

**June 2022 eBird Summary**  
***Very Unusual and Rare Sightings***  
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The following is an overview of the very unusual and rare eBird sightings for June 2022 for Allegan, Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties. This report does not include rare birds that are flyovers, unchaseable, on inaccessible private property and those with sketchy details.

After the passage of a strong cold front early on the 1st, a pleasant period of near/below normal temps in the high 60s and 70s lasted through the 12th with occasional periods of rain. Severe storms triggered by a hot, moist unstable air mass on the 13th sent temps soaring to the muggy 90s with heat indices over 100 on the 14th and 15th. A cold front early on the 16th brought relief and a pleasant period through the weekend, but the heat moved in again with very dry conditions for an extended period through the 25th with a couple of 90+ degree days. After rain and a cold front, near normal conditions returned until another humid near 90 degree day on the 30th.

**Notables for the month:** A **Redhead** at pond at a residence along Barry St W of 88th Ave in Ottawa Co June 26-30 – unusual in summer. A **Ring-necked Duck** at Byron Lakes in Kent Co June 15 and one at Millennium Park Trestle Trail ponds June 19-30 – rare in summer. Up to six **Common Gallinule** continued since Apr at Grand Haven SGA Bruce Bayou 129th Ave and Cypress St access – known locations, five at Dermo Bayou in Ottawa Co June 8, three heard and seen near Mill Point while kayaking on Grand River in Ottawa Co June 23. Up to 20 **White-rumped Sandpipers** continued at the Wastewater June 6. At least 40 **Semipalmated Sandpipers** at the Wastewater June 3. A **WILLET** (Lauren Vaughn) at the Wastewater June 1. A **FRANKLIN'S GULL** (Michael Walter) at Pere Marquette Park in Muskegon June 25. A **BLACK TERN** (Joel Postema) at Grand Haven SGA Bruce Bayou 129th Ave access June 19-20 and 132nd Ave access June 26. A **Common Loon** at Reeds Lake June 7 – late/south of typical breeding range. A **Least Bittern** at Muskegon SP Snug Harbor marsh June 10, one at Grand Haven SGA Bruce Bayou 129th Ave access June 20. A **Black-crowned Night-Heron** at Dermo Bayou Grand River in Ottawa Co June 8. The **Merlin** pr is again nesting on the Calvin University Campus. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** (Bailey Mitchell) at the Wastewater June 3, one (Clinton Boyd) at a residence along Cramton Ave NE in Kent Co June 5, one heard at Rogue River SGA in Kent Co June 8 – all late. A **Blue-headed Vireo** at Saugatuck Dunes SP June 6, one at Cascade Peace Park in Kent Co June 11-19, one at Pigeon Creek Co Park in Ottawa Co June 22 – all well south of typical breeding range, three at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond June 20 – known breeding location. A **Winter Wren** at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond area June 2, two at Luton Park in Kent Co June 3, two at Rogue River SGA in Kent Co June 8-9 – all late/possibly nesting. A **NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD** (Aaron Klanderman) at Allegan SGA Todd Farm (58th St/117th Ave) June

4-7, one (Doug Howerzyl) at Lombard St/26th St/Chicago Dr SW area in Grandville June 13-18, one (Mark Boehler) at Pine Creek Impoundment in Allegan Co June 19 (one was also seen here May 14 by Mark), one (Jennifer Reck) at the Wastewater June 27-30. A **Purple Finch** at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing June 1 – late. **Pine Siskins** still reported at feeders early month. A **Dark-eyed Junco** at Aquinas College June 14 and 20 – late/unknown why it is still here. Varying numbers of **Henslow's Sparrows** continued at Allegan SGA Todd Farm and two continued at 52nd St E of Kraft Ave SE in Kent Co, one also along 60th St S of Gerald R Ford Int'l Airport June 7 – all known locations, one continued since May 21 along 128th Ave N of Stanton St in Ottawa Co June 1. Thirteen **Grasshopper**, three **Clay-colored** and **21 Vesper sparrows** and two **Dickcissels** at the Campbell Power Plant east ash fields at Port Sheldon June 25 – Ottawa Co Parks field trip to this restricted area, which is a known nesting location for Clay-colored and other sparrows. A **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** continued since May at Outdoor Discovery Center in Allegan Co June 19. A **WESTERN MEADOWLARK** (Dave Boeckstein) has continued since May 16 at 140th Ave W of 4th St area in Allegan Co. Four **Brewer's Blackbirds** continued at the Wastewater June 3, two at 84th St/Wilson Ave SW (celery flats) June 7 – known location. **Warblers:** A **Louisiana Waterthrush** at Cascade Peace Park in Kent Co June 3, one continued at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond June 11 – known location. Two **WORM-EATING** continued since May at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond area – known breeding location. A **KENTUCKY** (Steve Minard) at Cascade Peace Park in Kent Co June 2-24 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S112023198> to view Caleb Putnam's photos and <https://ebird.org/checklist/S112378189> to view Tori Martel's beautiful closeups) – this bird was an easy find always singing near trail markers 88 and 89 and not shy at all; up to three **Hooded** were also found at the park. A **Cerulean** continued since May at Aman Park June 13, up to five continued at Allegan SGA M-89 Kalamazoo River bridge/boat launch and at least one at other known locations within the game area. A **Black-throated Blue** at Cascade Peace Park in Kent Co June 7 – well south of typical breeding range. A **Yellow-rumped** at Harbor Island Grand Haven June 5, one at Frederik Meijer Gardens June 14, two at Waterfront Park in E Grand Rapids June 20 – all late/south of typical breeding range. A **PRAIRIE** continued at Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area/Saugatuck Dunes SP area – known location, two (M Waller/A Olivier) at 48th St/120th Ave area in Allegan Co June 5. A **SUMMER TANAGER** (M Waller/A Olivier) at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond June 5. **Dickcissels** continued in varying numbers at the Wastewater and Allegan SGA/Allegan SGA Todd Farm along with **Bobolinks** – both known breeding locations for both species.

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