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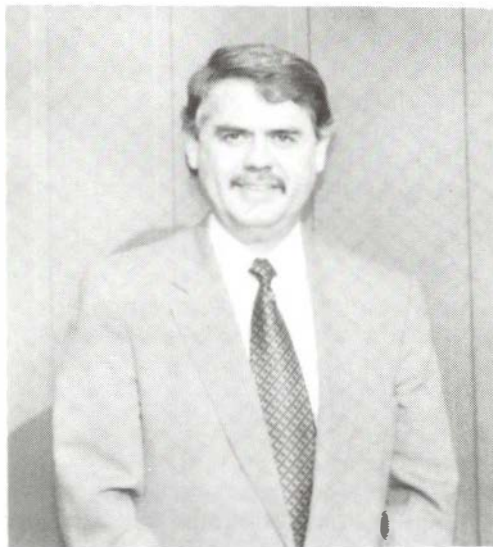
Apparently I ruffled a few feathers in the bird world with my last President's Page. One writer said that the "hackles on the back of his neck" raised higher and stiffer with each reading. You have to give the guy credit for the ornithological reference in that phrase, and just the thought of it conjures up quite an image. I know of this person, and he has pretty long hackles.

In total, I received letters from three individuals. The text and tone of these communications ranged from critical to vicious and very personal. I've exchanged letters with one of the writers, who incidentally was a SDOU member from Minnesota. That matter seems to have been resolved quite amicably. The mere mention of the receipt of the others is all I plan to do at this time.

My writing alluded to one potential threat to the science of ornithology. The opinion was mine and not that of the SDOU board. I believe that is why they call this the "President's Page," with the president's photo next to the column. Surely, there are more obvious problems that could be written about and probably these would be more popular. If my column had been about habitat destruction, overuse of toxic chemicals, or the crippling of the Endangered Species Act, I am sure I would not have gotten any derogatory comments. The criticism has been brought on by the fact that I chose to write from another aspect—another view. The very audacity of me to think that the animal rights movement would do anything to stand in the way of science is unthinkable to some.

A business associate of mine told me many years ago that any time you are a pioneer, you had better be prepared to take a few arrows in the back. I write as I do to try to get readers to look at ornithology from another viewpoint. Certainly, it may not be conventional and I may not be the typical person involved with birds, but if some SDOU members only want to read about the pretty birds that I see in my yard, then my column may continue to disappoint those people.

Birds, and ornithology, do face an uncertain future, with threats from more areas than habitat changes. I am concerned about the scientific future and all the potential adversaries of birds. So, this is my best effort at damage control. I understand that the critics will not be



satisfied. On this one issue, there is no question that we are on opposite ends of the spectrum. That does not mean that our ultimate goals are not similar. People have always traveled different paths and used different methods in pursuit of their goals. People always will.

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## GENERAL NOTES

### BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER NESTS AT NEWTON HILLS STATE PARK.

On 26 May 1994, I was birding in Newton Hills State Park. At about 6 PM, I was crossing a foot bridge over Sargent Creek that leads to a picnic shelter in the lower part of the park. I heard the distinctive, faint, buzzy call of a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Most field guides vary in their phonetic rendering of this call, but I prefer the tsee, or *tsseeett* described by the Audubon Society (Ferrand 1983). On subsequent visits I became quite familiar with this call. It is very thin, faint, and hard to notice and it does not carry very far.

The creek in this area is a deep gorge covered by old and second-growth trees. The foot path leads to an open, grassy area, about 30 feet from the bank of the creek. As I walked toward this opening, I turned and saw a pair of Gnatcatchers. They darted about and called to each other, both agitated by my presence. I quickly retreated and went to sit under

the picnic shelter about 30 feet away. The birds stopped their scolding but stayed close-by. Suddenly, the female flew near and landed on a dead branch of a small American Elm sapling about 20 feet away. She hesitated a little, then slowly hopped down toward the crotch of the branch. Thereupon, she jumped right into a nest, which I had not noticed before. It was so well camouflaged that I never would have seen it had she not drawn me to it. It was a very neat and compact structure made of fine plant down, spider webs, and horse hair, covered with small pieces of aqua-blue lichen, blending perfectly with the color of the tree. The nest was placed about 5 feet off the ground in the lowest crotch of the tree. I watched the bird nuzzle, as if incubating, into the nest. Then it flew off after only a minute or so. Shortly, after both birds departed, I quickly approached the nest and found one egg in it.

When I returned on 30 May at about 10 AM, the nest still contained just one egg. About 1/2 hour later, I ran into Bill and Rosemary Draeger of the Sioux Falls Bird Club and showed them the nest. When I checked the next day, there were two eggs. By 2 June, when Bruce Harris accompanied me, there were four eggs (with no sign of any Cowbird intrusions). Later that evening, I set up my camcorder nearby and recorded the female as she incubated the eggs (these pictures were later shown at the 1994 Fall SDOU meeting). I hoped that this would be a successful nest, but I was a bit concerned that it had been placed in a rather conspicuous and precarious spot—low to the ground and very close to a well-traveled walkway.

My fears were well founded, as on 10 June, when I next returned, I approached the area to find nothing but silence. The nest was missing. Disturbed and puzzled, I searched under the tree and found the nest intact, but empty on the ground. I will never know the cause, but I feel it was probably predated by either raccoons or one of the feral cats that live in the park. I collected the nest and later donated it to the USD Museum. In spite of the failure of this nest, it was encouraging to find, on 17 July, a family of six Gnatcatchers at a spot about 1/4 mile to the east of this site.

*The Birds of South Dakota* (1991) lists the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher as a casual visitor and a rare summer resident in the SE. Breeding season reports were made in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985. Clear evidence of their establishment at Newton Hills was reported by Mark Skadsen in 1986, when he found a pair building a nest not far from the spot where I found this one (about 200 yards down-creek, in the same area as the other reports). Later observations in 1989, 1991, 1992, and 1993 by Mark Skadsen, et al., proved that this species was definitely breeding in Newton Hills. One notable record was in 1991. Mark, along with Augie Hoeger, found seven birds, presumably a family, very near the area that the first pair was seen. While there have been a few other reported sightings in South Dakota, one even as far west as the Black Hills, these seem to have been isolated cases and no breeding evidence was noted. Most were of birds seen in May. We might assume that the birds seen in late spring might be attempting to breed.

Newton Hills probably is the only breeding area in the state. As these birds confine themselves to very small territories, other sightings I had within the park lead me to believe that there may be four or more pairs breeding.

The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee has listed this species as being well established within Newton Hills, but rare elsewhere in the state.

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**CHANGES AFFECTING SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE AOU CHECKLIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.** A few changes in the Thirty-ninth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds*" *Auk* 110:675-682 (1993) affect the South Dakota bird list. The Green-backed Heron reverts to its previous common name, the Green Heron. The Lesser Golden Plover is now to be known as the American Golden Plover. The Rosy Finches are again split into discrete species: The Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Black Rosy Finch, and Brown-capped Rosy Finch. To the best of my knowledge, the Gray-crowned Rosy Finch is the only species known to occur in South Dakota. Future supplements to the AOU checklist promise many interesting changes to our state list. Dan Tallman, *Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401*.

**HOODED WARBLER IN BROWN COUNTY.** I first observed this bird on 23 May 1992 along the James River, south of Aberdeen, Brown Co., South Dakota. I found the bird singing (like a loud Chipping Sparrow) at the top of a small cottonwood. I watched the bird from about 35 feet, using 7x35 binoculars for about five minutes. This was a male, with a yellow body and face, black hood completely encircling the head, no wing bars, olive back, and white tail spots. It looked similar to a Wilson's Warbler, but the Wilson's has a black cap only and is slightly smaller. This record has been categorized as Class 2 by the SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee. *Jerry Stanford, 108 15th Ave., Aberdeen, SD 57401*.

**COMMON MOORHEN IN BROWN COUNTY.** On 22 June 1993 I first spotted a Common Moorhen swimming along the edge of a slough about a half mile east of Groton in Brown Co., South Dakota. I knew immediately that the bird was a moorhen, because I remembered seeing them as a boy in Lake County. The most striking feature and the one that separates this bird from the American Coot, is the red bill and forehead. The bird let me get relatively close, whereas the coots in the area scampered. The bird also showed white under wings (side of bird) and did some head pumping. I watched the bird for a while, as it gradually disappeared in the reeds. This record has been categorized as Class 2 by the SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee. *Jerry Stanford, 108 15th Ave., Aberdeen, SD 57401*.

**GREAT BLUE HERON APPARENTLY FEEDS ON ROADKILL.** On 13 December 1994 at about 11:40 AM, I saw a Great Blue Heron standing in the snow next to an oil road 5 miles south and east of Aberdeen. It looked and flew as though it were healthy. It was apparently feeding on a roadkill, a dead jackrabbit that was on the shoulder of the road. The tempera-

ture at the time was 8° F, with a wind chill of -14°. I could see no open water anywhere near the area, although there could have been some open spots on the James River or Moccasin Creek *Jerry Stanford, 108 15th Ave., Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

**CUSTER COUNTY RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD RECORD.** I have reported previously on some "wayward" birds that I have observed at my place in NE Custer County (SDBN 45:9). Habitats in this area are primarily short and mixed-grass prairie. There are some shrubs and small trees at my place.

On 17 May 1994, I was sleeping in my glassed-in screenhouse and woke to see the sun's red orb just topping the horizon. In a Caragana shrub, just outside the east windows, was a very small bird. As I approached, I could see a thin, straight bill, rather long for such a small bird: a hummingbird. I was able to come within a meter of the bird, and watch through the window as it buzzed among the fragrant Caragana flowers.

The light was shadowy in the bushes, but I was able to discern a shiny green back and head. The breast was pale gray, lighter down the center and white towards the throat. The throat feathers appeared black, but several times the bird turned just right, so that those feathers appeared to be a dark, ruby red. I was reminded of the first Ruby-throated Hummingbird I observed in Faulkton in September 1990, which was also at close range, but under broad daylight conditions.

Except for the humming of the wings, the only sound the bird made was a little squeak, as it shook off a Caragana petal stuck to its bill. After a couple of minutes, he flew away to the north. I went to get my camera, hoping to find him in a shelterbelt line of Caraganas. I could not relocate him. The south wind was returning, and would be the dominant weather for the next several days. Previously, the wind had blown strongly all day and into the night of 16 May. I am unsure of how long the predawn lull was on the 17th.

I wrote notes for this sighting immediately afterwards and submitted them to the Rare Bird Records Committee of the SDOU. The committee accepted the report as Class 2. According to *The Birds of South Dakota* (SDOU, 1990), this record was the third South Dakota West River record for the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. *Michael Melius, HCR 89 Box 275, Hermosa, SD 57744.*

**WINTER RECORD FOR FIELD SPARROW AT SAND LAKE.** On 29 February 1992, I observed this distinct sparrow perched on a fence just north of Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The winter was mild, with little, if any, snow cover. I had a good view from about 15 feet with 7x35 binoculars. The bird cooperated by showing its back, front, and sides. The feature I noticed first was the distinct eye ring and the pink bill. The rusty cap reminded me of an American Tree Sparrow, but the Field Sparrow appeared to be smaller and had no spot on the breast. The bird appeared to be alone and healthy. It flew out into a high weedy field after a few minutes. This record has been categorized as Class 2 by the SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee. *Jerry Stanford, 108 15th Ave., Aberdeen, SD 57401.*



## BOOK REVIEWS

**A BIRDER'S GUIDE TO MINNESOTA**—Kim R. Eckert. 1994. The Pine Knot, Cloquet Newspapers, Cloquet MN. 218 pp. Spiral bound, price not given.

I reviewed the second edition of this guide ten years ago (SDBN 36:56-57). Kim Eckert has managed to improve on a product that was already "a must purchase for a birder traveling to Minnesota." As before, the book includes the state's birding hotspots marked on detailed state highway maps. Every Minnesota county is covered, although some are mentioned very briefly. An index makes the search for specific birds easy. Introductory sections cover ecology, ornithology (including bird clubs, birders, and hotlines), and checklists of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

The computer age burst upon us during the last decade, and that has contributed to the aesthetic appearance of this book. It looks professionally done, unlike the homemade look of the second edition. The photographs are now crisp and the typeset is excellent.

The text is again written the expertise and humor. Ten years ago I had complained about the virtual omission in the guide of Lake Itasca State Park. Kim reluctantly includes a few more details this time, but assures us that Lake Itasca really isn't such a great place to find birds. (I had complained that, finding myself in the park, it was hard for me to figure out what birds to expect.) The problem is that this book is not written for the casual birder; rather it is for the serious lister. When I travel, I bird where I find myself. Others plan their itineraries with specific birds in mind. These latter birders see more species than I do, and they will find Kim's book especially valuable.

We need a guide like this for South Dakota. One way we could begin would be for us to submit guides favorite birding areas to *Bird Notes*. Dennis Skadsen has done this in "A Birder's Guide to Charles Mix County" (SDBN 42:72) and Augie Hoeger in "Birding the Hole" (SDBN 44:52). Dan Tallman, *Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401*.



# SEASONAL REPORTS

## The 1994 Fall Season

1 August 1994 to 30 November 1994

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- Common Loon** All Reports: 02 Aug Rush Lake, Day County (3) DRS; 16 Oct Yankton SVS; 11 Nov Pickerel Lake, Day County (1) DRS; 15 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County BKH
- Pied-billed Grebe** Late: 26 Nov Yankton SVS; 19 Nov Brookings JSP; 15 Nov Tripp RAP; Peaks: 26 Sep Lake Alice, Deuel County (42) BKH
- Horned Grebe** All Reports: 01 Oct (1) and 11 Nov (2) Lake Alice, Deuel County BKH; 15 Nov Round Lake, Deuel County (2) BKH
- Western Grebe** Late: 27 Nov Yankton SVS; 21 Nov Brown JCS
- American White Pelican** Late: 29 Nov Brown BT, DA [ties latest ever]; 24 Nov Roberts BKH; 19 Nov Brookings JSP
- Double-crested Cormorant** Late: 29 Nov Yankton SVS; 24 Nov Roberts BKH; 23 Nov Brown JCS
- American Bittern** Only Report: 09 Oct Bitter Lake, Day County JL
- Great Blue Heron** Late: 22 Nov Brown (1) JCS; 21 Nov Roberts (2) JSC; 19 Nov Day (1) DRS
- Great Egret** Late: 28 Oct Brown (1) JCS; 17 Oct School Lake, Deuel County (6) BKH; 10 Oct Lake JSP; Peaks: 28 Aug Lake Alice, Deuel County (40) BKH
- Snowy Egret** Late: 16 Oct Turner CK; 24 Sep Brookings JSP
- Cattle Egret** Late: 22 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Roberts (1) BKH
- Green Heron** Late: 25 Sep Brown (1) JCS; 17 Sep Brookings JSP
- Black-crowned Night-Heron** Late: 15 Nov Mud Lake, Hamlin County BKH
- White-faced Ibis** All Reports: 25 Sep Brown (20) JCS; 24 Sep McCook (1) SFBC; 24 Sep Yankton (2) SVS; 24 Aug Day (10) TW
- Tundra Swan** All Reports: 17 Oct School Lake, Deuel County (7) BKH; 21 Oct Brown DAT; 19 Nov Kingsbury (10) JSP
- Snow Goose** Early: 07 Sep UCSP, Union County (1) DS, KD, JM; Peaks: 16 Nov Custer (150) MMM; 17-20 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County (20-30,000) BKH; 22 Nov SLNWR, Brown County (65,000) BT, DA
- Green-winged Teal** Late: 23 Nov Yankton SVS [ties latest ever]; 19 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- American Black Duck** Only Report: 01 Oct Day (1 killed by hunter) DL
- Northern Pintail** Late: 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 10 Nov Yankton SVS
- Blue-winged Teal** Late: 19 Oct Clay SVS; 11 Oct Roberts (2) BKH
- Cinnamon Teal** Only Report: 17 Sep Harding (5) NBHBC
- Gadwall** Late: 29 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County (2) BKH; 19 Nov Meade (1) EM; 19 Nov Kingsbury (1) JSP Nesting: 18 Aug Brown (8 Class II young) JCS
- American Wigeon** Late: 19 Nov Meade (5) EM; 17 Nov Coteau Lake, Deuel County (8) BKH; Peaks: 09 Nov Bullhead Lake, Roberts County (600) BKH
- Canvasback** Late: 24 Nov Sodak Park, Roberts County (45+) BKH; 19 Nov Kingsbury JSP; Peaks: 01-04 Nov Coteau Lake, Deuel County (140) BKH



- Redhead** Late: 25 Nov Deuel (14) BKH; 19 Nov Kingsbury JSP; Peaks: 17 Oct Deuel (300) BKH
- Ring-necked Duck** Late: 19 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 09 Nov Bullhead Lake, Roberts County (600) BKH
- Lesser Scaup** Late: 25 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County (15+) BKH; 19 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Oldsquaw** All Reports: 19 Nov Willow Lake, Clark County (1) JSP; 25 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County (1) BKH; 27 Nov into Dec Yankton SVS
- BLACK SCOTER** Casual Fall Migrant: 28-29 Oct Clear Lake Sewage Ponds, Deuel County (1) BKH
- Bufflehead** Late: 25 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County (2) BKH; 19 Nov Meade (1) EM; 19 Nov Kingsbury JSP; Peaks: 15 Nov Lake Poinsett, Hamlin County (150+) BKH
- Hooded Merganser** Late: 25 Nov Lake Alice, Deuel County (6) BKH; 19 Nov Clark JSP
- Common Merganser** All Reports: 17 Nov Deuel BKH; 19 Nov Meade (1) EM
- Turkey Vulture** Late: 18 Oct Grant BKH; 04 Oct Yankton SVS; 27 Sep Lawrence NRW
- Osprey** Late: 02 Nov Yankton SVS; 04 Oct Deuel BKH; 18 Sep Tripp (1) RAP
- Bald Eagle** Early: 04 Oct Deuel BKH
- Northern Harrier** Late: 30 Nov Brown JCS; 19 Nov Clark JSP
- Sharp-shinned Hawk** Late: 18 Nov Brookings JAK; 10 Nov Custer (1) MPA; 05 Nov Meade (1) EM
- Cooper's Hawk** Late: 25 Nov Deuel BKH
- Northern Goshawk** Only Report: 27 Sep Roberts KC
- Broad-winged Hawk** All Reports: 20 Sep Union KD; 20 Sep Roberts BKH; 17 Sep Brown DAT
- Swainson's Hawk** Late: 11 Oct Yankton SVS; 24 Sep Brookings JSP; 17 Sep Tripp RAP
- Ferruginous Hawk** All Reports: 04 Nov Custer (2) MMM; 11 Oct Meade (1) EM; 17 Sep Harding NBHBC
- Rough-legged Hawk** Early: 17 Sep Harding (5) NBHBC; 26 Oct Pennington MMM; 26 Oct Custer MPA; 28 Oct Yankton SVS
- Golden Eagle** All Reports: 17 Sep Harding (1) NBHBC; 11 Oct Meade (2) EM; 20 Oct Custer (3) MMM; 10 Nov Custer (1) MAP
- Merlin** All Reports: 04 Sep Custer (1) MAP; 06 Sep Deuel and 13 Sep Roberts BKH; 21 Oct Clay DS; 31 Oct PLSRA, Day County DRS
- Peregrine Falcon** Only Reports: 22 Sep Yankton (2) SVS; 19 Oct Roberts BKH
- Gyrfalcon** Only Report: 30 Nov along Lake Oahe N of Pierre ME
- Prairie Falcon** All Reports: 23 Oct Deuel BKH; 09 Oct SLNWR, Brown County DAT; 12 Sep Bennett RAP; 15 Aug Custer (1) MMM; 06 Aug Meade (2) EM
- Sharp-tailed Grouse** All Reports: 19 Nov Meade (16 good hatch this year) EM; 31 Oct Custer (45 abundant this year) MMM
- YELLOW RAIL** Uncertain Status (reports will require acceptance by the Rare Bird Records Committee); 27 Sep Warner Township, Brown County (2) BT, DA; 10 Aug Ordway Prairie, McPherson County JRK
- Sandhill Crane** Late East: 15 Nov Tripp RAP; 23 Oct Edmunds (300+) JAK, KJK and Brookings (3) JRK; 09 Oct Day BKH; Late West: 30 Oct Custer (1150) MMM; 28 Oct Pennington (450) *vide* NRW; 20 Oct Meade (3000+) EM

- Whooping Crane** Two Reports: 01 Nov E of Pierre, Hughes County DC; 23 Oct Edmunds (2) MZ
- Black-bellied Plover** Only Report: 09 Oct Bitter Lake, Day County JL
- Lesser Golden-Plover** Late: 11 Oct Roberts (6) BKH; Peaks: 14 Sep Grant (42) BKH
- Piping Plover** Only Report: 20 Aug Lake Thompson, Kingsbury County (1) JSP
- Killdeer** Late: 12 Nov Brookings (2) JSP; 14 Oct Turner (1) LRL
- American Avocet** Late: 02 Nov Day (7) DRS; 13 Sep Brown (4) JCS
- Greater Yellowlegs** Late: 12 Nov Brookings (2) JSP; 27 Oct Brown (6) JCS
- Lesser Yellowlegs** Late: 09 Oct Clark RAP, JP; 24 Sep Brookings JSP
- Solitary Sandpiper** Late: 12 Nov N of Aberdeen, Brown County (2) EdM [latest ever by 18 days]; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL; 20 Aug Lake JSP
- Upland Sandpiper** Late: 03 Sep Tripp RAP
- Long-billed Curlew** Late: 12 Aug Custer (1) MMM
- Ruddy Turnstone** Late: 10 Oct Deuel BKH [latest ever by 23 days]
- Semipalmated Sandpiper** Late: 17 Sep Harding (1) NBHBC
- Least Sandpiper** Late: 09 Oct Brookings JL; 17 Sep Brookings JSP
- White-rumped Sandpiper** Only Report: 22 Oct Brown (6-8) JCS [latest ever by 4 days]
- Baird's Sandpiper** Late: 09 Oct Brookings JL; 03 Sep Kingsbury JSP
- Pectoral Sandpiper** Late: 22 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 09 Oct Brookings JL
- Stilt Sandpiper** Late: 24 Sep Brookings JSP; 30 Aug Brookings (2) BKH
- Long-billed Dowitcher** Late: 11 Oct Roberts (3) BKH; 09 Oct Clark RAP, JP
- Common Snipe** Late: 12 Nov Brookings (21+) JSP
- American Woodcock** Only Report: 21 Sep Clay KD
- Wilson's Phalarope** Late: 03 Sep Deuel (1) BKH; 20 Aug Kingsbury (3) JSP
- Red-necked Phalarope** All Reports: 13 Aug (12), 29 Aug (4), 30 Aug (7), 03 Sep (1) Clear Lake Sewage Ponds, Deuel County BKH
- Franklin's Gull** Late: 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Yankton SVS; Additional Observations: 13 Sep Sodak, Roberts County (1 ad. with orange tag on upper right wing) BKH
- Bonaparte's Gull** Early: 29 Aug Deuel BKH; 17 Sep Brookings JSP; 02 Oct Yankton SVS; Late: 29 Nov Yankton SVS [latest ever by 1 day]; 16 Nov Roberts BKH; 12 Nov Kingsbury (15+) JSP
- Caspian Tern** All Reports: 03 Sep Oakwood Lakes State Park, Brookings County BFH; 20 Aug Lake Herman, Lake County (3) JSP
- Forster's Tern** Late: 29 Oct Kingsbury (6) JSP [latest ever by 27 days]; 17 Sep Roberts (5) BKH
- Black Tern** Late: 24 Sep Brookings JSP; 15 Sep Yankton SVS; 09 Sep Deuel BKH
- Black-billed Cuckoo** Late: 28 Aug Roberts BKH; 06 Aug Brown (1) JCS
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo** Only Report: 07 Sep UCSP, Union County KD
- Burrowing Owl** Late: 14 Oct Custer (1) MMM; 25 Sep Meade (1) EM
- Short-eared Owl** Only Reports: 19 Nov Deuel (1) BKH; 28 and 21 Oct Custer (1) MMM
- Northern Saw-Whet Owl** Only Reports: 07 Nov SLNWR, Brown County (1) BT, DA; 27 Oct Brown (1 banded) DAT

**Common Nighthawk** Late: 08 Oct (2) Brown JCS [latest ever by 1 day]; 28 Sep Yankton SVS; 04 Sep Pennington (20) NRW; 04 Sep Custer (10) MAP

**Common Poorwill** Only Reports: 04 Oct Custer (2) MAP; 12 Sep Edmunds (1) MZ

**Whip-poor-will** Only Report: 12 Sep Yankton SVS

**Chimney Swift** Late: 19 Sep Yankton SVS; 10 Sep Lake JSP; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** All Reports: 05 Aug - 29 Sep Brookings RWK; 14 Aug - 16 Sep Edmunds (15 individuals) MZ; 17 Aug PLSRA, Day County (1 female plus 2 begging immatures) DRS; 19 Aug - 13 Sep Brown (1) JCS; 20 Aug - 24 Aug Lake JSP; 24 Aug - 03 Sep Yankton SVS; 03 Sep Brookings (1) BFH; 06 Sep, 12 Sep Roberts (18 Sep nest found from 1994 breeding season) BKH

**Rufous Hummingbird** Only Report: no date given, Bowdle, Edmunds County MZ *fide* DAT

**Belted Kingfisher** Late: 19 Nov Meade (1) EM; 01 Oct Lake JSP

**Lewis' Woodpecker** Only Report: all season, Sturgis City Park, Meade County (2) EM

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Late: 14 Sep Turner LRL; 20 Aug Kingsbury JSP

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** Reported from Brown 11 Nov JCS; Lake 26 Oct JSP; Yankton 28 Sep SVS; and Minnehaha 03 Sep JL Counties

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Late: 01 Oct Lake (1) JSP; 23 Sep Brown (1) JCS; 20 Sep Roberts BKH

**Red-naped Sapsucker** Only Report: 16 Sep Fall River (1) RAP

**Pileated Woodpecker** Only Reports: 17 Aug - 24 Oct Sodak Park, Roberts County (9 sightings) BKH; 06 Nov Big Stone Lake, Grant County BKH

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** All Reports: 18 Aug Union KD; 28 Aug Brown JCS; 29 Aug Yankton SVS; 01 Sep Brown DAT; 02 Sep Clay SVS; 03 Sep Minnehaha (3) JL; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 05 Sep Union KD

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** Late: 16 Sep Union SVS; 03 Sep Gregory RAP, JP

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** Only Report: 21 Aug Brown (banded) DAT

**Willow Flycatcher** Only Report: 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

**Least Flycatcher** Late: 19 Sep Clay KD; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

**Eastern Phoebe** Late: 12 Oct Turner LRL; 28 Sep Roberts BKH

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Late: 15 Sep Yankton SVS; 05 Sep Brookings (1) BFH; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

**Western Kingbird** Late: 10 Oct Brown (1) DAT [latest ever by 11 days]; 24 Sep Yankton SVS; 11 Sep Tripp RAP

**Eastern Kingbird** Late: 15 Sep Yankton SVS; 13 Sep Turner (6) LRL; 12 Sep Tripp RAP

**Purple Martin** Only Reports: 19 Aug Charles Mix SVS; 08 Aug Day (100+) DRS

**Tree Swallow** Late: 18 Oct Roberts BKH; 03 Sep Kingsbury JSP

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Only Report: 15 Aug Turner (1) LRL

**Bank Swallow** Late: 30 Sep Turner (2) LRL; 03 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 01 Sep Yankton SVS

**Cliff Swallow** Late: 17 Sep Harding (4) NBHBC; 30 Aug Turner (1) LRL; 25 Aug Yankton SVS

**Barn Swallow** Late: 18 Oct Roberts BKH; 09 Oct Clark RAP, JP; 08 Oct Yankton SVS

**Gray Jay** Only Report: 09 Nov Meade (2) EM  
**Pinyon Jay** Only Report: 22 Sep Pennington NRW  
**Clark's Nutcracker** Only Reports: 01 and 23 Sep Custer (2) MAP  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Early East: 27 Aug Brown (1) JCS; 31 Aug Brown DAT; 11 Sep UCSP, Union County KD  
**Pygmy Nuthatch** Only Report: no date given, Custer (2) MAP  
**Brown Creeper** Early East: 24 Sep Union KD; 16 Oct Lake JSP; 16 Oct Brown (1) JCS; Only Report West: 19 Nov Meade (1) EM  
**Rock Wren** Only Report: 17 Sep Harding (5) NBHBC  
**House Wren** Late: 01 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Sep Yankton SVS; 23 Sep Turner LRL; Nesting: 23 Aug UCSP, Union County (feeding nestlings) KD  
**Sedge Wren** Late: 09 Oct Day JL; 28 Sep Yankton SVS; 26 Sep Deuel BKH  
**Marsh Wren** Late: 08 Oct Yankton SVS  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** Early East: 09 Sep Brown DAT [earliest ever by 9 days]; 24 Sep Lake JSP; 29 Sep Turner LRL  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early East: 04 Sep Brookings (1) BFH; 04 Sep Lake DS; 13 Sep Brown JCS; Late: 22 Oct Lake JSP; 18 Oct Brown JCS; 04 Oct Turner LRL; 04 Oct Yankton SVS  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** Only Report: 03 Sep Beaver Creek Nature Area, Minnehaha County JL  
**Eastern Bluebird** Late: 18 Nov Tripp (1) RAP  
**Mountain Bluebird** Only Report: 15 Sep Meade (12) EM  
**Townsend's Solitaire** All Reports: 01 Sep Pennington (2) NRW; 30 Oct and 27 Nov Custer (1) MAP; 19 Nov Meade (2) EM  
**Veery** Only Report: 11 Sep Brown (banded) DAT  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush** Only Report: 03 Sep Minnehaha JL  
**Swainson's Thrush** Early East: 28 Aug Union KD; 04 Sep Brookings (1) BFH; 04 Sep Lake DS; Late: 24 Sep Yankton SVS; 22 Sep Brown JCS; 20 Sep Union KD  
**Hermit Thrush** All Reports: 16 Oct Minnehaha (2) JL; 10 Oct Brown JCS; 06 Oct Brown DAT  
**Wood Thrush** All Reports: 08 Sep Clay KD; 07 Sep Brown JCS  
**Gray Catbird** Late: 27 Oct Minnehaha JL; 01 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Sep Yankton SVS; Nesting: 20 Aug Brown (adult with 4 fledged young) JCS  
**Sage Thrasher** Only Report: 04 Sep Red Canyon, Fall River County (1) MAP  
**Brown Thrasher** Late: 03 Oct Turner LRL; 24 Sep Lake JSP; 17 Sep Harding (1) NBHBC  
**American Pipit** Early: 12 Sep Bennett RAP; 24 Sep Kingsbury JSP; Late: 29 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 20 Oct Yankton SVS; 17 Oct Deuel (3) BKH  
**Bohemian Waxwing** Only Report: 19 Nov Brookings (1) JSP  
**Northern Shrike** Early: 16 Oct Yankton SVS; 18 Oct Brown JCS; 08 Nov Custer (1) MAP  
**Loggerhead Shrike** Late: 28 Sep Tripp RAP; 16 Aug Yankton SVS  
**Bell's Vireo** Only Report: 24 Aug Yankton SVS  
**Solitary Vireo** Early East: 03 Sep UCSP, Union County KD; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 07 Sep Brown JCS; Late: 16 Sep Brown JCS; 16 Sep Union SVS  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** Only Reports: 17 Sep Clay DS, KD; 08 Sep Clay KD  
**Warbling Vireo** Late: 17 Sep Lake JSP; 16 Sep Union SVS; 08 Sep Roberts BKH

**Philadelphia Vireo** Only Reports: 31 Aug Clay DS; 02 Sep Clay (banded) DS, KD, DW, JM

**Red-eyed Vireo** Late: 04 Sep Lake JSP; 02 Sep Yankton SVS; 28 Aug Roberts (6-8 including begging young) BKH

**Golden-winged Warbler** All Reports: 04 Sep Brookings (1-3) BFH; 03 Sep UCSP, Union County DS, DW, JM

**Tennessee Warbler** Late: 18 Sep Brown JCS; 04 Sep Lake DS

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Early: 28 Aug Roberts BKH; 07 Sep UCSP, Union County KD; 10 Sep Brown JCS; Late: 27 Oct Brown DAT; 22 Oct Lake JSP; 21 Oct Brown JCS

**Nashville Warbler** Early: 18 Aug Brown JCS; 30 Aug UCSP, Union County KD; 03 Sep Lake JSP; Late: 19 Oct Brown JCS; 24 Sep Lake JSP

**Northern Parula** All Reports: 03 Sep Brookings (1) BFH; 17 Sep Lake (1) JSP; 14 Nov Edmunds (very late) MZ

**Yellow Warbler** Late: 03 Sep Lake JSP; 28 Aug Roberts BKH; 27 Aug Brown JCS

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** All Reports: 03 Sep Brookings BFH; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL; 03 Sep UCSP, Union County KD; 26 Sep Union KD

**Magnolia Warbler** All Reports: 03 Sep Minnehaha JL; 04 Sep Lake (2) DS

**Cape May Warbler** Only Report: 02 Sep Clay DS, KD, SVS

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** All Reports: 14 Oct Brown (2) JCS; 02 Oct Brown DAT; 14 Sep Brown DAT

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Early East: 07 Sep UCSP, Union County KD; 08 Sep Brown DAT; 17 Sep Lake JSP; Late: 19 Nov Brookings JSP; 03 Nov Turner LRL; 28 Oct Deuel BKH

**Black-throated Green Warbler** All Reports: 22 Sep Union KD; 03 Sep Lake JSP

**Blackburnian Warbler** All Reports: 11 Aug PLSRA, Day County DRS [ties earliest ever]; 30 Aug UCSP, Union County KD; 20 Aug Brown JCS; 03 Sep Lake JSP

**Palm Warbler** All Reports: 09 Oct Day TJ, DS; 24 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 27 Aug Brown (4) JCS

**Bay-breasted Warbler** All Reports: 21 Sep Roberts BKH; 19 Sep Roberts BKH; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

**Blackpoll Warbler** All Reports: 16 Aug Brown (2) JCS; 30 Aug UCSP, Union County KD; 19 Sep Roberts BKH

**Black-and-white Warbler** Early East: 17 Aug Roberts BKH; 28 Aug Roberts BKH; 03 Sep Lake JSP; Late: 17 Sep Brown (2) JCS; 06 Sep Roberts BKH; 05 Sep Brookings (1) BFH

**American Redstart** Late: 17 Sep Brookings JSP; 06 Sep Roberts BKH

**Ovenbird** All Reports: 10 Sep Lake JSP; 04 Sep Brookings BFH; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

**Northern Waterthrush** Early: 06 Aug PLSRA, Day County (banded) DRS [ties earliest ever]; 16 Aug Union KD; 29 Aug Yankton SVS; Late: 06 Oct Brown (1) JCS; 16 Sep Fall River RAP; 06 Sep Yankton SVS

**Connecticut Warbler** Only Reports: 03 Sep Minnehaha LS; 16 Oct Minnehaha JL

**Mourning Warbler** All Reports: 14 Aug Brown (1) DAT; 15 Aug Clay KD; 16 Aug Brown JCS; 19 Aug Deuel BKH; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL

- Common Yellowthroat** Late: 15 Nov Tripp (1) RAP [latest ever by 18 days]; 17 Sep Brookings JSP
- HOODED WARBLER** First Ever Fall Record: 27-31 Oct Ipswich, Edmunds County (1 male banded, photographed) JDW
- Wilson's Warbler** Early: 19 Aug Brown DAT; 23 Aug UCSP, Union County KD; 23 Aug Roberts BKH; Late: 01 Oct Pennington (1) NRW; 28 Sep Tripp RAP
- Canada Warbler** All Reports: 20 Aug Brown DAT; 19 Aug Brown (1) JCS; 16 Aug Union KD
- Western Tanager** All Reports: 24 Aug and 18, 28 Sep Pennington (1) NRW; 12 Sep Fall River (1) RAP
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Late: 28 Sep Union KD; 20 Sep Brown JCS; 16 Sep Union SVS
- Black-headed Grosbeak** All Reports: 04 Sep Brown (1) JCS; 22 Aug Pennington (1) NRW; 11 Aug Hughes (2) JCS
- Blue Grosbeak** Only Report: 29 Aug Yankton SVS
- Lazuli Bunting** Only Report: 03 Aug Yankton SVS
- Indigo Bunting** Only Report: 23 Sep Yankton SVS
- Dickcissel** Late: 03 Sep Yankton RAP; 29 Aug Yankton SVS; 07 Aug Turner LRL
- Rufous-sided Towhee** Late: 10 Oct Yankton SVS; 17 Sep Lake JSP; 11 Sep Tripp RAP; Nesting: 25 Aug Union (recent fledglings fed by adults) KD
- American Tree Sparrow** Early: 16 Oct Yankton SVS; 17 Oct Tripp RAP
- Chipping Sparrow** Late: 01 Oct Custer (6) MAP; 17 Sep Harding (10) NBHBC
- Clay-colored Sparrow** All Reports: 11 Sep Tripp RAP; 05 Sep Brookings BFH
- Field Sparrow** Late: 21 Oct Yankton SVS; 24 Sep Lake JSP; 20 Sep Union KD
- Vesper Sparrow** Late: 01 Oct Custer (4) MAP; 28 Sep Custer (100+) MMM; 25 Sep Brown JCS
- Lark Sparrow** All Reports: 17 Sep Harding (1) NBHBC; 03 Sep Minnehaha JL
- Lark Bunting** Only Report: 03 Sep Tripp RAP
- Savannah Sparrow** Late: 20 Oct Yankton SVS; 24 Sep Brookings JSP
- Grasshopper Sparrow** Late: 10 Oct Brown JCS; 13 Sep Tripp RAP
- LeConte's Sparrow** All Reports: 24 Sep McCook (2) SFBC; 04 Oct SLNWR, Brown (3) BT, DA; 14 Oct Clay (3+) DS
- Fox Sparrow** Only Report: 09 Oct Day JL
- Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 16 Aug Brown (1) JCS [earliest ever by 2 days]; 05 Sep Brookings (1) BFH; 11 Sep Tripp RAP; Late: 20 Oct Clay SVS
- Swamp Sparrow** Late: 22 Oct Brown JCS; 22 Oct Lake JSP
- White-throated Sparrow** Early: 16 Sep Brown DAT; 17 Sep Lake JSP; 22 Sep Yankton SVS; Late: 27 Nov Lake JSP; 20 Oct Yankton SVS
- White-crowned Sparrow** Early: 16 Sep Fall River RAP; 17 Sep Brown DAT; Late: 22 Oct Brown JCS; 15 Oct Meade (1) EM
- Harris' Sparrow** Early: 16 Sep Brown DAT; 22 Sep Turner LRL; 24 Sep Bon Homme SVS; Late: 12 Nov Lake JSP; 05 Nov Brookings JAK; 02 Nov Turner (2) LRL; 02 Nov Yankton SVS
- Dark-eyed Junco** Early East: 18 Sep Union KD; 23 Sep Turner LRL; 28 Sep Yankton SVS
- Lapland Longspur** Early: 09 Oct Day BKH; 15 Nov Tripp RAP
- Smith's Longspur** All Reports: 09 Oct Roberts (3) BKH, DS, LS; 23 Oct Deuel (15+) JS, BE; 29 Oct Deuel (4) BKH; 31 Oct Deuel BKH
- Chestnut-collared Longspur** Only Report: 03 Sep Tripp RAP

**Snow Bunting** Early: 22 Oct Deuel BKH; 29 Oct Kingsbury (4) JSP  
**Rusty Blackbird** All Reports: 14 Oct Clay (2) DS; 28 Oct Deuel BKH; 19 Nov Clark JSP  
**Orchard Oriole** Only Report: 03 Aug Yankton SVS  
**Northern Oriole** Late: 11 Sep Tripp RAP; 04 Sep Yankton RAP  
**Rosy Finch** Only Report: 02 Nov Custer (40) MH  
**Red Crossbill** Early East: 28 Oct Edmunds (2 males) JDW  
**Pine Siskin** Early East: 04 Sep Brown JCS [earliest ever by 7 days]; 29 Oct Brookings JFK, JAK  
**Evening Grosbeak** Only Report: 18 Nov Meade (30) EM

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### Abbreviations Used

|       |                                    |
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| PLSRA | Pickrel Lake State Recreation Area |
| UCSP  | Union County State Park            |
| SLNWR | Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge |
| HBSP  | Hartford Beach State Park          |
| NHSP  | Newton Hills State Park            |

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