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Immature Rock Wren

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President's Page

HAVE YOU ever gazed with awe upon a beautiful valley or a majestic mountain; picked up a lovely moss agate from a bubbling stream; stood high on a prairie hilltop and watched the restless wind which is as timeless as the universe sweeping the grass into swells of never-ending motion; been at a spot where the eye can see almost farther than the mind; or been in a dense forest, surrounded by the clustered trees and



vines, listening to the many songs of birds? In all cases, you can get the feeling of the immensity of things and become a part of the sea of time and space.

Yet, who speaks for these spots of beauty which soothe man's soul? Who calculates

the cost-benefit ratio of the healing effect of a vacation away from the hectic, congested, polluted areas of the earth? Who measures the happiness of a child seeing a deer or bird in the wilderness? It is you, if you believe in these values.

It was God who created all things equal, but it is only man who has a vote. He decides what is to stay and what is to go. He decides if a beautiful valley is to become a city, a dam, a lumber camp, or a place to watch and wonder. He decides the value of a 2,000-year-old redwood; the deer on the prairie; the birds in the woodland; or the exquisite, crystal clear mineral. Do these animate or inanimate

objects have any right on this planet other than what man gives them? Who is to represent them in a court of law? Who is to cast a vote in their favor? Who is to represent their rights on this planet earth? In a democracy, it is you. You must decide on the beauty spots, the heritage centers, and the places of importance in South Dakota that should be preserved. Speak out in a clear and decisive voice now. Allow your vote and voice to speak for the rights of wildlife and beauty so they will continue to make our planet a more interesting place for us to live, and for the future.

Truly, we need to Speak for Life if we are to save what is left of the unique natural areas in South Dakota. Become aware of these things, and if you hear of any agency or persons planning to spoil any of these areas, be sure to express your thoughts and concern to the proper agency or people.

Finally, you now have a clear-cut means for making your feelings count. Lend your support to two bills—S. 1820 and H.R. 8650—that will be introduced to the upcoming U.S. Congressional Session. These bills are designed to preserve our natural heritage, and are similar to what a private section of our population has been trying to do since 1954, through the auspices of The Nature Conservancy. This organization has conserved over a million acres during this period. The intent of the two bills is a complete inventory and final preservation of all remaining unique areas in the United States.—Nelda Holden, Brookings

SDOU Spring Meeting

W. Lemons

As in 1970, members and friends journeyed to Bison for the SDOU Spring Meeting, again the guests of Alfred and Gertrice Hinds. When I drove through that fine grassland country in the north-western corner of the state, where towns are small and widely spaced and people few in number, I thought of my old friend Badger Clark and how he would approve of what I saw:

With skyline bounds from east to west

And room to go and come,
I love my fellow man the best
When he was scattered some.

As I passed Faith, I was pleased to discover that the good people of that community had remembered Badger Clark by inscribing on a marker his poem which celebrates the small town.

I arrived in Bison a few days early in order to investigate Alfred Hind's story of an old Indian tipi frame still standing in a Slim Buttes canyon. Willis Hall and I planned to look for it during the weekend, and to explore the Slim Buttes battlefield. It is exciting historic ground.

On Friday afternoon, birders began to arrive. They registered in the social room of Bison's Grand Electric Building and enjoyed refreshments provided by our hosts. In the evening, fifty-two people gathered there for announcements and a short program. Les Baylor organized the field trips, and Harold Burgess, manager of the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, gave a comparison of Texas and South Dakota Christmas Bird Counts. He expressed a preference for the method used here, for in Texas birders are assigned to look for specific species in specific places, thereby seeing, as individuals, fewer habitats and fewer birds, although the aggregate counts may be larger.

On Saturday, the all-day field trips began about 7 a.m. Byron Harrell and David and Nelda Holden led two groups west through Slim Buttes, Bruce Harris and Dr. Whitney took two more north to the Shadehill Lake region, and Alfred Hinds guided another through his home neighborhood around Sorum. Before the day was over, some birders visited Earl Engebretson's wildlife museum near Meadow; others enjoyed the Canada Geese being raised near Shadehill Reservoir. Willis Hall and I searched for the ancient tipi, after getting directions at the John Helms ranch, and finally found it in a wild and secret canyon where we saw a flock of eleven wild turkeys and three mule deer. (Those interested in learning more about this mysterious relic may watch for an article about it in one of the next issues of *South Dakota History*.)

The traditional Saturday evening banquet, with sixty-four attendants, featured Willis Hall's illustrated discussion of the Grand River country—its scenery, its animals, its birds. He had taken a great many colored photos in 1970 while descending the Grand in his light homemade boat to the river's junction with the Missouri at Mobridge. The showing of these excellent pictures, enlivened by Willis' interesting, often witty, discourse, elicited much admiring comment during the remainder of the weekend. Following this talk, Gertrice Hinds conducted a drawing for door prizes contributed by Bison merchants and friends (also for some especially made by Les Baylor). Young Arthur Holden drew the names from the box. This drawing, which everybody enjoyed, was something new at SDOU meetings.

Field trips continued on Sunday until

noon, at which time we gathered again at headquarters for another large meal and the usual call-off of bird species. The compilation listed 134 species, as compared with 130 seen at the 1970 Bison meeting. Seemingly, a male Bufflehead, viewed by Gladycy and Charles Rogge, was the only unusual find. (Some may recall the excitement at the 1970 call-off over the reports of seeing the Cinnamon Teal, Black-bellied Plover, Le Conte's Sparrow, and McCown's Longspur.) A comparison of the 1970 and 1977 compilations reveals that 17 species of the first and 17 species of the second were not observed both years, a fact largely explained, probably, by the difference of over two weeks between the sighting seasons.

President Nelda Nolden, who chaired all three meetings, pronounced them "excellent." We had eight guests from North Dakota and two from British Columbia. Winston Hall and his wife came from Mobridge. All of us owe many thanks to Gertrice and Alfred Hinds and to Les and Mary Baylor for their careful planning and detailed organization.—Meckling

Registrants at Bison

From Other States and Provinces

Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada—Gwen Telosky, Howard Telosky.

Bismarck, North Dakota—Genevieve and Bill Buresh, Adele and Kenneth Johnson, Sue and Bob Randall.

Haines, North Dakota—Carol Merwin.
Hettinger, North Dakota—Jan Sailer.

From South Dakota

Aberdeen—Margerey Arbogast, Jeannette and Everett Montgomery.

Brookings—Patsy and Kenneth Husmann; Arthur, David and Nelda Holden.

Bruce—Esther and Richard Edie.

Clear Lake—Bruce Harris, Walt Rose.

Madison—Bob Buckman.

Martin—Harold Burgess, Jim Nissen, Tom Tornow.

Meadow—Earl Engebretson.

Meckling—Bill Lemons.

Pierre—Augusta Eklund, Enid Hyde, Pat Vance, Grace and R.V. Summerside.

Prairie City—Gertrice and Alfred Hinds.

Rapid City—Mary and Les Baylor, Bernice and Harry Behrens, Nancy and Tom Hays, Reva Pearce, Esther Serr, Helen and Henry Stein, Virgil Heuvelen, Nat Whitney, Clara and Lenord Yarger.

Sioux Falls—Gil Blankespoor, Fred Klawiter, Gladycy and Charles Rogge.

Spearfish—Dan Bjerke.

Vermillion—Joyce and Byron Harrell.

Yankton—Rosamond and Willis Hall.

SPECIES LIST

Symbols:

P—Species observed in Perkins County.

H—Species observed in Harding County.

Horned Grebe—P
Eared Grebe—P
Western Grebe—P
Pied-billed Grebe—P
White Pelican—P
Double crested Cormorant—P
Great Blue Heron—P
Green Heron—P
Canada Goose—P
White-fronted Goose—P
Snow Goose—P
Mallard—PH
Gadwall—PH
Pintail—PH
Green-winged Teal—PH
Blue-winged Teal—PH
American Wigeon—PH
Northern Shoveler—PH
Wood Duck—P
Redhead—P
Lesser Scaup—P
Bufflehead—P
Ruddy Duck—PH
Turkey Vulture—PH
Red-tailed Hawk—H
Swainson's Hawk—PH
Ferruginous Hawk—PH
Golden Eagle—PH
Marsh Hawk—PH
Prairie Falcon—H
Merlin (Pigeon Hawk)—H
American Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk)—PH
Sharp-tailed Grouse—PH
Sage Hen—H
Gray Partridge—PH
Ring-necked Pheasant—PH
Turkey—H
American Coot—PH
Killdeer—PH

Upland Sandpiper—PH
 Spotted Sandpiper—PH
 Willet—P
 Greater Yellowlegs—P
 Pectoral Sandpiper—P
 White-rumped Sandpiper—P
 Baird's Sandpiper—P
 Stilt Sandpiper—P
 Semipalmated Sandpiper—P
 Marbled Godwit—P
 Sanderling—P
 American Avocet—PH
 Wilson's Phalarope—PH
 Northern Phalarope—P
 Ring-billed Gull—P
 Franklin's Gull—P
 Black Tern—P
 Rock Dove—PH
 Mourning Dove—PH
 Black-billed Cuckoo—P
 Great Horned Owl—PH
 Burrowing Owl—PH
 Short-eared Owl—PH
 Poor-will—H
 Common Nighthawk—P
 White-throated Swift—H
 Belted Kingfisher—H
 Common Flicker—PH
 Red-headed Woodpecker—PH
 Hairy Woodpecker—H
 Downy Woodpecker—PH
 Eastern Kingbird—PH
 Western Kingbird—PH
 Say's Phoebe—PH
 Least Flycatcher—P
 Horned Lark—PH
 Violet-green Swallow—H
 Tree Swallow—P
 Bank Swallow—PH
 Rough-winged Swallow—PH
 Barn Swallow—PH
 Cliff Swallow—PH
 Blue Jay—PH
 Black-billed Magpie—PH
 Common Crow—PH
 Black-capped Chickadee—H
 Red-breasted Nuthatch—H
 House Wren—PH
 Long-billed Marsh Wren—P
 Rock Wren—H
 Gray Catbird—PH
 Brown Thrasher—PH
 American Robin—PH
 Swainson's Thrush—PH
 Gray-cheeked Thrush—P
 Eastern Bluebird—H
 Mountain Bluebird—H
 Sprague's Pipit—P
 Loggerhead Shrike—PH
 Starling—P
 Red-eyed Vireo—PH
 Warbling Vireo—P
 Yellow Warbler—P
 Yellow-rumped Warbler—H
 Ovenbird—H
 Common Yellowthroat—PH
 Yellow-breasted Chat—P
 House Sparrow—PH
 Bobolink—PH
 Western Meadowlark—PH
 Yellow-headed Blackbird—P
 Red-winged Blackbird—PH

Orchard Oriole—P
 Northern Oriole—P
 Brewer's Blackbird—PH
 Common Grackle—PH
 Brown-headed Cowbird—PH
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak—P
 Black-headed Grosbeak—P
 American Goldfinch—PH
 Red Crossbill—H
 Rufous-sided Towhee—PH
 Lark Bunting—PH
 Savannah Sparrow—PH
 Grasshopper Sparrow—P
 Baird's Sparrow—P
 Vesper Sparrow—PH
 Lark Sparrow—PH
 Chipping Sparrow—PH
 Clay-colored Sparrow—P
 Brewer's Sparrow—H
 Field Sparrow—PH
 Harris' Sparrow—P
 Song Sparrow—P
 Chestnut-collared Longspur—PH
 Total Species: 134

Observed evidence of nesting

Upland Sandpiper—Nest with young in Perkins County.
 Rock Dove—Nests in Perkins and Harding Counties.
 Mourning Dove—Nests in Perkins and Harding Counties.
 Say's Phoebe—Nest with three eggs, 4 mi. N and 3 mi. E of Lodgepole, Perkins County.
 Horned Lark—Fledglings observed in Perkins and Harding Counties.
 American Robin—Nests in Perkins and Harding Counties.
 Western Meadowlark—Nest with four eggs in Perkins County.
 Orchard Oriole—Nest at Shadehill.
 Chestnut-collared Longspur—Nest with three eggs in northcentral Perkins County.

1976 Banding Records

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Common Redpoll	3
American Goldfinch	6
Rufous-sided Towhee	5
Lark Bunting	1
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-col.)	138
Tree Sparrow	53
Chipping Sparrow	9
Clay-colored Sparrow	1
Field Sparrow	8
Harris' Sparrow	65
White-crowned Sparrow	2
White-throated Sparrow	8
Lincoln's Sparrow	5
Song Sparrow	2

General Notes of Special Interest

BLUE GROSBEAKS IN EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA—In the summer of 1977, there was a northeastern expansion of the breeding range of the Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca Caerulea*). The furthest north and east that it has occurred in past years has been southern Minnehaha County along the Big Sioux River and southern Miner County along the Vermillion River. During the ten years that the Breeding Bird Surveys have been conducted in Miner and Lake Counties (Howard and Roswell counts), only one Blue Grosbeak has been recorded.

In 1976, two Blue Grosbeaks were recorded on the Howard count on the eastern edge of Miner County. Then in 1977, a total of 11 singing birds were recorded on these two counts: one on the Roswell route and 10 on the Howard route. The last bird recorded was on the western edge of Lake Madison, in Lake County.

Elsewhere in this issue of BIRD NOTES, Lois (Mrs. Darrell) Wells tells of the pair of Blue Grosbeaks they had at their farm in northern Moody County, near Lake Campbell. These recent sightings seem to indicate a northeast extension of the range of the Blue Grosbeak. We are hoping that people in this area will report any occurrences they have experienced.—Nelda Holden, Brookings

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BLUE GROSBEAKS IN MOODY COUNTY—At our farm home above the Big Sioux River, in northern Moody County, we maintain a bird bath that is 24 feet from a large window.

On June 26, 1977, about 6:30 p.m., I saw a dark, unfamiliar bird taking a bath. I casually picked up the binocular to observe it, but did not remain casual for long. After checking in the bird book, I

was positive that the bird was a male Blue Grosbeak. The female came to the bath the next day. She could easily have passed for a sparrow, but the huge beak identified her. Eventually, I came to recognize her chirp. I never heard either bird sing, but the female liked to chirp at the bath.

The male grosbeak was sighted just four times. On July 5, the last sighting, my husband also saw him. The bird was perched on a utility wire—sun glinting on his lovely royal blue breast, and the cinnamon-colored wingbars showing clearly. The female was seen at the bird bath 15 times between June 27 and July 6. Neither bird had a specific bathing time—they came as early as 9:00 a.m. and as late as 7:30 p.m. They were never observed together.

I told Nelda Holden about the grosbeaks, and she came several times to make a positive identification. It was late in July when she finally heard and sighted the male.—Lois Wells, Brookings

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SCREECH OWLS IN THE BIRD BATH—One evening at the end of June, 1977, my husband came in to tell me that we had a Screech Owl family in our shelterbelt. The three young birds were then about the size of the parents, with downy bodies, and the ability to fly well. For about two weeks we could walk through the shelterbelts in the evening and eventually find the owl family perched in adjacent trees, the adult (usually only one) impassive, the young "talking" to each other. Dick Sowell, SDSU photographer, came one evening and photographed them as dusk set in. Nelda and David Holden came another evening when we could locate only three of the owls.

At 3:15 p.m., on a very hot July 3, my husband saw an adult Screech Owl

perched in a tree at the edge of the shelterbelt. We were both watching when it flew to a bird bath made from a rectangular plastic dishpan. The owl drank several times, then hopped into the water, stood still for awhile (Oh, that feels good!), and proceeded to bathe. The bird was too large for the pan--one wing or the other was hanging overboard during the process. Bath over, the owl flew back to the trees. At 3:26, an adult Screech Owl again appeared and the bath was repeated.

One of the young owls was found dead in our garden in July, but we have since seen and heard the rest of the family.—**Lois Wells, Brookings**

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WHITE-FACED IBIS IN EDMUNDS COUNTY—On May 11, 1977, about 7:30 a.m., Phil Feiger, assistant refuge manager from Monte Vista, Colorado, spotted a White-faced Ibis in a wetland approximately six miles east of Hosmer, Edmunds County. Feiger and I were censusing waterfowl along a transect as part of the eastern Dakota segment of the Continental Duck Breeding Ground Survey.

The ibis was in one of the few wetlands on this transect that had any water. We were driving slowly along the road recording wetlands and waterfowl within one-eighth mile on either side of the road when Feiger sighted the ibis standing in an open spot of water about 150 feet from the road. I had never seen one so I used the binocular to get a good look, noting the bill, color, and white fringe on the face.

Feiger has worked several years at the Bear River N.W.R. in Utah where the White-faced Ibis nest and are relatively common. He is very familiar with the species and pointed out the difference between White-faced and Glossy Ibis.

We viewed the beautiful dark red bird for several minutes before it became nervous and left.—**Kent F. Hall, Assistant Refuge Manager, Waubay N.W.R.**

COMMON GRACKLE BEHAVIOR—

During the last week of June, 1977, Common Grackles were congregating in our big black walnut tree early in the mornings in larger and noisier groups than usual. I watched them through the binoculars. They were pecking at the green nuts and then preening themselves vigorously and thoroughly, body, wings and tail. They would peck at the nut a few moments, then work on their feathers, and then repeat the performance, time after time.

I cut down a cluster of nuts used by the birds and found they had pecked a hole in the husk, almost to the middle of the nut. An oily liquid oozed from the hole. Apparently they were applying this juice to their feathers, knowing by instinct or discovery that it was beneficial. It is a common custom among the grackles as sometimes there would be as many as thirty or more birds busily working on the nuts and then on their feathers. No other birds have been observed using this juice.

Grackles are not our favorite birds, but they are interesting to watch.—**Charles D. Flett, Clarkfield, Minnesota 56223**



—Drawing and Etching Courtesy E.W. Steffen

Magnolia Warbler

SOUTH DAKOTA BIRD NOTES

1976 Banding Records

Banding Report from Rapid City

The following is a list of the birds banded in 1976 by Tom Hays and myself under authority of my permit No. 7463.

Species	Banded by NRW	Banded by TH	Total
Hairy Woodpecker		1	1
Downy Woodpecker		4	4
Pinon Jay	1		1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	4	6
American Robin		2	2
Bohemian Waxwing		9	9
Northern Shrike	1		1
Red-winged Blackbird		2	2
Common Grackle		9	9
Evening Grosbeak	10	20	30
Common Redpoll	2	163	165
Pine Siskin	44		44
Red Crossbill	1		1
Rufous-sided Towhee		1	1
White-winged Junco	91	48	139
Dark-eyed Junco			
Slate-colored	7	24	31
Oregon	2	11	13
Unidentified		11	11
Tree Sparrow		105	105
Chipping Sparrow	3		3
Harris' Sparrow		1	1
White-crowned Sparrow	1		1
Song Sparrow		3	3

1976 Banding at Burke

G.L. Steffen

The following is a list of the 1100 individuals of 44 bird species that I banded in the Burke area in 1976.

Special emphasis was on the banding of nestling Purple Martins with colored leg bands in addition to the numbered metal

band. During July and August, with the much appreciated assistance of Don Wilson, Burke, a total of 132 nestling martins were banded with a yellow plastic band on the left leg and the numbered metal band on the right leg. In addition, 16 mist-netted adult martins were also banded. They were not color banded.

Anyone sighting a color marked bird should report the sighting to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland, giving all details of the sighting.

Species	Total
Mourning Dove	160
Common Flicker (Yel.-sh.)	5
Hairy Woodpecker	2
Downy Woodpecker	4
Eastern Kingbird	1
Purple Martin	148
Blue Jay	13
Black-capped Chickadee	55
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
House Wren	1
Brown Thrasher	15
American Robin	95
Swainson's Thrush	6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Northern Shrike	2
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	2
Nashville Warbler	2
Yellow Warbler	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	11
Black-throated Green Warbler	1
Common Yellowthroat	1
Western Meadowlark	3
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2
Red-winged Blackbird	79
Northern Oriole	6
Common Grackle	150
Brown-headed Cowbird	17
Black-headed Grosbeak	3
Purple Finch	7

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Should SDOU Change Its Name?

W. Lemons

As noted by President Nelda Holden in the June issue of BIRD NOTES, the Board of Directors briefly considered at the 1977 Spring Meeting the controversial question of whether "South Dakota Ornithologists' Union" (the language purist prefers the apostrophe) is an appropriate name for a state organization of bird watchers.

Some stated that, although the name had been uncomfortable to them when they first joined the group, they had become accustomed to it; that changing it would be traumatic for most members; that the name's formality and implied quality of scientific professionalism were connotations truly suggestive of the kind of work actually carried on by the organization; and that "Ornithologists' Union" is used commonly by other states in the names of their groups.

On the other hand, others described the frequent embarrassment they experience when they use the name in talking with friends who invariably react to it with puzzlement and mystification; that the group contains only a small number of bird experts who can properly be classified as ornithologists, and that therefore the name is not honestly representative; that many potential members are lost because the name makes bird watchers of little knowledge and experience feel they would be unwelcome and out of place in a group having our present name; that many Americans do not know what "ornithologist" means and cannot even pronounce it accurately; that the name was originally adopted in hasty imitation of other state groups without any careful consideration; and that the name should be broadened to reflect the interests of many present members in other forms of nature study and to attract other people of like mind.

Suggestions made for a different name were as follows: "South Dakota Audubon Society" with "South Dakota Ornithologists' Union" as a subtitle; "South Dakota Bird Club"; "South Dakota Natural History Society"; "South Dakota Field Naturalists" or "The South Dakota Naturalist"; "The Dakota Environmentalist"; and "South Dakota Nature Society." None of these had much appeal for the board members, although some agreed that Audubon was the only noted ornithologist recognizable by the public and that his name ought to be a part of our group name, despite its duplication of considerable current usage. I have not been able to find a list of the names of state bird groups in the United States, but it seems to be true that "ornithological" or "ornithologists" appears in the names of state organizations in Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and other states.

Chairman Ken Husmann, Esther Edie and myself, members of the committee to study the question, have decided to appeal to the general SDOU membership for opinions and suggestions. We strongly urge, therefore, that as many members as possible express themselves on this issue by writing to Ken Husmann, 703 Sixth St., Brookings 57006, before the November meeting in Vermillion. Please give your opinion as to whether the name "South Dakota Ornithologists' Union" ought to be changed and, if you do think it should be changed, give us your suggestions for a new name.

Dr. N.R. Whitney's idea put forth last fall at Brookings that we change the name "South Dakota Bird Notes" to "The Lark Bunting," the name of SDOU's official bird, appears to be meeting with general approval.—Meckling.

1977 Spring Season Report

Compilers: G.L. Steffen, B.K. Harris, J. Harter

For most of South Dakota, there was a frost-free month of May and normal or above-normal precipitation, which helped to offset some of the effects of the devastating 1976 drought. But there was little, if any, of the requisite run-off for the lakes and dry wetlands in the eastern counties. The Black Hills and the south-west counties had a generous, heavy, wet snow in early March. An exception to the improved conditions was the northwest part of the state, which remained very dry with poor crop prospects. South winds, frequently strong, were common statewide for most of the period. Grasslands and flowering plants got off to an early start, with a promise of adequate food for many of the wildlife species.

Spring migration records showed that some species arrived on schedule (e.g., waterfowl and other water birds); many were one to two weeks early; a few, such as the first Purple Martins, had early arrival dates but they were late in their build-up of resident populations; others never showed at all (out of a possible 28 warbler species, only 18 were reported, with one of two sightings per species being common.) Also apparent in the records was the even movement across the state by several species, such as the Red-headed Woodpecker and the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Sparrows moved through rapidly, with little consideration for the waiting birders; Tree Sparrows and juncos left about two weeks earlier than normal.

Noteworthy records for the season include: Egyptian Goose, Whimbrel, Barn Owl, Saw-whet Owl, Mockingbird, Varied Thrush, Pine Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Brewer's Sparrow.

LOONS, GREBES, HERONS

- Common Loon**—4-22 Roberts Co., BKH; 5-9 Buffalo L., Marshall Co. (1) KFH, MHP.
- Horned Grebe**—3-25 Gavin's Point (1) WH; 4-12 Pierre (1) RLH; 5-5 Fall River Co. (1) LRP; also observed in Day, Meade, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties. Noticeably fewer migrants in northeast part of state.
- Eared Grebe**—4-9 (1), 4-28 peak (47) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; 4-18 Clay Co., KJH; records from Fall River, Yankton, Gregory, Day, Penn., Jackson, Deuel, and Perkins Counties.
- Western Grebe**—4-14 (1), 5-5 peak (84) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; 4-14 Blue Dog L., Day Co. (1) KFH; records from Brookings, Fall River, Hughes, Perkins, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.
- Pied-billed Grebe**—3-24 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 4-1 Roberts Co. (2) KFH; reported from Yankton, Deuel, Clay, Hyde and Perkins Counties, and LaCreek N.W.R.
- White Pelican**—3-27 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; present last week of March, peak 5-5 (2419) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; also reported from Jackson, Fall River, Yankton, Marshall, Butte, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.
- Double-crested Cormorant**—3-22 (1) Gavin's Point; 3-26 Pierre (2) RLH; 4-22 peak (416) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; also reported from Bon Homme, Gregory, Marshall, Meade, Custer, Perkins, Hyde, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.
- Great Blue Heron**—3-26 Pierre (1) RLH; 3-26 Bon Homme Co. (3) J. Wilcox (fide WH); 3-27 Brookings Co. (1) CP; reports from Gregory, Penn., Hyde, Custer, Deuel, Roberts and Perkins Counties, Waubay N.W.R., and Lacreek N.W.R.
- Green Heron**—5-7 Bon Homme Co. (2) WH; 5-10 Lawrence Co. (1) VBV; 5-17 Brown Co. (1) RLH; reports from Perkins, Deuel, and Roberts Counties. Good increase in Deuel over 1976.
- Cattle Egret**—4-28 Lyman Co. (1) WCT.
- Great Egret**—4-21 Lacreek N.W.R. (1) JMN; 4-21 Waubay N.W.R. (3) RRJ; 5-1 (1) Turner Co., 5-7 (1) Bon Homme Co., WH; 5-17 Lyman Co. (1) WCT.
- Black-crowned Night Heron**—5-1 Yankton Co. (15) WH; 5-8 Hamlin Co. (3) KFH; 5-19 Brown Co. (3) RLH; plus reports from Hyde, Buffalo, Clay, Deuel, and Roberts Counties, and LaCreek N.W.R.
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron**—5-25 Tripp Co. (1) GLS. Clear view at 50 yards with spotting scope, in good mid afternoon light. Noted uniform gray underparts, black and white head pattern.
- American Bittern**—3-27 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; April and May dates from Sully and Deuel Counties, LaCreek N.W.R., and Waubay N.W.R.

White-faced Ibis—5-11 Edmunds Co. (1) KFH.
(See "General Notes" - Ed.)

SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS

Whistling Swan—3-31 Day Co. (4) MHP, KFH; 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (8) JMN; Roberts Co. (2), Deuel Co. (5) BKH.

Trumpeter Swan—High count during period, 4-6 (45), 5-17 to 24 (18) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN.

Canada Goose—2-22 Gregory Co. (15) flying north, GLS; 3-5 (22), 3-27 (2800) Bon Homme Co., 4-5 (2400) Yankton Co., WH; 3-10 Waubay N.W.R. (1) KFH; reports from Brookings, Clay, Gregory, Haakon, Jackson, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

White-fronted Goose—3-7 Gavin's Pt. (260) WH; 3-8 to 11 migration flocks through Hughes Co., W. Haerr (fide RLH); 3-17 Gregory Co. (40) GLS; 3-23 Day Co. (4) KFH; 3-24 Brookings Co. (6) NJH; (9) in Deuel Co.; also observed in Perkins Co., BKH.

Snow Goose—3-8 Bon Homme Co. (4200), 3-20 Yankton Co. (4100) WH; 3-10 Brookings Co. (500) NJH; 4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (5580) JMN; also reported from Turner, Clay, Day, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Ross' Goose—(1) present from 4-17 to 4-28, clearly observed by refuge staff, Lacreek N.W.R., JMN.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE—5-20 Brandt, Deuel Co., good study at 50 yards. W. Rose and BKH.

Mallard—3-1 Gavin's Pt. (9000) WH; 3-10 Brookings Co. (50) NJH; also observed in Grant, Deuel, Roberts, Kingsbury, Hyde, Gregory, Perkins, McPherson, Brown, Faulk, and Ziebach Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Gadwall—2-28 Gavin's Pt. (2) WH; 3-24 Kingsbury Co. (8) NJH; 3-26 Gregory Co. (5) GLS; 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (863) peak, JMN; reports from Day, Bon Homme, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, McPherson, Grant, Codington, Brown, Faulk, Ziebach, Dewey, Potter Counties.

Pintail—2-28 Gavin's Pt. (118), 3-8 Bon Homme Co. (860) WH; 3-23 Lyman Co. (400) WCT; 3-26 Kingsbury Co. (500) ERE; 4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (330) JMN; reports from Gregory, Day, Brookings, Hyde, Grant, Roberts, Deuel, Brown, Dewey, McPherson, Perkins, Harding, Faulk, Ziebach, Edmunds, Spink, Codington, and Potter Counties.

Green-winged Teal—3-8 Bon Homme Co. (18) WH; 3-9 Grant Co. (3) MHP; 4-13 Lacreek N.W.R. (296) peak, JMN; reports from Yankton, Gregory, Deuel, Roberts, Clark, Perkins, Harding and McPherson Counties.

Blue-winged Teal—3-25 Yankton Co. (2) WH; 4-6 Meade Co. (5) EEM; 5-17 to 24 Lacreek N.W.R. (3225) peak, JMN; reports from Day, Brookings, Gregory, Hyde, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, McPherson, Brown, Codington, Faulk, Potter, Dewey, Ziebach, Walworth, and Clark Counties.

Cinnamon Teal—4-11 Meade Co. (1) JLM; 5-17 to 24 Lacreek N.W.R. (4) JMN.

American Wigeon—3-1 Yankton Co. (7) WH; 3-26 Kingsbury Co. (12) ERE. Peaks: 4-8 Yankton Co. (278) WH; 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (358) JMN. Reports from Gregory, Day, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

N. Shoveler—3-8 Yankton Co. (2) WH; 3-24 Kingsbury Co. (3) NJH; 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (1461) peak, JMN; reports from Hyde, Gregory, Roberts, Grant, Perkins, McPherson, Brown, and Faulk Counties. Two groups of (70) in Deuel Co., more than usually observed.

Wood Duck—4-2 Lincoln Co. (3), 5-7 Yankton Co. (25) peak, WH; 4-13 Lacreek N.W.R. (2) JMN; reports from Gregory, Brookings, Day, Perkins, Clay, Roberts and Deuel Counties.

Redhead—2-28 Gavin's Pt. (12), 3-14 peak (535) WH; 4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (748) peak, JMN; 3-25 Deuel Co. (200) peak, BKH; reports from Day, Kingsbury, Gregory, Hyde, Roberts, Grant, Brown, McPherson, and Perkins Counties.

Ring-necked Duck—3-7 Gavin's Pt. (2) WH; good flight indicated by peak numbers: Gregory Co. (100), big increase, GLS; Kingsbury Co. (100) ERE; Brookings Co. (75) NJH. Reports from Day, Deuel, Roberts, and McPherson Counties.

Canvasback—3-7 Gavin's Pt. (6) WH; 3-24 Gregory Co. (2) GLS. Peak dates: 3-25 Deuel Co. (400) BKH; 4-9 Brookings Co. (80) NJH; 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (203) JMN. Reports from Day, Kingsbury, Meade, and Roberts Co.

Lesser Scaup—3-7 Gavin's Pt. (10) WH; 3-16 Day Co. (10) RRJ. Peak dates: 4-3 Gregory Co. (160) GLS; 4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (478) JMN. Reports from Brookings, Deuel, Roberts, Grant, McPherson, and Perkins Counties.

Common Goldeneye—3-5 Gavin's Pt. (4) WH; 3-18 Gregory Co. (4) GLS; 4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (106) peak, JMN; reports from Day, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Bufflehead—3-14 Yankton Co. (3) WH; 3-19 Gregory Co. (2) GLS; 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (242) peak, JMN; reports from Bon Homme, Day, Kingsbury, Brookings, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Ruddy Duck—3-10 Yankton Co. (1) WH; 3-30 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 5-5 Lacreek N.W.R. (448) peak, JMN; 5-19 Waubay N.W.R. (37) MHP; reports from Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Hooded Merganser—3-15 Gavin's Pt. (2) WH; 3-19 Waubay N.W.R. (2) KFH, MHP; 3-31 Deuel Co., BKH; 4-13 (2), 4-22 (3) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN.

Common Merganser—3-4 Gavin's Pt. (16), 3-11 (356) WH; 3-9 Grant Co. (35) MHP; 3-10 Brookings Co. (18) NJH; 3-16 Deuel Co. (160), 3-23 (80 and 150) BKH; reports from Gregory, Lyman, Fall River, and Roberts Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Red-breasted Merganser—3-18 Clay Co. (1) KJH; 4-3 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 4-13 Gavin's Pt. (5) WH; 4-21 Deuel Co. (1) BKH.

HAWKS, EAGLES

Turkey Vulture—4-9 Lacreek N.W.R. (1) JMN; 4-10 Gavin's Pt. (2) J. Wilcox (fide WH); 4-14 Roberts Co. (1) KFH, RRJ; reports from Bon Homme, Gregory, Hughes, Penn., Perkins, and Harding Counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk—3-3 (1), 3-31 (1), 4-2 (1) Rapid City, EMS, NFT, NRW; 4-24 Deuel Co., BKH; 4-30 e. of Rapid City (1) JLM.



— From Color Transparency by J.W. Johnson

American Golden Plover

- Cooper's Hawk—3-27 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 4-6 Waubay N.W.R. (1) MHP; 4-13 Lacreek N.W.R. (1) JMN; 5-3 Badlands (1) RAW; none in Deuel and Roberts Counties. This species nests in early May, and we should be alert for nesting birds in the west river drainage areas where there is suitable habitat.
- Red-tailed Hawk—3-10 Yankton Co., WH; 3-19 Gregory Co. (2) GLS; reports from Black Hills area, central So. Dak., Lacreek N.W.R., Clay and Day Counties.
- Broad-winged Hawk—5-3 Deuel Co. (1) BKH.
- Swainson's Hawk—4-12 Day Co. (1) RRJ; reports from Gregory, Yankton, Hand, Penn., Perkins, McPherson, and Deuel Counties.
- Rough-legged Hawk—3-8 to 4-13 Yankton and Bon Homme Cos. (4 total) WH; 3-20 to 5-1 Black Hills area (12 total) BHAS; 3-24 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 4-6 to 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (7 total) JMN; 5-2 Day Co. (1) KFH; Codington Co. BKH.
- Ferruginous Hawk—4-13 Lacreek N.W.R. (2) JMN; 5-18 Melleto Co. (1) WH; 5-20 Butte Co. (1) EMS; 5-21 Harding Co. (2) NJH; reports from Deuel, Potter, McPherson, and Perkins Counties.
- Golden Eagle—Reports from Perkins, Bon Homme, and Custer Counties, Black Hills, and Lacreek N.W.R.
- Bald Eagle—Reports from Yankton, Clay, Bon Homme, Gregory, Turner, Deuel, and Codington Counties, Waubay N.W.R. and Lacreek N.W.R.
- Marsh Hawk—3-5 Yankton Co., WH; 3-9 Marshall Co., RRJ; 3-13 Hyde Co., JH; reports from Bon Homme, Gregory, Penn., Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, Harding, and McPherson Counties.
- Osprey—4-12 Pierre (1) W. Nelson (fide RLH; 5-16 Spink Co. (1) W. Brewster (fide RLH); reports from Gregory, Meade, and Deuel Counties.
- Prairie Falcon—3-30 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 4-21 Lacreek N.W.R. (2) JMN; 5-21 Harding Co. (1) NJH.
- Peregrine Falcon—3-26 s. Meade Co. (1) TMH.
- Merlin—3-24 Clark Co. (1) RRJ; 4-12 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 5-21 Harding Co. (1) NJH.
- American Kestrel—Reports from Yankton, Bon Homme, Hughes, Clark, Brookings, Clay, Perkins, Fall River, Meade, Penn., Deuel, Roberts Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

GROUSE TO COOT

Sharp-tailed Grouse—Present in all West River areas.

Sage Grouse—5-26 Harding Co. (1) AH.

Bobwhite—4-23 Yankton Co. (4) WH; 5-11 (2), 5-25 (4) Gregory Co., GLS; 5-30 Clay Co. (3) KJH.

Ring-necked Pheasant—Present statewide.

Gray Partridge—Reports from Grant, Perkins, Bon Homme, Yankton, Roberts, Deuel, Harding, and Clay Counties (2 sightings first for Clay Co., KJH).

Turkey—4-27 Custer Co. (1) NFT; 5-21 Harding Co. (2) SDOU.

Sandhill Crane—4-1 Day Co., MHP, and Gregory Co., GLS; 4-2 Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; reports from Lyman (fewer this year, WCT), Hyde, Hughes, Yankton, and Deuel Counties.

Virginia Rail—5-2 Lacreek N.W.R. (3) JMN; 5-16 Seavey's Pond, s. Meade Co. (1) seen and heard, JLM.

Sora—Early date: 4-30 at Rapid City, JLM, and at Brookings, with (1) banded, J. Haertel. Reports from Lake, Hughes, and Deuel Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

American Coot—Early dates: 3-13 Gavin's Pt. (26) R. Parks (fide WH); 4-10 Burke L. (2) GLS. Peak dates: 4-9 Gavin's Pt. (500) J. Wilcox (fide WH); 4-22 Lacreek N.W.R. (2155) JMN. Reports from Marshall, Brookings, Meade, Fall River, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, Clark, and McPherson Counties.

SHOREBIRDS

Piping Plover—5-7 Bon Homme Co. (4) WH.

Killdeer—Early dates: 3-7 Penn. Co. (1) EAS; 3-9 Brookings Co. (1) NJH. Reports from Custer, Yankton, Gregory, Day, Hyde, Hughes, Meade, Deuel, Grant, Roberts, Clark, Dewey, McPherson, Perkins, Harding, Faulk, Walworth, and Ziebach Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

American Golden Plover—5-2 Roberts Co. (5) KFH; (4) observations in Deuel Co., BKH.

Black-bellied Plover—5-18 Deuel Co. (1) BKH.

Ruddy Turnstone—5-18 Waubay N.W.R. (300) MHP; 5-18 (1), 6-1 (5), 6-4 (11) Deuel Co., BKH.

American Woodcock—4-2 Yankton Co. (1) WH; 4-11 Day Co. (1) Art Talsma 4-21 Deuel Co. (1) BKH; 5-18 Brookings Co. (1) found DOR, (fide A. Wentz).

Common Snipe—Early dates: 3-27 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; 4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (1) JMN. Winnowing males: 4-7 Burke L., 5-8 Burke Lagoon, GLS; 5-8 Rapid Valley, JLM. Reports from Yankton, Meade, Penn., Roberts, Hyde, Stanley, and Deuel Counties.

Long-billed Curlew—4-1 (1), 5-5 (22) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; 4-10 Perkins Co. (2) AH; 4-11 Meade Co. (1) LY; 4-17 Meade Co. (12) feeding, TMH; 4-20 to 5-8 Meade Co. (7) JLM; 4-22 se. of Rapid City (2) RAP; 5-20 Butte Co. (1) NRW.

WHIMBREL—5.17 south of Waubay, Day Co. (1) with 3 Marbled Godwits for comparison, Everett and Jeannette Montgomery (fide EMS); 5.20 s. Clay Co. (2) big as teal, long dark bill down-curved with distinct dip at distal end, marked striping on head, back slightly scaled, dark legs, paler underparts, seen in good light at mid-afternoon, KJH. (A Whimbrel was sighted by Mrs. Hoover in the same area several years ago and confirmed by other observers.—Ed.)

Upland Sandpiper—Early dates: 4.19 Lawrence Co. (1) EAS; 4.20 Meade Co. (1) JLM; 4.22 Gregory Co., GLS. Reports from Lyman, Brookings, Roberts, Perkins, Hyde, Yankton, Deuel, Harding, McPherson, Dewey, Walworth, Edmunds, Clark, and Ziebach Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Spotted Sandpiper—Early dates: 5.2 Penn. Co., JLM, RCK; 5.6 Lake Co., KFH. Most arrivals 5.2 to 5.10, an even movement across the state. Reports Jackson, Gregory, Bon Homme, Clay, Deuel, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Solitary Sandpiper—5.1 Meade Co. (8), 5.6 Penn. Co. (1) JLM; 5.8 Penn. Co. (1) NRW; 5.2 (1), 5.7 (2) Clay Co., KJH.

Willet—Early dates: 4.13 Lacreek N.W.R. (2) JMN; 4.25 Meade Co., BHAS; 4.26 Day Co. (1) KFH. Peak dates: 4.28 Turner Co. (17) WH, and Lacreek N.W.R. (17) JMN; 5.2 Clay Co. (50) KJH. Reports from Yankton, Hyde, Jackson, Gregory, McPherson, Perkins, and Dewey Counties.

Greater Yellowlegs—4.8 Lacreek N.W.R. (1) JMN; 4.10 Perkins Co. (1) AH. Reports from Hyde, Gregory, Meade, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Lesser Yellowlegs—Early dates: 4.11 Roberts Co. (10) KFH; 4.13 Lacreek N.W.R. (20) JMN. Reports from Hyde, Meade, Yankton, Turner, Clay, Jackson, Fall River, Deuel, Grant, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Pectoral Sandpiper—4.28 Yankton Co. (17) WH; 5.1 Sioux Falls (20) NRW. Reports from Roberts, Clay, Deuel, Grant, Perkins, McPherson, and Dewey Counties.

White-rumped Sandpiper—5.7 Bon Homme Co. (2) WH; 5.9 Hyde Co. (10) JH. Reports from Clay, Deuel, Perkins, and Dewey Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Baird's Sandpiper—4.20 Turner Co. (2) WH; 4.24 Brookings Co. (4) ERE. Reports from Bon Homme, Clay, Hyde, Deuel, and Perkins Counties.

Least Sandpiper—4.20 Turner Co. (1) WH; 5.12 (4), 5.16 (20) Clay Co., KJH; 5.16 Hyde Co. (8) JH.

Dunlin—4.26 Yankton Co. (1) WH; 5.19 Deuel Co. (35) BKH; 5.20 Clay Co. (1) KJH.

Long-billed Dowitcher—Earliest: 4.20 Meade Co. (1) JLM; 4.24 Hyde Co. (1) JH. Reports from Turner, Butte, Brookings Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Stiff Sandpiper—5.20 Clay Co. (3) KJH; 5.19 Dewey Co., 5.21 Perkins Co., BKH.

Semipalmated Sandpiper—First dates: 5.12 Clay Co. (10) KJH; 5.18 Lacreek N.W.R. (1) JMN. Also observed in Deuel and Perkins Counties, BKH.

Marbled Godwit—Earliest dates: 4.20 Meade Co., JLM; 5.8 Hyde Co., JH; 5.8 Bon Homme

Co., WH. Reports from Clay, Deuel, McPherson, Perkins, and Dewey Counties.

Hudsonian Godwit—5.9 and 10 Pierre (1) at 40 yards, R.V. Summerside (fide EMS); 5.11 Deuel Co. (1) BKH.

American Avocet—Earliest dates: 4.17 Tripp Co., GLS; 4.28 Meade Co., BHAS; 4.29 Lacreek N.W.R., JMN. 5.5 Lyman Co. (30) WCT. Reports from Day, Yankton, Harding, McPherson, Perkins, and Dewey Counties. **Wilson's Phalarope**—Earliest dates: 4.24 Meade Co., BHAS; 4.25 Yankton Co., WH. Good migration numbers: 5.17 to 24 (259) Lacreek N.W.R.; 5.2 (80), 5.20 (50) Clay Co.; 5.14 (100) Brookings Co.; 5.15 (46) Badlands. Reports from Lyman, Gregory, Davison, Hyde, Sully, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, McPherson, and Dewey Counties.

Northern Phalarope—5.21 Perkins Co. (25) W. Buresh, during SDOU; 5.23 Brookings Co. (3) J. Haertel.

"Heavy concentrations of shorebirds were present at Oakwood Lakes, Brookings Co., during late April and most of May." On May 16-17, John Haertel and his father, assisted by Nelda Holden, banded the following shorebirds: Semipalmated Plover (11), Black-bellied Plover (3) on May 13, Spotted Sandpiper (2), Greater Yellowlegs (1), Lesser Yellowlegs (4), Pectoral Sandpiper (4), White-rumped Sandpiper (47), Least Sandpiper (22), Dunlin (3), Long-billed Dowitcher (2), Stiff Sandpiper (7), Semipalmated Sandpiper (114), Avocet (5), Wilson's Phalarope (4).

GULLS, TERNS, CUCKOOS

Herring Gull—3.2 Gavin's Pt. (?) WH; 4-10 Lacreek N.W.R. (5) JMN; reports from Deuel and Roberts Counties.

Ring-billed Gull—Early dates: 3.8 Bon Homme Co. (52) WH; 3.18 Gregory Co. (2) GLS. Concentrations: 3.24 Lyman Co. (200) WCT; 4.1 Waubay N.W.R. (200) MHP, KFH; 4.3 Yankton Co. (144) WH. Reports from Meade, Brookings, Deuel, Roberts, McPherson, Grant, and Perkins Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Franklin's Gull—Early dates: 3.27 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; 3.30 Brookings Co. (1) CAT. 5.15 Gavin's Pt. (350). Reports also from Day, Clay, Hyde, Gregory, Spink, Minnehaha, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Bonaparte's Gull—4.18 Burke L. (1), viewed at rest and in flight with spotting scope, GLS; (5) observations in Deuel Co., BKH.

Forster's Tern—4.13 (3), 5.6 (8) Gavin's Pt., WH; 4.19 (2), 5.17 to 24 (79) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; observed in Deuel and Roberts Counties, BKH.

Common Tern—4.6 Gavin's Pt. (1) WH; 4.19 Waubay N.W.R. (2) MHP; 5.8 Burke L. (2) GLS; observed in Deuel and Roberts Counties.

LEAST TERN—5.30 Clay Co. (1) KJH. **Black Tern**—Earliest dates: 5.7 to 5.9 in Bon Homme, Marshall, Gregory, and Clay Counties, an even movement into the state. Reports also from Deuel, Roberts, Hyde, McPherson, and Perkins Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.

Mourning Dove—Early dates in first two weeks of March, but not common until first week of May. Reported from Bon Homme, Yankton, Hyde, Day, Gregory, Pennington, Perkins, Deuel, Roberts, Grant, and McPherson Counties.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—5-26 Perkins Co. (1) in yard, AH.

Black-billed Cuckoo—5-9, 5-29 (1) Clay Co., KJH; 5-14 (2), 5-30 (1) window victim, Brookings Co., ERE; 5-30 Hyde Co. (1) JH; 5-30 Brookings Co. (1) NJH.

OWLS

BARN OWL—4-12 near Rapid City (1) RMM. Screech Owl—3-6 (1), 3-16 (2) in hollow tree, Custer Co., BMN; 3-1 Pierre (1) RLH; 3-2 Yankton (1) WH; Brookings Co. (1) ERE; 5-28 Clay Co. (1) heard, KJH.

Great Horned Owl—Reported from Brookings, Gregory, Yankton, Custer, Clay, Tripp, Lyman, Hyde, Deuel, and Roberts Counties, Waubay N.W.R. and Lacreek N.W.R.

Snowy Owl—Late migrants 3-16 and 3-17, Deuel Co., BKH.

Burrowing Owl—4-21 (1), 4-28 (5) Lacreek N.W.R., JMN; 4-28 Meade Co. (1), 4-17 Rapid City (1) BHAS. Reports also from Hyde, Perkins, Harding, and McPherson Counties.

Long-eared Owl—4-3 Hyde Co. (1) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray (fide JH).

Short-eared Owl—4-22 Penn. Co. (1) EMS; 5-21 Harding Co. (3) B. Harrell; 5-21 Perkins Co., BKH.

SAW-WHET OWL—3-18 Codington Co. (1) BKH. Details later

GOATSUCKERS TO KINGFISHER

Poorwill—5-3 Rapid City at 9 p.m. (2) NRW; 5-16 to 5-26 Cleghorn Canyon, Rapid City (1) heard calling, DSM; 5-21 Slim Buttes, Harding Co. (1) K. Johnson.

Common Nighthawk—First dates: 5-18 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; 5-23 Brookings (1) CAT. Also reported from Jackson, Clay, Hughes, Perkins, Deuel, Roberts, and Harding Counties.

Chimney Swift—4-27 Clay Co. (1) KJH; 4-29 Yankton Co. (2) R. Parks (fide WH); 5-2 Burke (2) GLS; 5-2 Brookings (1) CAT; 5-7 Pierre (1) RLH.

White-throated Swift—4-24 (5), 4-26 (3) Rapid Canyon, NRW, RMM; 5-21 Harding Co. (100) SDOU.

Belted Kingfisher—3-6 Gavin's Pt. (1) WH; reports from Turner, Brookings, Gregory, Meade, Penn., Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

WOODPECKERS

Common Flicker—First migrants for most areas in third week of March. Reported from Penn., Gregory, Marshall, Perkins, Hyde, Yankton, Brookings, Deuel, Roberts, and McPherson Counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker—Pair at feeder until warmer weather arrived, Clay Co., KJH; 5-15 Gavin's Pt. (1) WH.

Red-headed Woodpecker—Most reports were for period 5-3 through 5-13, showing even movement into state. 4-22 Clay Co., KJH. Reports from Yankton, Bon Homme, Gregory, Brookings, Penn., Hand, Hyde, Day, Deuel, Roberts, and Harding Counties.

Lewis' Woodpecker—5-21 Rapid City (1) eating cracked corn at feeder, BLG.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—4-17 Black Hills (3) JLM, EMS; 5-6 Hyde Co. (1) JH.

Hairy Woodpecker—One to three pair at most feeders until warmer weather.

Downy Woodpecker—One to four pair at most feeders until warmer weather; female banded on 12-6-67 was recaptured 3-21-77, Brookings Co., NJH.

FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS

Eastern Kingbird—Arrived during period 5-2 through 5-8 in Yankton, Clay, Hyde, Pennington, and Gregory Counties; reported also from Deuel, Roberts, Grant, Perkins, and McPherson Counties, Waubay N.W.R., and Badlands.

Western Kingbird—Even movement across state from 5-1 to 5-6 in Meade, Yankton, Jackson, Gregory, Hyde, Hughes, Day, and Deuel Counties. Also reported from Roberts, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Great Crested Flycatcher—5-18 Meade Co. (1) EEM; 5-14 Yankton Co. (1) WH; 5-29 Brookings Co. (1) NJH; Roberts Co., BKH.

Eastern Phoebe—4-8 Rapid City (2) RCK; 4-13 Burke L. (1) singing, GLS; 4-13 (3), 4-23 (2), 5-2 (2) Yankton Co., WH; 4-18 Brookings Co. (2) ERE; 5-28 Penn. Co. (2) RAW.

Say's Phoebe—4-9 Burke (1) at old nest site, GLS; 4-10 Perkins Co. (1) AH; 4-22 near Rapid City (1) EMS, RAP; 4-24 to 5-1 Meade Co. (8 total) BHAS.

Least Flycatcher—5-8 Brookings Co. (1) NJH; 5-9 Spink Co. (1) RLH; 5-22 Hyde Co. (1) JH; Deuel Co. and 5-22 in Perkins Co., BKH.

Willow Flycatcher—5-8 (1), 5-31 (2) Hyde Co., JH; in Deuel Co., BKH.

Empidonax (sp)—4-19 Brookings Co. (2) ERE; 5-6 Rapid City (8) JLM; 5-8 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH, and Burke (2) GLS.

Eastern Wood Pewee—5-10 Brookings (1) CAT; 5-14 Yankton Co. (1) WH.

Horned Lark—Few reports, but assumed to be common. Observed in Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, Harding, and McPherson Counties, BKH.

Violet-green Swallow—4-17 (6), 5-1 (12) Rapid City, JLM, TMH; 4-18 Custer (20) NRW; in Perkins Co., BKH.

Tree Swallow—4-16 Lacreek N.W.R. (2) JMN; 4-19 to 5-19 Rapid City and e. Penn. Co. (39 total) JLM, BLG; 4-30 Yankton Co. (1) WH; 5-9 Marshall Co. (1) KFH.

Bank Swallow—5-6 Davison Co. (1) KFH; 5-7 Bon Homme Co. (4) WH; 5-21 Perkins Co. (10) SDOU; observed in Deuel and Roberts Counties, BKH.

Rough-winged Swallow—4-12 Burke L. (6) GLS; 4-13 Gavin's Pt. (3) WH. Reports from Penn., Meade, Clay, Hughes, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Barn Swallow—4-15 Pierre (2) RLH; 4-17 Rapid City (2) BHAS. Reports from Brookings, Meade, Gregory, Yankton, Roberts, Clay, Hyde, and Deuel Counties.

Cliff Swallow—4-17 Rapid City (2) TMH; 5-6 Gavin's Pt. (13), 5-18 Chas. Mix Co. (200) WH. Reports from Meade, Jackson, Marshall, Custer, Hyde, Deuel, Roberts and Perkins Counties.

Purple Martin—3-30 Burke (1) GLS; 4-9 Hyde Co. (4) JH; 4-15 Brookings (1) CP; 4-17 Day Co. (1) MHP; 4-26 Yankton (2) WH; 5-15 Brookings Co. (8 pr.) NJH.

JAYSTOWRENS

Gray Jay—3-14 Rapid City (1) AMB.

Blue Jay—Common, everyone reported several all period.

Black-billed Magpie—3-5 to 4-1 Yankton Co. (7) sightings, WH. Also present in Gregory, Penn., Custer, Bennett, and Perkins Counties.

Common Crow—Numbers seemed to be down in all areas. Reports from Yankton (132 on 3-16, Gregory (350 on 3-23,24), Lyman, Bennett, Penn. ("very few"), Hyde, Deuel, Roberts, and Harding Counties.

Pinyon Jay—3-27 Fall River Co. (4), 5-22 Rapid City (30) JLM; av. (25) daily, Rapid City, RAP.

Black-capped Chickadee—Present in all areas. Mountain Chickadee—4-11 to 4-16 Rapid City (1) after snow and rain, AMB.

White-breasted Nuthatch—3-6 Gavin's Pt. (4) WH; 3-13 Yankton Co. (10) in one flock, R. Parks (fide WH); 4-10 Hyde Co. (1) JH; in Deuel and Roberts Counties, BKH; a pair present at most feeders in other areas.

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Several pair in Rapid City during period. 5-21 Slim Buttes, Harding Co. (1) NJH. Only sightings reported.

Pygmy Nuthatch—3-1 to 5-26 Rapid City (2) at feeder, AMB.

Brown Creeper—3-6 (1), 3-13 (1), 3-26 (1) Yankton Co., WH; 4-9, 4-19 (1) Brookings, GF, CP; (1) on 4-18, 4-28, 5-22 Hyde Co., JH; 4-12 Penn. Co. (1) RMM; observed in Deuel and Roberts Counties, BKH.

Dipper—3-1 to 5-26 near Rapid City (1) seen about twice a week, LRP.

House Wren—Most arrival dates in first week of May, Early: 4-21 Brookings, and 4-25 Rapid City. Reported from Yankton, Bon Homme, Clay, Hyde, Hughes, Gregory, Jackson, Butte, Brookings, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Long-billed Marsh Wren—5-8 Farmingdale Res., Penn. Co. (1) DSM; 5-21 Perkins Co. (1) W. Buresh; in Deuel Co., BKH.

Rock Wren—5-7 Rapid City (1) BLG; in Harding Co., BKH.

MIMIDS TO SHRIKES

MOCKINGBIRD—5-8 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH. Gray Catbird—Earliest dates: 5-9 Hyde Co., JH; 5-10 Clay Co., KJH, and Rapid City, GHAS; 5-11 Brookings, CP. Reports also from Gregory, Yankton, Day, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Brown Thrasher—Most arrivals last of April and first week of May. Early: 4-17 Clay Co., KJH; 4-18 Brookings Co., ERE. Reports from Yankton, Hyde, Day, Gregory, Perkins, Penn., Spink, Deuel, and Roberts Counties. American Robin—Present in small numbers in all areas early in March. 3-17 Burke L. (400) roosting in conifers, GLS.

VARIED THRUSH—A pair (m,f) present in Sturgis, Meade Co. during May. A male present most of last winter, EEM.

Hermit Thrush—3-30 Brookings (1) CAT; 4-19, 4-20 (1) Brookings, GF, CP.

Swainson's Thrush—Early: 4-22 Brookings, CAT. Most arrivals 5-2 (Hyde and Brookings Co.) to 5-8 (Penn.). Reports also from Brookings, Gregory, Spink, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Gray-cheeked Thrush—5-2 Brookings (1) CP; 5-8 Hyde Co. (1) JH; 5-8 to 5-14 Brookings Co. (3) banded, NJH; 5-11 Brookings Co. (1) ERE.

Eastern Bluebird—Earliest dates: 3-11 Clay Co., KJH; 3-13 Yankton Co., WH. Also reported from Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Hyde, Pennington, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Mountain Bluebird—2-19 Custer Co., Ada Smith; 2-21 Penn. Co., NJE; 2-22 Badlands, RAW; 3-13,16 Deuel Co., 3-20 Roberts Co., BKH. Observed in Harding and Perkins Counties.

Townsend's Solitaire—3-15 Belle Fourche (1) 1W; 3-26, 4-3 (1) Rapid City, VBV, EMS; 3-27 Fall River Co. (4) JLM.

Golden-crowned Kinglet—3-25 Brookings Co. (1) NJH. ONLY report received.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet—4-12 Brookings (1) CP; 4-16 Burke L. (1) GLS; 4-20 Rapid City (1) NRW. Also reported from Hyde, Jackson, and Deuel Counties.

Water Pipit—Early: 3-27 Bon Homme Co. (7) WH; observed in Deuel Co., BKH.

Sprague's Pipit—5-22 Perkins Co., BKH, K. Husmann, R. Buckman.

Bohemian Waxwing—3-2 Custer Co. (300) BMN; 3-2 Brookings (6) CAT; 3-4 Rapid City (35) EMS; 3-21 Vermillion (6) in flock of Cedar Waxwings, KJH; present in Deuel Co., BKH.

Cedar Waxwing—3-2 Brookings (15) CAT; 3-6 Gavin's Pt. (18) WH; 3-13 Hyde Co. (15) JH; 3-21 to 4-6 Vermillion, flock of up to (80), usually (30-40) KJH; present in Deuel Co., BKH.

Northern Shrike—Late: 3-22 Perkins Co. (1) AH; 3-27 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; 3-27 Fall River Co. (2) JLM.

Loggerhead Shrike—Early: 4-3 Yankton Co., WH; 4-8 Gregory Co., GLS. Also reported from Hyde, Clay, Meade, Penn., Butte, Deuel, and Perkins Counties.

VIREOS, WARBLERS

Bell's Vireo—5-17 to 5-27 Hyde Co. (1) seen and heard singing several times, JH.

Solitary Vireo—5-8 Brookings Co. (1) NJH; 5-18 Custer State Park (2) NRW; 5-26 Rapid City (1) DSM.

Red-eyed Vireo—(1) on 5-12, 5-16, 5-17 Penn. Co., GRB, NRW, JLM; 5-19 Brookings (1) CAT; observed in Perkins and Harding Counties, BKH.

Warbling Vireo—5-6 Rapid City, BHAS; 5-9 Brookings Co., NJH. Also observed Clay, Yankton, Hyde, Deuel, and Perkins Counties.

Black-and-white Warbler—4-27 Hyde Co., JH; arrival dates in first week of May in Brookings, Penn., Clay, Gregory, and Deuel Counties.

Tennessee—Arrival dates 5-6 to 5-8 in Yankton, Clay, Brookings, Gregory, and Hyde Counties. A remarkably even movement into the state.

Orange-crowned Warbler—4-16 Gregory Co. (2) GLS. Earliest So. Dak. record. Arrival

dates 4-25 to 5-7 for Penn., Hyde, Clay, Brookings, and Deuel Counties.

Nashville Warbler—5-7 in Clay Co. (2) KJH, and Brookings Co. (1) NJH. Earliest So. Dak. date for the species. Observed in Deuel Co., BKH.

Yellow Warbler—4-29 Rapid City, BHAS; 5-4 Brookings Co., NJH; reports also from Bon Homme, Gregory, Hyde, Butte, Perkins, Harding, Deuel, and Roberts Counties, and Waubay N.W.R.

Magnolia Warbler—5-11 Deuel Co., BKH; 5-12 Brookings Co., NJH.

Yellow-rumped Warbler—4-16 Gregory Co., GLS; 4-18 Brookings Co., CP; 4-24 Pierre, RLH; also reported from Hyde, Penn., Perkins, Clay, Bon Homme, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)—4-26 Rapid City (1) NRW; 5-3 e. Penn. Co. (1) JLM; observed in Perkins Co., BKH.

Black-throated Green—5-3 Deuel Co., BKH. **Blackpoll Warbler**—5-7 Burke L. (5) GLS; 5-8 Brookings Co. (1) NJH; 5-8 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; 5-12 Hyde Co. (1) JH; 5-19 Rapid City (1) NRW; observed in Deuel Co. BKH.

PINE WARBLER—5-7 Brookings Co. (1), good view of bird for several minutes, also heard singing, NJH.

Palm Warbler—4-24 Brookings Co., ERE; 5-7 Brookings Co., NJH; in Deuel Co., BKH.

Ovenbird—Steady movement into state, with all arrival dates on 5-7 or 5-8. Reported from Gregory, Brookings, Hyde, Penn., and Harding Counties.

Northern Waterthrush—5-2 Clay Co. (1) KJH; 5-3 to 5-8 Brookings Co. (10) NJH; 5-7 Bon Homme Co. (1) WH; 5-8 Burke (2) GLS; 5-19 Rapid City (2) JLM.

Mourning Warbler—5-22 Hyde Co. (1) JH. **Common Yellowthroat**—Arrival dates 5-6 to 5-8 in Penn., Hyde, Bon Homme, and Gregory Counties. Reports from Brookings, Clay, Day, and Deuel Counties.

Yellow-breasted Chat—5-8 Penn. Co. (1), 5-22 Rapid City (1) JLM; 5-17 Badlands (1) RAW; 5-21 Perkins Co. (1) H. Burgess, during SDOU.

Wilson's Warbler—5-12 Hyde Co. (2) JH. **American Redstart**—5-7 to 5-19 Rapid City (7 total) BHAS; 5-8 Brookings Co. (1) NJH; 5-11 Badlands (2) RAW; 5-17, 22 Hyde Co. (1) JH; in Deuel Co., BKH.

ICTERIDS, TANAGERS

Bobolink—5-3 Clay Co.; 5-6 Brookings Co.; 5-12 Lawrence Co.; also reported from Day, Hyde, Penn., Meade, Gregory, Deuel, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Western Meadowlark—Arrival dates in the first two weeks of March, common by 1 April.

Yellow-headed Blackbird—4-6 Yankton Co., WH; 4-8 Meade Co. (1) partial albino, EEM; 4-16 Day Co., MHP. Also reported from Brookings, Hyde, Gregory, Clay, Butte, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Red-winged Blackbird—Arrived in all areas in early March, common by 1 April.

Orchard Oriole—5-6 Brookings Co., NJH; 5-9 Hyde Co., JH; 5-15 Penn. Co., BHAS. Reports from Gregory, Yankton, Jackson, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Northern Oriole—5-4 Hyde Co., JH; 5-5 Clay

Co., KJH; reports from Yankton, Gregory, Brookings, Meade, Day, Penn., Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.

Rusty Blackbird—3-14 Deuel Co. (50) BKH. **Brewer's Blackbird**—3-28 Perkins Co. (20) AH; 4-11 Penn. Co. (30), 4-17 to 5-16 Meade Co. (97 total) BHAS; observed in Harding Co., BKH.

Common Grackle—All arrival dates in last two weeks of March, common by mid-April.

Brown-headed Cowbird—4-5 Yankton Co. (180) WH; 4-16 Gregory Co. (1) GLS; arrivals in first week of May for most of state; reports from Day, Hyde, Penn., Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, and McPherson Counties.

Western Tanager—5-17 to 5-26 Penn. Co. (6) BHAS; 5-25 Meade Co. (1) NRW.

Scarlet Tanager—5-16 near Black Hawk, s. Meade Co. (1) reported by Pengras family; no confirmation by BHAS members. There are several reliable records for this area.

SUMMER TANAGER—5-5 Pierre (1 m.). Observed by Clint Nagel, Pierre, who gave excellent description of bird. Nagel is familiar with the Scarlet Tanager and said this bird lacked the black wings and tail. (fide RLH)

FRINGILLIDS

Cardinal—Pair present all period, Clay Co., KJH; pair regularly at feeder in Yankton during period, (6) sightings in other areas in Yankton Co., WH; 3-20 Pierre (1) RLH; 3-23 Highmore (1) Art and Gwen Rehner (fide JH); 4-22 (1 f.) banded in Brookings, NJH, CP.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Arrival dates 5-7 to 5-9 in Gregory, Bon Homme, Brookings, Hyde, and Clay Counties; observed in Spink, Deuel, and Perkins Counties.

Black-headed Grosbeak—5-6 Pierre (2) RLH; 5-8 to 5-26 Rapid City (15) BHAS; 5-12, 5-28 (1) Burke L., GLS; 5-16 Hyde Co. (1) JH; 5-18 Sturgis (1) EEM; in Perkins Co., BKH.

Blue Grosbeak—5-28 Badlands (1) RAW; 5-30 Clay Co. (4) KJH; 5-21 Clay Co. (1) LW.

Indigo Bunting—5-12, 5-26 (1) Rapid City, BLG, DSM; 5-16, 5-22 (1) e. Penn. Co., JLM; 5-14 (1 singing male) Burke L., GLS; 5-30 Clay Co. (1) KJH.

Lazuli Bunting—5-3 to 5-26 Rapid City (3) BLG, LAW, NRW.

Dickcissel—5-9 Clay Co. (1) KJH; 5-31 Gregory Co. (3) GLS.

Evening Grosbeak—3-1 to 5-26 Rapid City (76) BHAS; 3-4 Yankton (1) J. Wilcox (fide WH); small flock present most of period, Belle Fourche, IW; 5-7 Custer Co. (12) JLM; 5-9 Hyde Co. (2) JH.

Purple Finch—3-2 Brookings (1) CAT; 3-8 Belle Fourche (6) IW; 4-6 Burke (6) at feeder, GLS. Late dates: 4-19 Brookings (1) CP; (1) at feeder several days in late April, Yankton, WH. Also observed in Roberts County, BKH. **Cassin's Finch**—3-30 Rapid City (3) LAW.

Pine Siskin—4-3 Belle Fourche (2) IW; 3-1 to 5-18 Rapid City (125) LAW, DeF, JLM; 4-9 Brookings (1) CAT; 5-9 Hyde Co. (1) JH.

American Goldfinch—Early: 3-20 Yankton (34) in one tree, WH. Other arrival dates: 4-16 Gregory Co., through first week of May. Reports from Penn., Hyde, Perkins, and Deuel Counties. 4-27 Brookings (40) of a flock of 100+ banded, NJH.

Red Crossbill—Observed in Harding Co., BKH.
Rufous-sided Towhee—4-6 Lacreek N.W.R. (2) JMN. Other arrival dates during last week of April and first week of May. None in Gregory Co. Apparently decreased numbers statewide. Reports from Penn., Hyde, Butte, Perkins, Brookings, and Yankton Counties.
Lark Bunting—First dates: 5-3 Badlands, RAW, to 5-9 Hyde Co., JH. 5:20 Rapid City to Bison (200) NRW. Reports from Meade, Gregory, Penn., Faulk, Dewey, Potter, McPherson, Harding, Perkins, Edmunds, Walworth, and Ziebach Counties.
Savannah Sparrow—4-8 Yankton Co. (2) WH; 4:20 Meade Co., JLM, TMH. Reports from Gregory, Jackson, Deuel, Roberts, McPherson, and Perkins Counties.
Grasshopper Sparrow—5-3 Lacreek N.W.R. (4) JMN. Other reports from Meade, Perkins, Potter, and McPherson Counties.
Baird's Sparrow—5-22 Perkins Co., observed by B.K. Harris, K. Husmann, R. Buckman.
Le Conte's Sparrow—3-25 Gavin's Pt. (1) WH; 4:1 Bon Homme Co. (1) L. Farmer (fide WH).
Vesper Sparrow—4-8 Kingsbury Co. (1) NJH; 4:10 to 5:5 Meade Co. (65) JLM, NRW. Reported from Clay, Penn., Yankton, Gregory, Day, Jackson, Hyde, Deuel, Roberts, Perkins, Harding, and McPherson Counties.
Lark Sparrow—4-26 to 5-6 Penn. Co. (16) JLM, TMH; 4:28 Clay Co. (1) KJH; 5:6 Badlands (1) RAW; 5-11 Yankton Co. (1) WH.
Dark-eyed Junco (White-winged)—4-1 to 5-16 Rapid City (7) BHAS; 4:17 W. Penn. Co. (15) JLM, EMS.
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)—3-9 to 3-31 Brookings Co. (80 banded) NJH. Last dates: 4:18 Brookings Co., NJH; 4:19 Gregory Co., GLS; 4:26 Hyde Co., JH. Also reported from Perkins, Clay, Yankton, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.
Tree Sparrow—Most birds gone about two weeks earlier than normal (true also of S-c Junco). Late dates: 4-20 Hyde Co. (1) JH; 4-24 Brookings (1) CAT. Reports from Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay, Perkins, Gregory, Penn., Deuel, and Roberts Counties.
Chipping Sparrow—Early: 4:12 Brookings Co., NJH; 4:16 Yankton, WH. (75) in Meade Co. and (50) in Fall River Co. on 5-1, JLM. Reports from Penn., Hyde, Jackson, Gregory, Day, Deuel, Roberts, and Harding Counties.
Clay-colored Sparrow—4-28 to 5-19 Rapid City (98) BHAS; 4-29 (1), (10-15) daily through 5-11, JH; 5-1 Pierre (1) RLH; 5-5 Burke (2) GLS; 5-6 Badlands (2) RAW; 5:5 Brookings Co. (4) NJH; also reported from Deuel, Roberts, McPherson, and Perkins Counties.
BREWER'S SPARROW—5-21 Slim Buttes, Harding Co. (1) WH.
Field Sparrow—4-9 to 5-4 Yankton Co. (4) WH; 4:13 Clay Co. (1) KJH; 5-6 Rapid City (1) VBV; 5-8 Badlands (2) RAW; 5-16 Penn. Co. (1) JLM.
Harris' Sparrow—Early: 3-6 Yankton Co. (7) WH; 3-2 Clay Co., KJH; 3-14 Brookings Co. (2) NJH; 3-25 Burke L. (2) GLS. Earliest dates may represent wintering birds. Migration peaks in most areas occurred in

the first week of May. NJH banded (46) in the period 4-29 to 5-7. Reports from Bon Homme, Hyde, Jackson, Meade, Penn., Hughes, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties, Waubay N.W.R. and Lacreek N.W.R.
White-crowned Sparrow—Early: 3-15 Belle Fourche (6) IW; 4-9 Rapid City, BHAS. Most arrivals were 4:25 to 5-5. Peak: 5-8 Hyde Co. (20) JH. Also reported from Hughes, Meade, Brookings, Jackson, Clay, Gregory, and Bon Homme Counties.
White-throated Sparrow—Most arrivals were 4-15 to 4-30. Early: 4-3 Brookings Co. (1) ERE. Reports from Turner, Hughes, Hyde, Gregory, Penn., Deuel, and Roberts Counties, and Lacreek N.W.R.
Fox Sparrow—3-27 Brookings Co. (1) CP; 3-28 Waubay N.W.R. (2) RRJ; 3:31 Brookings (1) CAT; 4-8 Brookings Co. (1) NJH.
Lincoln's Sparrow—4-6 to 5-9 Rapid City (32) DeF. NRW, JLM. Most arrival dates were in the last two weeks of April. Peak: 5-2 Hyde Co. (10) JH. Reports from Jackson, Hughes, Brookings, Clay, Gregory, Bon Homme, and Deuel Counties.
Swamp Sparrow—4-24 Brookings Co. (2) NJH; 5-19 Sand Lake N.W.R. (1) RLH; in Deuel Co., BKH.
Song Sparrow—Early: 3-7 Yankton Co., WH; 3-14 Clay Co., KJH; 3-28 Badlands, RAW. Reports from Brookings, Hyde, Penn., Hughes, Deuel, Roberts, and Perkins Counties.
Lapland Longspur—3-8 Yankton Co. (900) WH; 4-15 Deuel Co., BKH.
Chestnut-collared Longspur—4-3 Hyde Co., JH; 4-10 Perkins Co., AH. Reports from Penn., Gregory, Deuel, Edmunds, McPherson, Dewey, Harding, Potter, Walworth, Meade, and Ziebach Counties.

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SDOU Fall Meeting at Vermillion

November 11 - 12 - 13, 1977

Program

HEADQUARTERS

Churchill Haines Laboratories (the new science building), University of South Dakota campus.

Friday, Nov. 11

6:00 p.m. — Evening get-together, registration, program.

Saturday, Nov. 12

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon — Paper session; coffee break; paper session (including a symposium on the vertebrates of South Dakota: Professors Schmulbach, Dunlap, Harrell, and Dr. Whitney).

1:00 p.m. — Paper session.

4:00 p.m. — Business meeting.

7:00 p.m. — Banquet at USD Coyote Center. Illustrated talk by Professor Harold Smith, "Perceiving More in the Landscape."

Sunday, Nov. 13

Sunday Morning — The Harrells will hold open house at their residence at 1215 Valley View Circle.

CALL FOR PAPERS

More papers are needed. Anyone interested should get in touch with Dr. Byron Harrell, Dept. of Biology, University of South Dakota, Vermillion 57069.

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"Shrine to Music" Museum: foremost collection of historic musical instruments in the nation, USD Campus, no charge, 10:00-4:30 daily.

W.H. Over Museum: panoramic review of South Dakota geographic-culture since pre-historic era, USD Campus, no charge, 10:00-4:30 daily.

Clay County Park: picnicking near last remaining stretch of the natural Missouri River, west of Vermillion, no charge.

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(AH) — Alfred and Gertrice Hinds, west Perkins County.

(EEM) — Ernest E. Miller, Sturgis, Meade Co.

(JMN) — James M. Nissen, compiler for Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co.

(BMN) — Barney Nordstrom, east Custer Co.

(GLS) — Galen L. Steffen, Burke, Gregory Co.

(WCT) — Water C. Thietje, Reliance, Lyman Co.

(IW) — Irma Weyler, Belle Fourche, Butte Co.

(RAW) — Richard A. Wilt, Badlands National Monument, Jackson Co.

EAST RIVER—

(CB) — Carol Breen, Hurley, Turner Co.

(ERE) — Esther R. Edie, Bruce, Brookings Co.

(GF) — Gladyce Froiland, Brookings.

(WH) — Willis and Rosamond Hall, Yankton and Bon Homme Counties

(BKH) — Bruce K. Harris, Clear Lake, Deuel Co., plus Roberts, Grant, Brown, Faulk, Edmunds, Walworth, Dewey, Potter Ziebach, McPherson, Perkins, and Harding Counties.

(JH) — June Harter, Hyde Co.

(RLH) — Richard L. Hill, Pierre, Hughes Co.

(NJH) — Nelda Holden, s. Brookings Co.

(KJH) — Karolyn J. Hoover, s. Clay Co.

(CP) — Carol Peterson, Brookings.

(CAT) — Charles A. Taylor, Brookings

(RRJ, KFH, MHP) — Robert R. Johnson, Mgr.; Kent F. Hall and Michael H. Phillips, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Day Co.