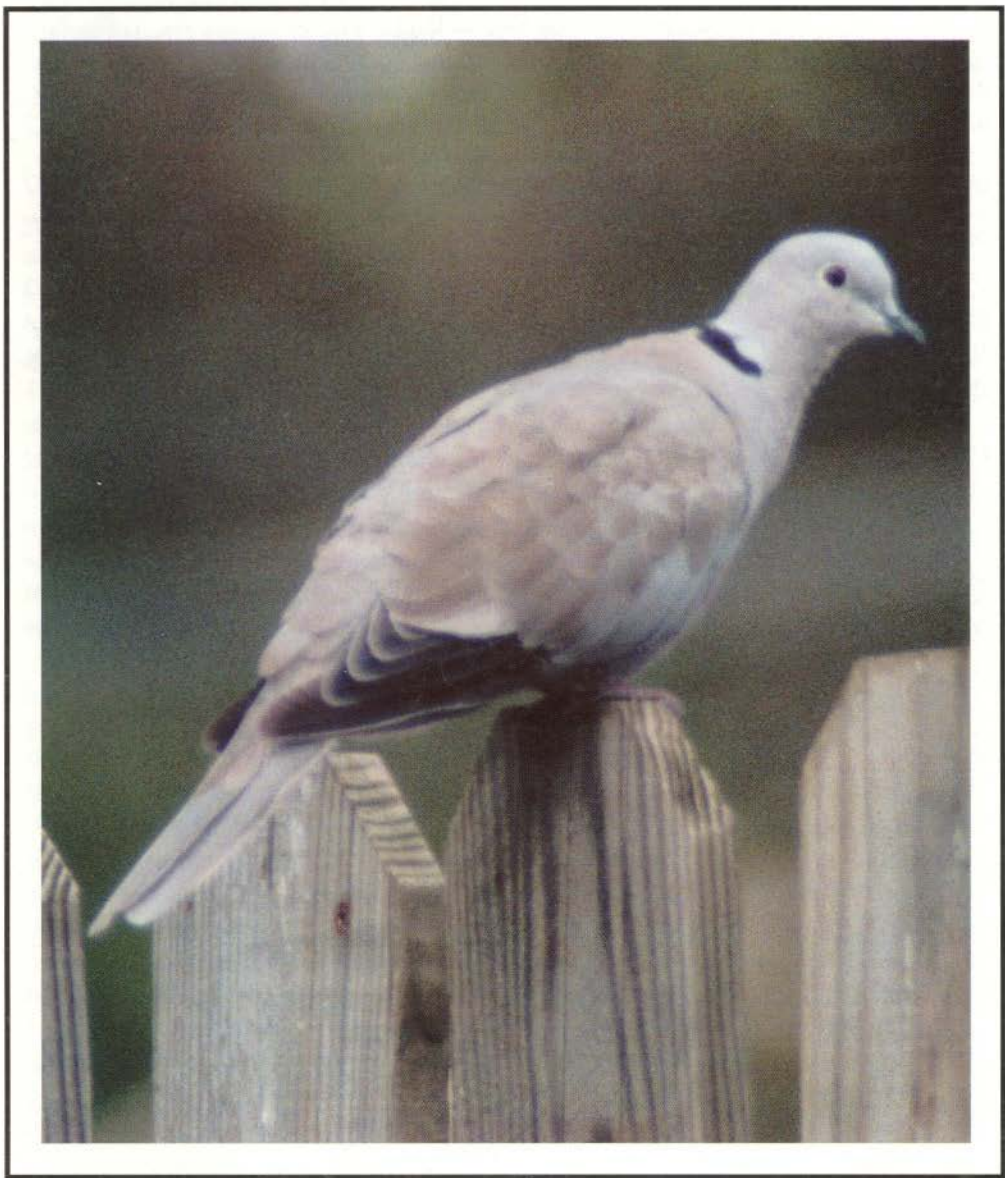


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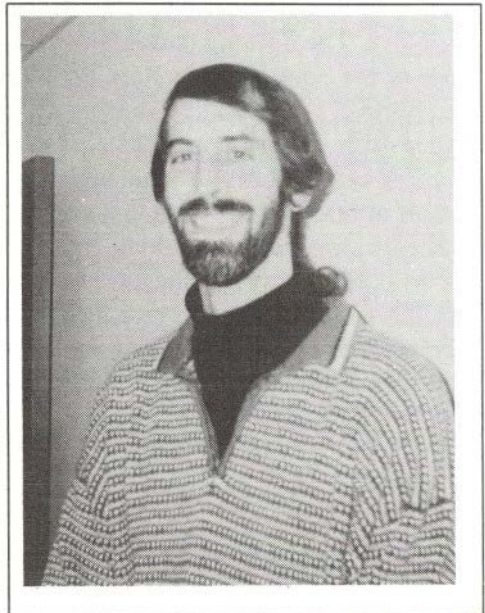
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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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In August of 1996, I observed a Virginia's Warbler in Redbird Canyon, Custer County. This sighting would have represented a first South Dakota state record, however, it went into my notebook as probable and the species was not added to my state list. The observation was too brief. As we now know, there is a breeding population of Virginia's Warblers in this region of our state. Hence, I submitted my field notes from that original sighting to the South Dakota Rare Bird Records Committee. The report was rejected.

In 1999 I encountered other rare birds. In mid April an adult male Hooded Warbler and a Worm-eating Warbler showed up at Lake Herman



State Park. In May, I observed an earliest ever Canada Warbler at Oakwood Lakes State Park, and a few days later a record breaking early Chestnut-sided Warbler at Lake Herman. Then the real fun began, with discoveries of an Elegant Tern downstream from Oahe Dam, an Arctic Tern below the tailrace the very next day, and a Purple Gallinule a week later in Clark County. Now, I do not like to write rare bird reports, particularly for those "obvious" species. Having said this, I have a confession to make. At the recent meeting of the Rare Bird Records Committee, I looked at a photo and promptly misidentified the bird. Biased by a well-written description, I overlooked the obvious. Fortunately, another committee member suggested that I take a second look. We all can make mistakes. I still remember my first Townsend's Solitaire. It was near Lake Bemidji in Beltrami County, Minnesota. I had been birding for over 6 years and this was the first rare bird I had ever encountered. Several hours were spent observing the bird. Pages of detailed field notes were taken in order to prepare my report for the Minnesota Records Committee. Now, with 20 plus years of experience, I too often find myself going into the field without my field guide. I have become overconfident with my identification skills and do not pay attention to detail the way I once did. A misidentified photo reminded me that we all can become better birders.

Over the last several years I have heard a fair amount of "concern" regarding the Rare Bird Records Committee. We need to keep in mind that the purpose of a rare bird report is to provide an historical record that can be evaluated not just today, but potentially years from now. I wonder how many reports that the committee currently votes to accept will be reevaluated and perhaps rejected in the future. The question in the overwhelming majority of cases considered by the committee is not whether the observer saw the bird, but rather did they take appropriate field notes to document it conclusively for the long-term record. I'm sure that many records found unacceptable by the committee represent valid sightings. The documentation just isn't complete. Let's all keep in mind the purpose of the South Dakota Rare Bird Records Committee and keep our birding in perspective. I would like to encourage everyone to read again the excellent article by David L. Swanson in *South Dakota Bird Notes* 46(4): 64-71.

I'm sure that my original sighting of the Virginia's Warbler will not be the last of my rare bird reports that will be turned down. That's ok. Sometimes birds don't let us observe them long enough to provide sufficient details for a rare bird report. Other birds are just hard to identify. Taking detailed field notes and writing those rare bird reports, even for those supposedly obvious and easy to identify species, is part of learning to become a better birder. Let's keep it all in perspective. Birding, after all, is supposed to be fun. *Jeffrey S. Palmer, Dakota State University, Madison, SD 57042.*

## BIRDING SOUTH DAKOTA: BIRDING THE SOUTHEAST

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### Newton Hills State Park

Newton Hills is one of the largest tracks of eastern deciduous forest in South Dakota. Many trails wind through wooded ravines and bluffs that border the Big Sioux River. Sitting on the northwest corner of the range of many woodland species, Newton Hills can offer pleasant surprises. Most woodland birds that can be found in eastern South Dakota can be seen sometime during the year at Newton Hills. The best birding seems to center around the Horse Camp and Sargeant Creek. During late spring and early summer, follow the trail beside Sargeant Creek from the Horse Camp parking area. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, both Eastern and Spotted Towhees and Great Crested Flycatchers can be found along the creek, with a Blue-winged Warbler often singing in the open prairie. As you reach the picnic pavilion, look for Scarlet Tanagers. At first light, Whip-poor-wills and American Woodcocks can be seen and heard in all directions from the trail. Take the trail mentioned above, but follow the first fork to the right to a wooded ravine. You can sometimes find a Kentucky War-

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bler, as well as American Redstarts. Where Sargeant Creek enters the Big Sioux River, the surrounding riparian forest has Cerulean Warblers and Yellow-throated Vireos. Newton Hills, with its wooded ravines and riparian forest, offers some of the best birding in South Dakota.

### **Big Sioux Recreation Area**

The Big Sioux Recreation Area is a large park with a variety of habitats. Along the Big Sioux River there are Burr Oak bluffs and, in the northeast corner of the park, riparian woodlands where many migrants can be found. There is a wet meadow and on the west side of the river, a tract of tallgrass prairie with nesting Sedge Wrens, Bobolinks and Field Sparrows. Migrating Le Conte's Sparrows are also seen here. In the plum thickets, Bell's Vireos can sometimes be located. Black-billed Cuckoos and Yellow-billed Cuckoos are often heard on the bluffs west of the prairie. The Big Sioux Recreation Area offers both woodland and grassland birding.

### **Beaver Creek Nature Area**

Located on a creek, this nature area has Burr Oak bluffs with prairie above, creek bottom woodlands below, and a spring-fed stream cutting through the middle. The creek bottom woodlands can be an excellent place to find Winter Wrens and Hermit Thrushes in migration, and other migrants later in the spring. On the highlands, Northern Goshawks have been found in the winter. Beaver Creek supports nesting Great Horned Owls and Red-tailed Hawks that can be observed throughout their courtship.

### **Western Minnehaha County**

Western Minnehaha County is a string of marshes and small lakes that sport large numbers of migrating waterfowl. Starting in late February and early March, thousands and sometimes hundreds of thousands of Snow Geese gather. If you can get close to a flock, look for Ross's Geese, there are many migrating with the Snow Geese. If you are lucky and out at first light, you might be treated to tens of thousands of geese leaving a marsh and flying overhead. The sight and sound are spectacular. On Wall Lake, Horned Grebes, Eared Grebes, Western Grebes and Common Loons can be found. In the fall, Wall Lake has thousands of rooting Franklin's Gulls (probably returning south from Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge) along with gulls of other species. During March, every species of duck common to our area can be found here in large numbers. The larger lakes have American White Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants and Western Grebes. Check the mudflats for shorebirds. In dry years the marshes also can be excellent shorebirding habitat. Get a copy of *The Sportsman's Atlas* produced by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks available where hunting licenses are sold and go to the Game Production Areas marked on the maps.

## PARKS OF SIOUX FALLS

### Elmwood Park

In a corner of Elmwood Park in Sioux Falls, there is a wooded area that is one of the best places to find warblers during the first three weeks of May and in the fall. Kentucky Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Canada Warbler, Hooded Warbler, and White-eyed Vireo are some of the birds that have been found at Elmwood, as well as large numbers of the more common warblers. Need I say more?

### Tomar Park

This park is just as good as Elmwood Park described above. A few of the birds seen here are Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Prothonotary Warbler and Prairie Warbler. Bird the wooded areas on both sides of the Big Sioux River.

### Outdoor Campus and The Hole

Located near the Empire Mall, the Outdoor Campus has oxbow ponds surrounded by woods. The Campus has interesting exhibits and improved trails. There is also a grassland area where many Sedge Wrens can be found. South of the Outdoor Campus, the oxbow ponds continue in an area nicknamed The Hole. The southern boundary of The Hole is west of Randalls Foods. The birding is thought to be equal to the other Sioux Falls parks mentioned above. Barred Owls and Louisiana Waterthrushes have been located occasionally in this area. Augie Hoeger has observed 180 species in this park.



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## GENERAL NOTES

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**VARIED THRUSH IN ABERDEEN.** On 8 October 1998, a sunny, calm day with temperatures in the mid to lower 60's, I was observing numerous migrating birds in my backyard on south Main Street in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Robins, intent on congregating around a birdbath in my back yard, were common. One robin-like bird caught my attention as it landed on a Silver Maple, about 18 feet from me. The bird did not compete with the other birds for a turn in the water. Even though I had never seen a Varied Thrush, I knew from the exact moment that my bird was a male of this species. What caught my eye was the distinct orange eye stripe and the broad black band below the orange throat. Also very noticeable were the distinct orange wing bars. The bird gave me an ideal view from both the front and the back and I observed it with and without binoculars. The thrush continued to observe the frantic bathing of the robins for about two to three minutes before flying away. *Jerry Stanford, 1516 South Main Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

**SURF SCOTER AT BEAR BUTTE LAKE.** Bear Butte Lake near Sturgis, South Dakota, attracts both large numbers of waterfowl plus rare and unusual species. As winter approaches and smaller lakes and ponds freeze over, Bear Butte Lake remains open for migrating waterfowl. Our check of Bear Butte Lake on 5 November 1999 caught one of those rarities.

It was a dark, overcast afternoon, with a cold wind blowing out of the northwest, when my wife Donna, Bud and Alice Shaykett, and I pulled into the west parking lot at Bear Butte Lake near the end of our birding day. A quick scan with the binoculars revealed two unusual ducks bobbing up and down. In spite of the chilly day, the spotting scope was quickly set up. A check through the scope confirmed that we had a pair of scoters. Living in Alaska, we generally see both White-winged and Surf Scoters at least once a year, but they are definitely rare in South Dakota. We knew that careful documentation and photographs would be required. Fortunately the ducks were feeding not far from the parking lot and remained in the general area. We confirmed that both birds were adult females. Both birds had prominent white spots on the side of the heads, one spot ahead of the eye and one behind. One of the birds reared up several times with spread wings, revealing no wing patches. After about thirty minutes of observation, we were able to confirm the ducks as female Surf Scoters. I had my camera with a 400 mm lens and doubler, but the camera had to be tripod-mounted because of low light conditions. Photos were taken, but I was uncertain just how good they would be, so we returned the next day. Only one of the scoters was present, but light conditions were better and more photos taken. The pictures turned out and the South Dakota Rare Birds Committee accepted the sighting as a Class 1P record. *Vic Fondy, 570 S Williwaw Drive, Palmer, AK 99645.*

**TALLMAN 1998 BIRD BANDING REPORT, INCLUDING A HOUSE FINCH RECOVERY IN NORTH DAKOTA.** I banded an adult male House Finch (band number 1661-34124) at my home in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on 1 April 1998. The bird was recovered on 17 July 1998 in Fargo, North Dakota, by Adam Kotchian. I banded comparatively few House Finches during the winter and spring of 1998 (4 in January, 1 in March and no further finches until May).

The following is a list of birds I banded in 1998. It is noteworthy for its lack of a Veery. On the other hand, 1998 was the first time I have ever banded a Wood Thrush in Aberdeen.

1	Sharp-shinned Hawk	46	Black-capped Chickadee
1	Broad-winged Hawk	4	Red-breasted Nuthatch
7	Mourning Dove	3	White-breasted Nuthatch
2	Northern Saw-whet Owl	11	Brown Creeper
7	Downy Woodpecker	24	House Wren
3	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	28	Golden-crowned Kinglet
11	"Trail's" Flycatcher	49	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
12	Least Flycatcher	9	Gray-checked Thrush
1	Great Crested Flycatcher	124	Swainson's Thrush
1	Warbling Vireo	8	Herrnit Thrush
3	Blue Jay	1	Wood Thrush

102	American Robin	1	Spotted Towhee
20	Gray Catbird	2	American Tree Sparrow
8	Brown Thrasher	13	Chipping Sparrow
5	Cedar Waxwing	10	Fox Sparrow
7	Tennessee Warbler	3	Song Sparrow
52	Orange-crowned Warbler	10	Lincoln's Sparrow
9	Nashville Warbler	1	Swamp Sparrow
3	Yellow Warbler	23	White-throated Sparrow
2	Chestnut-sided Warbler	3	Harris's Sparrow
12	Magnolia Warbler	292	Dark-eyed Junco
2	Black-throated Blue Warbler	6	Oregon Junco
6	Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
1	Black-throated Green Warbler	2	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Blackpoll Warbler	1	Yellow-headed Blackbird
8	Black-and-white Warbler	61	Common Grackle
19	American Redstart	1	Purple Finch
33	Ovenbird	33	House Finch
9	Northern Waterthrush	28	Common Redpoll
9	Connecticut Warbler	177	Pine Siskin
13	Mourning Warbler	47	American Goldfinch
4	Common Yellowthroat	1	House Sparrow
14	Wilson's Warbler		
8	Canada Warbler	2421	total
1	Yellow-breasted Chat		

*Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**SMALL RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR BIRD STUDY IN SOUTH DAKOTA FROM SDOU.** The Nathaniel R. Whitney, Jr. Memorial Research Grants are administered by The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union (SDOU). They may be awarded to qualified graduate or upper division (Jr. or Sr.) students majoring in ornithology, avian ecology, avian wildlife management, or an appropriately related scientific discipline at a college or university in South Dakota. Whitney research grants may also be awarded to other ornithologically or scientifically qualified individuals, including amateur ornithologists. These grants will range from \$250 to \$500, two to four grants may be awarded for this application cycle.

The SDOU invites applications for these grants. The deadline for application is 1 March 2000 and applicants will be notified by 1 May 2000 of the results of their applications.

The process of application is as follows.

The application must include:

1. The applicant's name, address, social security number, and information about the applicant's background and qualifications for doing the research.
2. A Statement of the purpose(s) and objective(s) of the research project, and the methods, techniques (including any analytical techniques that may be used), and materials needed for the project.
3. A statement of the amount of funding requested and the specific use of the funds in the project.



4. The applicant's assurance that the grant will be used solely and specifically for the designated research project.
5. The applicant's assurance that the results of the research will be presented at an SDOU paper session at a fall meeting or an acceptable article to be published in *South Dakota Bird Notes* or in another major ornithological or related scientific journal, within three years of the research.

Other requirements:

1. The application can be no longer than three typed pages.
2. The applicant must arrange for two individuals to send letters of recommendation directly to the SDOU committee. The letter of recommendation should include an appraisal of the applicant's personal qualities and qualification for pursuing the proposed research. The letter should indicate the significance of the proposed research for the advancement of knowledge about the birds of South Dakota.
3. Three copies of each application and each letter must be sent to:

Robb Schenck, 422 N. Linwood Court., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Phone: (605) 332 4442, or E-mail at [rschenck@dakota.net](mailto:rschenck@dakota.net).

Successful applicants will receive a check for the grant's authorized amount from the SDOU treasurer on or before 10 May.

**South Dakota State Lists  
Totals as of 31 December 1998**

Life	1998	Observer	275		Bill Huser
346		Bruce K. Harris	253		Lowell Anderson
340	292	Jeffrey S. Palmer	246		Lee A. Schoenewe
339		Dave Swanson	241		Ron E. Martin
336		Dan A. Tallman	241	215	Steve Van Sickle
321		Jerry C. Stanford	233		Bob Russell
318	285	Robb F. Schenck	215		Gertrude Bachmann
303		D. George Prisbe	175		Florence Kurtz
300		Nathaniel Whitney	150		Lester R. Lauritzen
293	226	Todd Jensen	120		Mick K. Zerr
281		Jon Little			
280		Eric T. Liknes			



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## BOOK REVIEWS

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**A BIRD-FINDING GUIDE TO MEXICO.** Steve N. G. Howell. 1999. Cornell University Press: Ithaca. Softbound, 365 pp. \$29.95.

Birders travelling to Mexico will find this book essential. Howell is an expert on Mexican birds, having written *A Guide to the Birds of Mexico and Northern Central America*, reviewed in *Bird Notes* (48:103). This bird-finding guide purports to cover all of the top birding spots in Mexico (although it does seem to be a bit slim for such a grandiose claim). The book singles out over a hundred sites to allow birders to try to see most Mexican specialties.

The guide begins with a short, but informative, introduction. Much of the information here is predictable (how to use the text, notes on taxonomy). But also included are sections on birding ethics, driving in Mexico (how to find gas, dealing with police, what to bring to rent a car), safety of food and water, and other health tips. The author advises that speaking Spanish is important for survival in Latin America and provides a list of essential birding phrases. Howell correctly points out that "Mexicans, like most people, are generally friendly, honest, and helpful..." and "it's best to go with the flow and relax...things are done differently, not necessarily better, where you come from." Howell tends to underestimate the dangers of travelling in the Mexican backcountry, warning birders to use common sense. Common sense covers a lot of ground and may be of relatively little help if and when you do find yourself in trouble. No matter where in the world you bird, researching potential dangers is prudent preparation.

The book is divided up into regional chapters. The chapters include prime birding localities within the regions. They start with an overview, including access and suggestions for getting around. There is some discussion of habitats to visit and the overview ends with suggested itineraries for the region.

A typical locality account begins with the dates when the author visited the area, followed by an introductory section, with a list of key species to be seen in the location. Access to the area is then discussed in some detail, usually accompanied by a map. These maps are somewhat sketchy and I suspect, despite distances being given to the nearest tenth of a mile, might be a little hard to follow in the field. Next is a list of area birding sites, including the birds to look for, with especially notable species highlighted.

Two appendices end the book. The first is a region-by-region checklist of the birds mentioned in the text, along with an indication of each species' relative abundance. The second appendix is a list endemic and special interest species, with page reference to the sites mentioned in the text where each species might be found. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**EARTH, WATER, AND SKY.** 1999. Paul A. Johnsgard. University of Texas Press, Austin. Softcover. 166 pp. \$15.95.

This book is a collection of the author's essays, previously published in a variety of sources ranging from newspapers to *Birder's World* and *Natural History* magazines. The essays are grouped into sections according to the major habitats in which the avian subjects of the essays reside; "Earth" deals largely with terrestrial birds, "Water" with birds of open water, and "Sky" with migrations of birds. Each section begins with an essay that was originally published in the *Lincoln (Nebraska) Journal-Star* newspaper and centers around the author's experiences with birds and nature. These introductory essays are followed by topical essays on individual bird species or bird groups that are loosely associated with those particular habitats. Johnsgard is an authority on waterfowl courtship behavior, so not surprisingly, half of the 16 topical essays relate to waterfowl. Other topical essays deal with Galliformes (4), shorebirds (2), bustards (1), and hummingbirds (1).

Johnsgard's technical books and writing are usually rather stereotypic, much like the courtship behaviors he studies, and have a tendency to be rather encyclopedic. The back cover of this book advertises that the writing in this collection of essays is "often lyrical," so I was anxious to see how Johnsgard's writing might differ when aimed at a popular audience. In regard to "lyrical" writing, I would rate the book as a partial success. Some chapters, or parts thereof, were quite personal and less formulaic than his technical writing, but other chapters or portions of chapters were still rather dry and encyclopedic. Two of the author's main scientific interests are mating systems and courtship behaviors in birds and almost every chapter seems to devote substantial ink to these topics.

The newspaper articles serving as introductory essays, along with the preface where he describes the beginnings of his journey to ornithology, were the most personal and readable chapters in the book. In the topical chapters, the most interesting and enjoyable portions for me were where the author related his adventures in tracking down some of the rarer species, such as tree quails and torrent ducks. I also enjoyed his "wow index," a measure of the enthusiasm generated by the first view of a certain bird by a beginning birder. Johnsgard applies it here to waterfowl, where Gadwalls receive low scores, but Wood Ducks, Buffleheads, and Ruddy Ducks score highly. There were also some particularly unique and interesting tidbits of natural history scattered among the topical chapters. For example, in a chapter on American Golden-Plovers, we learn that, while they are incubating on the arctic breeding grounds they, and other arctic breeding birds, are mercilessly bombarded by mosquitoes. Chapters on Eskimo Curlews and Trumpeter Swans deal with historical population declines and conservation efforts regarding these species. Both were originally published in the late seventies and early eighties, so some of the information is out-of-date, although some new information was added to the Trumpeter Swan chapter. A number of chapters end with a couple of sentences relating to conservation issues, even if such issues

were not mentioned in the remainder of the chapter, so these sentences sometimes seem oddly out of place.

All in all, the book was interesting to read, especially if you are an aficionado of courtship behaviors in birds. Several chapters introduced the North American reader to birds of other continents, so the book should serve to broaden the horizons of most North American birders. Finally, there are a number of excellent pen-and-ink drawings by the author that grace the beginning pages of each chapter and add to the book's flavor. *David L. Swanson, Department of Biology and Avian Performance Laboratory, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.*

### South Dakota County Lists Totals as of 31 December 1998

Life	1998	Observer	Hamlin		
Beadle			186		Bruce K. Harris
143		Bruce K. Harris	Hutchinson		
Bon Homme			111		Steve Van Sickle
131	117	Steve Van Sickle	Kingsbury		
Brookings			204	155	Jeffrey S. Palmer
176		Bill Huser	Lake		
165		Jeffrey S. Palmer	238	153	Jeffrey S. Palmer
138		Florence Kurtz	Lincoln		
101		Ron Bauer	195		Robb F. Schenck
Brown			156		Jon Little
288		Dan A. Tallman	Meade		
197		Jerry C. Stanford	152		Nathaniel Whitney
191		Bob Russell	Minnehaha		
160		Ron E. Martin	242	169	Robb F. Schenck
Charles Mix			209		Jon Little
196		Ron Mabie	117		Mick K. Zerr
Clay			Pennington		
223		Dave Swanson	209		Nathaniel Whitney
148	110	Steve Van Sickle	183		Todd Jensen
Codington			Roberts		
236		Bruce K. Harris	275		Bruce K. Harris
221		Ron Bauer	Sanborn		
Custer			231		Bruce K. Harris
100		Nathaniel Whitney	Turner		
Davison			150		Lester R. Lauritzen
148		Robb F. Schenck	115		Jon Little
Deuel			Union		
274		Bruce K. Harris	196		Dave Swanson
106		Lowell Anderson	143		Bill Huser
Grant			127		Steve Van Sickle
225		Bruce K. Harris	Yankton		
172		Lowell Anderson	211	190	Steve Van Sickle
			104		Bill Huser



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## SEASONAL REPORTS

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The 1999 Summer Season  
01 June 1999 to 31 July 1999

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Temperatures were more than one degree below normal for June, with July having temperatures less than one degree above normal. While June had below normal precipitation, July was wet with twice the normal precipitation. Confirmed breeding was reported for 100 species, slightly more than the 1995-98 average of 98. Two hundred and thirty six species were reported, which compares to the four year average of 240. In preparing this report, I have highlighted confirmed county breeding records not included in *The South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas* or the 1995-98 Summer Season Reports of *Bird Notes*. I have also highlighted sightings that would have been included in the last edition of *The Birds of South Dakota*. Nesting Great-tailed Grackles reported from Clay County mark the first confirmed breeding record of this species in the state. Bald Eagles continue to show recovery, with nesting in two counties previously unreported. Le Conte's Sparrows and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were found in new locations.

**Common Loon** All Reports: 06 Jun Stanley (1) REM & CT; 08 Jun Day (Rush Lake) Cory Shuh; 25 Jun Day (Rush Lake) (2 ad.) DRS

**Pied-billed Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun McCook (PY) JSP & RFS; 14 Jun Meade (NE) APB; 20 Jul Brown (PY) EEF; 10 Jul Lake (PY) JSP; 15 Jul Day (PY) WS

**Red-necked Grebe** All Reports: 01 Jun Keintz WPA Marshall (2) WS; 20 Jun Day (1) DRS

**Eared Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul Brown (FY 8) EEF

**Western Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: all period Day DRS, WS; 20 Jul Brown (FY 20) EEF; 10 Jul Clark (PY) JSP

**American White Pelican** Confirmed Breeding: all period Day (~8,000-10,000. nesting colony) DRS, WS

**Double-crested Cormorant** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Keintz WPA Marshall (NY) WS; 20 Jul Brown (FY 8) EEF; 20 Jul Brown (NY) EEF; 19 Jun Kingsbury (ON) JSP

**American Bittern** All Reports: 03 Jun Bennett RFS; 14 Jun Perkins (1) DCG; 19 Jun Miner JSP

**Least Bittern** All Reports: 15 Jun Brown (1) SLS; 10 Jul Clark JSP & RFS; 20 Jul Brown (1) EEF

**Great Blue Heron** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun & 15 Jul Day (NY 55) WS; Custer (FL) CMW

**Great Egret** Confirmed Breeding: all period Day (nesting colony NY 30) DRS, WS

**Snowy Egret** All Reports: 18 Jun Codington JCS; 27 Jun Charles Mix RM; 20 Jul Brown (12) EEF

**Little Blue Heron** Only Report: 09 Jun Brown DAT

**Tricolored Heron** Only Report: 10 Jul Clark JSP & RFS

**Cattle Egret** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul Brown (NB 1000) EEF

**Green Heron** All Reports: 03 Jun Bennett (1) REM & CT; 10 Jul Bennett (1) SLS; 16 Jul Day WS; 18 Jul Brown DAT; 20 Jul Brown (1) EEF

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** All Reports: 01 Jun & Jul 19 Brown JCS; 27 Jun Charles Mix RM; 10 Jun Clark JSP; 27 Jul Day WS

**White-faced Ibis** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul Brown (NB) EEF

**Turkey Vulture** Reported from Beadle, Charles Mix, Day, Fall River, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaha and Pennington counties.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Only Report: 12 Jun McCook JSP & RFS

**Snow Goose** Only Report: 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP

**Canada Goose** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FL) DRS, WS; 12 Jun McCook (PY) RFS; 19 Jun Kingsbury (PY) JPS  
**Trumpeter Swan** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Meade, Sulphur Creek, (pair w/ 5 young) EEM  
**Wood Duck** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FL) DRS, WS; 08 Jun Brown (FL) JCS; 12 Jun McCook (PY) RFS; 30 Jun Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; 14 Jun Lake (PY) JPS; 22 Jun Pennington (Canyon Lake) (PY) L. M. Baylor  
**Gadwall** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jun Day (PY) WS  
**American Wigeon** All Reports: 19 Jun Brookings JSP; 02 Jul Meade APB  
**Mallard** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FL) DRS, 12 Jun McCook RFS; WS; 26 Jun Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; 19 Jun Kingsbury (PY) JSP  
**Blue-winged Teal** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Meade (PY) AB; Day (FL) DRS, WS; 03 Jun Brown (FL) JCS; 19 Jun Kingsbury (PY) JPS  
**Northern Shoveler** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FL) DRS  
**Canvasback** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jul Brown (FL) JCS  
**Redhead** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jul Brown (CF) JCS  
**Ring-necked Duck** Only Report: 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP  
**Lesser Scaup** All Reports: 10 Jul Clark JSP; 5 Jul Minnehaha RFS  
**Hooded Merganser** Only Report: 12 Jun McCook JSP & RFS  
**Common Merganser** Only Report: 24 Jun Pennington MMM  
**Ruddy Duck** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jul Brown (FL) JCS  
**Osprey** Only Report: 09 Jul Roberts (1) DRS  
**Bald Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: Roberts (2 nests reported one destroyed by thunderstorm) *vide* DRS; 02 Jun Bon Homme (ON) JSP & RFS; 14 Jul Roberts 1 ad. w/ 3 imm. (NY) WS  
**Northern Harrier** All Reports: 02 Jun Todd RFS; 19 Jun Brookings JSP; 30 Jul Mellette KH; 30 Jul Pennington MMM  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** Only Report: 07 Jul Meade APB  
**Cooper's Hawk** All Reports: 04 Jun Pennington TWB; 15 Jun Brown (1) SLS  
**Northern Goshawk** All Reports: 24 Jun Pennington MMM  
**Broad-winged Hawk** All Reports: 12 Jun Lincoln (1 imm. 1 ad.) JSP & RFS; 13 Jun Meade REP  
**Swainson's Hawk** Reported from Bennett, Bon Homme, Clark, Day, Kingsbury, Meade, Minnehaha and Pennington counties.  
**Red-tailed Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: Day (NY) DRS, WS  
**Ferruginous Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 04 Jun Perkins (nest lost to raccoon) DCG  
**Golden Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Custer (ON 2) TBW; 10 Jun Meade (NY) EEM; Mellette (NB) KH  
**American Kestrel** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun Day (FL) WS; Black Hills (ON) Tom Parlman  
**Merlin** Confirmed Breeding: all period Meade (ON) AB; 04 Jul Meade (FY 4) REP  
**Peregrine Falcon** Only Report: 27 Jun Butte REP  
**Gray Partridge** Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jul Codington WS  
**Ring-necked Pheasant** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Clark (PY) WS; 16 Jun Brown (PY) JCS; 25 Jun Bennett (14 broods) SLS  
**Sharp-tailed Grouse** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun Custer (FL) MMM  
**Wild Turkey** Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jul Meade (FL) APB; 13 Jun Pennington (FL) TWB  
**Northern Bobwhite** Only Report: 08 Jun Charles Mix RM  
**Virginia Rail** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jul Beadle RGR; 30 Jul Clay (FY 1) DS  
**Sora** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Custer Wind Cave National Park (NE) Dan Ruddy  
**American Coot** Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun & 02 Jul Meade (ON) APB; Day (PY) DRS, WS; 08 Jun Brown (FL) JCS; 19 Jun Kingsbury (PY) JPS; 17 Jul Meade (FY) MMM  
**Black-bellied Plover** Only Report: 03 Jun Bennett (3) REM & CT  
**Semipalmated Plover** All Reports: 26 Jul Clay DS; 27 Jul Day (2) WS  
**Piping Plover** Only Report: 03 Jul Bon Homme RM  
**Killdeer** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FL) DRS, WS; 24 Jun Brown (PY) JCS; 28 Jul Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; 10 Jul Clark (PY) JSP  
**Black-necked Stilt** Only Report: Day John Evans

**American Avocet** All Reports: 03 Jun Bennett JSP & RFS; 04 Jun Jerauld RGR; 06 Jun Hughes JCS; 23 Jun Day (6) WS

**Greater Yellowlegs** All Reports: **13 Jun Brown & 18 Jul Hughes JCS**

**Lesser Yellowlegs** All Reports: Day DRS; 02 Jun Brown & 18 Jul Hughes JCS; 01 Jul Brown DAT; 10 Jul Clark JSP; 25-31 Jul Minnehaha MKZ; 26 Jul Clay DS

**Solitary Sandpiper** All Reports: **26 Jul Clay DS; 27 Jun Charles Mix RM**

**Willet** All Reports: 01 Jun Brown JCS; 02 Jun Bennett JSP & RFS; Day DRS; 23 Jun Day (1) WS

**Spotted Sandpiper** All Reports: Day DRS; 02 Jun Bennett RFS; 22 Jun Custer KH; 17 Jul Lake JSP

**Upland Sandpiper** Reported from Bon Homme, Clay, Custer, Kingsbury, Lincoln, Marshall, Meade, Minnehaha and Perkins counties.

**Long-billed Curlew** Confirmed Breeding: **02 Jun Fall River (2 broods) REM & CT**; 14 Jun Meade EEM; 31 Jul Custer (1) MMM

**Marbled Godwit** All Reports: 01 Jun Day (2) WS; 02 Jun Bennett RFS; 11 Jun Brown JCS; 25 Jun Perkins (1) DCG; 10 Jul Clark JSP

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** All Reports: 10 Jul Clark JSP; 26 Jul Clay DS

**Least Sandpiper** All Reports: 10 Jul Clark JSP; 26 Jul Clay DS; 29 Jul Day (~10) WS

**White-rumped Sandpiper** All Reports: 03 Jun Bennett (200) REM & CT; 06 Jun Custer MMM; 12 Jun Turner JSP

**Pectoral Sandpiper** All Reports: **12 Jun Turner JSP; 10 Jul Clark JSP**; 26 Jul Clay DS; 29 Jul Day (1) WS

**Stilt Sandpiper** All Reports: 03 Jun Bennett REM, JSP, RFS & CT; 10 Jul Clark JSP; 26 Jul Clay DS

**Short-billed Dowitcher** All Reports: **10 Jul Clark JSP & RFS; 26 Jul Clay DS**

**Common Snipe** Confirmed Breeding: **12-14 Jun Custer (NE) TBW**

**Wilson's Phalarope** All Reports: all period Meade EEM; all period Custer MMM; 02 Jun Bennett RFS; 14 Jun & 02 Jul Meade APB; 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 18 Jul Hughes JCS

**Franklin's Gull** All Reports: Day DRS; 02 Jun Yankton RFS; 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP

**Ring-billed Gull** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun Day (NE) WS; **07 Jun Hughes (FY) JCS**

**California Gull** Only Report: **06 Jun Hughes (20) REM & CT**

**Herring Gull** Only Report: **06 Jun Hughes (1) REM & CT**

**Caspian Tern** Only Report: 26 Jul Day (1) DRS

**Common Tern** Only Report: 01 Jun Bon Homme RM

**Forster's Tern** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS; Clark (CF) RFS

**Mourning Dove** Confirmed Breeding: Day (NY) DRS, WS; 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW

**Black-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 01 Jun Brown JCS; 08 Jun Brown (1) SLS 14 Jun Lake JSP; 29 Jun Harding REP; 17-31 Jul Brookings KIE

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS; 05 Jun Minnehaha MKZ; 12 Jun Lincoln RFS; 26 Jul Pennington (1) MMM

**Barn Owl** Confirmed Breeding: Buffalo Gap (PY 5) *vide* JLB

**Eastern Screech-Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Brookings (FY) KIE

**Great Horned Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (FY 2) TBW

**Burrowing Owl** All Reports: all period Custer MMM; 02 Jun Bennett JSP; 2 Jul Haakon KIE

**Short-eared Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Meade (NY 6) REP & EEM

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Only Report: 02 Jun Harding (1) REM & CT

**Common Nighthawk** Confirmed Breeding: **04 Jun Grant (NE) WS**

**Common Poorwill** Only Report: 02 Jun Harding (5) REM & CT

**Whip-poor-will** Confirmed Breeding: **12 Jun Lincoln (NE) RFS** ... also reported 02 Jun Harding (1) REM & CT

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** All Reports: all period Day (2) DRS; 03 Jun Clay DS; 10 Jun Brookings KIE; 12 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS; 29-31 Jul Edmunds MZ

**Belted Kingfisher** All Reports: all period Custer CMW; 09 Jun Meade (1) EEM; 14 Jun Lake JSP; 10 Jul Minnehaha MKZ; 16 Jul Meade APB; 17 Jul Marshall (1) WS

**Lewis' Woodpecker** All Reports: 04 Jun Custer JSP & RFS; 10 Jun Pennington 1WB

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jul Brookings (FY) KIE; 01 Jul Brown (CO) JCS; 19 Jul Stanley (FY) JCS

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** All Reports: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS; 10 Jun Charles Mix RM; 14 Jun Meade REP

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** All Reports: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS

**Red-naped Sapsucker** Confirmed Breeding: Custer (Legion Lake) (ON) Tom Parlman

**Downy Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW

**Hairy Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW

**Northern Flicker** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 01 Jul Minnehaha (ON) MKZ

**Western Wood-Pewee** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Meade (NB) REP

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** All reports: 02, 12 Jun Lincoln RFS; 08 Jun Brown (1) SLS; 19 Jun Brookings JSP; 10 Jul Charles Mix RM

**Willow Flycatcher** All Reports; 02 Jun Marshall (1) WS; Day DRS; 10 Jun Brown (1) SLS 12 Jun McCook JSP & RFS

**Least Flycatcher** Only Report: 09 Jun Brown (1) SLS

**Dusky Flycatcher** All Reports: 05 Jun Custer (15) REM & CT; 06 Jun Custer JSP & RFS; 24 Jun Lawrence MMM

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** All Reports: 04 Jun Fall River (3) REM & CT; 04 Jun Fall River JSP & RFS; 25 Jun Lawrence MMM; 29 Jun Custer KH; 01 Jul Fall River RAP

**Eastern Phoebe** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jul Tripp (NY 3) RAP

**Say's Phoebe** Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jul Custer (FY) MMM

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Reported from Brown, Haakon, Meade and Roberts counties.

**Western Kingbird** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jun Day (NY) WS

**Eastern Kingbird** Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun Beadle (CO) JCS; 09 Jun Meade (NB) REP

**Loggerhead Shrike** All Reports: 02 Jun Harding (10) REM & CT; 02 Jun Turner JSP & RFS; 03 Jun Bennett (2) REM & CT; 16 Jun Meade (12) EEM; 17 Jun Marshall JCS

**Bell's Vireo** All Reports: 02 Jun Bon Homme JSP & RFS; 04 Jun Stanley DAT; 14 Jun Meade (1) EEM; 03 Jul Pennington (3) MMM

**Yellow-throated Vireo** Only Report: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS

**Plumbeous Vireo** All Reports: 05 Jun Custer (8) REM & CT; 25 Jun Lawrence MMM; 29 Jun Custer KH; 01 Jul Fall River RAP

**Red-eyed Vireo** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jul Fall River (ON) RAP

**Gray Jay** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW

**Blue Jay** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Brown (CO) JCS; 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 15 Jul Minnehaha (FY) MKZ; 14 Jun Lake (NY) JSP

**Pinyon Jay** Confirmed Breeding: 02 & 12 Jun Meade (FY) APB

**Clark's Nutcracker** Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun Custer (family group) REM & CT

**Black-billed Magpie** Confirmed Breeding: all period Meade (FL) AB; 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW

**Purple Martin** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS

**Tree Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Day (NE) DRS; 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW; 03 Jun Lake (NY) JSP; 25 Jul Sanborn (FY) (675) RGR

**Violet-green Swallow** All Reports: all period Custer CMW, KH; 04 Jun Fall River JSP; 11 Jun Pennington TWB; 11, 13, 17, 20 Jun Meade APB, AB; 01 Jul Fall River RAP

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** All Reports: 01 Jun Bon Homme RM; 14 Jun Lake JSP

**Bank Swallow** Reported from Bon Homme and Marshall counties.

**Cliff Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS

**Barn Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS, WS

**Black-capped Chickadee** Confirmed Breeding: all period Meade (FL) AB; 24 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW; 14 Jun Lake (ON) JSP

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: Custer (FY) CMW; 08 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

**White-breasted Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW

**Brown Creeper** All Reports: 01 Jun Pennington TWB



**Rock Wren** All Reports: all period Custer KH  
**Canyon Wren** All Reports: all period Custer KH; 02 Jun Lawrence (2) REM & CT; 04 Jun Fall River (1) REM & CT; 05 Jun Fall River JSP; 24 Jun Lawrence (1) MMM. 01 Jul Fall River RAP  
**Carolina Wren** Only Report: Jul Minnehaha MKZ  
**House Wren** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS; Minnehaha (ON) MKZ  
**Sedge Wren** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Edmunds (NY 2) JDW  
**Marsh Wren** All Reports: Day WS, DRS; 01 Jun Brown JCS; 02 Jun Bennett RFS; 05 Jul Minnehaha RFS; 17 Jul Lake JSP  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** All Reports: 24 Jun Lawrence MMM  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** All Reports: all period Custer KH; 16 Jun Pennington TWB  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** All Reports 02 Jun Lincoln JSP; 12 Jun Lincoln RFS  
**Eastern Bluebird** Confirmed Breeding: all period Meade (FL) AB: Day (FY) DRS; 18 Jul Hughes (CF) JCS; Custer (NY) CMW; 08 Jun Custer (NE) TBW  
**Mountain Bluebird** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Pennington (CF) JCS; 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW  
**Townsend's Solitaire** All Reports: all period Custer KH; 04 Jun Custer JS P; 19 Jul Meade APB  
**Veery** Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jun Sica Hollow (CF) JCS  
**Wood Thrush** Only Report: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS  
**American Robin** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS; Custer (NY) CMW; 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW; Minnehaha (ON) MKZ  
**Gray Catbird** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun Roberts (CF) JCS  
**Northern Mockingbird** All Reports: 04 Jun Brookings Susan Boettcher; 19 Jun Harding (1) DCG  
**Sage Thrasher** All Reports: 04 Jun Fall River (2) REM, JSP, RFS & CT; 19 Jun Harding (1) DCG  
**Brown Thrasher** Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun Beadle (CO) JCS; 05 Jul Walworth (CO) JCS  
**Sprague's Pipit** All Reports: Perkins (15+) DCG; 07 Jun Custer (1) MMM; 10 Jun Meade REP; 29 Jun Harding REP  
**Cedar Waxwing** All Reports: Day DRS; 09 Jun Brown (1) SLS; 14 Jun Lake JSP; 22 Jun Custer KH; WS; 27 Jun Charles Mix RM; 01 Jul Fall River RAP  
**Blue-winged Warbler** All Reports: 02, 12, 20 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS  
**Tennessee Warbler** All Reports: 01 Jun Brown JCS; 10 Jul Lake JSP & RFS; 28 Jun Jerauld (1) RGR  
**Yellow Warbler** All Reports: Day DRS, WS; 09 Jun Brown (2) SLS; 14 Jun Meade (4) EEM; 14 Jun Lake JSP; 23 Jun Roberts JCS; 01 Jul Fall River RAP  
**Virginia's Warbler** Only Report: 06 Jun Custer JSP & RFS  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW  
**Blackburnian Warbler** Only Report: 08 Jun Day Cory Shuh  
**Cerulean Warbler** Only Report: 20 Jun Lincoln RFS  
**American Redstart** All Reports: Day DRS; 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS; 08 Jun Brown (1) SLS; 01 Jul Fall River RAP  
**Ovenbird** All Reports: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS; 13 Jun Meade AB; 19 Jun Harding (1) DCG; 01 Jul Fall River RAP  
**MacGillivray's Warbler** All Reports: 02 Jun Lawrence (3) REM & CT; 06 Jun Custer JSP; 24 Jun Lawrence MMM  
**Yellow-breasted Chat** All Reports: 03 Jun Bennett JSP & RFS; 04 Jun Fall River (20) REM & CT; 05 Jun Meade EEM; 19 Jun Harding (2) DCG; 01 Jul Fall River RAP; 18 Jul Hughes JCS  
**Scarlet Tanager** All Reports: 02, 12 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS  
**Western Tanager** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW; 02 Jun Meade (NB) REP  
**Spotted Towhee** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW; 04 Jun Fall River JSP & RFS; 01 Jul Fall River RAP  
**Eastern Towhee** All Reports: 02, 12 Jun & 04 Jul Lincoln JSP & RFS  
**Chipping Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FY) DRS; 23 Jun Roberts (CO) JCS; 18 Jul Beadle (CO) JCS; 01 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW  
**Clay-colored Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Marshall (NE) WS

**Brewer's Sparrow** All Reports: 02 Jun Harding (2) REM & CT; 04 Jun Fall River JSP & RFS; 19 Jun Harding (1) DCG

**Field Sparrow** Reported from Brookings, Brown, Harding, Lincoln and Minnehaha counties.

**Lark Sparrow** All Reports: all period Custer MMM; Meade APB, AB; 03 Jun Bennett RFS & JSP; 04 Jun Meade (16) EEM; 12 Jun Charles Mix RM; 30 Jun Minnehaha RFS; 01 Jul Fall River RAP

**Lark Bunting** All Reports: all period Custer MMM; all period Perkins (100' s) DCG; 03 Jun Bennett RFS & JSP; 14 Jun Meade (45) EEM

**Grasshopper Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 21 Jul Custer (NE-4) MMM

**Baird's Sparrow** All Reports: all period Perkins (50) DCG; 02 Jun Harding (4) REM & CT

**Le Conte's Sparrow** All Reports: 11, 28, Jun & 01, 10, Jul Beadle RGR

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** All Reports: 19 Jun & 10 Jul Kingsbury (4 +) JSP; 29 Jun & 24 Jul Sanborn, Long Lake RGR

**Song Sparrow** Reported from Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Custer, Day, Lake, Lincoln and Minnehaha.

**Swamp Sparrow** All Reports: Day DRS; Lincoln RFS; 15 Jun Brown (1) SLS; 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 10, 24 Jul Sanborn RGR

**White-throated Sparrow** All Reports: 07-13 Jul Day DRS

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

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** All Reports: Roberts DRS; Perkins DCG; 14 Jun Meade (16) EEM; 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP

**Northern Cardinal** Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jul Minnehaha (FY) MKZ

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** All Reports: 02, 12 Jun & 04 Jul Lincoln RFS; 02 Jun Charles Mix RM; 17 Jun Brown (1) SLS; 19 Jun Brookings JSP; 07 Jul Roberts & 18 Jul Hughes JCS

**Black-headed Grosbeak** Confirmed Breeding: Custer (FL) CMW; 27 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 01 Jul Fall River RAP

**Blue Grosbeak** All Reports: 02 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS; 06 Jun Ziebach (2) & Stanley (3) REM & CT; 09 Jun Meade REP; 14 Jun Meade (3) EEM

**Lazuli Bunting** All Reports: 04 Jun Fall River JSP & RFS; 25 Jun Perkins (1) DCG; 01 Jul Fall River RAP

**Indigo Bunting** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun Roberts (CF) JCS; 18 Jul Stanley (CF) JCS

**Dickcissel** All Reports: 02 Jun Harding (1) REM & CT; 04 Jun Potter DAT; 12 Jun Charles Mix RM; 14 Jun Meade (4) EEM; 02 Jul Meade APB; 11 Jul Perkins (1) DCG; 28 Jul Day WS

**Bobolink** Reported from Brown, Charles Mix, Clark, Kingsbury, Meade and Minnehaha counties.

**Red-winged Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: Custer (FL) CMW

**Eastern Meadowlark** Only Report: 02 Jun Bennett JSP & RFS

**Western Meadowlark** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Custer (FL) MMM

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun Meade (ON) APB

**Great-tailed Grackle** Confirmed Breeding: Clay (3 nests, FY 8) DS ... also reported 19 Jun Kingsbury JSP

**Common Grackle** Confirmed Breeding: Day (ON) DRS; 19 Jun Minnehaha (FL) MKZ

**Brewer's Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: 28 Jun Custer (FY) TBW

**Brown-headed Cowbird** Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun Pennington (NE) TBW; 28 Jul Brown (FY) DAT

**Orchard Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Meade (NB) REP

**Baltimore Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Brookings (NY) JSP

**Bullock's Oriole** All Reports: 02 Jun Lawrence (1) REM & CT; 04 Jun Fall River JSP & RFS; 06 Jun Ziebach (1) REM & CT; 10 Jun Meade REP

**Cassin's Finch** Confirmed Breeding: Custer (FL) CMW

**House Finch** Confirmed Breeding: Brookings (FY) KIE

**Red Crossbill** Confirmed Breeding: Day (FY) DRS; Custer (FL) CMW; 01 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW

**Pine Siskin** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW

**Lesser Goldfinch** Only Report: 04 Jun Fall River REM, JSP, RFS & CT; 27 Jul Fall River (1) RAP  
**American Goldfinch** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 14 Jul Marshall (CN) WS  
**Evening Grosbeak** All Reports: all period Meade (2-4) EEM

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

**Pacific Loon** 04 Jun Meade DAT  
**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** 26, 28 Jul Brown DAT  
**Common Moorhen** 23 Jun Day WS  
**Least Tern** Confirmed Breeding: Day (Rush Lake) (ON) DRS  
**Rufous Hummingbird** 30 Jul Edmunds MZ  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** 29 Jun Custer KH  
**Cassin's Kingbird** 04 Jun Custer RAP, JSP & RFS  
**Western Bluebird** Custer CMW  
**Prothonotary Warbler** 09 Jun Meade EEM  
**Kentucky Warbler** 02 & 12 Jun Lincoln JSP & RFS  
**Eastern Towhee** 18 Jul Hughes JCS  
**American Tree Sparrow** 01 Jun Minnehaha MKZ

**Species Expected But Not Reported**

Horned Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Cinnamon Teal, Bufflehead, Prairie Falcon, Ruffed Grouse (4), Sage Grouse (5), Greater Prairie-Chicken (3), Sanderling, Baird's Sandpiper (2), Dunlin (5), Buff-breasted Sandpiper (3), Long-billed Dowitcher, American Woodcock, Red-necked Phalarope (3), Long-eared Owl, Three-toed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker (2), Pileated Woodpecker (2), Olive-sided Flycatcher, Pygmy Nuthatch (2), American Dipper, Swainson's Thrush, Black-and-white Warbler, Mourning Warbler, McCown's Longspur (5)

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**Breeding Status Abbreviations**

CN Carrying nesting materials	ON Occupied nest
NB Nest building	CF Adult carrying food
PE Physiological evidence	FY Adult feeding fledged young
DD Distraction Display	FS Adult carrying fecal sac
PY Flightless precocial young	NE Nest with eggs
FL Recently fledged young	NY nest with young

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