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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In my opinion, our organization is primarily interested in the distribution of South Dakota's birds. Most of the questions we ask are "when" and "where" types of queries. But people also study our birds and ask "what," "how," and "why" questions. Since the results of these studies are often published in regional and national journals, my guess is that some SDOU members remain unaware of them. Here is a summary of 3 of these articles that have appeared recently.

A conspicuous feature of the eastern South Dakota landscape is the shelterbelt. I suspect that most of us who birdwatch in the area tend to ignore shelterbelts, preferring to visit marshes, grasslands, and riverbottom forests. The shelterbelts are really the equivalent of forested islands, surrounded by treeless pastures, hayland, and cropland.

Martin examined the relationship between the size of the shelterbelt and the numbers of species and individual birds during the spring in these eastern South Dakota "forested islands" (*Condor* 82:430-439, 1980). Both the bird population and the species number increased proportionately as he studied larger and larger forested spaces. The rate of increase was greater for insectivores than it was for omnivores and granivores. Bird density, however, was lower in larger shelterbelts. On the other hand, when the most common vagrant species (Common Grackle, House Sparrow, and American Robin) were left out of the analysis, bird density increased as fast as the shelterbelt area did. Martin used this result, along with some others, to conclude that these vagrants were dispersing themselves according to the availability of food supply.

The woodlands were also the subject of another recent article (Emerich and Vohs, *Journal of Wildlife Management* 46:43-49, 1982). These authors studied bird populations during 3 seasons (breeding, spring migration, and winter) in 4 kinds of woodland habitats (riparian woodlands, tree claims, multi-row shelterbelts, and single-row windbreaks). During each of the seasons, riparian woodlands supported the most bird species, followed, in general, by tree claims, shelterbelts, and windbreaks. For example, during the breeding season, 57 species occurred in the riparian woodland habitats while tree claims had 41, shelterbelts had 29, and windbreaks had 36. The riparian woodland supported 25 transient species during the spring and 14 wintering species. Among the 4 habitat types, population density decreased as plot size increased. Thus density was higher in shelterbelts and windbreaks than it was in tree claims and riparian woods. The authors concluded that bird species diversity in eastern South Dakota is largely dependent on riparian woodlands and tree claims. Shelterbelts and windbreaks support large numbers of relatively few species.

A third article reported on a study of breeding Ferruginous Hawks in Harding County (Blair and Schitoskey, *Wilson Bulletin* 94:46-54, 1982). What follows is a sampling of the interesting results of this study. Twenty-four pairs of hawks were studied. All nests were on the ground. Nest sites included riverbend mounds, river cutbanks, low hills, and high vegetated hills. All nests permitted parents a good view of the surrounding countryside. In 1976, 72% of the nests produced at least 1 fledgling and in 1977 82% of the nests were successful. Among prey items carried to the nest, 70% were mammals, 27% were birds, and 3% were reptiles. The most frequent prey was the Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel, followed by the Western Meadowlark and the White-tailed Jackrabbit. Of the meadowlarks, 82% were juveniles.

## **SDOU Business Meeting at Vermillion, South Dakota**

**18 September 1982**

by **L. M. Baylor, Secretary**

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During the recent SDOU business meeting at Vermillion, Treasurer Nelda Holden reported that our annual income exceeded expenses by a few hundred dollars. Thus SDOU's financial condition enables the organization to continue at least another year without a dues increase. Total memberships and subscriptions for 1982 were 295 (a net increase of 3 over 1981).

The Environmental Activities Committee reported the need to monitor a situation in northeastern South Dakota. Federal agencies are doing preliminary studies for dams on tributaries of the Minnesota River Basin, dams that may radically alter the environment.

The Check List Committee reported that *THE BIRDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA* is now virtually out of print, with only 3 copies remaining for sale. The Committee will begin the long process of updating the book for a revised publication.

SDOU Directors elected for the term ending in 1985 include Gilbert Blankespoor, Sioux Falls; Barbara Brown, Vermillion; Esther Edie, Bruce; Nelda Holden, Brookings; and Galen Steffen, Burke.

President Blankespoor announced that leaders of the spring meeting at Pierre will provide field trips as learning experiences, especially for participants who want to enhance their skills with bird identifications. He also noted the need for invitations to host future spring and fall meetings.

The Board of Directors approved the arrangement for the Center for Western Studies at Sioux Falls to become the official repository for all SDOU materials. The Directors also made the following decisions: (1) accepted the invitation to hold the fall 1983 meeting at Madison, SD, (2) directed the Editor to publish the 1982 membership list as soon as feasible, (3) approved the use of a letter to science teachers to identify young people interested in birds, and (4) directed that the summer "Big Day" count will be a fellowship and recreational-birding activity.

The Directors received for consideration (but did not act upon) a suggestion that SDOU should sponsor a campaign to change the name of the Bald Eagle to the North American Eagle or some other name that eliminates the potentially offensive and inaccurate concept of "bald."

The incumbent officers were reelected for another year (see the list of officers inside the front cover of this issue of *BIRD NOTES*).

As a pilot project to provide more information to SDOU members, the Directors ordered the publication of summaries of the 1982 Annual Business Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting. These summaries require space otherwise used for publishing information about birds. Please advise Dr. Gilbert Blankespoor, Biology Department, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197, as to whether or not you approve the inclusion of these summaries in *BIRD NOTES*. Also, please give him your suggestions about the policy decisions and the activities of SDOU.

## **A Revised Checklist of South Dakota Birds and Some Suggestions for Contributors to SOUTH DAKOTA BIRD NOTES**

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In July 1982 the American Ornithologists' Union published their 34th supplement to the AOU Checklist of North American Birds. The systematics of this checklist is the result of a consensus among a committee of the foremost taxonomists in the country. Beginning with this issue, the taxonomy used in *South Dakota Bird Notes* will be that of the current AOU checklist.

Although the AOU committee declared itself basically conservative, you will find extensive taxonomic changes in the following checklist of South Dakota birds. For example, the systematic order in which the birds appear within families is almost entirely different throughout the list from the one we have formerly used. You will also note nomenclatural and taxonomic changes from previous lists. Contributors to *Bird Notes* are urged to study this list carefully.

The following editorial polices will be implemented beginning with this issue of *Bird Notes*. All numbers will be in numeral form, e.g., not written out, even if they are under 10. Dates will continue to be written with the date followed by a written month, folowed by the year (e.g., 25 December 1982). Directions such as east and west will be written out unless they are preceded by a measurement of distance and followed by a location. For example, "I walked east" and "I walked 3 mi E Aberdeen" are to be considered correct. Plant and animal common names should be capitalized, i.e., "A Fox Sparrow perched in my American Elm."

I believe South Dakotans should retain common names for the races of flickers (Yellow-shafted and Red-shafted), orioles (Baltimore and Bullock's), Yellow-rumped Warblers (Audubon's and Myrtle), and juncos (Slate-colored, Oregon, White-winged, and Red-backed). In a central state such as ours, we have much to contribute to the understanding of the distribution of these races. However, I leave the decision of retaining the identity of these races to the authors, since in some cases racial identity can not or should not be established.

I wish to thank subscribers for their patience over the last few years and I call upon you to continue to contribute to our journal. I think we have every reason to be proud of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union and its place in the scientific and birding communities.

The following list, which conforms with the new AOU systematics includes all South Dakota birds, including introduced and extinct species. Birds placed in brackets are of hypothetical status in the state.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Family Gaviidae                 |                                  |  |
| ___ Common Loon                 | ___ Canvasback                   |  |
| Family Podicipedidae            |                                  |  |
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe           | ___ Redhead                      |  |
| ___ Horned Grebe                | ___ Ring-necked Duck             |  |
| ___ Red-necked Grebe            | ___ Greater Scaup                |  |
| ___ Eared Grebe                 | ___ Lesser Scaup                 |  |
| ___ Western Grebe               | ___ Common Eider                 |  |
| Family Pelecanidae              |                                  |  |
| ___ American White Pelican      | ___ Oldsquaw                     |  |
| ___ Brown Pelican               | ___ Black Scoter                 |  |
| Family Phalacrocoracidae        |                                  |  |
| ___ Double-crested Cormorant    | ___ Surf Scoter                  |  |
| Family Ardeidae                 |                                  |  |
| ___ American Bittern            | ___ White-winged Scoter          |  |
| ___ Least Bittern               | ___ Common Goldeneye             |  |
| ___ Great Blue Heron            | ___ Barrow's Goldeneye           |  |
| ___ Great Egret                 | ___ Bufflehead                   |  |
| ___ Snowy Egret                 | ___ Hooded Merganser             |  |
| ___ Little Blue Heron           | ___ Common Merganser             |  |
| ___ Tricolored Heron            | ___ Red-breasted Merganser       |  |
| ___ Cattle Egret                | ___ Ruddy Duck                   |  |
| ___ Green-backed Heron          | Family Cathartidae               |  |
| ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron   | ___ [Black Vulture]              |  |
| ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  | ___ Turkey Vulture               |  |
| Family Threskiornithidae        |                                  |  |
| ___ White Ibis                  | Family Accipitridae              |  |
| ___ White-faced Ibis            | ___ Osprey                       |  |
| Family Ciconiidae               |                                  |  |
| ___ Wood Stork                  | ___ American Swallow-tailed Kite |  |
| Family Anatidae                 |                                  |  |
| ___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck      | ___ Black-shouldered Kite        |  |
| ___ Tundra Swan                 | ___ Mississippi Kite             |  |
| ___ Trumpeter Swan              | ___ Bald Eagle                   |  |
| ___ Greater White-fronted Goose | ___ Northern Harrier             |  |
| ___ Snow Goose                  | ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk           |  |
| ___ Ross' Goose                 | ___ Cooper's Hawk                |  |
| ___ Brant                       | ___ Northern Goshawk             |  |
| ___ Canada Goose                | ___ Red-shouldered Hawk          |  |
| ___ Wood Duck                   | ___ Broad-winged Hawk            |  |
| ___ Green-winged Teal           | ___ Swainson's Hawk              |  |
| ___ American Black Duck         | ___ Red-tailed Hawk              |  |
| ___ Mallard                     | ___ Ferruginous Hawk             |  |
| ___ Northern Pintail            | ___ Rough-legged Hawk            |  |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal            | ___ Golden Eagle                 |  |
| ___ Cinnamon Teal               | Family Falconidae                |  |
| ___ Northern Shoveler           | ___ American Kestrel             |  |
| ___ Gadwall                     | ___ Merlin                       |  |
| ___ [Eurasian Wigeon]           | ___ Peregrine Falcon             |  |
| ___ American Wigeon             | ___ Gyrfalcon                    |  |
|                                 | ___ Prairie Falcon               |  |
|                                 | Family Phasianidae               |  |
|                                 | ___ Gray Partridge               |  |
|                                 | ___ Chukar                       |  |
|                                 | ___ Ring-necked Pheasant         |  |
|                                 | ___ Blue Grouse                  |  |
|                                 | ___ Ruffed Grouse                |  |
|                                 | ___ Sage Grouse                  |  |
|                                 | ___ Greater Prairie Chicken      |  |
|                                 | ___ Sharp-tailed Grouse          |  |

- \_\_\_ Wild Turkey
- \_\_\_ Northern Bobwhite
- \_\_\_ California Quail

Family Rallidae

- \_\_\_ Yellow Rail
- \_\_\_ King Rail
- \_\_\_ Virginia Rail
- \_\_\_ Sora
- \_\_\_ Common Moorhen
- \_\_\_ American Coot

Family Gruidae

- \_\_\_ Sandhill Crane
- \_\_\_ Whooping Crane

Family Charadriidae

- \_\_\_ Black-bellied Plover
- \_\_\_ Lesser Golden-Plover
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover
- \_\_\_ Piping Plover
- \_\_\_ Killdeer
- \_\_\_ Mountain Plover

Family Recurvirostridae

- \_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt
- \_\_\_ American Avocet

Family Scolopacidae

- \_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs
- \_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs
- \_\_\_ Solitary Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Willet
- \_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Eskimo Curlew
- \_\_\_ Whimbrel
- \_\_\_ Long-billed Curlew
- \_\_\_ Hudsonian Godwit
- \_\_\_ Marbled Godwit
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone
- \_\_\_ Red Knot
- \_\_\_ Sanderling
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Western Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Least Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ White-rumped Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Pectoral Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Dunlin
- \_\_\_ Stilt Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Short-billed Dowitcher
- \_\_\_ Long-billed Dowitcher
- \_\_\_ Common Snipe
- \_\_\_ American Woodcock
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Phalarope
- \_\_\_ Red-necked Phalarope
- \_\_\_ Red Phalarope

Family Laridae

- \_\_\_ Pomarine Jaeger
- \_\_\_ Long-tailed Jaeger
- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull
- \_\_\_ Franklin's Gull
- \_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull
- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull
- \_\_\_ California Gull
- \_\_\_ Herring Gull

- \_\_\_ Glaucous Gull
- \_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake
- \_\_\_ Sabine's Gull
- \_\_\_ Caspian Tern
- \_\_\_ Common Tern
- \_\_\_ Forster's Tern
- \_\_\_ Least Tern
- \_\_\_ Black Tern

Family Columbidae

- \_\_\_ Rock Dove
- \_\_\_ Band-tailed Pigeon
- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove
- \_\_\_ Passenger Pigeon

Family Psittacidae

- \_\_\_ Carolina Parakeet

Family Cuculidae

- \_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo
- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- \_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani

Family Tytonidae

- \_\_\_ Common Barn-Owl

Family Strigidae

- \_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl
- \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl
- \_\_\_ Snowy Owl
- \_\_\_ Northern Hawk-Owl
- \_\_\_ Burrowing Owl
- \_\_\_ Barred Owl
- \_\_\_ Great Gray Owl
- \_\_\_ Long-eared Owl
- \_\_\_ Short-eared Owl
- \_\_\_ Boreal Owl
- \_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Family Caprimulgidae

- \_\_\_ [Lesser Nighthawk]
- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk
- \_\_\_ Common Poorwill
- \_\_\_ Chuck-will's-widow
- \_\_\_ Whip-poor-will

Family Apodidae

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift
- \_\_\_ White-throated Swift

Family Trochilidae

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ Calliope Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird

Family Alcedinidae

- \_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher

Family Picidae

- \_\_\_ Lewis' Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- \_\_\_ Williamson's Sapsucker
- \_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ Three-toed Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ Black-backed Woodpecker

\_\_\_\_ Northern Flicker  
\_\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker

Family Tyrannidae

\_\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee  
\_\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Least Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Dusky Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Western Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe  
\_\_\_\_ Say's Phoebe  
\_\_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher  
\_\_\_\_ Cassin's Kingbird  
\_\_\_\_ Western Kingbird  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird  
\_\_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Family Alaudidae

\_\_\_\_ Horned Lark

Family Hirundinidae

\_\_\_\_ Purple Martin  
\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow  
\_\_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
\_\_\_\_ Bank Swallow  
\_\_\_\_ Cliff Swallow  
\_\_\_\_ Barn Swallow

Family Corvidae

\_\_\_\_ Gray Jay  
\_\_\_\_ Steller's Jay  
\_\_\_\_ Blue Jay  
\_\_\_\_ Pinyon Jay  
\_\_\_\_ Clark's Nutcracker  
\_\_\_\_ Black-billed Magpie  
\_\_\_\_ American Crow  
\_\_\_\_ Common Raven

Family Paridae

\_\_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee  
\_\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee  
\_\_\_\_ Boreal Chickadee  
\_\_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse

Family Sittidae

\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch  
\_\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch  
\_\_\_\_ Pygmy Nuthatch

Family Certhiidae

\_\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

Family Troglodytidae

\_\_\_\_ Rock Wren  
\_\_\_\_ Canyon Wren  
\_\_\_\_ Carolina Wren  
\_\_\_\_ Bewick's Wren  
\_\_\_\_ House Wren  
\_\_\_\_ Winter Wren  
\_\_\_\_ Sedge Wren  
\_\_\_\_ Marsh Wren

Family Cinclidae

\_\_\_\_ American Dipper

Family Muscicapidae

\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet  
\_\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
\_\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
\_\_\_\_ [Northern Wheatear]  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird  
\_\_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird  
\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire  
\_\_\_\_ Veery  
\_\_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush  
\_\_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush  
\_\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush  
\_\_\_\_ Wood Thrush  
\_\_\_\_ American Robin  
\_\_\_\_ Varied Thrush

Family Mimidae

\_\_\_\_ Gray Catbird  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird  
\_\_\_\_ Sage Thrasher  
\_\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher  
\_\_\_\_ Curve-billed Thrasher

Family Motacillidae

\_\_\_\_ Water Pipit  
\_\_\_\_ Sprague's Pipit

Family Bombycillidae

\_\_\_\_ Bohemian Waxwing  
\_\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing

Family Laniidae

\_\_\_\_ Northern Shrike  
\_\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike

Family Sturnidae

\_\_\_\_ European Starling

Family Vireonidae

\_\_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo  
\_\_\_\_ Bell's Vireo  
\_\_\_\_ Solitary Vireo  
\_\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo  
\_\_\_\_ Warbling Vireo  
\_\_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo  
\_\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo

Family Emberizidae

Subfamily Parulinae

\_\_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Parula  
\_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Cape May Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ [Townsend's Warbler]  
\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler  
\_\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler



- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler
- \_\_\_ Pine Warbler
- \_\_\_ Prairie Warbler
- \_\_\_ Palm Warbler
- \_\_\_ Bay-breasted Warbler
- \_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler
- \_\_\_ Cerulean Warbler
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler
- \_\_\_ American Redstart
- \_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler
- \_\_\_ Worm-eating Warbler
- \_\_\_ Ovenbird
- \_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush
- \_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush
- \_\_\_ Kentucky Warbler
- \_\_\_ Connecticut Warbler
- \_\_\_ Mourning Warbler
- \_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler
- \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat
- \_\_\_ Hooded Warbler
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler
- \_\_\_ Canada Warbler
- \_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat

Subfamily Thraupinae

- \_\_\_ Summer Tanager
- \_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager
- \_\_\_ Western Tanager

Subfamily Cardinalinae

- \_\_\_ Northern Cardinal
- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting
- \_\_\_ Indigo Bunting
- \_\_\_ Dickcissel

Subfamily Emberizinae

- \_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee
- \_\_\_ Rufous-sided Towhee
- \_\_\_ Cassin's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Brewer's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Field Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Lark Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Lark Bunting

- \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Baird's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Henslow's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Le Conte's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Sharp-tailed Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow
- \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow
- \_\_\_ [Golden-crowned Sparrow]
- \_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Harris' Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco
- \_\_\_ McCown's Longspur
- \_\_\_ Lapland Longspur
- \_\_\_ Smith's Longspur
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- \_\_\_ Snow Bunting

Subfamily Icterinae

- \_\_\_ Bobolink
- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark
- \_\_\_ Western Meadowlark
- \_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Rusty Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Common Grackle
- \_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird
- \_\_\_ Orchard Oriole
- \_\_\_ Northern Oriole

Family Fringillidae

- \_\_\_ Rosy Finch
- \_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Purple Finch
- \_\_\_ Cassin's Finch
- \_\_\_ House Finch
- \_\_\_ Red Crossbill
- \_\_\_ White-winged Crossbill
- \_\_\_ Common Redpoll
- \_\_\_ Hoary Redpoll
- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin
- \_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch
- \_\_\_ American Goldfinch
- \_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak

Family Passeridae

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow

# WHAT THE AOU DID TO THE SDOU LIST OF BIRDS

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To most bird students taxonomy and nomenclature are arcane sciences whose pronouncements often seem disruptive; however, behind most changes there is usually a great deal of thought and research. We in North America have the benefit of the very select Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union, who digest large amounts of work into a standard list, the AOU Check-list. Thus, we are well ahead of students of most other groups of animals and plants. A new edition will appear in 1983 but recently the committee published a list of the accepted names in the sequence in which they will appear in the new book (Supplement to *The Auk* 99(3):1CC-16CC, July 1982). When *The Birds of South Dakota* (Whitney et al. 1978, Vermillion: SDOU) was written, all changes up to that time were included. Now there are more changes of several kinds: families--most are the same, but some have changed in important ways; sequence of families--also mostly the same, but there are major changes in shorebirds and perching birds; species lumping or splitting; sequence of species within a family--mostly small changes, but a few are drastic; common names--a limited number of changes; scientific names--some changes. I have listed these changes below and added other corrections and additions to the *Birds of South Dakota*; the map numbers of each group are given for convenience.

- A. Changes in families; notice that subfamilies end in -inae and families in -idae.
1. Osprey (Pandionidae) reduced to subfamily (Pandioninae in Accipitridae).
  2. Grouse (Tetraonidae) reduced to subfamily (Tetraoninae in Phasianidae).
  3. Turkey (Meleagrididae) reduced to subfamily (Meleagridinae in Phasianidae).
  4. Plovers (Charadriidae) loses Ruddy Turnstone (104).
  5. Ruddy Turnstone (104) added to Scolopacidae, from Charadriidae.
  6. Phalaropes (Phalaropodidae) reduced to subfamily (Phalaropodinae in Scolopacidae).
  7. Jaegers (Stercorariidae) reduced to subfamily (Stercorariinae in Laridae).
  8. Muscicapidae, formerly considered an Old World Family now includes thrushes, kinglets, and gnatcatchers.
  9. Thrushes (Turdidae) reduced to subfamily (Turdinae in Muscicapidae).
  10. Kinglets and gnatcatchers (Sylviidae) reduced to subfamily (Sylviinae in Muscicapidae).
  11. Bunting subfamily (Emberizinae in Fringillidae) raised to family (Emberizidae) with addition of wood warblers, blackbirds and orioles, and tanagers.
  12. Wood warblers (Parulidae) reduced to subfamily (Parulinae in Emberizidae).

13. Blackbirds and Orioles (Icteridae) reduced to subfamily (Icterinae in Emberizidae).
  14. Tanagers (Thraupidae) reduced to subfamily (Thraupinae in Emberizidae).
  15. Fringillidae retains only Carduelinae (335-346) and loses Cardinalinae (328-334) and Emberizinae (347-377).
  16. Subfamily Cardinalinae (328-334) moved to Emberizidae, from Fringillidae.
- B. Changes in common names.
1. White Pelican becomes American White Pelican (7).
  2. Green Heron becomes Green-backed Heron (11).
  3. Whistling Swan becomes Tundra Swan (23).
  4. Add American to Black Duck (32).
  5. Add Northern to Pintail (34).
  6. Add American to Swallow-tailed Kite (59).
  7. Add Northern To Goshawk (61).
  8. Marsh Hawk becomes Northern Harrier (72).
  9. Add Northern to Bobwhite (84).
  10. Add Wild to Turkey (89).
  11. Common Gallinule becomes Common Moorhen (96).
  12. Golden Plover becomes Lesser Golden-Plover (102).
  13. Northern Phalarope becomes Red-necked Phalarope (135).
  14. Barn Owl becomes Common Barn-Owl (160).
  15. Screech Owl becomes Eastern Screech-Owl (161); western populations split off.
  16. Add Northern to Saw-whet Owl (169).
  17. Add Common to Poor-will (172).
  18. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker becomes Black-backed Woodpecker (190).
  19. Northern Three-toed Woodpecker becomes Three-toed Woodpecker (191).
  20. Eastern Wood Pewee becomes Eastern Wood-Pewee (206).
  21. Western Wood Pewee becomes Western Wood-Pewee (207).
  22. Add Northern to Rough-winged Swallow (214).
  23. Common Crow becomes American Crow (223).
  24. Pinon Jay becomes Pinyon Jay (224).
  25. Long-billed Marsh Wren becomes Marsh Wren (239).
  26. Short-billed Marsh Wren becomes Sedge Wren (240).
  27. Canon Wren becomes Canyon Wren (242).
  28. Add Northern to Cardinal (328).
  29. Gray-crowned Rosy Finch becomes Rosy Finch (340); it was lumped with other species.
  30. Add American to Tree Sparrow (361).
- C. Changes in scientific names, except where included authority name stays the same.
1. Little Blue Heron (12) *Florida caerulea* to *Egretta caerulea*.
  2. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (17) *Nyctanassa violacea* to *Nycticorax violacea*.
  3. Whistling (now Tundra) Swan (23) *Olor Columbianus* to *Cygnus columbianus*.
  4. Trumpeter Swan (24) *Olor buccinator* to *Cygnus buccinator*.
  5. White-winged Scotor (51) *Melanitta deglandi* (Bonaparte) to *Melanitta fusca* (Linnaeus).

6. Sharp-tailed Grouse (82) *Pedioecetes phasianellus* to *Tympanuchus phasianellus*.
7. California Quail (85) *Lophortyx californicus* to *Callipepla californica*.
8. Stilt Sandpiper (127) *Micropalama himantopus* to *Calidris himantopus*.
9. Wilson's Phalarope (134) *Steganopus tricolor* Vieillot to *Phalaropus tricolor* (Vieillot).
10. Northern (now Red-necked) Phalarope (135) *Lobipes lobatus* to *Phalaropus lobatus*.
11. Least Tern (149) *Sterna albifrons* Pallas to *Sterna antillarum* (Lesson).
12. Belted Kingfisher (180) *Megaceryle alcyon* to *Ceryle alcyon*.
13. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (195) *Muscivora forficata* to *Tyrannus forficatus*.
14. Olive-sided Flycatcher (208) *Nuttallornis borealis* Swainson to *Contopus borealis* (Swainson).
15. Northern Rough-winged Swallow (214) *Stelgidopteryx ruficolis* (Vieillot) to *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* (Audubon).
16. Cliff Swallow (216) *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* (Vieillot) to *Hirundo pyrrhonota* Vieillot.
17. Brown Creeper (233) *Certhia familiaris* Linnaeus to *Certhia americana* Bonaparte.
18. Evening Grosbeak (335) *Hesperiphona vespertina* to *Coccythraustes vespertinus*.
19. Rosy Finch (340) *Leucosticte tephrocotis* (Swainson) to *Leucosticte arctoa* (Pallas).
20. Hoary Redpoll (341) spelling of authority from (Holboell) to (Holböll).
21. Sharp-tailed Sparrow (355) *Ammospiza caudacuta* to *Ammodramus caudacutus*.

D. Two species combined.

1. Gray-headed Junco, *Junco caniceps* (360) lumped into Dark-eyed Junco. *Junco hyemalis* (359).

E. Errors in *Birds of South Dakota*; these are in addition to those on the Errata (page 310).

1. Cattle Egret (13) add ( ) to authority.
2. American Bittern (19) correct (Rackett).
3. Common Tern (148) omit ( ) on authority.
4. Least Flycatcher (203) correct spelling of *minimus*.
5. White-crowned Sparrow (367) add ( ) to authority.

F. Species to be added to the South Dakota list since the publication of *Birds of South Dakota*.

1. Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor* (Müller))
2. Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus* (Desfontaines)); formerly White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus* (Vieillot))
3. Northern Hawk-Owl (*Surnia ulula* (Linnaeus))
4. Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa* Forster)
5. Cassin's Sparrow (*Aimophila cassinii* (Woodhouse))
6. Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria* (Say))

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## GENERAL NOTES

**YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON SIGHTED ON JAMES RIVER.**--While canoeing the James River on 22 May 1982 with some members of the Lakota Chapter of the Audubon Society, Howard Browers and I discovered a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron perched high in a tree at the river's edge. The location was approximately 2 mi N and 1 mi E Redfield in Spink Co. As we drifted closer, the bird flew around a bend and landed on another tree. As we slowly approached the tree we made a positive identification of the bird. The distinctive markings, particularly the white cheek patch and white crown with yellowing at the front, along with the speckled back and wings, were clearly noted. As we came to within 30 meters of the tree the bird flew and was not seen again.

The Yellow-crowned Night-Heron is a rare visitor during spring, summer, and fall, evidently following major drainages in the state (Whitney et al. 1978). This species has been reported from South Dakota 15 times, with sightings in Union, Beadle, Kingsbury, Minnehaha, Bennett, Tripp, and Brown Co. (Anon. 1954, Johnson 1958a, 1958b, Felton 1958, Goldberg 1964, Johnson 1966, Fjetland 1973, Steffen 1980, Tallman, pers. comm.). Whitney et al. (1978) reported 17 observations for the species in South Dakota with records from 12 counties. We have found no previous record for the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron in Spink Co.

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**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER IN HOT SPRINGS**--On the morning of 11 June 1981, I found a male Prothonotary Warbler in Hot Springs. Because its eyes showed no sign of deterioration and because I easily spread the wing and tail feathers, I assume the bird was not long dead. The warbler lay on a sidewalk just below the big windows of the north side of the A&W restaurant. Most likely, the bird hit these windows.

The Fall River flows along the east side of the A&W property where much streamside shrubbery, grass, and small trees grow: an ideal habitat for the Prothonotary Warbler. I brought the bird home, dried it carefully, and kept it in a sealed glass jar. Nat Whitney took this specimen to SDOU 1982 fall meeting in Vermillion, where numerous ornithologists confirmed my initial identification.-- Katherine P. Murdock, Hot Springs 57747.

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This volume includes records from only one region of South Dakota, Fall River County. Nevertheless, it is an important book for any South Dakotan seriously interested in ornithology, since its text contains a data base upon which we can build for this relatively unknown county. For example, herein is cited South Dakota's only record of the Cassin's Sparrow, seen during the Ardmore Breeding Bird Survey on 12 June 1977. I do not believe this sighting was ever published in *Bird Notes*.

One has the impression that Mr. Rosche did not research South Dakota literature as thoroughly as he did that of Nebraska--perhaps an inevitable consequence of the fact that the author's home territory is Nebraska and that his interest is greater in the birds there. An example of this neglect of South Dakota literature is his failure to mention the Olive-sided Flycatcher in our state, yet *The Birds of South Dakota* by Whitney et al. cites this species' nesting near Hot Springs. Sage Thrasher records in the same book are also omitted from Mr. Rosche's text. He also missed Willis

Hall's record of Canyon Wrens' feeding young in Fall River Co. (SDBN 33:87), though perhaps this record was too recent to be included in this first edition of Mr. Rosche's book.

My other criticisms of this book are relatively minor. A Broad-tailed Hummingbird is credited to Fall River Co. but no citation for this record is given in the species account. Mr. Rosche says in his account of the Hooded Merganser, "we observed a female..." and one must assume "we" refers to Rosche but one does not know who else was with him. Finally, for those not from Fall River Co., it is difficult to decipher which localities in the species accounts are in South Dakota. I would recommend that the author more clearly separate South Dakota and Nebraska records, perhaps under separate state headings.

On a more philosophical note, I wonder how the decisions were made concerning the validity of species records. Decisions on the acceptance or rejection of rare sightings are difficult, even when done by a committee. One should keep in mind with this text that Rosche is often the single arbitrator in such decisions and, thus, his work is more of a personal list than a scientifically evaluated survey.

The quality of the paper in this book is good but the text is poorly printed. It appears to be mimeographed copy, which is a shame, considering the amount of work that obviously was lavished on this project. In my copy, page 91 is included twice but no pages seem to be missing. All in all, the price of this book is extremely reasonable.

In conclusion, this text is a must for South Dakota birders. It is a reference from which we can build. Rosche himself is well aware that his text is but a beginning and he plans subsequent editions with yearly supplements. I hope, at least in the case of the Fall River Co. sightings, Mr. Rosche and his wife will continue to contribute to *South Dakota Bird Notes*, thereby allowing for the widest possible dissemination of his valuable records.

## The 1982 Breeding Season

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June was generally cold, windy, and dry. Much wetter conditions prevailed during July, a month that also saw considerable heat, especially during the later half, and several severe wind storms that resulted in damage to crops in the Minnesota border countries.

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- Common Loon--27 June and 18 August, Yankton Co., no evidence of breeding (WH). 1 August, Hyde Co., pair (JF, BP).
- Red-necked Grebe--Day Co., Waubay, 1 pair nesting (many observers).
- Eared Grebe--4 June, DEUEL CO., 2 (BKH).
- American White Pelican--23 May, Roberts Co., Drywood Lake, 545 nests; 25 May, Marshall Co., Pyas Lake, 742 nests (BKH, KHH). 11 June, Codington Co., Grass Lake, 503 young and 125 eggs, estimated 152 nests (BKH, LAH).
- Double-crested Cormorant--23 May, Marshall Co., Pyas Lake, 300 nests; 23 May, Roberts Co., Drywood Lake, 152 nests (BKH, KHH). 11 June, Codington Co., Grass Lake, 77 young, 4 eggs, estimated 35 nests (BKH, LAH). 24 June, Hamlin Co., 24 nests (BKH).
- Least Bittern--7 June and 18 July, Kingsbury Co. (BKH).
- Great Blue Heron--23 May, Roberts Co., Drywood Lake, 2 nests; Marshall Co., Pyas Lake, 6 nests (BKH, KHH). Deuel Co., at least 25 nests, close check not made. 24 June, Hamlin Co., 12 nests (BKH). 19 June, Lawrence Co., 30 pairs (DLB). 19 June, Spink Co., 30 nests along James River (BKH). 1 July, Bon Homme Co., 14 nests (WH).
- Great Egret--24 June, Hamlin Co., single pair in Great Blue Heron colony where first confirmed SD nesting was reported in 1981 (BKH). Very large colony near Aberdeen, Brown Co., observed all June (PC, fide CS + ECM); this colony checked 10 July by DAT, 200 Great Egrets with undetermined number of nests; dead juvenile found on 10 July by DAT; colony may have been present at this location for several years.
- Snowy Egret--7 June, Kingsbury Co., Whitewood Lake, at least 30 adults in large Cattle Egret colony, adult feeding young on later visit (BKH, KHH, ERE). 15 June (date approximate), Day Co., Rush Lake, 8 adults in Cattle Egret colony, undoubtedly nesting but record not verified (KHH, PTH).
- Little Blue Heron--7 June, Kingsbury Co., Whitewood Lake, pair returned repeatedly to same site in large egret colony, seen at same site on 2 other occasions; all observers agreed these birds were nesting but colony not entered (BKH, NJH, DJH, KHH, ERE).
- Cattle Egret--7 June, Kingsbury Co., Whitewood Lake, colony of at least 75 birds with about 43 nests (BKH, KHH, ERE). 15 June (date approximate), Day Co., Rush Lake, at least 50 nesting, about 18 nests checked (KHH, PTH).
- Green-backed Heron--Reports from Yankton, Bon Homme, Kingsbury, Marshall, and Deuel Co.
- Black-crowned Night-Heron--Breeding colonies in Kingsbury and Brown Co.
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron--9 July, Brown Co., 1 in large Great Egret colony (PC); at same location, 10 July, 1 (DAT).
- White-faced Ibis--7 June, Kingsbury Co., Whitewood Lake, at least 4 adults and nest with eggs located (BKH, KHH, ERE). 28 June, same location, nest with 5 young (photo DJH) and nest with 4 eggs (BKH, NJH, DJH). Ibis nested in this marsh in 1981.
- Snow Goose--23 June, McPherson Co., flying blue phase (HW). 26 June, Hamlin Co., adult blue phase (BKH).
- Green-winged Teal--BON HOMME CO. (KK). 23 May, Roberts Co., nest, female flushed (BKH).
- Canvasback--Populations seemed larger than during last 2 drought years.
- Redhead--Distribution seemed very good this year.
- Ring-necked Duck--27 June, MEADE CO., 2 pairs (DLB).
- Lesser Scaup--13 June, Roberts Co., 6 (BKH). 19 June, Clark Co., 3 (BKH).
- Bufflehead--27 June, Harding Co., female near Camp Crook (DLB).
- Hooded Merganser--26 June, Day Co., female, nesting? (NJH).
- Osprey--26 June, Big Stone Lake (GJS).
- Northern Harrier--Uncommon in northeast (BKH).
- Cooper's Hawk--23 April, Roberts Co., nesting at Hartford Beach State Park: still present 26 June but nest apparently unsuccessful (DRS). 25 June, large female over Knight's Coulee, Roberts Co., where male observed earlier in year (BKH).
- Broad-winged Hawk--3 June, Newton Hills State Park, immature (BKH). 26 June, Roberts Co., 1 in Sica Hollow State Park where territorial pair noted during May (BKH).
- Ferruginous Hawk--19 June, Clark Co., possibly 2, if nesting this record is about 80 mi SE present known breeding range.

Northern Bobwhite--19 June, SPINK CO., calling male (BKH).  
 Virginia Rail--Shannon Co. (RCR, DJR).  
 Piping Plover--Reports from Union, Yankton, and Clay Co. (WH, NJH).  
 Willet--MEADE CO. (DLB).  
 Long-billed Curlew--Records from Jackson and Perkins Co.  
 American Woodcock--26 June, Sica Hollow State Park (BKH). 14 June, GRANT CO., South Yellowbank Creek (BKH). 13 June, Hartford Beach State Park (DRS).  
 Wilson's Phalarope--Very common in northwest on 27 June (DLB).  
 Franklin's Gull--7 June, Kingsbury Co., Whitewood Lake, very large colony more than 0.5 mi long. (BKH, KHH, ERE).  
 California Gull--26 June, Day Co., Waubay Lake, 9 (LLW, JWK). May, Day Co., Waubay Lake, breeding colony of 27 nests (BKH, KHH).  
 Caspian Tern--1 July and 4 July, Yankton Co., 1 to 2 on Missouri River (WH).  
 Forster's Tern--MEADE CO. (DLB).  
 Least Tern--Reported from Union, Clay, and Yankton Co.  
 Black Tern--Reported from Meade Co. (DLB).  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo--Reports from Jackson and Yankton Co.  
 Eastern Screech-Owl--Reports from Yankton, Deuel, and Bon Homme Co.  
 Burrowing Owl--21 June, Bon Homme Co., 1 (WH).  
 Short-eared Owl--22 June, McPherson Co., 1, only East River report (DAT, ECM).  
 Whip-poor-will--Reports from Yankton and Lincoln Co.  
 Chimney Swift--Fall River Co. (RCR, DJR).  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird--10 June, Deuel Co. and 23 July, Roberts Co. (BKH). Still no nesting record for state!  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker--26 June, Hartford Beach State Park, NESTING, (DRS). Also nesting Newton Hills State Park (BKH) and Yankton Co. (WH).  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker--5 June, Deuel Co., 14 June, Grant Co., South Yellowbank, and, no date, Hartford Beach State Park (BKH, DRS). Nesting in all the above locations. Also present all season in Brookings Co. (NJH).  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee--23 June, CUSTER CO. (NRW).  
 Least Flycatcher--13 June, Roberts Co. (BKH). 26 June, Brown Co. (ECM, DAT).  
 Western Flycatcher--23 June, Pennington Co., 8 and Custer Co., 8 (NRW).  
 Great Crested Flycatcher--5 June, DEUEL CO., 3 (BKH).  
 Western Kingbird--27 June, ONLY 1 on 250 mile, 5-county trip in northwestern South Dakota (DLB).  
 Tree Swallow--Shannon Co. (RCR, DJR).  
 Sedge Wren--Roberts and Deuel Co., quite common (BKH).  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet--20 June, Roubaix Lake, 5 (NRW). 23 June, Custer Co., 4 (NRW).  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher--3 June, Newton Hills, adult calling but not singing in region where RCR found the species during the 1981 breeding season. (BKH).  
 Eastern Bluebird--14 June, Grant Co. (BKH). Roberts Co., evidence of breeding in 3 areas (BKH). Deuel Co., nesting (GJS). Reports from Hanson, Hand, Spink, Brown, Yankton, Bon Homme, Jeraul, and Sanborn Co.  
 Veery--25 and 26 June, Roberts Co., Sica Hollow, 3 and Knight's Coulee, 4 (BKH).  
 Wood Thrush--19 June, Newton Hills State Park, 3 (NJH). BON HOMME CO. (KK).  
 Loggerhead Shrike--25 June, 19 July, 20 July, Roberts Co. (BKH). 16 July, Deuel Co. (BKH). Yankton Co., 3 nests (WH).  
 Bell's Vireo--3 July, Davison Co., 3 (RGR, JDM). 1 July, Yankton Co., building nest (WH).  
 Yellow-throated Vireo--1 and 4 July, Roberts Co., Sodak Park, where seen every summer (BKH).

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- Ovenbird--3 June, Newton Hills State Park (BKH). 25 June, Roberts Co., Knight's Coulee (BKH). 26 June, Roberts Co., Sica Hollow State Park (BKH).
- Scarlet Tanager--3 June, Newton Hills State Park, 2 (BKH). 19 June, Roberts Co., Big Spring, 2 (BKH). BON HOMME CO. (KK).
- Western Tanager--20 June, Black Hills, Roubaix Lake area, 14 (NRW).
- Black-headed Grosbeak--28 June, HAND CO., Rose Hill Park (RGR).
- Blue Grosbeak--Observed in Jackson, Bon Homme, Yankton, Davison, Hanson, and Sanborn Co.
- Lazuli Bunting--Black Hills, Roubaix Lake area (NRW).
- Rufous-sided Towhee--19 June, Newton Hills State Park, singing, not a spot-backed race (NJH).
- Brewer's Sparrow--27 June, Harding Co., adult with fledglings (DLB).
- Field Sparrow--Shannon Co. (RCR, DJR).
- Lark Bunting--Yankton Co. (WH). Bon Homme Co. (KK). Common in most East River areas in 1982.
- Le Conte's Sparrow--13 June and 26 June, Roberts Co., White Rock area, agitated and singing bird (with mate?); if nesting this would be the first record in South Dakota in recent times (BKH, KHH, DW, LW).
- Swamp Sparrow--19 June, Spink Co., 2-3 adults (BKH). Hanson Co. (RGR). Fairly common in Day, Roberts, and Deuel Co. (BKH).
- Eastern Meadowlark--June and July, singing bird with similar but not typical song of species (BKH, NJH). 4 June, Shannon Co, 4 in Sandhills (RCR, DJR).
- House Finch--11 June, Fall River Co., Edgemont, territorial pair (RCR, DJR).
- White-winged Crossbill--1 June, Black Hills, Sylvan Lake Campground, 100+ (NJH, DJH).

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