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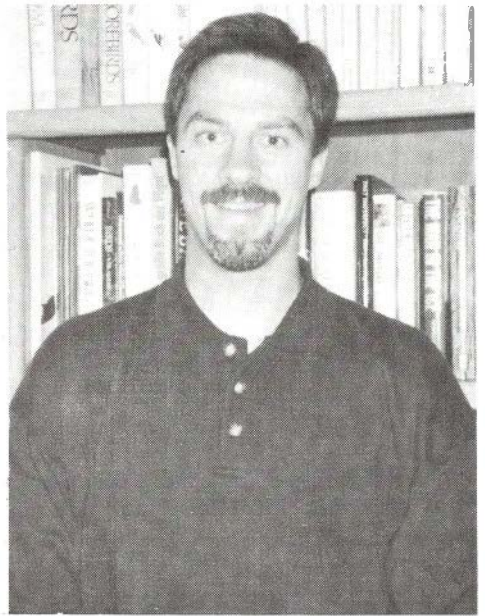
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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

At the recent fall SDOU meeting in Rapid City, Jeff Palmer asked people at the Friday night session to fill out their "top 10 list" for the next 10 species that they expected to be added to the South Dakota state list. Because I arrived late, I missed the opportunity to give my "top 10 list," so I would like to use this President's Page to put in my two-cents' worth. Some of the species that I would have mentioned have recently been added (or will soon be added) to the South Dakota list. These recent additions include Sage Sparrow and Painted Bunting (both observed in South Dakota in 1996) and the Parasitic Jaeger that was observed by several SDOU members below Oahe Dam near Pierre after the Fall



1997 SDOU meeting. Given that those species are now on the list, here is my top 10 list, rated from most likely to not-quite-so-likely to be seen. 1) Great Black-backed Gull; 2) King Eider; 3) Yellow-billed Loon; 4) Black Rosy Finch; 5) Brown-capped Rosy Finch; 6) Black Rail; 7) Ross's Gull; 8) Sharp-tailed Sandpiper; 9) Black-headed Gull; 10) Ivory Gull

Great Black-backed Gulls breed on the east coast, and some individuals winter on the Great Lakes. This gull is casual in winter in Minnesota, and Iowa has 19 records, 17 from fall. There are also records from Nebraska and Kansas. Look for this bird in the fall below the large dams along the Missouri River. Two days ago (2 November 1997), a well-described first-winter Great Black-backed Gull was reported by Mark Brogie below Gavin's Point Dam in Nebraska. Several of us went to check this bird the following day. We saw a gull that may have been this bird, but our views weren't good enough to verify it. This report made my first ranking fairly easy.

King Eiders breed in the high Arctic and winter along the northern Atlantic and Pacific coasts. This species is known to wander in late fall and winter and there are records from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. The breeding range of Yellow-billed Loons includes Arctic Canada and Alaska. This species winters along the north Pacific coast, but is known to wander widely in fall and winter. Minnesota has three fall records and there are several other midwest records.

The recent split of the Rosy Finch into three species provided my next two birds. Black Rosy Finches breed in the northern Rocky Mountains,

including central Wyoming, and winter to southeastern Wyoming. Brown-capped Rosy Finches breed and winter in mountainous regions from southeastern Wyoming into New Mexico. I expect that both of these species will show up in winter at feeders in the Black Hills.

The breeding range of the Black Rail includes marshes and wet meadows from Kansas to Illinois and Michigan, but their range is not well known because of their nocturnal, secretive habits. The winter range of this species includes the Gulf Coast, so migrating as well as breeding individuals may occur in South Dakota. Black Rails are accidental in Minnesota, and Iowa has 10 records from April through October. A careful survey for this bird during the night throughout the summer and migration might add this species to our state list.

Ross's Gulls breed in Arctic Canada, among other locations, and may wander widely in fall and winter. Records exist from Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and Nebraska, so this bird should also show up below the dams in South Dakota. Sharp-tailed Sandpipers breed in Siberia and are a regular fall migrant along the Pacific coast. They are also casual inland in fall migration and there are four records from Iowa (three from fall), one fall record from North Dakota, and a recent spring record from Minnesota. This species resembles the Pectoral Sandpiper, so identify it with caution. The Common Black-headed Gull is an Eurasian species that has recently established itself as a breeding bird in the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Small numbers also winter along the east coast, but they wander widely, especially to the Great Lakes, and most vagrant records come from fall. Records exist from Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota, and, amazingly, both northwestern Iowa and southwestern Minnesota have summer records. The Iowa summer record was a probable breeding bird. Finally, the Ivory Gull breeds and winters in the high Arctic in North America, with some southward movement in winter. Minnesota has 10 winter records and Iowa has two December records. This species should also be looked for below the dams in late fall and winter in South Dakota.

Several other species that I didn't include in my "top 10 list" have vagrancy patterns or breeding ranges that make them potential candidates for addition to the South Dakota list. These birds include, in taxonomic order, Garganey, Tufted Duck, Curlew Sandpiper, Glaucous-winged Gull, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Gray Flycatcher, Juniper (formerly Plain) Titmouse, Gray Vireo, Hermit Warbler, and Scott's Oriole. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and I'm sure that you can think of other bird species that may be likely vagrants to our state. South Dakota is a relatively lightly birded state, so the challenge before us is to get out into the field and find these vagrants. Good luck! *David Swanson, Department of Biology, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57089.*

## THE SOUTH DAKOTA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION SINCE 1949

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Initially presented on 30 May 1997, at the 29th Annual Dakota History Conference, Augustana College Sioux Falls, SD, this paper appears in the conference's proceedings, published by the Center for Western Studies. The Center has graciously permitted reprinting the article in *Bird Notes* as appropriate to marking the onset of SDOU's 50th year in 1998.

The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union's existence officially dates from 15 January 1949, when several individuals interested in promoting the study of wild birds met at the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce. They created the organization with its stated purpose: "To encourage the study of birds in South Dakota and to promote the study of birds by more closely uniting the students of this branch of natural science." The matters of organization involved adopting a name, constitution and bylaws; setting annual dues; electing officers; establishing a quarterly journal, named *South Dakota Bird Notes*; and collecting dues from the founding members.

A year later, at SDOU's first annual meeting, 16 January 1950, the final technical phase of organization occurred as the group voted to incorporate as a nonprofit organization in the State of South Dakota. This action was expedited promptly, for the certificate of incorporation carries the date 27 January 1950.

Regular meetings have contributed to fulfilling SDOU's goal of uniting individuals interested in birds and promoting the study of ornithology in South Dakota. A decision at the January 1950 meeting set late spring for subsequent meetings. At these meetings, on Saturdays, members conducted the Union's necessary business, heard presentations about bird studies in the state, and devoted about a half day to local field trips. In the evening, after a banquet, members heard a special guest speaking on an ornithological topic. Additional field trips followed on Sunday until about noon.

At the meeting in Watertown, 20 May 1961, members responded to the difficulty of trying to accomplish so much during a weekend. They chose to have semiannual meetings with the spring meetings devoted to field trips and fall meetings focusing on presentation of technical or semitechnical papers and on conducting the business of SDOU. This pattern has continued since 1962, with both meetings retaining the tradition of a Saturday evening banquet and guest speaker. Typically, before a weekend meeting, members gather on Friday evening for fellowship, announcements from the host committee, and entertainment related to their interest in birds.

Appendix A presents the locations of all meetings to date. These places have ranged widely from major South Dakota cities, especially those with institutions of higher education, to smaller communities such as Webster, Highmore, Wall, Sisseton, Martin, Bison, Hot Springs, Custer, Waubay, Mobridge, Faulkton, and Kadoka. In addition to knowledge shared through paper sessions and fellowship associated with a common interest, the field trips at diverse locations have advanced information about wild birds in varied habitats throughout the state.

Publication has been a major contributor to SDOU's achieving the goal of encouraging the study of ornithology within South Dakota. The Union's various publications preserve the records attained through systematic field observations or laboratory investigations.

*South Dakota Bird Notes* is the organization's quarterly journal, published continually since July 1949. The four issues in 1997 constitute volume 49. A typical issue features a "President's Page," with commentary on an ornithological topic or a matter of concern about the Union's affairs; one or more technical or semitechnical articles; quarterly seasonal reports about birds in the state; general notes involving short reports about exceptional avian observations; book reviews; and miscellaneous announcements.

For many years the cover page of *Bird Notes* featured black and white photographs or drawings of birds, habitat scenes, or occasional portraits of prominent members. Then, starting in the early 1990's, the cover page was enhanced by color photographs of birds.

Prior to 1978, the reference book for birds in the state was *Birds of South Dakota*, rev. ed., 1946, by William H. Over and Craig S. Thoms. In 1978, the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union published *The Birds of South Dakota*, an annotated checklist compiled by Nathaniel R. Whitney, Jr., Byron E. Harrell, Bruce K. Harris, Nelda Holden, James W. Johnson, B. J. Rose, and Paul F. Springer. Next came the revised edition of *The Birds of South Dakota* in 1991, compiled by Jocelyn Baker, Gilbert Blankespoor, Byron Harrell, Bruce Harris, Nelda Holden, Paul Springer, Dan Tallman, and Nathaniel R. Whitney, Jr. Rather than single out one author, the committee cited the book as being written by the SDOU. The cover of this edition features H. Wayne Trimm's rendition of a Lark Bunting, the Union's official emblem.

SDOU's most recent special publication is *The South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas*, 1995, edited by Richard A. Peterson. This work provides a compilation of birds breeding in the state, from 1988 to 1993, as systematically sought and observed by 64 volunteer field researchers. In a related matter involving breeding birds in South Dakota, since 1967, SDOU has sponsored participation in the U. S. Department of Interior's national breeding bird surveys, conducted each June.

Before the publication of the first issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*, the Union offered a single newsletter, titled *Preliminary Bulletin of South Dakota Ornithologists' Union*, dated 15 April 1949. This document served to communicate with members prior to the first issue of *Bird Notes* and to solicit new memberships during the charter membership year. Then from 1986 through 1994, SDOU published *The Lark Bunting*, a biannual newsletter. It was discontinued due to lack of sufficient "news" to justify further production costs and effort.

Another way in which SDOU fulfills the goal to promote study of birds in the state involves scholarships, research grants, and awards. Currently, the organization administers two endowed scholarship funds: the David J. Holden Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a student majoring in biology or ecology at South Dakota State University, and the Kenneth H. Husmann Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a graduate or undergraduate student majoring in ornithology, ecology, or wildlife management, with no limitation as to the university attended by the recipient.

In 1996, SDOU established an endowment (now named to honor the late Dr. Nathaniel R. Whitney, Jr.) to support the awarding of small grants for research by college or university students in ornithology or closely related aspects of ecology. In addition, the Union administers the Alfred Hinds Memorial Fund that recognizes individual accomplishments in ornithology, preferably by students. This honor involves a modest financial award.

While SDOU has an admirable record in fulfilling its stated objectives, nothing could transpire without the dedicated loyalty and endeavors of many people. The process rests with the members. The core of SDOU founders led the effort to enroll charter members in 1949. A membership list in *Bird Notes* 1 (1):17-19 (July 1949), reveals one honorary member (W. H. Over), 150 active members, and 14 junior members (total: 165). The names of 16 additional active members and two junior members were published in *Bird Notes*, 1 (2):38 (October 1949). All these people were listed as charter members in the secretary's record for 1949 (total: 183). Then at the annual meeting in Huron, 16 January 1950, membership chairman J. Scott Findley reported 189 charter members. Probably the additional six members joined very late in 1949.

In 1951, the membership total was 135; in 1952, it was 127; and in 1953, it fell to 112. For comparison, in 1978, twenty years after SDOU's founding, the membership total was 265. In 1988, the treasurer reported 296 members, and the minutes for the annual business meeting on 12 October 1996 record 335 members. Annual dues for members cover the cost of printing and distributing *Bird Notes* and pay SDOU's miscellaneous expenses. Dues have remained modest. From 1949 through 1966, the regular active member's dues were at \$3 per year. The rate increased to \$4 for the years 1967 through 1976; then it became \$6 per year for 1977 through 1986. From 1987 to date the annual regular membership has been \$9. The masthead for *Bird Notes* indicates higher dues levels for life members, sustaining members, and family memberships.

Both nationally and internationally, ornithology is one of just a few sciences in which lay people are widely involved and make significant contributions to the discipline's knowledge. This fact is also reflected by SDOU's members, who represent diverse backgrounds. While SDOU has a modest number of professional ornithologists, biologists, ecologists, and wildlife managers among its members, the large majority of SDOU members represent backgrounds other than biological science.

Of course, from the membership have come the individuals who over the years have provided the leadership and service for the organization. At the onset, SDOU was served by a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, editor-librarian, and a three-member executive committee. At the first annual meeting, 16 January 1950, SDOU's constitution was amended to replace the executive committee with a 15-member board of directors with five directors elected to each of three staggered terms. Then, on 27 September 1980, the constitution was further amended to add a class of past-president directors. Appendix B provides a list of the 91 individuals who have served on the SDOU Board of Directors at various times between 1950 and 1997.

A critically important service comes to SDOU from the fully volunteer effort by the editor at *South Dakota Bird Notes*. Thus far, the Union has needed only eight editors. Their names and periods at service appear in

Appendix C, but two exceptionally long tenures merit special mention here. J. W. Johnson, from Huron, edited the issues of *Bird Notes* for March-June 1958 through June 1969, and Dan Tallman, biology professor at Northern State University, has edited all issues from September 1979 to date.

Publication of *Bird Notes* requires publication of five-year indexes. Herbert Krause edited the first index for volumes 1-5. Nelda Holden and Willis Hall collaborated to produce the index for volumes 6-10. Since then, Nelda Holden has created the subsequent seven indexes covering the contents of *Bird Notes*, volumes 11 through 45.

While directors are elected at the annual business meeting, officers of SDOU are elected by the Board of Directors, and the officers must be members of the Board. The offices of SDOU include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, editor, and librarian. If necessary, the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held concurrently by one person, as may be the offices of editor and librarian. Each officer is elected for one year, but in practice, presidents and vice presidents typically are re-elected to second terms, and often the vice president advances to the presidency. Though also elected annually, individuals serving as secretary, treasurer, editor, and librarian typically attain tenures much longer than just two years. Nelda Holden, for example, has devoted 35 1/2 years to the role of SDOU's treasurer. Appendix D lists the members who have served as vice presidents, secretaries, and treasurers.

Appendix E records the individuals and terms of tenure for members who have served as presidents of SDOU. By way of emphasizing the factor of varied backgrounds of SDOU members, I shall mention here the careers of the Union's presidents: attorney, biology professor (seven persons), personnel manager, national wildlife refuge manager, telephone company manager, businessman and well-regarded nonprofessional historian, pharmacist, English professor (three persons), medical doctor, dentist, civil engineer, Game, Fish and Parks biologist, homemaker, librarian, forensic chemist, high school science teacher and coach, business employee, and banker.

Beyond these relatively objective facts about the nature of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union and people who have served it in various ways, perhaps a few members deserve somewhat more detailed recognition. First, by tradition, SDOU members regard Herman F. Chapman as the founding father of the organization. Herbert Krause's article about Chapman in the September 1961 (13: 60-63, 73) issue of *Bird Notes* indicates that following experiences in 1948 with the Iowa and Nebraska Ornithologists' Unions and with the national American Ornithologists' Union, Chapman pursued the passion to establish a similar organization to serve South Dakota. Primarily through this Sioux Falls attorney's efforts, SDOU's organizational meeting transpired at Sioux Falls on 15 January 1949, and Chapman naturally became the Union's first president. As Krause observes about Herman Chapman, "Other individuals there were who nurtured the dream and assisted in its formation. . . . But his was the intense, unselfish devotion which insisted upon a statewide unified study and recording of avian species in the state. His determination to preserve for future students the records of South Dakota bird life constituted the cornerstone of the organization."



Krause also asserts that Chapman in effect was the first editor of *Bird Notes*, despite a different person's having the editor's credit in the first three issues. The elected editor became too busy, and timely production of the journal was critical to establishing awareness of the new organization in South Dakota. Thus, Herman Chapman edited *Bird Notes* during its first five years, and in Krause's words, "set high standards to challenge succeeding editors." Truly, SDOU members have a fundamental debt to Herman F. Chapman.

While not one of SDOU's founding group, Herbert A. Krause became a charter member and served the Union in distinctive ways. A professor of English at Augustana College, author of novels, poetry and other artistic literature, essayist in ornithology and history, and founder of Augustana's Center for Western Studies, Herbert Krause (1905-1976) approached being a modern renaissance personality. He twice served as SDOU's president, including during the year when SDOU hosted the annual meeting of the national Wilson Ornithological Society at Sylvan Lake in the Black Hills. At that occasion Krause was the banquet speaker on the topic "History of the Northern Great Plains with Special Reference to Ornithology." Further indications of Krause's accomplishments and contributions to SDOU are available in my memorial article for him, *South Dakota Bird Notes*, 29 (1):4-7, 14-15 (March 1977).

Even though this recognition of prominent SDOU members could continue seemingly indefinitely, only one more will receive attention at this time. Dr. Nathaniel R. Whitney, Jr., a pediatrician at Rapid City, served as a director of the Union from 1955 until his death on 27 April 1997, and he is the only person thus far elected four times as the organization's president. He was a frequent contributor of items published in *Bird Notes*. Above all, Dr. Whitney provided exceptional service and leadership as chairman of SDOU's Checklist Committee. In this role he was centrally instrumental in the creation of the two editions of *The Birds at South Dakota* (1978 and 1991).

Finally, the archival records of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union are in the custody at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

#### Appendix A. SDOU Meeting Locations

Date	Location	Date	Location
15 Jan. 1949	Sioux Falls	20 May 1961	Watertown
16 Jan. 1950	Huron	27 Jan. 1962	Sioux Falls
20 May 1950	Brookings	26 May 1962	Pierre
5 May 1951	Vermillion	19 Jan. 1963	Brookings
30 May 1952	Chamberlain	25 May 1963	Webster
23 May 1953	Pierre	18 Jan. 1964	Huron
30 May 1954	Spearfish	16 May 1964	Pierre
14 May 1955	Sioux City, IA	23 Jan. 1965	Sioux Falls
26 May 1956	Watertown	17 June 1965	Sylvan Lake
18 May 1957	Martin/Lacreek	9 Oct. 1965	Huron
17 May 1958	Sioux Falls	14 May 1966	Brookings
29 May 1959	Yankton	26 Nov. 1966	Vermillion
29 May 1960	Rapid City	20 May 1967	Belvidere
18 Nov. 1967	Madison	18 Sept. 1982	Vermillion
18 May 1968	Highmore	21 May 1983	Pierre
23 Nov. 1968	Sioux Falls	8 Oct. 1983	Madison

17 May 1969	Webster	19 May 1984	Aberdeen
15 Nov. 1969	Huron	6 Oct. 1984	Rapid City
6 June 1970	Bison	5 May 1985	Canton
14 Nov. 1970	Pierre	12 Oct. 1985	Pierre
22 May 1971	Aberdeen	24 May 1986	Hot Springs
13 Nov. 1971	Vermillion	27 Sept. 1986	Watertown
3 June 1972	Mobridge	16 May 1987	Valentine, NE
4 Nov. 1972	Brookings	26 Sept. 1987	Rapid City
26 May 1973	Martin/Lacreek	21 May 1988	Waubay/NE-SO-DAK
10 Nov. 1973	Sioux Falls	10 Sept. 1988	Pierre
25 May 1974	Vermillion	20 May 1989	Kadoka
7 Dec. 1974	Pierre	7 Oct. 1989	Madison
17 May 1975	Webster	19 May 1990	Bison
4 Nov. 1975	Madison	6 Oct. 1990	Vermillion
29 May 1976	Custer State Park	25 May 1991	Brookings
6 Nov. 1976	Brookings	5 Oct. 1991	Pierre
21 May 1977	Bison	16 May 1992	Sturgis
11 Nov. 1977	Vermillion	12 Sept. 1992	Aberdeen
20 May 1978	Leola/Ordway Prairie	22 May 1993	Faulkton
10 Nov. 1978	Rapid City	9 Oct. 1993	Sioux Falls
19 May 1979	Pickstown	21 May 1994	Pierre
29 Sept. 1979	Sioux Falls	8 Oct. 1994	Waubay
17 May 1980	Sisseton	20 May 1995	Vermillion
27 Sept. 1980	Brookings	7 Oct. 1995	Madison
23 May 1981	Spearfish	18 May 1996	Custer
26 Sept. 1981	Aberdeen	12 Oct. 1996	Brookings
28 May 1982	Wall	17 May 1997	Sioux City, IA

#### Appendix B. SDOU Directors: 1950 through 1997

Don Adolphson	Kenneth Graupman	Eric Liknes
Leon Anderson	Ruth Habeger	Jon Little
Jocelyn L. Baker	John Haertel	A. R. Lundquist
L. M. Baylor	Cecil P. Haight	W. B. Mallory
Harry C. Behrens	Willis Hall	Michael Meltus
Dan Bjerke	Byron Harrell	Ernest Miller
Gilbert Blankespoor	Joyce Harrell	Everett Montgomery
Barbara Brown	Bruce Harris	L. J. Moriarty
Robert Buckman	June Harter	Carol Oleson
M. E. Burgl	Travis Hills	Jeffrey Palmer
Herman F. Chapman	Nelda Holden	Alfred Peterson
Lois Chapman	Gertrice Hinds	Richard Peterson
Herman Chilson	C. A. Hughlett	George Prisbe
Lauretta Cole	W. R. Hurt	S. H. Rames
Charles P. Crutchett	Kenneth Hussmann	Daniel Reinking
Louise Crutchett	Mary Hyde	Rex Riis
Eileen Dowd	Todd Jensen	Linda Riner
Dale Droge	Clyde Johnson	Bob Rogers
Lee Eberly	J. O. Johnson	Charles Rogge
Esther Edie	J. W. Johnson	B. J. Rose
Lowly Elliott	Jean Jonkel	Willard Rosine
Keith Evans	James Kimball	Jean Russell
W. R. Felton, Jr.	Herbert A. Krause	Robb Schenck
J. Scott Findley	Kenneth Krumm	Gay Simpson
Conrad Fjetland	Kelly Lane	Dennis Skadsen
Sven. G. Froiland	William E. Lemons	Mark Skadsen

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 Charles Rogge  
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 Willard Rosine  
 Jean Russell  
 Robb Schenck  
 Gay Simpson  
 Dennis Skadsen

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George Vandell  
 C. A. Van Epps  
 Stephen Van Sickle  
 Duane Weber  
 N. R. Whitney, Jr.  
 Clara Yarger

**Appendix C. Editors, *South Dakota Bird Notes***

E. R. Lamster, 1 (1) July 1949 — 1 (3) December 1949  
 Herman F. Chapman, 2 (1) March 1950 — 6 (1) March 1954  
 J. Scott Findley, 6 (2) June 1954 — 10 (4) December 1958  
 J. W. Johnson, 11 (1-2) March-June 1959 — 21 (2) June 1969  
 Don Adolphson and Winona Sparks, 21 (3) Sept. 1969 — 25 (1) March 1973  
 June Harter, 25 (2) June 1973 — 30 (2) June 1979  
 Dan Tallman, 30 (3) September 1979 — to date

**Appendix D. SDOU Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers.**

\* indicates the individual chose not to advance to the SDOU presidency.

Vice Presidents	Secretaries	Treasurers
Gerald B. Spawn	W. B. Mallory	S. H. Rames
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Kenneth Krumm		M. E. Burgi
Harry C. Behrens*		
	J. Scott Findley	Ruth Habeger
Charles P. Crutchett	Gerald B. Spawn	
		L. J. Moriarty
Herbert A. Krause	J. O. Johnson	
H. R. Whitney, Jr.		
Willis Hall*	L. J. Moriarty	
C. A. Hughlett*	Nelda Holden	Nelda Holden
Lowry Elliott*		
Herbert A. Krause		
Herman Chilson		
L. M. Baylor	Jean Jonkel	
Byron Harrell	June Harter	
Bruce Harris		
William E. Lemons	William E. Lemons	L. M. Baylor
	Esther Edie	
Robert Buckman		Nelda Holden
Everett Montgomery*	L. M. Baylor	
Galen Steffen*		
Jocelyn L. Baker		
Rex Rits		
Dennis Skadsen		
J. David Williams		
David Swanson		
Jeffrey S. Palmer		
	J. David Williams	

## Appendix E. Presidents of SDOU

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Herman F. Chapman	attorney	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1950
Gerald B. Spawn	biology prof.	Jan. 1950	May 1951
J. Scott Findley	personnel mgr.	May 1951	May 1952
Kenneth Krumm	refuge manager	May 1952	May 1953
Cecil P. Haight	biology prof.	May 1953	May 1954
J. O. Johnson	phone co. mgr.	May 1954	May 1956
Charles P. Crutchett	pharmacist	May 1956	May 1957
Herbert A. Krause	English prof.	May 1957	May 1958
N. R. Whitney, Jr.	pediatrician	May 1958	May 1960
Ruth Habeger	biology prof.	May 1960	May 1962
L. J. Moriarty	dentist	May 1962	May 1964
Herbert A. Krause	English prof.	May 1964	June 1965
Herman Chillson	businessman	June 1965	Nov. 1967
L. M. Baylor	English prof.	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1969
J. W. Johnson	civil engineer	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1971
Byron Harrell	biology prof.	Nov. 1971	Nov. 1973
Bruce Harris	GF&P biologist	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1975
Nelda Holden	homemaker	Nov. 1975	Nov. 1977
William E. Lemons	English prof.	Nov. 1977	Sept. 1979
Robert Buckman	biology prof.	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1981
Gilbert Blankespoor	biology prof.	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1983
N. R. Whitney, Jr.	pediatrician	Oct. 1983	Oct. 1985
Jocelyn L. Baker	librarian	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1987
Rex Rlis	forensic chemist	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1989
Kenneth Graupman	biology teacher	Oct. 1989	Oct. 1991
Dennis Skadsen	business employee	Oct. 1991	Oct. 1993
J. David Williams	banker	Oct. 1993	Oct. 1995
David Swanson	biology prof.	Oct. 1995	to date

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## 1996 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 19 May 1996 at Custer and on 13 October 1996 at Brookings. The members of the committee were Nathaniel Whitney, Jr. (acting chair), David Swanson (secretary), Paul Springer, Bruce Harris, and Jeffrey Palmer. All members either attended each meeting or voted *in absentia*.

The purpose and voting procedure of the committee are outlined by Springer (1988. SDBN 40:67-70). Observers of rare or unusual birds in South Dakota are encouraged to report their observations to any of the following: the secretary of the RBRC (currently David Swanson of Vermillion, SD) or other Records Committee members, compiler of the quarterly Seasonal Reports in *South Dakota Bird Notes* (currently Jeffrey Palmer of Madison, SD), or the editor of *Bird Notes* (currently Dan Tallman of Aberdeen, SD). A Rare Bird Observation Form is available for this purpose from any of the people to whom these reports should be sent. Reports should be as detailed as possible and should describe the entire bird, as well as vocalizations or behaviors exhibited by the bird at the

time of observation. Notes on the observation for rare bird reports should be prepared during the observation or as soon afterward as possible, preferably prior to consulting a field guide. Complete descriptions are necessary to provide the committee with the greatest amount of information on which to judge their acceptance or rejection. A summary of the type of information desired by the RBRC in a rare bird report can be found in Swanson (1994, SDBN 46:64-71).

A listing of those species for which rare bird reports are requested is given on the latest version of the checklist of South Dakota birds (available from Dan Tallman). Observers are asked to submit reports of any species that is rare or unusual at a particular time or at a particular location within the state. Observers whose records are accepted (Classes 1 and 2) are encouraged to publish these records in *South Dakota Bird Notes*, so details of the observation can be communicated to a wider audience. Citations are provided in this report for records that have been published.

The following are the results of the committee's action since the last report in the December 1996 issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. The numbers included in parentheses along with some reports indicate the committee's vote. If no numbers are listed, the vote was unanimous (5-0), or 4-0 if the report was submitted by a committee member. The committee wishes to emphasize that a rating of Class 3 or 4 (non-accepted record) does not imply any personal criticism of the observer. Such a rating only means that the information provided in the report, in the opinion of the committee, did not conclusively eliminate other similar species. The committee created a new rating category in 1995 (Class 2H — Accepted Hypothetical) for well-described, single observer sight records without corroborating evidence (e.g., photo, video, sound recording) that would constitute first state records, or for well-described reports where the origin of the reported bird (wild or escaped captive) is uncertain.

### **CLASS 1 (Accepted — Specimen, photograph, or recording).**

Harlequin Duck. 16 September – 4 October 1995. 1 female or immature male at Lake Thompson, Kingsbury Co., photographed. Jeffrey Palmer. First documented state record.

Bald Eagle. 8 August 1995. Pair with fledgling at nest in Yankton Co., photographed. Steve and Rose Van Sickle. Nesting record. SDBN 48:11.

Greater Prairie Chicken X Sharp-tailed Grouse hybrid. 6 April 1996. 1 male at Fort Pierre National Grassland, Lyman Co., photographed. Duane Weber.

Eurasian Collared Dove. 9 – 11 August 1996. 1 at Bowdle, Edmunds Co., photographed. MyRon Zimmer. Classified as 1P(II) — Hypothetical, origin uncertain because of concern over whether the bird might be an escape, rather than a wild bird. However, given the recent population increases of this species in the southeastern U.S. and increasing records of vagrancy, this rating may be revised in the future. This represents a first documented state record. SDBN 49:37-38.

Calliope Hummingbird. 25 – 26 August 1996. 1 female or immature in Bowdle, Edmunds Co., photographed. MyRon Zimmer and J. David Williams. Fifth documented state record.

Varied Thrush. 3 February 1996. 2 females in Custer Co., photographed. Duane Weber.

Great-tailed Grackle. 21 April 1996. Pair at Salt Lake, Deuel Co., photographed. Paul Jantscher.

**CLASS 2 (Accepted — Satisfactory written description).**

Red-throated Loon. 7 November 1995. 1 immature trapped in ice near Hayti, Hamlin Co. Will Morlock. Fourth documented state record.

Great Egret. 21 June 1994. 1 at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Stanley Co. Carol Erickson.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron. 19 June 1996. 1 adult near Huron, Beadle Co. Scott Stolz.

White-faced Ibis. 10 June 1996. 4 at East Lake, Bennett Co. David Naugle.

Lesser Scaup. 10 June 1996. Pair in Shannon Co. David Naugle.

Surf Scoter. 21 October 1995. 1 in winter plumage at Lake Thompson, Kingsbury Co. Jeffrey Palmer.

Peregrine Falcon. 12 May 1996. 1 at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Lyman Co. Shawn Fritcher.

Virginia Rail. 26 April 1996. 2 of unknown sex at Dry Lake WPA, Brookings Co. David Naugle. Earliest spring arrival date.

Black-necked Stilt. 12 June 1996. 1 male in Edmunds Co. Michael Melius.

Whimbrel. 7 September 1995. 1 at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Lyman Co. Carol Erickson.

Long-billed Curlew. 3 June 1996. 3 near Carthage, Miner Co. Scott Stolz.

Little Gull. 2 - 4 December 1995. 1 adult in winter plumage at Fort Randall Dam tailwaters, Gregory Co. David Swanson. First documented state record SDBN 49:97-98.

California Gull. 4 September 1995. 1 adult at Lake Preston, Kingsbury Co. Bill Huser.

Lesser Black-backed Gull. 13 - 18 November 1995. 1 second or third-year bird in winter plumage at Hipple Lake, Farm Island State Recreation Area, Hughes Co. Bruce Harris. First state record. SDBN 48:33-34.

Red-naped Sapsucker. 13 January 1996. 1 female in Rapid City. Nathaniel Whitney.

Carolina Wren. 24 May 1996. 1 at Aberdeen, Brown Co. Jerry Stanford. SDBN 49:38.

Carolina Wren. 29 June 1996. 1 near Canton, Lincoln Co. Lee Schoenewe.

Northern Wheatear. 1 May 1995. 1 adult near Woonsocket, Sanborn Co. Bob Rogers. Second documented state record.

Veery. 29 May 1996. 1 heard singing at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Lyman Co. Shawn Fritcher.

Northern Mockingbird. 5 November 1995. 2 at Aberdeen, Brown Co. Jerry Stanford. SDBN 49:17.

Northern Mockingbird. 6 June 1996. 1 at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Lyman Co. Shawn Fritcher.

Black-throated Blue Warbler. 6 July 1996. 1 male near Lead, Lawrence Co. D. George Prisbe.

Prairie Warbler. 22 June 1996. 1 male at Wind Cave National Park, Custer Co. Kate Rice.

Palm Warbler. 6 May 1996. 1 near Nemo, Lawrence Co. Nancy Hays.

- Prothonotary Warbler. 19 May 1995. 1 of unknown sex at Lake Herman State Park, Lake Co. Jeffrey Palmer.
- Worm-eating Warbler. 20 May 1996. 1 at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co. Travis Hills.
- Green-tailed Towhee. 18 - 20 May 1995. 1 at Belle Fourche, Butte Co. Sheila West.
- Vesper Sparrow. 1 January 1996. 1 in winter plumage at Watertown, Codington Co., photographed. Will Morlock. (3 Class 1P, 2 Class 2). Those committee members voting class 2 felt that the submitted photograph was supportive of the identification, but not conclusive. Second winter record for the state.
- Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow. 8 - 9 June 1996. 1 male in breeding plumage near Orient, Faulk Co. Michael Melius.
- Lincoln's Sparrow. 16 December 1995. 1 in Stanley Co. Eileen Dowd Stukel and James Stukel. First winter record for the state. SDBN 49:18-19.
- White-throated Sparrow. 4 June 1996. 1 at Sand Lake NWR, Brown Co. Chad King. Latest record for spring migration in the state.
- McCown's Longspur. 12 May 1996. 2 at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Stanley Co. Shawn Fritcher.
- Hoary Redpoll. 3 February 1996. 1 in winter plumage at Madison, Lake Co. Jeffrey Palmer.

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

- Common Raven. 21 October 1995. 1 in Brown Co. (3 Class 2, 2 Class 3). The description was sketchy and did not eliminate American Crow.

**SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

- Summer Tanager. 25 - 29 April 1996. 1 immature male at Vale, Butte Co. SDBN 48:72.
- Sage Sparrow. 25 - 27 May 1996. 9 - 10 in Custer and Fall River counties.
- Great-tailed Grackle. 3 May 1996. Pair in Deuel Co.
- Black Rosy Finch. 9 July 1996. Harney Peak, Pennington Co.



## GENERAL NOTES

**COMMON GRACKLE BANDED IN SOUTH DAKOTA RECOVERED IN VIRGINIA** A Common Grackle that I banded at my backyard in Aberdeen, SD, on 14 July 1993 (1043-43721) was recovered by an unknown person at Virginia Beach, VA on 14 June 1997. This recovery is unusual because most banded grackles are recovered from Arkansas, Texas, or Louisiana and along the Mississippi valley. Two recoveries also exist from Alabama, as do single records from the panhandle of Florida and from Maryland (1991. SDOU. *The Birds of South Dakota*.). Although Figure 1 indicates a straight line recovery, in all probability this grackle made several migrations north and south before being recovered in Virginia.



Figure 1. Common Grackle banded in Aberdeen and recovered in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Another Grackle recovery was of a bird I banded on 13 August 1996. This bird was recovered in Aberdeen, 13 blocks south of the banding station, on 24 June 1997. Mark Grasse reported this band (1043-43410). *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**ADDITIONAL BREEDING BY THE CANADA GOOSE IN HARDING COUNTY.** In *South Dakota Bird Notes*, 41(1):13-14 (March 1989), I reported the occurrence of a pair of Canada Geese with three goslings, 27 June 1987, at stop 34, Harding Breeding Bird Survey, in southwestern Harding County, SD. Perhaps due to a series of ensuing dry years with diminished water in the impoundment near stop 34, no geese were observed during the surveys from 1988 through 1994. On 22 June 1995, one adult Canada Goose was present at the site, but no goslings were evident. Then, on 24 June 1996, I observed three pairs of adult Canada Geese, each pair accompanied by eleven goslings. Next, on 21 June 1997, six adult Canada Geese were accompanied by 12 goslings. These recent observations may promise continued breeding by Canada Geese in southeastern Harding County, if climatic circumstances keep favorable water conditions at the impoundment. *L. M. Baylor, 1941 Red Dale Drive, Rapid City SD 57702.*



**A WISE LIST FOR SOUTH DAKOTA.** The following is a list of the birds that appear on the checklists of states that border South Dakota but do not appear on South Dakota's checklist. The states included on this list are Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming. The state abbreviations following the common name of the bird indicate the state or states that have this bird on their checklist. The checklists used in preparing this list were taken from *Thayer's Birder's Diary 2.02* and are believed to be accurate to the beginning of 1997. No attempt was made to up-date these checklists and surely changes have occurred. Some of the birds listed here have been documented in South Dakota since the last up-date of South Dakota's checklist. I think you will find, as I did, that their appearance on the list is also of interest. For example, the Parasitic Jaeger first seen by Bruce Harris was observed in all six surrounding states prior to a sighting in South Dakota. Also the Mew Gull sighted by David Swanson was first observed in five of the bordering states. Both Hammond's and Ash-throated flycatchers have been seen in four states surrounding South Dakota. I'll bet we all start looking at flycatchers a little harder. A few gulls can still be added to our checklist. Enjoy the list and see if you can guess the next first for South Dakota.

Yellow-billed Loon MN MT WY  
 Anhinga IA NE  
 Magnificent Frigatebird IA MN  
 Reddish Egret IA  
 Glossy Ibis IA MN WY  
 Roseate Spoonbill IA NE  
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck IA MN  
 MT  
 Mute Swan IA MN MT  
 Bean Goose IA NE  
 Mottled Duck NE  
 Garganey IA MN MT ND  
 Tufted Duck MT WY  
 King Eider IA MN NE  
 Black Vulture\* IA NE  
 Harris's Hawk NE  
 Crested Caracara MN WY  
 Spruce Grouse MN MT  
 Willow Ptarmigan MN MT ND  
 White-tailed Ptarmigan MT WY  
 Lesser Prairie-Chicken NE  
 Black Rail IA MN NE  
 Clapper Rail NE  
 Purple Gallinule IA MN NE WY  
 Common Crane NE  
 Wilson's Plover MN  
 Black Turnstone MT  
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper IA NE ND  
 Purple Sandpiper MN  
 Curlew Sandpiper IA MN MT ND  
 Parasitic Jaeger\* IA MN MT ND NE  
 WY  
 South Polar Skua ND  
 Black-headed Gull IA MN NE WY  
 Heermann's Gull WY

Mew Gull\*\* IA MN MT ND WY  
 Slate-backed Gull IA  
 Glaucous-winged Gull MN MT ND  
 Great Black-backed Gull IA MN MT  
 NE  
 Ross's Gull IA MN NE ND  
 Ivory Gull IA MN MT  
 Sandwich Tern MN  
 Arctic Tern MN  
 Dovekie MN  
 Thick-billed Murre IA  
 Marbled Murrelet IA  
 White-winged Dove MN MT WY  
 Common Ground-Dove IA MN NE  
 Flammulated Owl MT WY  
 Western Screech-Owl MT WY  
 Northern Pygmy-Owl MT WY  
 Black Swift MT  
 Vaux's Swift MT  
 Magnificent Hummingbird MN WY  
 Black-chinned Hummingbird MT WY  
 Anna's Hummingbird MN MT WY  
 Acorn Woodpecker WY  
 White-headed Woodpecker MT WY  
 Hammond's Flycatcher MN MT NE WY  
 Gray Flycatcher WY  
 Black Phoebe MN  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher MN MT NE  
 WY  
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher MN  
 Cave Swallow NE  
 Western Scrub Jay WY  
 Fish Crow IA  
 Chihuahuan Raven NE  
 Carolina Chickadee NE

Chestnut-backed Chickadee MT  
Juniper Titmouse WY  
Bushtit WY  
Western Bluebird\* MT WY  
Fieldfare MN  
Phainopepla NE  
Black-capped Vireo NE  
Virginia's Warbler\* WY  
Hermit Warbler MN WY  
Kirtland's Warbler MN  
Swainson's Warbler NE

Red-faced Warbler WY  
Painted Redstart MN MT  
Hepatic Tanager WY  
Painted Bunting\* MN NE WY  
Canyon Towhee NE WY  
Sage Sparrow\* MT NE WY  
Scott's Oriole MN WY  
Black Rosy Finch\* WY  
Brown-capped Rosy Finch WY  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow IA MN

\* Reported in South Dakota and awaiting action by the South Dakota Rare Bird Records Committee.

\*\*Reported in South Dakota and accepted by the South Dakota Rare Bird Records Committee.

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**SINGING BAIRD'S SPARROW AND SPRAGUE'S PIPIT AT FT. PIERRE NATIONAL GRASSLAND, SOUTH DAKOTA.** Male Baird's Sparrows were observed singing on territory at several locations throughout the Ft. Pierre National Grassland in South Dakota. Five singing males were observed on 21 May 1977 in Sections 7, 8, and 9, T. 107 N, R 78 W, Lyman Co. Territorial males were observed on repeated visits to the area through all of June and July. Singing males were located mainly on upland areas of lightly to moderately grazed mixed-grass prairie. Vegetation consisted primarily of Western Wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*) with patches of dense Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) stands interspersed throughout the area. Other locations where at least one singing Baird's Sparrow was observed include Sect. 9, T. 1N, R. 31 E, Jones Co., and Sec. 26, T. 108 N, R. 78 W, Lyman Co.

Sprague's Pipits were heard singing on numerous occasions between 19 May and 2 August 1977 in sections 16, 17, and 7, T. 107 N, R. 78 W, Lyman Co. On 2 August, a Sprague's Pipit was observed singing in high overhead flight. The song was given almost constantly, with only a few seconds between each song, as the bird circled overhead. Habitat at this location was upland prairie that recently had been heavily grazed. Attempts to locate nests of both Baird's Sparrows and Sprague's Pipits were unsuccessful. Recent increases in precipitation, in combination with reductions in grazing management, may be providing suitable habitat for the Baird's Sparrow. *Shawn Fritcher, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, SDSU Box 2140 B, Brookings, SD 57007.*

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If you have access to the Internet, you will want to join over 60 birders on the SDOU electronic bird network. Contact tallmand@wolf.northern.edu for details.



## BOOK REVIEWS

**BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA; BIRDER'S DIARY VERSION 2.** CD ROM. Thayer Birding Software, PO Box 243, Milford, OH 45150. Requires Windows 3.1, 2 Mb on hard drive, and a sound card. *Birds of North America*, \$65; *Birder's Diary*, \$125; *Sibley's Birds of the World*, \$75; *Birds of North America* and *Birder's Diary* together \$175; All three \$245

The first versions of this product were reviewed previously in *Bird Notes* (March 1996, September 1996). Basically these reviews said that these CD's were fine products that could be made better. The authors have made just about every improvement suggested, and the result is that **this is the CD set of choice for the techie (or even technophobic) birder.**

The basic screen gives you an easily accessible photograph of almost every North American bird. I keep my CD in my computer just in case a student or colleague asks me, "What bird did I see?" You can zoom in on the first photograph to make it larger, or you can choose from a number of alternate photographs, often of female or immature plumages. This aspect alone makes this set extremely useful. Also included are maps showing overall range, winter abundance, and summer abundance. These maps seem very accurate; the South Dakota range of the Yellow-breasted Chat is better here than the one in our state bird book. Selected species also have a choice for movie frames, resulting in a truly superior birding tool. The basic screen also gives choices for seeing the bird's size, a habitat description, and hearing calls. (You can also bring up a written description or a sonogram of the calls to read while you listen. Some of the written descriptions leave something to be desired. To say, for example, that a Common Loon has a "whinny" kind of misses the glory of the call.)

Two more aspects of the basic screen should be mentioned. First is a button that leads you to *Sibley's Birds of the World*. This text gives interesting taxonomic and distributional discussions of the bird in question. A second button leads you to *The Birder's Handbook*, giving you information about bird's overall ecology (nesting, feeding, behavior—in short, almost anything you could want to know). You could learn a ton of information about birds without ever leaving your computer room. You are also given the opportunity to visit screens containing essays about related topics to the bird in question.

Finally, another feature of the Thayer Birding CD is the ability to create customized quizzes. I quickly and easily produced several quizzes of South Dakota birds that I will be challenging my Ornithology students with next semester. (Of course, included in the CD, are a number of standard quizzes.)

About the only thing that I am critical about with the *Birder's Diary* is its list making capability. According to the publisher, you should be able to produce customizable and robust lists, including ones that allow you to review your life birds as you look at their photographs. I was unable to figure out how to edit mistakes that I made while entering my data. I am confident, however, that either by more carefully reviewing the directions (always helps) that are an integral part of this CD, or with the help of

customer service, this problem is not insurmountable. I also should note that you can easily create a lifelist of North American birds from the basic screen. Having done this, every time you access a photograph, the computer will indicate if you previously have seen the species. You can write comments about each species you have seen.

The cost is much more than that of other birding CD's on the market. But this one is clearly superior to the others. My advice is that, if you can afford the computer to play it on, you ought to be able to afford the best birding software for your computer. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**STOKES FIELD GUIDE TO BIRD SONGS.** Lang Elliot with Donald and Lillian Stokes. 1997, Time Warner AudioBooks. New York. CD.

I have been waiting for this three-CD set. It contains songs and calls of 372 birds of eastern North America. What makes it special is that, for the most part, there is only one species per track. This means that each song can be repeated when played in the field with a portable CD player. Many other bird song CD's contain assorted calls per track, making repeated playback difficult. Or, as in the case of the National Geographic CD, many species are left out. In the Stokes guide, occasionally two species are combined on one track. Apparently similar species were chosen to be grouped together on one track. I would have preferred to group species you would be unlikely to try to attract using bird calls. For example, the Great Blue Heron and the Great Egret would have been good track mates, whereas it is a shame that the bitterns are grouped together. This is a minor complaint, however, since one can easily turn the volume down for one unwanted species.

I am not sure why the Stokes' are listed as co-authors of these recordings. Most tracks were recorded by Lang Elliot. A few songs were obtained by others, who are listed in the acknowledgments, but, curiously, they are not given credit for exactly which tracks are theirs. It is also odd that the recordings are not labeled as to location, since different populations do not sound exactly the same. Also different populations are sometimes elevated to species status, so it would be good to know what you were listening to.

Accompanying the disk is a booklet that gives a written description of all the calls. This CD would be an excellent way to learn your bird calls and to judiciously attract wanted birds (unlike the National Geographic CD, these disks do not contain a warning about disturbing nesting species.). All birders will want to own the *Stokes Field Guide to Bird Calls*. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*



## SEASONAL REPORTS

### The 1997 Summer Season

01 June 1997 to 31 July 1997

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Average temperature statewide was about 1°F above normal in June while July was almost 2°F below normal. July precipitation averaged 60% above the norm except in the SE which was below normal. Breeding confirmation was reported for 98 species; the average (1995-96) is 88 species. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (species which are out of range, dates which are earlier/later than listed in *The Birds of South Dakota*, and confirmed breeding records in counties other than those reported in *The South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas* or previous (1995-96) Summer Season reports. Reports were received for 247 species (1995-96 average is 236) including three potential First State Records ... Black Vulture, Western Bluebird, and Virginia's Warbler. In other "news", Rick Cantu reported that Great-tailed Grackles were observed at least 4 times in Wagner, Charles Mix County where they were believed to be nesting. Although a nest could not be found a female was observed carrying nesting material. They were also reported from Lake Andes NWR, Platte, the Peterson WPA in Turner County, and New Holland, Douglas County. On 26-27 June, Richard and Juanita Peterson conducted an intensive search along the Camp Crook Road from the ND line to Hwy 85 N of Belle Fourche; no McCown's Longspurs were found.

**Common Loon** Only Report: 10 Jun Yankton TH

**Red-necked Grebe** All Reports: 03 Jun Roberts (pair) and 09 Jun Drywood Lakes, Roberts County (pair) BKH; 10 Jun Cottonwood Lake, Marshall County (pair) LUM; Day County DRS ... **not observed at Waubay NWR this summer LUM**

**Eared Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: **Perkins (PY) DCG**

**Western Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jun Clark (ON) BKH**; 03 Jul Day (PY) DRS

**Clark's Grebe** Only Report: 14 Jun T126N-R60W-S31, Brown County JSP

**American White Pelican** Confirmed Breeding: Codington and Day (nesting colonies) LUM

**Double-crested Cormorant** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jun Beadle (ON) BKH**; Codington, Day, and Stanley counties

**American Bittern** reported 15 Jun Edmunds JSP

**Least Bittern** Only Report: 14 Jun T126N-R60W-S31, Brown County JSP

**Great Blue Heron** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jun Beadle (ON) BKH**; **07 Jun Hyde (ON) MMM**; Brown, Roberts and Stanley counties

**Great Egret** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jun Beadle (ON) BKH** ... also reported 07 Jun Faulk MMM

**Snowy Egret** All Reports: 14 Jun Brown JSP; 03 Jul Day DRS

**Little Blue Heron** Only Report: 21 Jun Brown REP

**Tricolored Heron** Only Report: 14 Jun Claremont Rookery, Brown County JSP

**Cattle Egret** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jun Beadle (68+ nests) BKH**; 21 Jul Brown (NY) JCS ... also reported 27 Jun Aurora (73) TH; 16 Jul Brule (2) DS

**Green Heron** reported 27 Jun Aurora TH

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jun Beadle (15+ nests) BKH** ... also reported 07 Jun Hyde (9) MMM

**White-faced Ibis** All Reports: 05 Jun Bennett LCS; 14 Jun Brown JSP; 17 Jun Beadle RBA

**Trumpeter Swan** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Meade (PY) EEM

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Only Report: 03 Jun Kingsbury David Kvernes

**Snow Goose** All Reports: 16 Jun Brown JCS; 12 Jul Lake JSP

**Canada Goose** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (PY) MMM; 05 Jun Day (PY) DRS ... also reported 22 Jul Lincoln RC

**Wood Duck** Confirmed Breeding: Butte, Day, and Minnehaha counties

**Mallard** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Faulk (PY) MMM; 10 Jun Minnehaha (PY) MKZ

**Blue-winged Teal** Confirmed Breeding: 28 Jul Custer (PY) MMM

**Gadwall** reported 29 Jul Lincoln RC

**American Wigeon** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Butte and Meade (PY) RAS

**Canvasback** reported 15 Jun Meade (pair) EEM

**Ring-necked Duck** reported 12 Jul Lake JSP

**Hooded Merganser** Confirmed Breeding: **03 Jul Brown (PY) DAT** ... also reported 17 Jun Stanley (1 female) BKH

**Common Merganser** Only Report: 01 Jun Bennett LCS

**Ruddy Duck** Confirmed Breeding: **21 Jul Brown (PY) JCS**

**Turkey Vulture** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Tripp (NY) RBA; reported 11 Jun Roberts BKH; 22 Jul Turner LRL

**Osprey** Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jun Pennington (NY) TBW

**Bald Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: Brown *vide* DAT

**Northern Harrier** Confirmed Breeding: **07 Jul Brookings (NY) JRK**

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** All Reports: 06 Jun Custer RAP, JLP; 07-08 Jun Meade REP

**Cooper's Hawk** All Reports: 07 Jun Roberts BKH; 28 Jun Pennington TJ

**Broad-winged Hawk** Only Report: 09 Jun Roberts BKH

**Swainson's Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Meade (ON) EEM; 24 Jul Brown (NY) DAT

**Red-tailed Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun Brookings JRK

**Ferruginous Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jun Butte (NY) EEM; 18 Jun Butte (NY) REP; Perkins (NY) DCG

**Golden Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (NY) MMM

**American Kestrel** Confirmed Breeding: **15 Jul Fall River (FL) MMM; 15 Jul Codington (FL) LUM**

**Merlin** All Reports: 13 Jun Harding REP; 27 Jul Brown JCS

**Prairie Falcon** Only Report: 30 Jul Custer MMM

**Gray Partridge** Confirmed Breeding: Meade (FL) EEM; **Perkins (FL) DCG** ... also reported 15 Jun Bennett LCS

**Ring-necked Pheasant** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jun Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; **09 Jul Lawrence (FL) RAS**; 27 Jul Brown (FL) JCS ... **numbers reported as "way down" by many observers**

**Sharp-tailed Grouse** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Custer (FL) MMM

**Wild Turkey** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jul Pennington (FL) TBW

**Northern Bobwhite** Only Report: 06 Jun Pennington (introduced) TBW

**Virginia Rail** All Reports: 04 Jun Bennett LCS; 18 Jul Deuel BKH

**American Coot** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Meade (PY) RAS; **Perkins (PY) DCG**  
**Sandhill Crane** Only Report: 30 Jun Bennett LCS  
**Lesser Golden-Plover** All Reports: **29 Jul Roberts BKH; 31 Jul Bennett LCS**  
**Semipalmated Plover** Only Report: 19 Jul Lake JSP  
**Killdeer** Confirmed Breeding: Brown, **Clark**, Minnehaha, and **Perkins** counties  
**American Avocet** Confirmed Breeding: **21 Jul Brown (PY) JCS; Perkins (ON) DCG**  
**Greater Yellowlegs** All Reports: 12 Jul Brown DAT; 27 Jul Brown JCS; 29 Jul Roberts BKH  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** All Reports: 15 Jun McPherson JSP; 12 Jul Brown DAT; 19 Jul Lincoln; 21 Jul Codington BKH  
**Solitary Sandpiper** Only Report: 12 Jul Lake JSP  
**Willet** Confirmed Breeding: **Perkins (ON) DCG** ... also reported Roberts DRS  
**Spotted Sandpiper** Confirmed Breeding: **Perkins (ON) DCG** ... also reported 12 Jul Lake JSP  
**Upland Sandpiper** Confirmed Breeding: **Beadle**, Meade, Perkins, and Roberts counties  
**Long-billed Curlew** reported 08 Jun Corson RBA  
**Marbled Godwit** Confirmed Breeding: **Perkins (PY) DCG** ... also reported 19 Jul Lake JSP  
**Ruddy Turnstone** Late: 05 Jun Kingsbury BKH  
**Sanderling** Late: 05 Jun Kingsbury BKH  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper** All Reports: 19 Jul Lake JSP; 21 Jul Codington BKH  
**Least Sandpiper** All Reports: 12 Jul Lake JSP; 12 Jul Brown DAT; 21 Jul Codington BKH  
**Pectoral Sandpiper** All Reports: 19 Jul Lincoln JSP; 21 Jul Codington BKH  
**Stilt Sandpiper** Only Report: 19 Jul Lake JSP  
**Long-billed Dowitcher** All Reports: 01 Jul Bennett LCS; 12 Jul Brown DAT  
**Common Snipe** Confirmed Breeding: **10 Jun Day (PY) LUM**  
**American Woodcock** Confirmed Breeding: **14 Jul Brookings (PY) JRK** ... also reported Jun Sanborn RBA  
**Wilson's Phalarope** Confirmed Breeding: **Perkins DCG** ... also reported 24 Jun Sanborn JSP; 10 Jul Roberts DRS; 12 Jul Lake JSP  
**Franklin's Gull** reported 17 Jun Stanley BKH  
**Ring-billed Gull** reported 11 Jun Custer CMW  
**California Gull** Only Report: 16-17 Jun Stanley BKH  
**Caspian Tern** All Reports: 17 Jul Roberts (5) and 26 Jul Roberts (8) BKH  
**Common Tern** Confirmed Breeding: **20 Jul Brown (FL) JCS**  
**Forster's Tern** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Day (FY) JCS  
**Least Tern** Only Report: 26-27 Jun Cheyenne River (21) MMM  
**Mourning Dove** Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jun Faulk (NE) MMM; 22 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW; Perkins DCG  
**Black-billed Cuckoo** reported 01 Jun Roberts BKH  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** Confirmed Breeding: **29 Jul Hughes (CF) JCS** ... also reported 27 Jul Day LUM; Perkins DCG  
**Eastern Screech-Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jun Brookings (FL) KIE ... also reported Perkins DCG  
**Great Horned Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (CF) TBW  
**Burrowing Owl** Confirmed Breeding: **Corson and Perkins (50 total birds, adult plus young, in 5 locations) DCG**  
**Short-eared Owl** All Reports: 01 Jun Bennett LCS; 09 Jul Custer MMM

**Common Nighthawk** Confirmed Breeding: **02 Jul Shannon (NY) MMM; 05 Jul Day (NY) DRS**; Roberts (nest) LUM

**Common Poorwill** All Reports: 03 Jul Custer JSP; Harding DCG

**Whip-poor-will** Only Report: 01 Jul Charles Mix RC

**Belted Kingfisher** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Pennington (CF) MMM

**Lewis' Woodpecker** All Reports: 29 Jun Butte RAS; 30 Jun Custer JSP

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jul Hughes (CF) JCS

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** reported 25 Jun Beadle (6) JCS

**Downy Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; Butte (FY) RAS

**Hairy Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW

**Three-toed Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Lawrence (CF) MMM

**Northern Flicker** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW

**Pileated Woodpecker** Only Report: 12 Jun Roberts (heard) BKH

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** All Reports: **07 Jun Clay RBA; 04 Jun Lake JSP; 02 Jun Meade REP**

**Western Wood-Pewee** reported 19 Jun Stanley (2) BKH

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** Late: **03 Jun Brown DAT**

**Least Flycatcher** reported 01 Jun Clay DS; 14 Jun Harding REP

**Dusky Flycatcher** All Reports: 28 Jun Lawrence JSP; 19 Jul Pennington TJ

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** All Reports: 17 Jun Meade REP; 19 Jul Pennington TJ; 01 Jul Fall River JSP

**Eastern Phoebe** Confirmed Breeding: **12 Jul Brookings (NE) KIE**

**Say's Phoebe** Confirmed Breeding: Perkins DCG

**Great Crested Flycatcher** reported 03-24 Jun Meade REP

**Western Kingbird** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Faulk (ON) MMM; 26 Jul Brown (FY) JCS; **Perkins DCG**

**Eastern Kingbird** Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jul Hughes (FY) JCS; **Perkins DCG**

**Purple Martin** All Reports: 20 Jun Lincoln TJ; Day and Roberts DRS

**Tree Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jun Pennington (CF) MMM ... also reported 12 Jul Lake JSP

**Bank Swallow** All Reports: 20 Jun Minnehaha MKZ; Custer CMW

**Cliff Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Day and Roberts (ON) DRS ... also reported 19 Jul Lincoln JSP

**Barn Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Turner (NY) LRL

**Gray Jay** Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Pennington (FL) MMM

**Blue Jay** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Minnehaha (FY) MKZ; 26 Jun Meade (CF) MMM; 08 Jul Pennington (FL) TBW

**Pinyon Jay** All Reports: 04 Jun Fall River TJ; 04 Jun and 23 Jun Meade REP; 29 Jun Custer JSP

**Clark's Nutcracker** Only Report: 08 Jun Custer (6) TJ

**Black-billed Magpie** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun Pennington (FL) TBW; **Perkins DCG** ... also reported 19 Jun Stanley BKH

**Black-capped Chickadee** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 01 Jun Minnehaha (ON) MKZ; 24 Jul Brown (FY) JCS

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW ... also reported 07 Jul and 10 Jul Brown (2 males banded) DAT; 25 Jul Day DRS

**White-breasted Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 20 Jun Lawrence (CF) MMM

**Pygmy Nuthatch** Only Report: 13 Jun Hazelrodt BBS, about 4 miles S. of Pringle, Custer County RAP, JLP



**Brown Creeper** Only Report: 06 Jun Custer CMW

**Rock Wren** All Reports: 08 Jun Custer TJ; 14 Jun Harding REP; 30 Jun Fall River JSP

**Canyon Wren** Only Report: 08 Jun Custer TJ

**House Wren** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Minnehaha (ON) MKZ; 15 Jun Meade (FL) EEM; Butte RAS

**Sedge Wren** reported 25 Jun Charles Mix RC; 12 Jul Lake JSP

**American Dipper** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Lawrence (FY) RAP, JLP

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** All Reports: 28 Jun Lawrence JSP; 12 Jul Custer CMW

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** reported 03 Jun - 04 Jul Hot Brook Canyon, Fall River County RAP, JLP

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** All Reports: **02-04 Jul Boles Canyon Road, Custer County (2) JSP, RAP, JLP; 13 Jul Fort Meade, Meade County (1 male) REP**

**Eastern Bluebird** Confirmed Breeding: **29 Jun Haakon (CF) MMM; Perkins DCG**; Brown and Pennington counties

**Mountain Bluebird** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 09 Jun Custer (ON) JCS; 19 Jul Pennington (NY) TJ

**Townsend's Solitaire** All Reports: 25 Jun Meade REP; 04 Jul Custer JSP

**Veery** All Reports: 09 Jun Sica Hollow (8+) BKH; 29 Jun Lawrence (5) RC

**Swainson's Thrush** All Reports: 01 Jun Minnehaha MKZ; 17 Jun Meade REP; 27 Jun Custer JSP

**Wood Thrush** Only Report: 19 Jul Minnehaha JSP

**American Robin** Confirmed Breeding: Butte, Minnehaha, Pennington. Perkins, and Turner counties

**Sage Thrasher** Only Report: 30 Jun Fall River JSP

**Brown Thrasher** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jul Beadle (CF) JCS; **Perkins DCG**

**Sprague's Pipit** All Reports: 18 Jun Ben Ash Memorial, Meade County (1 singing) REP; 28 Jul T107N-R78W-S07-SE, Lyman County RBA; Corson and Perkins (50+ birds) DCG

**Cedar Waxwing** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Spink (FY) JCS

**Loggerhead Shrike** Confirmed Breeding: Perkins DCG ... also reported 09 Jun Roberts BKH; 12 Jul Minnehaha TH

**Plumbeous Vireo** All Reports: 11 Jun Meade REP; 29 Jun Lawrence RC; 30 Jun Custer JSP

**Yellow-throated Vireo** Only Report: 07 Jun Clay RC

**Red-eyed Vireo** Confirmed Breeding: **07 Jul Meade (NE 3 ... also 1 cowbird egg) RAS** ... also reported 23 Jun Brown (female with brood patch) DAT

**Tennessee Warbler** Only Report: 13 Jun Day LUM

**Yellow Warbler** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Brown (CF) JCS

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** Confirmed Breeding: **28 Jun Meade (ON) RAS** ... also reported **09 Jun Sica Hollow, Marshall County (1 singing) BKH**

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** Only Report: **10 Jun Minnehaha MKZ**

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

**Cerulean Warbler** All Reports: 05 Jul Lincoln (3) TH; 19 Jul Lincoln JSP

**Black-and-white Warbler** All Reports: 11 Jun Meade REP; 12-29 Jun Meade RAS

**Ovenbird** reported 09-14 Jul Brown DAT

**Mourning Warbler** Only Report: **09 Jun Roberts BKH**

**MacGillivray's Warbler** All Reports: 17 Jun Meade REP; 28 Jun Lawrence JSP; 19 Jul Pennington TJ

**Scarlet Tanager** All Reports: 04 Jun Roberts and 09 Jun Sica Hollow BKH

**Western Tanager** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW

**Northern Cardinal** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Minnehaha (FY) MKZ ... also reported 13 Jul Turner LRL; Beadle CMW

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** reported 10 Jun Turner LRL; 18 Jun Butte RAS

**Black-headed Grosbeak** Confirmed Breeding: Custer, Meade, and Pennington counties ... also reported 06 Jul Brown DAT

**Blue Grosbeak** reported 04 Jun Lake JSP; 10 Jun Bennett LCS; 21 Jul Custer MMM

**Lazuli Bunting** All Reports: 16 Jun Lawrence RAS; 30 Jun Fall River JSP

**Dickcissel** reported 03 Jul Fall River JSP; 09 Jul Butte and 30 Jul Lawrence RAS

**Eastern Towhee** Only Report: 19 Jul Minnehaha JSP

**Spotted Towhee** Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun Pennington (NB) TBW; 29 Jul Hughes (FY) JCS

**Chipping Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: **Beadle**, Codington, Day, Pennington, and Turner counties

**Clay-colored Sparrow** reported 13 Jun Faulk MMM

**Brewer's Sparrow** All Reports: Jun Harding DCG; 30 Jun Fall River JSP

**Lark Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Fall River (CN) RAP, JLP

**Le Conte's Sparrow** Only Report: 15 Jun McPherson JSP

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** All Reports: 15 Jun McPherson and 20 Jun Roberts JSP; Jun Sanborn RBA

**Song Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Brown (FL) JCS ... also reported 16 Jun Butte RAS; Perkins DCG

**Swamp Sparrow** All Reports: 12 Jul Lake JSP; Day and Roberts DRS

**White-crowned Sparrow** Only Report: **08 Jun Brookings KIE**

**Dark-eyed Junco** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Faulk (CF) MMM

**Bobolink** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Faulk (NE) MMM

**Red-winged Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun Day (ON) DRS; 09 Jul Butte (NE ... also 2 cowbird eggs) RAS

**Eastern Meadowlark** Only Report: 26 Jun Bennett JSP

**Western Meadowlark** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Faulk (CF) MMM; 05 Jul Shannon (NE) RAP

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: 04 Jun Day (ON) DRS; 21 Jul Brown (FY) JCS

**Common Grackle** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Faulk (NY) MMM

**Brown-headed Cowbird** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Meade (NE) RAS; 09 Jul Butte (NE) RAS

**Orchard Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: Brown, Butte, Hughes and Pennington counties

**Baltimore Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Minnehaha (FY) MKZ

**Bullock's Oriole** All Reports: 08 Jun Butte RAS; 08 Jun Custer DAT; 28 Jun Meade JSP

**Cassin's Finch** All Reports: 08 Jun Lawrence RAS; 13 Jul Custer CMW

**House Finch** Confirmed Breeding: **Butte (FY) RAS** ... also reported Perkins DCG

**Red Crossbill** Confirmed Breeding: **19 Jun Pickerel Lake, Day County (FY) DRS**; 25 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW ... also reported 17 Jun Stanley (14) BKH

**Pine Siskin** Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW ... also reported 30 Jul Brookings KIE

**Lesser Goldfinch** All Reports: 01 Jul Fall River JSP; 02 Jul Fall River RAP

**Evening Grosbeak** All Reports: 17 Jun Pennington TBW; 22 Jun Meade REP; 30 Jun Meade (2 adults "feeding" 3 young) EEM

**Reports Requiring acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee**

- Black Vulture** Potential First State Record: 27 Jul Bennett LCS  
**Northern Goshawk** 03 Jun Brookings JRK  
**Eurasian Collared Dove** 19 Jul Bowdle, Edmunds County *fide* DAT  
**Rufous Hummingbird** 07 Jul Custer KH  
**Western Bluebird** Potential First State Record: 28 Jun Horsecreek Burn, Pennington County TJ  
**Blue-winged Warbler** 03 Jun Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln County (2 singing males) RBA; 11-12 Jun Meade REP  
**Virginia's Warbler** Potential First State Record: 02 Jul and 04 Jul Redbird Canyon and Roby Canyon, Custer County (at least 9 individuals at 6 locations) JSP, RAP, JLP; 14 Jul Roby Canyon, Custer County (2-3) DS  
**Northern Parula** 16 Jun Meade (1 male) REP  
**Cerulean Warbler** 09-10 Jun Ft. Meade Recreation Area, Meade County REP  
**American Tree Sparrow** 01 Jun Minnehaha MKZ; all season Custer CMW  
**Henslow's Sparrow** 17-24 Jun Long Lake, Sanborn County RBA, JSP  
**Great-tailed Grackle** 14 Jun Charles Mix (2), 20 Jun Charles Mix (2), and 01 Jul Turner (3) RC; 14 Jun New Holland, Douglas County RBA  
**Purple Finch** 02 Jul Pennington (2 males at feeder) TBW

**Corrections/Additions from Past Reports**

**Northern Goshawk** reported 15 May 1997 should be deleted.

**Species Expected But Not Reported**

Horned Grebe (2), Cinnamon Teal, Bufflehead, Ruffed Grouse (2), Sage Grouse (3), Greater Prairie Chicken, Piping Plover (2), Western Sandpiper (3), White-rumped Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Dunlin (3), Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Red-necked Phalarope, Barn Owl, Long-eared Owl (3), Northern Saw-Whet Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Cassin's Kingbird (2), Northern Mockingbird (3), McCown's Longspur (3)

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