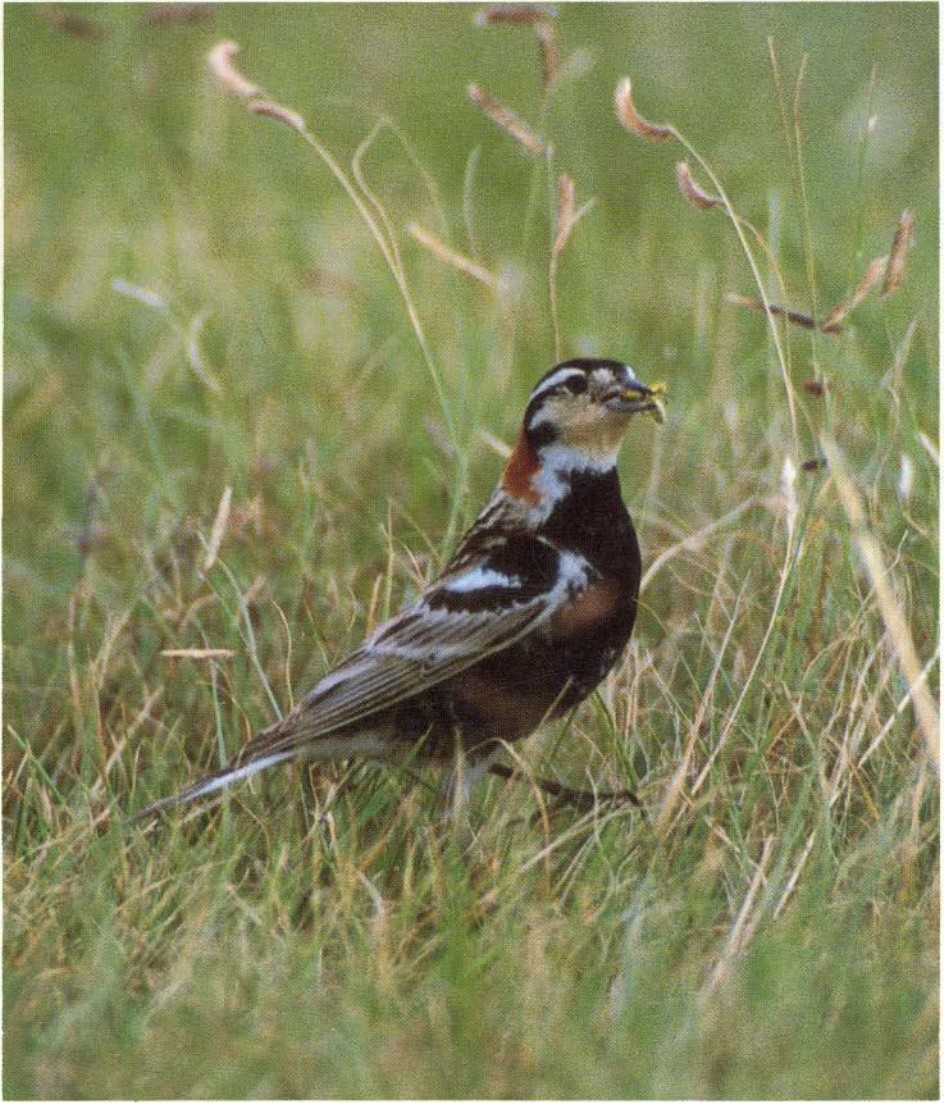


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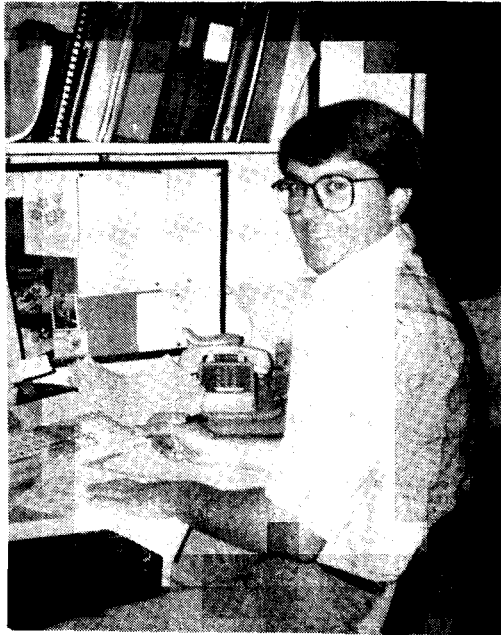
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Lewis Thomas had his *Late Night Thoughts on Listening to Mahler's Ninth Symphony*; I have mine listening to Kitaro's *Silk Road*. Thomas's music was classical, mine *new age*. It is late at night and I need a President's page. I look around this room that I call my office. My bookshelves contain nearly every book published by Sigurd F. Olson, Hal Borland, Edwin Way Teale, and volumes authored by other natural history writers. The critics may not have deemed them so, but these are my literary classics. I have learned more about natural history by reading these authors than from any field



guide, video, or classroom. Hal Borland and Edwin Way Teale were experts at translating their observations into words that could transport the reader into a world missed by all but the most meticulous observer. I began reading these books about 13 years ago while working in an office in downtown Sioux Falls. Twice a day during breaks, for a brief 15 minutes, I would journey outside to a field or pond far from the city to examine a Crab Spider camouflaged among the petals of a flower waiting for prey, or watch a Wood Thrush frantically trying to distract a Black Snake intent on eating its young. The words were the authors', the images were mine. Another bookshelf contains fiction. One volume on the shelf, a novel by former SDOU president, Herbert Krause, is a beautifully written book entitled *Wind Without Rain* (I have just purchased *The Thresher*). In a recent review of *Poems and Essays of Herbert Krause* published in *Bird Notes*, Les Baylor mentions an "electronic savior," the word processor, and how Mr. Krause may have thought, had he seen this technology in use, that we too often depend on technology to make life easier. In this age of digitally stored words, music, and art, the book is still a powerful tool to stimulate the imagination. We need to read words forming our own unique and personal mental pictures. It would be a great loss to our children if we ever decide the printed word is an antiquated medium. If you have not read Edwin Way Teale, Hal Borland, Aldo Leopold, Sigurd F. Olson, or Herbert Krause, I hope someday you will, then share these books with a child or friend. These volumes will always remain on my bookshelves and I hope that someday my children will read them.

One final thought, most of the books in my library are used cloth-bound editions collected over a period of several years. Volumes are added whenever a cloth edition is found in the several used book catalogs I receive. I have yet to read Burroughs, or even Thoreau, their works

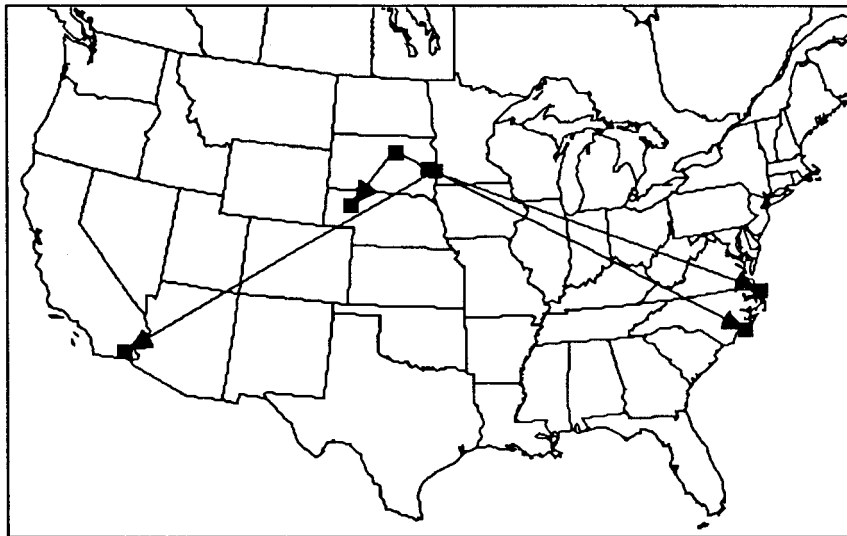
widely published in paperback. However, I dislike reading paperback editions. A good book should be clothbound with yellowed pages emitting a slightly musty smell, the spine of the book should be faded and worn by the grasp of previous users. When I find a copy of Thoreau or Burroughs that fits this description, it will be placed on my bookshelf.

A short personal list of favorites; Hal Borland, 1979, *Twelve Moons of the Year*; John Janovy, Jr, 1980, *Yellowlegs*; John G. Mitchell, 1980, *The Hunt*; Sigurd F. Olson, 1958, *Listening Point*; Edwin Way Teale, 1978, *A Walk Through the Year*. Dennis Skadsen, Box 113, Grenville SD 57239.

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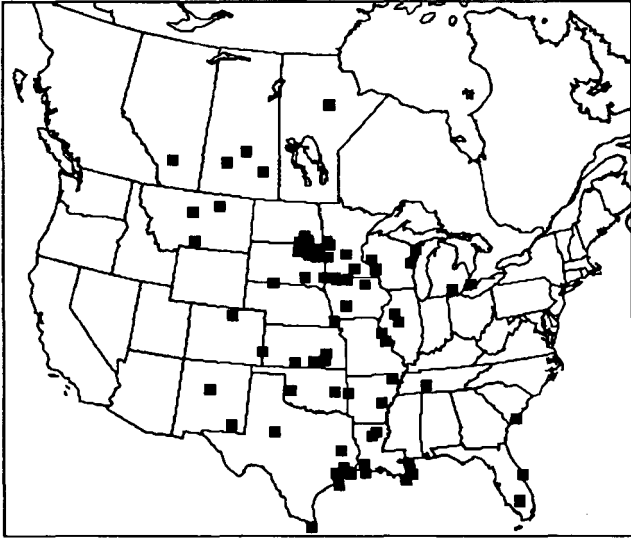
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This series of articles continues with more waterfowl banding maps. Map points indicate both points of banding and recovery. Occasionally direction of movement is shown by arrows.



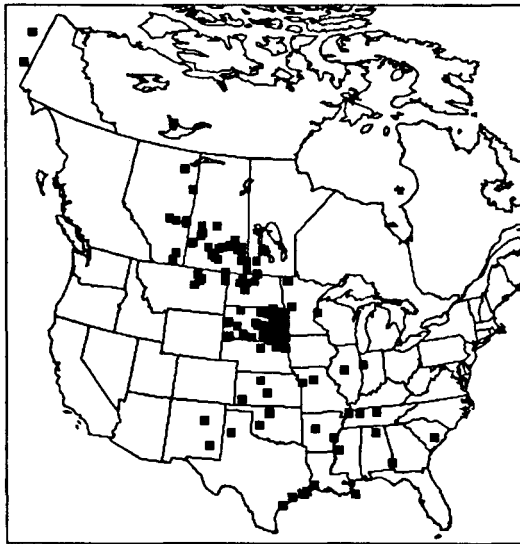
Map 78. Ruddy Duck banding recoveries.

Ruddy Duck The longer of these records have the following data: the bird recovered in California was found on 10 October 1954 - the duck had been banded in South Dakota on 23 July 1954. Of the two birds recovered in North Carolina, one was recovered on 3 January 1956 (banded in South Dakota on 27 July 1954) the other was recovered on 27 December 1966 (banded 31 July 1965).

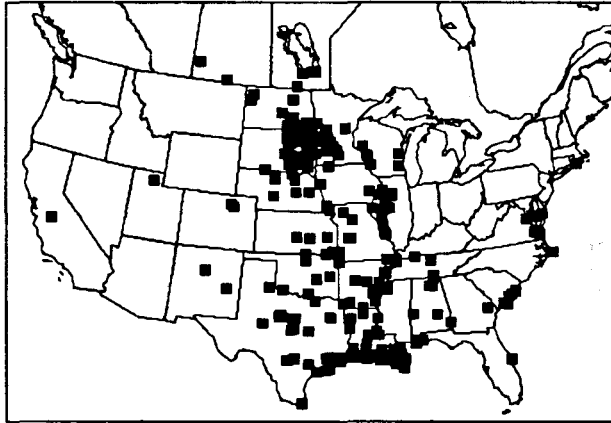


Map 79. American Wigeon banded in South Dakota and recovered elsewhere (outgoing).

American Wigeon. Not shown on map 79 are two birds recovered in Tabasco and two birds recovered in Campeche, both on the north coast of the Yucatan Peninsula.

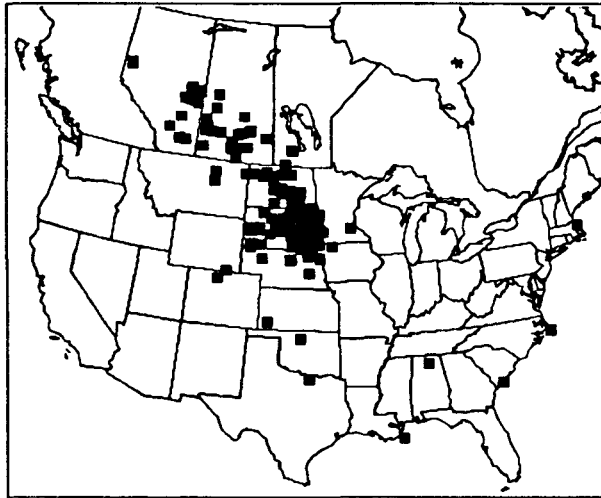


Map 80. Incoming American Wigeon (banded outside of the state and recovered within SD).

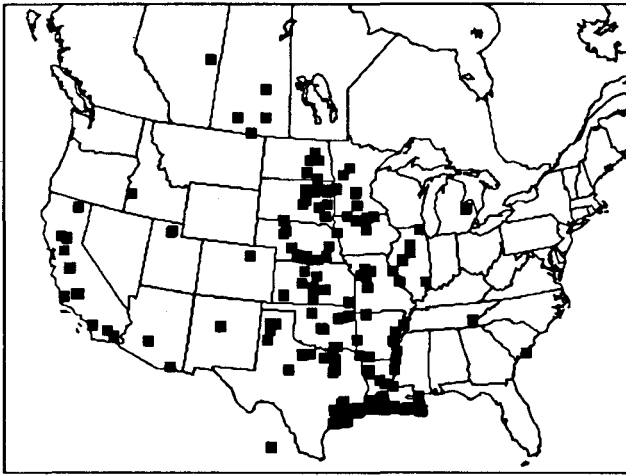


Map 81. Gadwall banded in South Dakota and recovered elsewhere.

Gadwall. Birds were also recovered in the Mexican States of Aguascalientes, Nayarit, and Tamaulipas.



Map 82. Gadwall banded outside the state and recovered in South Dakota.



Map 83. Green-winged Teal banded in South Dakota and recovered elsewhere

Green-winged Teal. Records of birds banded in South Dakota have also been recovered from the Mexican states of Coahuila (shown), Michoacan, and Guanajuato.

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1991 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee met on 26 May 1991 at Brookings and on 6 October 1991 at Pierre. At the conclusion of the latter meeting, Dan Tallman resigned and was replaced by David Swanson, Biology Department, University of South Dakota, Vermillion. The other members of the committee are Nathaniel Whitney (acting chairman), Paul Springer (secretary), Gilbert Blankespoor, and Bruce Harris.

A description of the committee's purpose and voting procedures is presented in the September 1988 issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes* (40:67-70). Observers of rare and unusual birds in South Dakota are urged to report them to the committee secretary or to any committee member. A *Documentation of Rare Bird Sightings* form is available for this purpose. These reports should be as detailed and complete as possible in order to provide the committee with the greatest amount of information on which to judge the acceptance of the report and to preclude the need for requesting more information from the observer.

A review list of those species for which descriptions are requested is included as Appendix 1 to the 1989 report, which appeared in the March 1990 issue of *Bird Notes*. At the meeting of 6 October 1991, several changes were made in the list. The Glaucous Gull, Pileated Woodpecker, and House Finch were deleted as were the Barrow's Goldeneye in Rapid City and the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Newton Hills. Species that were added to the review list were the Three-toed Woodpecker and the Black-backed Woodpecker outside of the Black Hills and the Philadelphia Vireo.

Observers are also asked to submit reports of other species that are rare or unusual at a particular season or location within the state. Persons whose records are accepted (Classes 1 and 2) are encouraged to

publish them in *Bird Notes*. Citations are given for those records listed in this report that have been published.

Following are the results of the committee's actions since the previous report in the June 1991 issue of *Bird Notes*. The numbers in parentheses within a species' listing indicate the committee's vote. If not stated, the vote was unanimous (5-0). The committee emphasizes that a rating of Class 3 or 4 does not imply any personal criticism of the observer. Rather, these classes simply indicate that the committee did not find the description complete enough to be entirely convincing.

CLASS 1 (Accepted — Specimen, photograph, or sound recording)

Clark's Grebe. 5 May 1991, 1 at Lake Herman, Lake Co., photographed, Stephen Dinsmore.

Surf Scoter. 13 May 1991, 1 at Gavin's Point Dam, Yankton Co., photographed, Loren Blake.

Red Knot. 28 May 1991, 1 at Milwaukee Lake, Lake Co., photographed, Stephen Dinsmore.

CLASS 2 (Accepted — Satisfactory written description)

Brown Pelican. 23 May 1991, 1 at Missouri River 8 miles upstream from the Big Sioux River, Union Co., William Huser.

Eurasian Wigeon. 29 March 1991, 1 near White Lake, Todd Co., Richard and Dorothy Rosche (4 = Class 2, 1 = Class 3).

Common Moorhen. 6 August 1990, 1 near Winfred, Lake Co., Norma Brockmoller.

Red Knot. 25 May 1990, 8 near Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co., Norma Brockmoller.

Common Poorwill. 20 July 1991, 1 near Orient, Faulk Co., Michael Melius (4 = Class 2, 1 = Class 3).

Chuck-will's Widow. 16 June 1991, 1 near Richland, Union Co., William Huser.

Cassin's Kingbird. 3 July 1991, 3 near Allen, Bennett Co., and 5 July 1991, 3 near Pine Ridge, Shannon Co., Paul Springer (4 = Class 2).

Rock Wren. 10 May 1991, 1 at Union County State Park, Union Co. David Swanson and Kurt Dean, SDBN 43:55.

Yellow-throated Warbler. 19 May 1991, 1 near Brookings, Brookings Co., Jan Kieckhefer.

Prairie Warbler. 5 May 1990, 1 at Huron, Beadle Co., Robert Rogers.

Palm Warbler. 13 May 1991, 1 at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co., Barry Jones.

Connecticut Warbler. 26 May 1991, 1 at Brookings, Brookings Co., Jerry Probst.

Summer Tanager. 13-27 May 1990, 1 at Bowdle, Edmunds Co., MyRon Zimmer.

Western Tanager. 4 May 1991, 1 near Brookings, Brookings Co., Jan Kieckhefer.

Eastern Meadowlark. 29 June 1991, 2 near North Sioux City, Union Co., Paul Springer (4 = Class 2).

CLASS 3 (Not accepted — Identification possibly correct but description not completely convincing)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. 12 August 1990, 1 near Howard, Miner Co. (1 = Class 2, 4 = Class 3). Report did not rule out Black-crowned Night-Heron. No mention of entire foot instead of one toe projecting beyond tail in flight.

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Clark's Grebe. 15 November 1987, 1 at Bear Butte Lake, Meade Co.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. 14 July 1989, 2 at Reynold's Slough Game Production Area, Lake Co.

Whimbrel. 28 May 1991, 1 at Milwaukee Lake, Lake Co.

Iceland Gull. 10 November and 1 December 1991, 1 at Gavin's Point Dam, Yankton Co.

Sabine's Gull. 20 September 1991, 1 at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co.

Rufous Hummingbird. 17 August 1986, 1 at Rapid City, Pennington Co.

Rufous Hummingbird. 2 August 1988, 1 at Rapid City, Pennington Co.

Alder Flycatcher. 15 May 1991, 1 near Lake Preston, Kingsbury Co.

Pine Warbler. 16 September 1990, 1 at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co.

Palm Warbler. 8 September 1991, 1 at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co.

Le Conte's Sparrow. 12 July 1989, several at Pott's Dam, Potter Co. and Stone Lake, Sully Co.

Le Conte's Sparrow. 9 September 1991, 1 at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co.

Sharp-tailed Sparrow. 6 September 1991, 1 at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co.

Eastern Meadowlark. 14 June 1990, 1 near Blunt, Hughes Co.

BOOK REVIEWS

BIRD TRAPPING AND BIRD BANDING by Hans Bub. Translated by Francis Hamerstrom and Karen Wuertz-Schaefer. 1991. Cornell University Press, Ithaca. 330 pp. Cloth \$69.50.

Humans have always captured birds, whether for food, costume and ornamentation, falconry, scientific collections, or, during the last 100 years, bird banding. This new volume brings together a history of methods and techniques for attracting and capturing birds from all over the world (a historical bibliography lists references dating back to the 14th century). The book focuses on those methods used by bird banders. Originally published in Germany as four volumes, this English version has been condensed to one.

This book will be of interest mainly to bird banders and researchers who must capture birds unharmed. The first few sections focus on the basics of banding, such as baits and devices, holding and handling captured birds, and releasing banded birds. Several intriguing methods are described for baiting birds into traps and nets. Doves and crossbills can be attracted to anise. Seed eating birds, such as finches, will flock to a salt lick. The book also describes and illustrates in detail the use of meal

worms as bait, a method I may employ to capture Eastern Bluebirds. The use of lure birds is known to almost all native cultures and the book describes many such methods not legal (even with a banding permit) in the United States. The bander is cautioned in the introduction to check banding regulations before proceeding with any of the methods described to assure compliance with these laws. The remainder of the book is devoted to describing types of traps, nets, and methods. These sections are the most valuable as they specifically detail ways used to capture difficult species, although some methods are too complex for the individual bander to undertake. Many traps and net layouts are illustrated with reference to the original works, which are listed in the book's extensive bibliography. This list is very important to those who may want more information or plans for traps. Many of these traps cannot be purchased and must be constructed by the bander.

When compared to Elliot McClure's "Bird Banding," published in 1984, I found little duplication of material. This new volume has more information on methods and traps used by the European community, thus introducing unfamiliar traps and methods to North American banders making both books well worth purchasing. At \$69.50, the cost may seem rather high. However, the work put into this publication is worth every dollar asked. One yearns, however, to know how much information was left out when this English version was condensed from the original four volume German publication. *Dennis Skadsen, RR 1 Box 113, Grenville SD 57239.*

WHERE THE BIRDS ARE: A GUIDE TO ALL 50 STATES AND CANADA by John Oliver Jones. 1990. William Morrow and Company, Inc. New York 400 pp. \$15.95 soft bound.

"Where the Birds Are" is a misleading title for this latest bird finding guide to hit the bookstore shelves. I expected, as exclaimed on the book's cover, to find information on all the birding hot spots in the United States and Canada. However, the book would be more aptly titled, "A Guide to the Birds Observed on the National Wildlife Refuges." (The section on Canada is a paltry 6 pages, not worth mentioning.)

Reviewing the South Dakota section, I found only 10 entries, which include the nature Conservancy's Ordway Prairie, Lacreek, Lake Andes, Karl E. Mundt, Sand Lake, Pocasse, and Waubay National Wildlife refuges, Badlands and Wind Cave National Parks, and the strangest entry, the Madison Wetland Management District. Imagine traveling through South Dakota and birding only the locales mentioned. Missing are entries for several state parks and recreation areas, which provide some of the state's best birding. In the introduction, the author states that his book will help find elusive birds. How more elusive could be the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher or Cerulean Warblers found at Newton Hills State Park or the Pileated Woodpeckers occasionally observed at Hartford Beach State Park? No mention is made of the rare gulls that are increasingly being seen below the Mainstem Missouri River Dams. Fort Randall Dam is mentioned only as a good observation point for Bald Eagles under the Mundt entry. If this book were to be used as your only guide to this state, many interesting birds would be missed. The 210 "revolutionary

bird charts" in the book are nothing more than reprints of the National Wildlife Refuge and National Park checklists, many containing information that can be misconstrued by beginning birders or birders not familiar with the state's avifauna. For instance, the Waubay checklist notes American Black Ducks and Common Goldeneyes as nesting species, even though both birds were last recorded as breeding species in the 1950's. Access to most National Wildlife Refuges are limited, with only a few trails and roads open to the public, yet these checklists are compiled by refuge personnel with unlimited access to areas where these birds might be observed. The Piping Plover, listed as a nesting species on the Waubay list, was observed in an area only accessible to refuge personnel. Another problem inherent with the checklists is the vagueness of the season codes. A Tennessee Warbler is common during the spring season, March through May. Would a birder expect to find this warbler during the first half of April or the last half of May? Only by referring to a more concise source, such as a state bird book, would the answer be found. A list of available state bird books and bird finding guides would have been useful. Local birding groups are mentioned for each state by name and location, but addresses and phone number for these organizations are missing, making these entries useless. The information provided on the other 49 states appears to be as weak as South Dakota's. This had to be an easy book to write!

If you need a single listing of all National Wildlife Refuges and the birds observed there, you may want to purchase this book. At \$15.95, the price is affordable. However, I cannot recommend this book as a bird finding guide. The author states in the introduction that this book is a "shortcut to successful birding." If you were to take it along on your travels, you would miss several interesting birds along the way. *Dennis Skadsen, RR Box 113, Grenville SD 57239.*

CHRISTMAS COUNTS: 1991-92

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Aberdeen: 14 December 1991, trace snow, 10-30° F, wind 5-10 mph, 10 observers, Everett Montgomery, compiler.

Brookings: 14 December 1991, trace snow, 10-23 ° F, wind 10-25 mph, 12 observers, Nelda Holden, compiler.

Deuel Co.: 28 December 1991, trace snow, 28-33° F, wind 5-10 mph, 5 participants, Bruce Harris, compiler.

Hot Springs: 15 December 1991, no snow, 16-45° F, wind 5-10 mph, 6 observers, Duane Weber, compiler

Pierre: 15 December 1991, 17 observers, Bob Summerside, compiler.

Rapid City: no other data given, Esther Serr, compiler.

Sand Lake: 18 December 1991, trace snow, -3 to +28 °F, wind 12 mph, 10 observers, William Schultze, compiler.

Sioux Falls: 28 December 1991, trace snow, 27-30°F, foggy, wind less than 10 mph, 25 observers, Gil Blankespoor, compiler.

Sturgis: 14 December 1992, 20-38 °F, no wind, Ernest Miller, compiler.

Waubay: 16 December 1991, Doug Leschisin.

Wilmot: 21 December 1991, trace snow, 18-48° F, winds 5-25 mph, 4 observes, Bruce Harris, compiler.

Yankton: 28 December 1991, 0-48 inches of snow on ground, 29-34° F, fog, 8 observers, Willis Hall, compiler.

	A B R	B R K	D U E	H O T	P I R	R A P	S A N	S O U	S T R	W A U	W I L	Y A N	TOTAL
Great Blue Heron								1	1				2
Snow Goose					1								1
Canada Goose			75		24000	2	3			1	17000		41081
Wood Duck					5								5
Green-winged Teal				11		9		1				1	22
Mallard	92	3	44	550	7750	2132	37	53	12	66	100	364	11203
Northern Pintail						1							1
Gadwall						139						39	178
American Wigeon						233						1	234
Canvasback					1								1
Redhead					2	12							14
Ring-necked Duck					1								1
Lesser Scaup					5	13							18
Common Goldeneye				9	30	163				1		17	220
Barrow's Goldeneye						2							2
Bufflehead					1								1
Common Merganser					313	22						4	339
Hooded Merganser						1							1
Bald Eagle				2	25	4	1		3			36	71
Northern Harrier					4	3	1						8
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1		1							3
Cooper's Hawk		1							1				2
Goshawk	1	4			1		1				1		8
Red-tailed Hawk		2		4	5	4		3		1		13	32
Ferruginous Hawk					1	1							2
Rough-legged Hawk	1	3	2		40	13	2		8	1		5	75
Golden Eagle				8	6	3	1		2				20
American Kestrel	1	5			5	2	2	6		1		4	26
Merlin	1	1											2
Prairie Falcon			1			1							2
Gray Partridge			22				1			5			28
Ring-necked Pheasant	29	41	26	1	61	16	105	10		87	28	31	410
Sharp-tailed Grouse					36	3	22						25

	A B R	B R K	D U E	H O T	P I R	R A P	S A N	S O U	S T R	W A U	W I L	Y A N	TOTAL
Wild Turkey				147	4	177			139	16			483
American Coot					1	10							11
Common Snipe					1				4				5
Franklin's Gull					2								2
Ring-billed Gull				20	36								56
Herring Gull					44								44
Glaucous Gull					3								3
Rock Dove	416	147	68	142	325	453	42	179	32	9	12	97	1854
Mourning Dove							7						7
Great Horned Owl	10	8	1	1	15	2	8	3	2	4		3	57
Belted Kingfisher				2	1	11						4	18
Lewis' Woodpecker									1				1
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1		8		1	3			1	5	19
Downy Woodpecker	22	29	7		20	19	30	46	9	11	14	21	228
Hairy Woodpecker	9	14	3	5	20	7	10	13	4	3	2	14	104
Northern Flicker	2	1		3	33	21	6	2			1	14	83
Horned Lark		60	1		10		34			230			335
Gray Jay						7			2				9
Blue Jay	18	27	3	2	3	57	12	10	49		5	22	208
Pinyon Jay				50		8							58
Black-billed Magpie				5	15	42	4		11			4	81
American Crow	29	96	10	57		255	71	1091	206	1	39	86	1941
Black-capped Chickadee	74	127	30	25	86	154	35	113	103	30	42	60	879
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	3		2	3	48		3	5	2			72
White-bre. Nuthatch	9	34	6	2	9	8	4	76	9	10	19	19	205
Brown Creeper	3		1		3	6		14			2		29
Golden-cr. Kinglet		2			3	2		4		4			15
Canyon Wren						5							5
Townsend's Solitaire				14	5	31			3				53
American Robin	127	2		30	49	5	1		2	3		2	221
Bohemian Waxwing	3												3
Cedar Waxwing	154	25			35			41		18		19	292
Northern Shrike	1	4		4	7	1	9	5		4		1	36
Loggerheaded Shrike										1			1
European Starling	189	76	92	95	125	1178	3	884	72	53	48	144	2959

	A B R	B R K	D U E	H O T	P I R	R A P	S A N	S O U	S T R	W A U	W I L	Y A N	TOTAL
Yellow-rump. Warbler												1	1
Northern Cardinal		3						18				18	39
Rufous-sided Towhee						1							1
American Tree Sparrow	3	57	12	57	95	14	85	45	18	45		58	489
Chipping Sparrow							1						1
Song Sparrow					180	1							181
White-cr. Sparrow						9							9
Harris' Sparrow									2		1	1	4
Dark-eyed Junco		119		63	123			55		14	5	87	466
Slate-colored Junco	17		2			81	16		89				205
Oregon Junco						31			9			1	41
White-wing. Junco						146			12				158
Lapland Longspur			1							1			2
Red-winged Blackbird	3	30	50	71	50		122			1		2	329
Western Meadowlark					3								3
Rusty Blackbird	1		12		7		11						31
Brewer's Blackbird	14		2		7								23
Blackbird sp.												228	228
Common Grackle	4	3	1		2	2	2						14
Brown-head. Cowbird			60										60
Rosy Finch	1												1
Purple Finch	4	1	3					1		12	1		22
Cassin's Finch									6				6
House Finch	26		1			8		119			3		157
Red Crossbill				9		53							62
Common Redpoll	32	1	139	114	42	6	74			317	10		735
Pine Siskin	15	24	1	25	3	312		1	452				833
American Goldfinch	157	243	52	10	79	48	27	91	30		10	214	961
Evening Grosbeak				1		1			2				4
House Sparrow	574	1573	345	221	494	755	810	428	240	625	360	166	6591
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2048	2770	1006	1763	34183	6755	1601	3319	1540	1577	17704	1806	76072
TOTAL FORMS	35	35	31	35	59	61	36	30	33	31	22	37	99

The 1991-92 Winter Season

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Another "open winter" was the term used by several observers to describe this season's weather of above normal temperatures. Most major snowstorms hit the southcentral and southeastern corner of the state. Waterfowl took advantage of the mild weather and migrated several weeks earlier than normal. Many species attempted to overwinter (see Red-headed Woodpecker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, sparrows, and the unusually large number of Brown-headed Cowbirds in Deuel Co.).

Correction to the 1991 Fall Migration SDBN 44(1):18-23, entry should read: Iceland Gull - 10 November, Yankton Co., state record, if accepted by Rare Birds Record Committee (SVS).

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Abbreviations used in this report: SLNWR - Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge; WNWR - Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

Pied-billed Grebe - 29 December, Fall River Co., 2 (RAP, JLP).	Green-winged Teal - 14 February, Yankton Co., (SVS). 15 February, Stanley Co., very early (NRW).
Double-crested Cormorant - 16 December, Yankton Co. (SVS).	Northern Pintail - 1 February, Yankton Co., 15, (DS). 29 February, SLNWR, 500 (JCS).
Greater White-fronted Goose - 27 February, Turner Co., (LRL). 1 March, Minnehaha Co., 25+, very early (MSS, DRS).	Blue-winged Teal - 4 December, Hughes Co. (JCS).
Snow Goose - 18 December, Grant Co., Big Stone Power Plant (LJ).	American Wigeon - 3 February, Yankton Co., (SVS).
Ross' Goose - 20 January, Brookings Co. (BKH).	Common Goldeneye - 21 January, Grant Co., 8, Big Stone Power Plant (BKH).
Canada Goose - 29 December, Roberts Co., 17,000 Bullhead Lake (BKH).	Barrow's Goldeneye - 3 January, Canyon Lake, male, and 31 January,

- Cleghorn Springs, female, Pennington Co. (NRW).
- Bufflehead - 19 January, Yankton Co., 3 (SVS). 2 March, Day Co., very early (WNWR).
- Hooded Merganser - 4 December, Hughes Co., 2 (JCS). 3 January, Pennington Co. (NRW).
- Common Merganser - 21 January, Grant Co., 10, Big Stone Power Plant (BKH). 8 February, Yankton Co., 300 (BKH, MSS).
- Red-breasted Merganser - 23 January, Hughes Co., 2 (RAP).
- Bald Eagle - 2 December, Yankton Co., 40 below Gavins Point Dam (SVS). Reported from Brookings (JRK), Brown (JCS), Day (WNWR), Deuel (GS)&(DW), Hughes (JCS), Meade (EEM), Pennington and Stanley (NRW) counties.
- Sharp-shinned Hawk - Reported from Brookings (RWK), Custer (MJP), and Yankton (SVS) counties.
- Cooper's Hawk - Only reports from Deuel (BKH), and Roberts (KC) counties.
- Northern Goshawk - 21 December, Roberts Co. (BKH, KC). 2 February, Faulk Co. (JDW).
- Red-tailed Hawk - Reported from Brookings (JAK, JRK), Custer (MJP), Fall River and Haakon (RAP), Meade (EEM), Lawrence and Pennington (NRW) counties.
- Ferruginous Hawk - 11 January, Tripp Co., 3 (RAP, JLP).
- Rough-legged Hawk - Reported from Brown (JCS), Custer (MJP), Deuel (BKH), Lawrence (NRW), Meade (EEM), Stanley (RAP, JLP), Union (JL), Yankton (SVS) counties.
- Golden Eagle - 12 February, Roberts Co. (BKH). 22 February, Beadle Co. (RAP).
- Merlin - 16 December, Yankton Co. (SVS). 22 December, Deuel Co. (BKH).
- Peregrine Falcon - 11 December, Deuel Co., attacking Hungarian Partridge (BKH).
- Gyr Falcon - 28 December, Todd Co. (RAP, JLP).
- Prairie Falcon - 28 December, Deuel Co. (GS, MS). 9 January, Day Co. (WNWR). 17 January, 3 February, Jackson Co. (KG). 30 January Pennington Co., and 29 February, Stanley Co. (RAP).
- American Coot - 19 December, Yankton Co., probable cripple (SVS). 3 January, Pennington Co. (NRW). 5 February, Meade Co. (EEM).
- Killdeer - 19 February, Meade Co. (EEM). 26 Feb., Yankton Co. (SVS).
- Ring-billed Gull - 3 March, Day Co., 2, very early (DRS).
- Glaucous Gull - 1 December, Yankton Co. (SVS). 15 February, Hughes Co. (MMM, NRW).
- Black-legged Kittiwake - 1 December, Yankton Co. (SVS).
- Mourning Dove - 5 December, Roberts Co. (BKH). 27 Dec. Deuel Co. (GC).
- Snowy Owl - 2 December, Deuel Co. (GS). 23 December, Brown Co. (MMM).
- Eastern Screech-Owl - 14 December, Roberts Co., calling during mid-afternoon (BKH).
- Great Horned Owl - 13 February, Codington Co., adult on nest, very early (BKH).
- Long-eared Owl - 4,5 December, Custer Co. (MJP). 29 December, Fall River Co. (RAP, JLP).
- Red-headed Woodpecker - 5 January, Meade Co., rare winter (NRW).
- Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1 December, 29 February, Brown Co. (JCS). 1 February, Hughes Co. (RAP, JLP).
- Black-billed Magpie - 6 December, 23 January, WNWR. 21 January, Edmunds Co. (JDW). 21 February, Clay Co., 2 (DS).
- Red-breasted Nuthatch - Reported from Brookings (BKH), Day (DRS).
- Brown Creeper - 25 December, Minnehaha Co., 5 (JL). Also reported from Brown (JCS), Day (DRS), and Tripp (RAP, JLP) counties.
- Golden-crowned Kinglet - Reported from Brookings (RWK), Day (DRS), Minnehaha (JL), Yankton (SVS) counties.
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 28 February, Pennington Co., rare winter (RAP).
- Eastern Bluebird - 16 December, 2 January, Yankton Co. (SVS).
- Mountain Bluebird - 24, 28 February, Custer Co., early (MJP). 29 February, Jackson Co., 2 (RAP).
- Varied Thrush - 20 February, Pennington Co. (JH fide NRW).

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- Brown Thrasher - 25 December, Brown Co. (DAT).
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 28 December, Yankton Co., casual winter (SVS).
Northern Cardinal - 1 January, Day Co. (DH).
Rufous-sided Towhee - 17 December, Clay Co. (DS).
Field Sparrow - 16 January, Yankton Co. (SVS). 29 Feb., SLNWR (JCS).
White-crowned Sparrow - 21 December thru 12 January, Roberts Co., rare winter (BB).
Harris' Sparrow - 2 December, Roberts Co. (BB). 2 February, Pennington Co., rare winter resident (NRW).
Red-winged Blackbird - 28 December, Jackson Co., 15 (NRW). 28 December, Deuel Co., 60 (BKH, GS).
Rusty Blackbird - 28 December, Jackson Co., 2 (NRW). 28 December, Deuel Co., 17 (BKH, GS).
Brewer's Blackbird - 28 December, Deuel Co., rare winter (BKH, GS).
Common Grackle - During period Brookings (RWK). 17 January, Brown Co. (JCS). 27 December, Deuel Co. (BKH).
Brown-headed Cowbird - 28 December, Deuel Co., 5 (BKH, GS). 1 January, Deuel Co., (BKH) and (MB).
Rosy Finch - 11 December, Brown Co. (ECM).
Cassin's Finch - 7 January, 24 February, Pennington Co. (NRW). 16 February, Meade Co., 6 (fide EEM).
House Finch - 15 December, Minnehaha Co., at Woodlawn Cemetery (JL). Also reported from Brown (JCS), Deuel (BKH).
Common Redpoll - During period, Brown Co., 1070 banded at one location (DAT); Day Co., 322 banded at one location (DRS). Also reported for Brookings (RWK, JAK), Deuel (BKH), and Minnehaha (JL) counties.
Pine Siskin - Reported from Brookings (BKH), Brown (JCS), Deuel (MB).
Hoary Redpoll - During period, Brown Co., 6 identified in hand and banded (DAT).

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