 (Three Oaks, 2, JW) to May 17 (SWMTB). Sep 19 (Linco Rd, 12, MH) to Oct 6 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER:** Dec 17 (New Buffalo, 1, TBA).
- DUNLIN:** Apr 26 (Three Oaks, 1, AM) to June 8 (Bridgman & Three Oaks, 3, BA, JW). Aug 9 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AV) to Oct 7 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).
- STILT SANDPIPER:** May 3-4 (Avery Rd, 1, AM, m.ob.). Sep 19 (Linco Rd, 1, MH).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** Sep 3 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** Apr 19 (Browntown Rd, 1, JW) to May 17 (SWMTB). July 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MK) to Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 12, TBe).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** May 2\* - 4 (Avery Rd, 3, AM, m.obs.).
- WILSON'S SNIPE:** Mar 29 (Sarett NC, 2, MM) to Apr. Sep 19 (Linco Rd, 1, MH) to Oct 4 (Linco - Scottdale Rds Rd, 3+, AM); Dec 23 (Pipestone Creek, 1, GA).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK:** Mar 9 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc) to fall departure.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** Apr 26 (Royalton Twp, 2, MH, JW); Apr 29 - 30 (Galien, 1, RA, AV); Apr 30 (Three Oaks, 1, MH, TBA); May 2 -4 (Avery Rd, 2, AM, m.obs.); May 16 - 17 (Avery Rd, 1).

#### GULLS, TERNS and JAEGERS (Laridae)

- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** April 3 (Three Oaks, 5, JJ) to May 17 (Three Oaks, 1, WJ). July 23 (St. Joseph, 1, MH) to Dec 3 (Three Oaks, flock, NH).
- LITTLE GULL:** Sep 27 (St. Joseph, 1, TBA, CP). Nov 10-11 (Three Oaks, 1, KM, AV, RJ). Nov 17 (Three Oaks, 1, AV, RJ).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL:** May 17 (New Buffalo, 1, PC, m.obs). Nov 9 (Three Oaks, 1, KM); Nov 9 (New Buffalo, 1, KM); Nov 10-11 (Three Oaks, 4-10, KM). Nov 12 (Three Oaks, 1, MH).
- RING-BILLED GULL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1766.
- CALIFORNIA GULL:** Nov 24 (Three Oaks, 1, 3<sup>rd</sup>-winter, TBA). Accepted by MBRC. 11<sup>th</sup> county record.
- HERRING GULL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-2225.
- THAYER'S GULL:** Nov 29 (New Buffalo, 1, 2nd-winter, KM, BBCFT); Dec 1 (Three Oaks, 2 juv, MH); Dec 3 (Forest Lawn Landfill, 1, 1<sup>st</sup>-winter, MH, TBA).
- ICELAND GULL:** Mar 8 (St. Joseph, 1, MM); Nov 25 (Three Oaks, 1, MH); Dec 30 (New Buffalo, 1, PC, AB).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Sep 15 (New Buffalo, 1, KM) to Dec 3 (Paw Law Lake, 1, MH).

**GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL:** May 2\* (St. Joseph, 1, TBa, m.obs.). First county record.  
**GLAUCOUS GULL:** Mar 2 (St. Joseph, 1, EE, DP). Nov 11 (New Buffalo, 1, 1<sup>st</sup>-winter, KM, AV, RJ) to Dec 17 (New Buffalo & Forest Lawn Landfill 7, TBa). BCCBC-1.  
**GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Jan 3 (New Buffalo, 1, DV, JJ) to May 2 (St. Joseph, 1, KM, JW, TBA, m.ob). Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1 adult, BA) to Dec 17 (New Buffalo, 1, TBa). BCCBC-2.  
**CASPIAN TERN:** Mar 29 (New Buffalo, 1, MO, GA) to Oct 6 (St. Joseph, 2, MH).  
**BLACK TERN:** May 9 (Three Oaks, 1, JS) to late May (Three Oaks, 1+, m.obs.). June 29 (Galien, 2, JW). Aug 17 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA) to Sept 1 (New Buffalo, 1, KM, BBCFT).  
**COMMON TERN:** Apr 18 (Bridgman, 1, BA) to Oct 16 (St. Joseph, 3, MH, AV, RJ).  
**FORSTER'S TERN:** Apr 30 (1+, MH, TBa) to Oct 13 (New Buffalo, 2, WJ).  
**PARASITIC JAEGER:** Sep 27 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa); Oct 3 (St. Joseph, 1, AV, RJ).

#### PIGEONS AND DOVES (Columbidae)

**ROCK PIGEON:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1145.  
**MOURNING DOVE:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-795.

#### CUCKOOS, ANIS (Cuculidae)

**BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** May 15 (Love Creek NC, 1, PU, KM) to Aug 30 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ).  
**YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** May 9 (Jones – True Rd, 1, AV) to Sep 6 (Warren Dunes Sp, 1, TBe).

#### OWLS (Strigidae)

**EASTERN SCREECH OWL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-24.  
**GREAT HORNED OWL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-6.  
**SNOWY OWL:** Oct 28 to Nov 6 (Pipestone Twp, 1, Lance Mack, JW, m.obs.).  
**BARRED OWL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1.  
**LONG-EARED OWL:** Nov 4 (Sarett NC, 1, MM); Nov 15 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc); Nov 20 (Berrien Co, 1, *fide* eBird); Dec 7 (Benton Center Rd, 1 dead, *fide* CN); Dec 31 (Sarett NC, 1). CCBC-1.  
**SHORT-EARED OWL:** Winter to Feb 12 (Scottdale Rd, 1-3, mobs.). Oct 13 (New Buffalo, 1, WJ).  
**NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:** Mar 13 to Apr 2 (Riverside Cemetery near Three Oaks, 1, KS, m.ob.)

#### NIGHTJARS (Caprimulgidae)

**COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** May 15 (Forest Lawn Rd & Bridgman, 2, PC, KM) to Sep 11 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, WG).  
**CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW:** May 8 to July 5 (Berrien Twp, 1, MB, JW, m.obs.). Accepted by MBRC.  
**WHIP-POOR-WILL:** May 17 (SWMTB) to July 2 (Grand Mere SP, 1, WG).

#### SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS (Apodidae)

**CHIMNEY SWIFT:** Apr 24 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JS) to Oct 10 (Buchanan Twp, 1, AV).  
**RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:** Apr 16 (Lincoln twp, 1, GH) to Oct 11 (Three Oaks Twp, 1, TS).

#### KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)

**BELTED KINGFISHER:** Permanent Resident. BCCBC-5.

#### WOODPECKERS (Picadae)

**RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:** Early March (Love Creek NC, 1, *fide* PU) to Dec 21 (New Buffalo area, 4). BCCBC-6.  
**RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-220.  
**YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:** Winter to April. Sep 18 (Sarett NC, 1, RP) to Dec 21 (New Buffalo CBC, 1). BCCBC-6.  
**DOWNY WOODPECKER:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-303.  
**HAIRY WOODPECKER:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-53.  
**NORTHERN FLICKER:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-98.  
**PILEATED WOODPECKER:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-12.

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS** (Tyrannidae)

**OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** May 20 (Sarett NC, 1, TBa) to June 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JS). Sep 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, KM); Sep 2 (Brown Sanctuary, 2, MH); Sep 5-10 (Warren Dunes SP, 1-2, TBe, m.obs.).

**EASTERN WOOD PEWEE:** May 15 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, PC, TW) to Mid Sep.

**YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** May 21 (Sarett NC, 1, MH) to May 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JS). Sep 20 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, KM, BBCFT).

**ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:** May 7 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, MH) to Early Aug (Forest Lawn, 1, JW).

**ALDER FLYCATCHER:** May 25 (Brown Sanctuary, 1, JW) to June 7 (Lincoln Twp Beach, 1, JW). Aug 3 (Dayton Wet Prairie, 1, JW).

**WILLOW FLYCATCHER:** May 17 (SWMTB) to Sep 8 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AV).

**LEAST FLYCATCHER:** May 4 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JW) to Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBe).

**EASTERN PHOEBE:** March 20 (Fernwood NC, 1, *fide* WJ) to Nov 2 (Bridgman, 1, BA).

**GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:** Apr 28 (Andrews University, 1, KM) to Mid Sep.

**EASTERN KINGBIRD:** Apr 23 (Lake Chapin, 1, AV) to Early Sep (Royalton Twp, 1, JW).

**WESTERN KINGBIRD:** May 3\* (St. Joseph, 1, TBa).

**SHRIKES** (Laniidae)

**NORTHERN SHRIKE:** Jan 28 (Boyle Lake Rd, 1, JW); Mar 2 (Zoschke Rd, 1, MH); Nov 1 (Sarett NC, 1, JW, CN, MW) to Dec 31 (Coloma CBC, 1). BCCBC-2.

**VIREOS** (Vireonidae)

**WHITE-EYED VIREO:** Apr 21 (Lakeside Rd, 1, KM) to Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, MH).

**BLUE-HEADED VIREO:** April 17 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JJ) to May 21 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBa). Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MH) to Oct 10 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JW).

**YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:** Apr 28 (Kesling Preserve, 1, KM) to Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MH).

**WARBLING VIREO:** Apr 22 (Tudor Rd, 1, AV) to Sep 20 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ).

**PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** May 17 (SWMTB). Aug 26 (Fernwood NC, 1,) to Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MH).

**RED-EYED VIREO:** Apr 27 (Berrien Twp, 1, MB) to Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 1, MH).

**JAYS AND CROWS** (Corvidae)

**BLUE JAY:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-641.

**AMERICAN CROW:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1358.

**LARKS** (Alaudidae)

**HORNED LARK:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-234.

**SWALLOWS** (Hirundinidae)

**PURPLE MARTIN:** Apr 17 (Big Smith Lake, 1+, MC) to Early Sep (Three Oaks, flock, JW).

**TREE SWALLOW:** Mar 29 (Grand Mere SP, 1+, KM, BBCFT) to Oct 13 (Three Oaks, 20, WJ).

**N. ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:** Apr 8 (Topinabee Lake, 1+, JJ) to Oct 6 (Royalton Twp, 15, MH).

**BANK SWALLOW:** Apr 27 (Three Oaks, flocks, MM) to fall departure.

**CLIFF SWALLOW:** Apr 19\* (Holden Rd, 1, AV) to Sep 1 (St. Joseph, 1+, MH).

**BARN SWALLOW:** Apr 8 (Topinabee Lake, 1+, JJ) to fall departure.

**CHICKADEES AND TITMICE** (Paridae)

**BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-651.

**TUFTED TITMOUSE:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-379.

**NUTHATCHES** (Sittidae)

**RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:** Winter to June 5 (Lincoln Twp, 1, WG). July 31 (Sarett NC, 1, MM). Sep 8 (St. Joseph, 1, *fide* TS) to winter. BCCBC-16.

**WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-285.

**CREEPERS** (Certhiidae)

**BROWN CREEPER:** Winter to May 4 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, KM, m.obs.). July 26 (Bridgman, 1, JW); Aug 1 (Long Lake, 1, LM) to winter. BCCBC-30.

**WRENS** (Troglodytidae)

**CAROLINA WREN:** Permanent resident, numbers vary in winter. BCCBC-32.

**HOUSE WREN:** Apr 18 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ) to Oct 3 (Royalton Twp, 1, JW).

**WINTER WREN:** Winter to May 17 (SWMTB). Sep 8 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, WJ) to winter. BCCBC-6.

**SEDGE WREN:** May 3 (Rocky Weed Rd, 1, MH) to Aug 3 (Dayton Wet Prairie, 1, JW).

**MARSH WREN:** Apr 18 (Grand Mere SP, 1, JW) to summer. Fall?

**KINGLETS** (Regulidae)

**GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:** Winter to May 17 (Warren Dunes SP, SWMTB). Sep 27 (Berrien Springs, 1, MC) to winter. BCCBC-27.

**RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:** Apr 4 (Sarett, 1, MM) to May 18 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBa). Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 6, MH) to fall departure. Dec 14 (Berrien Springs, 1, AV). BCCBC-1.

**GNATCATCHERS** (Sylviidae)

**BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:** Apr 17 (Love Creek NC, 1, KM) to Sep 6 (Love Creek NC, 2, BBCFT).

**THRUSHES** (Turdidae)

**EASTERN BLUEBIRD:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-153.

**VEERY:** Apr 30 (Warren Woods SP, 1, MH, TBa) to Aug 9 (Bridgman, 1, BA).

**GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:** May 4 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, *vide* RB) to May 18 (Berrien Twp, 1, MB). Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 2, MH) to Oct 13 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, WJ).

**SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** May 3 (St. Joseph, 1, TBa) to June 1 (Bridgman, 1, BA, HA). June 11 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). Sep 2 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ) to Oct 13 (Warren Dunes SP, 3, WJ).

**HERMIT THRUSH:** Mar 30 (Sawyer, 1, NM) to May 4 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JJ). May 17 (SWMTB). Oct 11 (Sarett NC, 3, JW) to winter. CCBC-2.

**WOOD THRUSH:** Apr 26 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, AV) to Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 1, MH).

**AMERICAN ROBIN:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-169.

**MIMIDS** (Mimidae)

**GRAY CATBIRD:** Apr 20 (Sarett NC, 1, MM) to Oct 13 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, WJ).

**NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:** Permanent resident in small numbers. Apr 18 (Schwark Rd, 1, JJ, DV); May 17 (SWMTB); May 17 (Schwark & Sticks Rd intersection, 1, RK); May 24 (M-140 & Chapel Rd Intersection, 1, MB); June 28 (New Troy, 1, KS, JW); Nov 16 (Royalton Twp, 1, JW).

**BROWN THRASHER:** April 5 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ) to Oct 11 (Bridgman, 1, BA).

**STARLINGS** (Sturnidae)

**EUROPEAN STARLING:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-6931.

**PIPITS** (Motacillidae)

**AMERICAN PIPIT:** Apr 30 (1, MH, TBa) to May 17 (Avery Rd, 1+, SWMTB). Sep 15 (New Buffalo, 1, KM) to Dec 13 (Andrews University, 6, TBa).

**WAXWINGS** (Bombycillidae)

**BOHEMIAN WAXWING:** Jan 30 to Feb 9 (Andrews University, 3, SD, KM, m.obs.); Feb 2 (Lincoln Twp, 2, JW); Feb 28 (Whirlpool Ad. Center, 40, CL) to Mar 23 (Whirlpool, 20, m.obs.) HRT of 120 on March 2 at Whirlpool, EE, DP. Mar 1 (Hagar Shore Rd, 30, NF, EF, m.obs.)

**CEDAR WAXWING:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-682.

## WOOD-WARBLERS (Parulidae)

- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Apr 26 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, BBCFT) to Sep 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, KM).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** May 3 (Sarett NC, 1, MM) to May 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, WJ). Aug 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1 male, DSp).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** May 2 (Berrien Springs, 1, CW) to June 1 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MZ). Aug 28 (Royalton Twp, 2+, MH) to Oct 13 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH).
- ORANGED-CROWNED WARBLER:** Apr 28 (Warren Woods SP, 1, KM) to May 17 (SWMTB). Oct 13 (Chikaming Twp Park, 1, KM) to fall departure.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** Apr 27 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MM) to May 17 (SWMTB). Aug 28 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH) to Oct 13 (1, MH).
- NORTHERN PARULA:** Apr 16 (Grand Mere SP, 1, WG) to June 15 (Warren Woods SP, 1, JW).
- YELLOW WARBLER:** Apr 18 (Grand Mere SP, 1, JW) to Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBe).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** May 4 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, BBU) to June 1 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MZ). August 22 (Love Creek NC, 1, PU) to Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 2, MH).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER:** May 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AM) to Aug 16 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). Aug 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, DSp) to Mid-Oct (Tudor Rd, 1, AV).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER:** May 3 (Berrien Springs, 1, MJC) to May 24 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH). Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBe) to fall departure.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:** May 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AM) to May 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, JS). Aug 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, DSp) to Sep 27 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:** Winter to May 26 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AV, MJC). August 26 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MI, DI) to winter. BCCBC-13.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:** Apr 22 (Bridgman, 1, BA) to Oct 11 (Bridgman, 1, BA).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:** May 3 (Lakeside Bridge, 1, Sarett Bird Class) to Aug 16 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). Aug 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, DSp) to Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 1, MH).
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** Apr 18 (Forest Lawn Rd, 2, JW, JJ, DV) to Sep 28 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, KM); June 20 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ).
- PINE WARBLER:** April 14 (Three Oaks Twp, 1, TS); Apr 22 (Rangeline Rd, 1, MC) to May 17 (SWMTB). Sept 25 (Grand Mere SP, 1, MH) to Oct 4 (Warren Dunes SP, 1+, AM).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER:** Apr 20 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, WG) to Aug 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1 away from breeding area, TBe); Sep 22 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, KM).
- PALM WARBLER:** Apr 20 (Brown Sanctuary, 1, MM) to May 23 (Grand Mere SP, 1+, TBA). Sep 17 (Sarett NC, flocks, RP) to Oct 10 (Warren Dunes SP, flocks, BA).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:** May 3 (Lakeside Bridge, 1, Sarett Bird Class) to May 24 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BBCFT). Aug 28 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH) to Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 2+, MH).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER:** May 15 (Warren Woods SP, 1, PC, TW) to May 31 (Berrien Twp, 1, MB). Sep 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 2, KM) to Sep 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 2+, MH).
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** May 3 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBe) to June 2 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, JS).
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:** Apr 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JJ) to August 17 (Lakeside Rd Bridge, 1, JW). Aug 28 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH) to Sep 24 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc).
- AMERICAN REDSTART:** Apr 27 (Grand Mere SP, 1, SO) to Sep 20 (Sarett NC, 2, JW).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** May 5 (Brown Sanctuary, 1, KM) to July 17 (Brown Sanctuary, 1, MH).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** May 3 - 8 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AV, LG, *fide* RB); May 17 (SWMTB); May 19 - 26 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, m.obs.). Aug 29 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA).
- OVENBIRD:** Apr 27 (Warren Woods SP, 1, LF) to Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 1, MH).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:** Apr 18 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JJ, DV) to May 19 (Warren Dunes SP, 4, WJ). Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBe) to Sep 25 (Grand Mere SP, 1, MH).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:** Apr 17 (Love Creek County Park, 1, KM) to summer. Fall?
- KENTUCKY WARBLER:** May 3 - 26 (Warren Dunes SP, 3, MO, m.obs.).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** May 13 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MH) to May 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1-2, JS, MH). Aug 28 (Royalton twp, 1, MH) to Sep 18 (Sarett NC, 1, MM).
- MOURNING WARBLER:** May 13 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MH) to June 1 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MZ). June 14 (1, SAJ). Aug 28 (Royalton Twp, 1, MH) to fall departure.

**COMMON YELLOWTHROAT:** Apr 25 (Lincoln Twp Beach, 1, JW) to Sep 28 (Avery Rd, 2, JW, DV).  
**HOODED WARBLER:** Apr 30 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, MH, TBa) to Sep 22 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, KM).  
Oct 22\* (Bridgman, 1, BA).  
**WILSON'S WARBLER:** May 2 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AM) to May 31 (Eau Claire, 1, TBa). Aug 28  
(Royalton Twp, 1, MH) to Sep 27 (Sarett NC, 1, JW).  
**CANADA WARBLER:** May 8 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, AV) to August 9 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA). Aug  
28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, DSp) to Sep 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, TBe).  
**YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** May 10 (Chikaming Twp Preserve, 1, BBCFT) to June 1 (Snow & Tudor  
Intersection, 1, AV).

#### TANAGERS (Thraupidae)

**SUMMER TANAGER:** May 17 (Brown Sanctuary, 1, TBa, MH, SWMTB).  
**SCARLET TANAGER:** Apr 27 (Warren Woods SP, 1, JJ) to Sep 28 (Love Creek NC, 1, PU).

#### CARDINALS AND ALLIES (Cardinalidae)

**NORTHERN CARDINAL:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1141.  
**ROSE-BREASTED GROSEBEAK:** Apr 24 (Buchanan Twp, 1, JT) to Oct 4 (Sarett NC, 1, JW).  
**INDIGO BUNTING:** May 1 (Sarett NC, 1+, MM) to Oct 4 (Love Creek NC, 1, WJ).  
**DICKCISSEL:** May 17 (Mill Rd, 1, BBU, SWMTB). June 2 (Mill Rd, 2, KM) to Aug 3 (Hildebrand Hills  
sub, 3, JW).

#### NEW WORLD SPARROWS AND ALLIES (Emberizidae)

**SPOTTED TOWHEE:** Feb 1\* to Feb 8\* (Buchanan Twp, 1 male, JT, m.obs.). Accepted by MBRC. First  
county record.  
**EASTERN TOWHEE:** Jan 31/Feb 1 to Feb 5 (Buchanan Twp, 1 male, JT, JW, m.obs.). Mar 3 (St.  
Joseph, 1, AS) to Nov 26 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ). Dec 14-24 (St. Joseph, 1, MH); Dec 10-24 (Eau  
Claire, 1, TR). BCCBC-3.  
**AMERICAN TREE SPARROW:** Winter to April 21 (Oronoko Twp, 1+, DSc). Oct 17 (Tudor Rd, 1, AV) to  
winter. BCCBC-549.  
**CHIPPING SPARROW:** Winter to Jan 6 (Bridgman, 1, BA-ph). Apr 6 – 7 (Niles, 2, JJ) to  
**CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** May 16 – 17 (Sarett NC, 1, MM, m.obs.); May 17 (Warren Dunes SP, 1,  
TBa) to Oct 11 (Sarett NC, 1, MM, JW).  
**FIELD SPARROW:** Mar 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JJ) to Oct 17 (Chikaming Twp Park, 1, KM).  
**VESPER SPARROW:** Apr 6 (US 31 Bypass, 1, RB) to Oct 11 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BA).  
**SAVANNAH SPARROW:** April 13 (1, JW, DV) to Sep 15 (St. Joseph, MH). Nov 1 (St. Joseph, 1, AV).  
**GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** May 3 (Sarett NC, 1, MM) to Aug 1 (Sarett NC, 1+, JW).  
**HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** Apr 21 (Sarett NC, 1, MM) to summer. Fall?  
**NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** Sep 27\* (Andrews University Dairy, 3-4, TBa, m.obs.).  
Accepted by MBRC. First county record.  
**FOX SPARROW:** Winter to Apr 9 (Bridgman, 1, BA, HA). Oct 1 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc) to winter.  
**SONG SPARROW:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-58.  
**LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** Apr 27 (Warren Woods SP, 1, LF) to May 24 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, BBCFT).  
Sep 19 (Sarett NC, 1, MM) to Oct 16 (St. Joseph, 1, MH).  
**SWAMP SPARROW:** Mar 6 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JJ) to winter. BSCBC-4.  
**WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:** Winter to May 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, JS). Sep 20 (St. Joseph, 1+,  
LM) to winter. BCCBC-26.  
**WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** Winter to May 24 (Grand Mere SP, 1). Sep 24 (Oronoko Twp, 1+,  
DSc) to winter. BCCBC-42.  
**HARRIS'S SPARROW:** Apr 27 - 28 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, SO, AV)  
**DARK-EYED JUNCO:** Winter to May 29 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, RH). June 7-8 (Bridgman, 1, BA). June  
13 (Locust Ln, Lincoln Twp, 1, JM). Early Sep (St. Joseph, 1, *fide* MM) to winter. BCCBC-2487.  
**Pink-sided Junco:** Nov 18 (Buchanan Twp, 1, JT).  
**LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** Winter to Feb 29 (Linco Rd, flock, JJ). Sep 15\* (New Buffalo, 1, KM) to winter.  
BCCBC-3.

**SNOW BUNTING:** Winter to Mar 2 (Benton Harbor, flock, AV). Oct 21 (St. Joseph, 1+, TBa, MH) to winter. BCCBC-151.

#### ICTERIDS (Icteridae)

**BOBOLINK:** Apr 22 (Snow Rd, 1, AV) to Sep 1 (Three Oaks, 1, AV).

**RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:** Jan 19 (Sarett NC, 1, MW); Jan 29 (Somerset Rd, 2, OE); Feb 23 (Oronoko Two, 1, DSc) to Nov 6 (Fernwood, 1, WJ). Dec 21 (New Buffalo area, 1). NBCBC-1.

**EASTERN MEADOWLARK:** Jan 26 to Late Feb (Scottsdale Rd, 3-4, JW, JJ, DV). Mar 16 (Sarett, flock, MM) to fall departure.

**WESTERN MEADOWLARK:** Apr 28 – May 17 (Royalton Twp, 1, MJC, m.obs.); May 17 (Eau Claire, 1, SWMTB).

**RUSTY BLACKBIRD:** Mar 6 (St. Joseph, 1, MM) to Apr 6 (Avery Rd, 1, RB, JW, MM). Nov 5 (Mud Lake Bog, 1, PU, SS).

**BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** April 14 (Forest Lawn Rd, 1, DV, JJ); May 16 – 17 (Avery Rd, 5, PC, m.ob., SWMTB); Sep 21 (Linco Rd – Scottsdale Intersection, 12+, KM).

**COMMON GRACKLE:** Jan 17 (Bridgman, 1, BA). March 4 (Oronoko Twp, flocks, DSc) to Dec 21 (New Buffalo, 23). NBCBC-23.

**BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-7.

**ORCHARD ORIOLE:** Apr 30 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc) to Aug 1 (Sarett NC, 1, JW). Sep 22 (Oronoko Twp, 1, DSc).

**BALTIMORE ORIOLE:** Apr 18 (Bainbridge Twp, 1, BB) to Sep 8 (Warren Dunes SP, 1, WJ).

#### FINCHES (Fringillidae)

**PURPLE FINCH:** Winter to May 18 (Bridgman, 1, BA, HA). July 6 (Pardee Rd, 1, CM, NM). July 29 (Sarett NC, 1, MM). Sep 19 (Tudor Rd, flocks, AV) to winter. BCCBC-17.

**HOUSE FINCH:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-831.

**WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:** Dec 30 (Union Pier, 1, AB).

**COMMON REDPOLL:** Winter to Apr 3 (Bridgman, 1, BA). Nov 25 (Berrien Springs, 1, MO) to winter.

**HOARY REDPOLL:** Jan 15 (Fernwood NC, 1, WJ).

**PINE SISKIN:** Winter to early June (Niles Twp, flocks, MK). Sep 19 (Tudor Rd, flocks, AV) to winter. BCCBC-231.

**AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-745.

**EVENING GROSBEAK:** Feb 25 - 28 (Chapel Rd, 2, JJ, DV, m.obs.); May 7 (Three Oaks, 2, NS). Nov 4\* (Tudor Rd, 6, AV).

#### OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)

**HOUSE SPARROW:** Permanent resident. BCCBC-1997.

## OBSERVER ABBREVIATIONS

BA	Brad Anderson	CM	Charles McKelvy
HA	Hannah Anderson	NM	Natalie McKelvy
GA	Gordon Adkins	DM	Doug McWhirter
RA	Ray Adams	LM	Lester Merklin
BB	Barb Baerwald	JM	Jim Mullins
TB	Tony Baldoni	KM	Kip Miller
TBa	Tim Baerwald	AM	Andre Moncrieff
HB	Heidi Beardsley	DMu	Dawn Mutz
HBe	Holly Beckermeyer	MMO	Margret Morton
TBe	Tom Beeke	BM	Brad Murphy
WB	Walter Booth	CN	Chuck Nelson
DB	Diane Braybrook	SO	Sara Oliver
RB	Rick Brigham	JO	Jan Osborn
MB	Marvin Budd	MO	Michael Overway
BBU	Brad Bumgartner	DP	David Pavlik
AB	Adam Byrne	CP	Caleb Putnam
MJC	Mary Joe Canaday	TR	Teri Reeve
PC	Phil Chu	DSc	Dick Schinkel
JC	Joel Coon	AS	Adel Schultz
SD	Sherrie Davis	JS	Jan Shillito
OE	Oline Edge	NS	Nick Sisamus
EE	Erik Enbody	TS	Therese Sisamis
GF	Gene de la Foret	DSI	David Slager
EF	Erin Fuller	DSp	Dan Sparks
LF	Laura Fuderer	KS	Kirk Schrader
NF	Nate Fuller	DSm	Dave Smitley
DG	Dale Gano	CS	Claudia Sowler
WG	Wayne Glieber	DS	Dick Sowler
LG	Leonard Graf	AS	Arlen Springer
CG	Cory Gregory	DSp	David Springer
GH	Gwen Hollman	DSt	David Steen
EH	Eileen Horne	SS	Sarah Story
DI	David Irwin	KT	Kevin Thomas
MI	Marcia Irwin	JTu	Jim Tucker
SJ	Scott A Jennex	JT	John Trapp
WJ	Wendy Jones	DT	Divone Trosper
RJ	Rhoda Johnson	PU	Pat Underwood
MJ	Madeline Johnston	DV	Dave Vinnedge
JJ	John Jann	DW	Doris Watt
MK	Marlo Kauffman	DWo	David Worthington
RK	Richard Keith	MW	Mindy Walker
EK	Evie Kirkwood	TW	Tex Wells
CK	Chris Knudson	RW	Rick Willey
SK	Sharon Klemm	CW	Chuck Witkoski
CL	Charles Lechleitner	JLW	John L. Wuepper
EL	Ed Lewis	JW	Jon Wuepper
MM	Mike Mahler	BY	Barry Young
MK	Michaele Klingerman	MZ	Molly Zahn
BM	Bridget McDonough		

## ADDITIONAL ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	Andrews Biology Class
BBC	Berrien Birding Club
BBCFT	Berrien Birding Club Field Trip
BCCBC	Berrien County Christmas Bird Counts Total
BSCBC	Berrien Springs Christmas Bird Count (Dec.14)
CCBC	Coloma Christmas Bird Count (Dec. 31)
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
m.obs.	Many observers
NBCBC	New Buffalo Christmas Bird Count (Dec.21)
NCBC	Niles Christmas Bird Count (Dec.20)
NC	Nature Center
SBC	Sarett NC Birding Class
SWMBT	Southwestern Michigan Team Birdathon (May 17)