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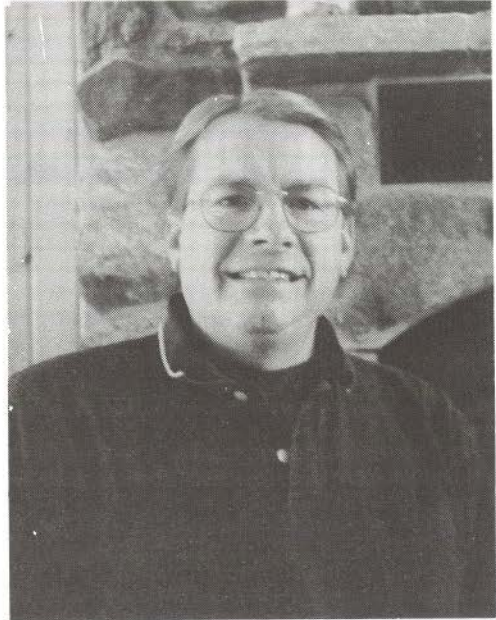
PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Birders have two main tools, field guides and binoculars. Over the years, I've watched both change and improve. Today we have field guides, both electronic and written. The electronic guides have the advantage of providing both audio and visual material, but are difficult to take into the field. The written field guides have less text, and include more plates and plumages. They are better than ever for identifying birds, but I do miss qualities of the older guides.

The first field guide in my pocket was Roger Tory Peterson's second revised and enlarged edition, copyright 1947, *A Field Guide To The Birds*. My copy is wrinkled from water as a result of dropping from my pocket as I jumped across creeks and the binding is torn and patched from countless referals.

The technology at the time this guide was written made color plates on every page of the book cost prohibitive. The book contains 230 pages of text and 60 plates, many of which are black and white. Amazingly, Peterson was able to cover the birds of eastern North America superbly; the book even has some advantages over newer field guides. In order to represent the birds in just 60 plates, many species needed to be included on each plate. Sparrows, for example, have 14 species per page. By looking at just two pages of the guide, one can review all the sparrows of eastern North America. Beginning birders today would appreciate this ease of comparison. The front and back cover includes silhouettes of common birds, illustrating the importance of shape as a tool of identification—something missed by other guides. The real asset of Peterson's 1947 guide is the text. When first learning birds, many times I would refer to the text and Peterson's descriptions would cement the identification. Listen to this description of the Eastern Kingbird "**Field marks:** When this large black and white flycatcher flies from one perch to another, the white band at the tip of its fanlike tail leaves no doubt as to its identity. It seems to fly on the 'tip of its wings'. The red crown-mark, emphasized in many color plates, is concealed and rarely noticed. **Voice:**—A rapid sputter of nervous bickering notes; also a nasal raspy *dzeeb*." Here is Short-eared Owl, "**Field marks:** Nearly the size of a crow; a day-flying ground owl of the marshes and open country. The streaked buffy-brown color and irregular floppy flight, like that of a Nighthawk or a large moth, identify it. Large buffy wing-patches show in flight." I miss that quality of text.

For many years both of my hip pockets held guides. *A Guide to Field Identi-*



fication of *Birds of North America* written by Robbins, et al., and published by Golden, was in one pocket. Its current condition is much the same as my Peterson Guide. Peterson's weakest point was range descriptions, for example, Eastern Kingbird "Range:—Breeds in rural country from Nova Scotia, s. Quebec, and Manitoba s. to Gulf of Mexico." For me this brevity leaves a lot of country in question. The Golden guide added range maps and had the text and map beside the plate. At a glance, one could determine if a species occurred in the area. Golden also added lines to the range maps, indicating how far north migrating birds would be for each month of the spring, a good idea that has not been repeated since. The range maps were great, but it was necessary to limit the text to the space available. "All" the birds of North America were covered by Golden, a very big plus to South Dakota birders, who must deal with both eastern and western birds. The biggest disadvantage to the Golden guide was the lack of a quick reference to the identifying field marks of a species. Peterson's guides have arrows pointing to the field marks that identify a bird. This method of identifying birds is wonderful training. Field marks are the only way to identify birds with assurance and are absolutely necessary in a rare bird report.

In 1980, a fourth edition of Peterson's guide was released. This guide followed the format of text and plate side by side. Large range maps were included in the back of the book, making their use clumsy at best. The plates are some of the best ever drawn, but this format, unfortunately, limited the text to the space available. Still, the quality of the plates made this guide the best on the market.

When I joined SDOU, I was introduced to National Geographic Society's *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*; it became my field guide of choice. The cover is wrinkled and its pages are spotted with coffee stains, the result of its spending most of its time on the seat of my car. National Geographic's guide is larger, nearly twice the size of previous guides. Either due to its size or my not needing field guide as often, I found that it was not going into the field as much as my other guides. This guide included the best plates and more plumages than any other book to date, with range maps similar to the Golden book. National Geographic's text is not as gripping as Peterson's, but it did cover field marks. During National Geographic's tenure, many other books dedicated to families of birds were written. These references are great and include more plumages than ever before. A single field guide was no longer enough. When going to bird warblers, the warbler book went along, when birding gulls, a book on gulls was in the car, etc.

Today we have the National Audubon Society's *The Sibley Guide to Birds*. This guide is more comprehensive than its predecessors. As an example, Peterson's guide had five illustrations of Red-tailed Hawks. The Sibley guide has 41 illustration of that species, showing all recognizable subspecies. The quality of Sibley's plates is hard to beat. Sibley's text, in general, is very limited. Some question whether Sibley's guide is actually a "field" guide. Few pockets are large enough to accommodate this book. As a single reference to help with that troubling bird that does not fit the descriptions in other guides, Sibley's book cannot be beat.

Would I go back to the field guides I started with? No, but I do miss the narrative that described birds like no picture can. For the beginner I believe Peterson's newest edition is still the best guide. It teaches identification through field marks and does not overwhelm the way Sibley may. A birder may not be able to identify all birds with this guide, but isn't that one of the first lessons of birding,

that not every bird seen can be identified? When I first started birding, many sightings had to be "let go." Today we have the references to identify nearly everything. I suggest that a smaller quicker book be taken into the field, such as Peterson, with Sibley in the car beside a cup of coffee. *Robb Schenck, 422 North Linwood Ct., Sioux Falls, SD 57103,*

THRUSH AND WILSON'S WARBLER MIGRATION IN BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND A 1999-2000 BANDING REPORT

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Dave Swanson and his students suggest that Swainson's Thrushes and Gray-cheeked Thrushes show a clockwise seasonal migration pattern, where the fall migration route is shifted eastward relative to the spring (Carlisle 1998; Dean 1999; Swanson, pers. com.). For example, in southeastern South Dakota, Swanson et al. banded 102 Swainson's Thrushes in the springs of 1996 and 1997, but only four in the falls of those years. I looked at my banding data to see if the same pattern is true for northeastern South Dakota. A bit to my surprise, although not as strikingly as Dave, I found the same patterns in Aberdeen, South Dakota (Table 1).

Dave also found Wilson's Warblers to be more common in fall than in spring migration. For example, Swanson et al. banded 144 in fall, but only four in spring, in two years of extensive banding (1996-1997) in a woodlot in Clay County. Dean et al. found a similar discrepancy in the Missouri River corridor in Clay County. These data contrast with data from eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin, where this species is about equally common in spring and fall (Winker et al. 1992; Weisbrod et al. 1993). These data suggest a westward shift in fall migratory routes relative to spring, at least for eastern populations of Wilson's Warbler.

Summarizing the data in Table 1, and applying a standard t-Test to the data, I found Wilson's Warblers to be significantly more common in the fall than spring (average 9.2 vs 1.4 ($p=0.00003$)). Also, as Swanson suggested, Swainson's Thrushes were more common in the spring (average 39.8 vs. 25.8)--although this difference was statistically significant ($p=0.005$), this pattern is occasionally reversed, at least in Aberdeen. Gray-cheeked Thrushes were highly significantly ($p=0.0000001$) more common in the spring than the fall (average 7 vs. 0.6), and fall birds never outnumbered spring birds (although they were twice equal). Interestingly, this pattern begins to break down for the other common thrushes within the genus: Hermit Thrushes are more common in the fall than spring (3.5 vs 2.2), but the difference is statistically weak ($p=0.05$) and, although Veeries are more common in the spring than fall (0.7 vs. 0.4), the difference is not significantly different ($p=0.12$).

Table 2 summarizes banding activities at my banding station in Aberdeen during 1999 and 2000. Interesting records are bolded in the table. For example, in 2000 for the first time I banded an American Crow and 1999 saw the first White-eyed Vireo. On the other hand, 1999 was the year of the Ovenbird, with

180 individuals banded and 2000 saw many more Purple Finches, with 133 banded.

Table 1. Spring and fall banding data from Aberdeen South Dakota (1979-2000) for Wilson's Warblers (WIWA), Swainson's Thrushes (SWTH), Gray-cheeked Thrushes (GCTH), Veeries (VEER), and Hermit Thrushes (HETH).

	spring					fall				
	WIWA	SWTH	GCTH	VEER	HETH	WIWA	SWTH	GCTH	VEER	HETH
1979						2	3	0	0	0
1980	0	5	6	0	2	14	17	0	0	1
1981	5	16	4	0	0	27	13	0	0	0
1982	1	11	8	0	0	8	13	3	1	9
1983	1	42	16	0	5	1	12	0	0	0
1884	0	47	4	2	4	5	4	1	0	3
1985	1	30	9	0	0	18	41	1	1	2
1986	0	25	10	0	0	4	22	1	1	0
1987	1	61	8	1	0	6	23	0	0	7
1988	1	26	9	0	0	16	32	0	1	4
1989	0	55	6	0	1	7	30	2	1	2
1990	1	40	0	0	1	8	19	0	0	4
1991	1	13	2	0	2	19	49	0	1	15
1992	0	18	1	1	5	15	15	1	0	1
1993	2	9	0	0	0	3	16	0	0	1
1994	0	26	9	0	0	2	39	0	2	3
1995	3	54	12	3	2	15	28	0	0	3
1996	1	68	7	2	2	6	36	0	0	4
1997	0	83	7	4	2	4	35	1	0	3
1998	2	51	9	0	1	9	70	2	0	7
1999	8	68	10	2	13	6	28	0	0	4
2000	2	87	9	0	6					
av	1.4	39.8	7.0	0.7	2.2	9.2	25.8	0.6	0.4	3.5
total	30	835	146	15	46	193	542	12	8	73

Table 2. Bird banding in Aberdeen, 1999-2000. Species and numbers in bold print are of interest. The order of birds in the list is roughly from most to least banded and alphabetical.

	1999	2000		1999	2000
Pine Siskin	741	275	White-breasted Nuthatch	6	3
Slate-colored Junco	405	575	Yellow-shafted Flicker	6	5
House Finch	267	169	Yellow Warbler	6	2
Ovenbird	180	52	Blue Jay	5	6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	81	44	Fox Sparrow	5	4
American Goldfinch	66	330	Common Yellowthroat	4	3
White-throated Sparrow	59	49	Blackpoll Warbler	3	0
Black-and-White Warbler	54	5	Broad-winged Hawk	0	3
Northern Waterthrush	54	4	Cedar Waxwing	0	3
Swainson's Thrush	54	151	Eastern Phoebe	3	1
American Robin	53	53	Tennessee Warbler	3	9
Orange-crowned Warbler	52	64	Warbling Vireo	3	0
Least Flycatcher	39	30	Brown-headed Cowbird	2	0
House Wren	38	15	Harris's Sparrow	2	6
Black-capped Chickadee	35	37	House Sparrow	2	5
Red-breasted Nuthatch	32	19	Northern Saw-whet Owl	2	4
Common Grackle	30	38	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	1
American Tree Sparrow	0	29	Winter Wren	2	0
Purple Finch	26	133	American Crow	0	1
Chipping Sparrow	22	15	Bay-breasted Warbler	1	0
Golden-crowned Kinglet	20	57	Blue-headed Vireo	1	0
Lincoln's Sparrow	19	19	Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	1
Magnolia Warbler	18	17	Clay-colored Sparrow	1	5
Brown Thrasher	17	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	5
Hermit Thrush	17	7	Field Sparrow	1	0
Gray Catbird	16	23	White-crowned Sparrow	1	0
Red-eyed Vireo	14	1	Hairy Woodpecker	0	1
Mourning Warbler	13	31	MacGillivray's Warbler	1	1
Wilson's Warbler	13	12	Marsh Wren	0	1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	0	12	Nashville Warbler	1	2
American Redstart	11	19	Northern Cardinal	0	1
Mourning Dove	10	2	Northern Shrike	1	1
Brown Creeper	8	7	Red-winged Blackbird	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	8	3	Scarlet Tanager	1	0
Myrtle Warbler	8	8	Song Sparrow	1	0
Common Redpoll	7	38	Spotted Towhee	1	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	7	13	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	0
Oregon Junco	7	8	Veery	1	3
Canada Warbler	6	11	White-eyed Vireo	1	0
Trail's Flycatcher	6	24	White-winged Crossbill	1	0
			Total	2587	2431

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GENERAL NOTES

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER IN CODINGTON COUNTY. I saw a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher around noon on 30 August 1999 in a wooded area along a bike trail at Bramble Park Zoo in Codington County in Watertown, South Dakota. The Big Sioux River runs through the area, which contains mixed vegetation, tall trees and thick shrubbery. The day was partly cloudy, following a windy, wet storm that drenched eastern areas of the state.

I spotted a small, quick moving bird that was busy gleaning the undersides of leaves for insects and was so involved with its task that I apparently went unnoticed. The bird was feeding in the company of Wilson's Warblers, Orange-crowned Warblers, American Redstarts, Tennessee Warblers, and Northern Waterthrushes.

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher's underparts were white, its back blue-gray, and its eyed distinctly ringed. The tail was black above, with white outer edges. The tail appeared elongated and the bird had it cocked over its back during the time I observed it. The bird was small (Ruby-crowned Kinglet-sized) with the quick movements of a warbler. The bird's bill appeared to be long and thin (compared to warblers'). The back parts of the wings showed a streak of white. Since no black bordered the forehead, I assume the bird was a female. *Jerry Stanford, 1516 S Main Street, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

PILEATED WOODPECKER IN SICA HOLLOW STATE PARK. I observed a Pileated Woodpecker on 6 October 1999, a partly cloudy, showery day at Sica Hollow State Park in northeastern South Dakota. I observed the bird for two to three minutes from distances as far away as 100 yards and as close as 100 feet.

I first observed this large woodpecker flying toward me from a distance. It continued its approach and proceeded to land on a large leafless oak tree, less than a half block from me. The most distinguishing feature was the bird's size, next were white linings of its underwings. While the bird clung to a snag, I easily noticed the red crest that contrasted with the black back. I assume that the bird was a female, as I did not notice a red patch on the lores, which appeared to be all black.

The bird landed on the oak and proceeded to linger for about a minute, probably searching for food. The bird circled the tree, allowing me to view the

bird from all sides and to approach more closely. *Jerry Stanford, 1516 South Main Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH AND COMMON GRACKLE BANDING RECOVERIES. On 1 June 2000, I caught a male American Goldfinch in Aberdeen, South Dakota, that I immediately recognized as not one of my own—the bird was banded on the right rather than the left leg (1700-78684). I called the Bird Banding Laboratory's new toll free number for reporting bands, 1-800-327-BAND. The goldfinch was banded on 12 February 1999 about 9 miles east of Meade, in southwestern Kansas. According to the bander, Tom Flowers, the day of banding was a big one, with 112 birds, mostly goldfinches, but also Pine Siskins and a few Cedar Waxwings. Flowers' only other goldfinch recovery was a bird he banded that was recovered in the Denver, Colorado, area. During the spring of 2000 I banded nearly 300 goldfinches, many more than normal. This recovery is atypical of other South Dakota recoveries for this species—no other is west or southwest of the state. Flowers also e-mailed me that, coincidentally, most of the Canada Goose recoveries in his area come from Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

On 11 June 1996, I banded a Common Grackle at my home in Aberdeen. This bird was recovered in Holland, Michigan, on 18 July 2000. Although most grackles migrate southeast or northwest from South Dakota, this record is the second of a grackle recovered from Michigan; the first is of interest because of the short duration between banding and recovery (2 Sep 1939—21 Oct 1939). Other South Dakota-banded grackles have been recovered in Virginia and Maryland.

An even more unexpected recovery was of a Common Grackle that I banded on 8 August 1994, recovered in Vancouver, Washington, on 10 August 2000. Despite over 1100 banding recoveries of grackles for South Dakota during the 1900's, this one is the first for the Pacific northwest (Washington, Oregon, or British Columbia). One reason for this lack of records may be that Common Grackles are not expected to be found in the Pacific coast states. This record is only the 7th for Washington. On the other hand, some confusion exists since the finder of the bird does not recollect reporting it. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

PURPLE GALLINULE: A FIRST FOR SOUTH DAKOTA. 22 May 1999 started as a normal late spring day of birding. We left Madison at 6:00 AM and headed towards Oakwood Lakes State Park. The plan was to bird Oakwood Lakes in the morning and to drive to the Willow Lake area of South Dakota in the afternoon. After seeing a couple of the later warbler migrants at Oakwood, we were off to Willow Lake. Our first stop was to be the heron rookery on Highway 25 north of Willow Lake. When we arrived we found the rookery largely abandoned, with Double-crested Cormorants being the only noticeable occupants. The large number of herons and egrets in the area made us believe that there must be a new rookery elsewhere in the vicinity. We decided to look for it by driving all the roads leading to Dry Lake Number 2. We caught sight of the new rookery and started on a road that appeared to head straight for the new location. We found this road blocked by water at 0.55 miles west of the intersection of 430 Avenue and 187 Street, about 3/4 of a mile from the rookery. We stopped to take a look around.

I was listening to an unusual sparrow call and asked Jeff what he thought, when I noticed his attention was elsewhere. I asked what he thought he had, but he was quiet. He saw it again and let me know I had better get a look. Jeff's bird flew for approximately 30 meters and we saw an American Coot-shaped bird with a purple cast, a multicolored bill and long bright yellow legs dangling from behind, a Purple Gallinule. We knew what we had seen, but this sighting was not a good enough look to write a rare bird report. We needed to see it again in more detail.

The bird had flown into a stand of cattails approximately 10 to 15 meters wide by 150 meters long. We decided Jeff would enter the cattails from the north end and I would enter from the south and we would both walk toward the middle. Between the two of us, we would have a view in all directions and we should be able to get a look at the gallinule without it getting around us. It was a good plan ... with the exception that we would both be soaking wet to the waist, smelling like slough water and, as it turned out, it didn't work!

Plan B: we would play a tape of a Purple Gallinule as we walked along the shore, and hoped that the bird responded. After ten minutes of playing tapes, we saw gallinule in the cattails, near the spot where it had first been seen. It came to the edge of the cattails and we were able to see the light blue forehead shield and the red and yellow bill. The purple neck and underparts were very apparent as well as the bright yellow legs and feet. As we approached closer, it flew again and we saw the white rump feathers, which resembled a large white ball of cotton lacking any dark areas.

We sat down in the car, turned on the engine and set the heat on full. Jeff found some paper and we began to write our field notes. After a half a hour, we tried again to find it, but to no avail.

The end of our day was spent at the rookery, watching the egrets return for the night. We caught sight of a Tricolored Heron, called it a day and began the drive home

Purple Gallinules are found in "extensive wetlands with still or slow-moving water, lots of dense marsh cover and floating vegetation" (*Lives of North American Birds*, Kaufman p.169). The Willow Lake area of South Dakota certainly meets this description, with its current water levels. Sightings of Purple Gallinules have been reported from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Wyoming (*South Dakota Bird Notes* 49(4): 97). Iowa has six reports, all in May, and seven additional reports that lacked details (*Birds in Iowa*. Kent, Dinsmore p.135). Strays have been known to reach as far north as Canada in any season. Gallinules also sometimes cross the Atlantic and are one of the most frequent American wanderers to southern Africa (*Lives of North American Birds*, Kaufman p.169). With water levels as high as they are, I believe we can expect to find this bird again in South Dakota. *Jeffrey S. Palmer, 821 NW 5th Street, Madison 57041 and Robert F. Schenck, 422 N Linwood Ct., Sioux Falls 57103*



BOOK REVIEWS

WISCONSIN'S FAVORITE BIRD HAUNTS. 2000. Daryl D. Tessen. The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology: De Pere, WI. Softcover. 532 pp. \$30.00 (+ \$3.00 shipping).

According to the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, this entirely updated fourth edition of the classic bird-finding guide to Wisconsin features contributions from birders throughout the state. Also included are locations in all Wisconsin counties, with 135 favorite haunts detailing more than 1,000 areas. Clear directions are provided, as well as updated maps for each location, and a list of the 410 birds known from the state as of January 2000. Designed for durability, the book is printed on heavy-coated paper with a sturdy spiral binding, allowing the book to lie flat when open.

This book appears to be an outstanding state bird-finding text. The maps are clear, as is the accompanying text. A complete index includes both place and species names. The book contains 45 illustrations (15 in color), but these add little to the text's functionality. Most birders interested in the book will already know how to identify birds or will have a field guide.

The coverage of the state appears complete. Thus any birder visiting Wisconsin would do well to purchase a copy. The book is available from the WSO Bookstore, % Don and Cristine Reel, 2022 Sherryl Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188, (262) 547-6128, dcreel@execpc.com. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*



SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2000 Fall Season

01 August 2000 to 30 November 2000

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The season was warm and dry through October, reminiscent of the mild conditions experienced during the 1998 and 1999 fall seasons. Perhaps related, passerine migration seemed (to me at least) to be relatively uneventful. Cold and snow came early in November and continued through the period. For the season, 301 species were reported. The average (1995-99) is 290. Highlights include two potential first state records, a Crested Caracara in Bennett County and a Hammond's Flycatcher in Pennington County. The second and third possible state records for Townsend's Warbler were reported from Custer and Pennington counties respectively. The hotspot of the season, Angostura Reservoir in Fall River County, produced a Red-throated Loon, a Red-necked Grebe, a Black-legged Kittiwake, good numbers of Common Loons, concentrations of Western Grebes, and several Clark's Grebes. Finally, in late August, the Jasper Fire burned 80,000+ acres in the Black Hills National Forest. As a result, will reports

of Black-backed Woodpeckers increase over the next several years?

Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are earlier/later than listed in *The Birds of South Dakota* and species that are significantly out of range). For early/late migration dates, I have listed the three earliest/latest dates (by county); however, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have included the earliest/latest reported date in the missing region also. For shorebirds, I have included [in square brackets] the Latest Ever and/or the Average Last Departure (1994-1999) dates as a reference for comparison. Finally, included at the end is a list of species that were not reported this year but might be expected during the Fall Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during fall in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

Common Loon Early: 12 Aug Sully KM; 20 Aug Day WS; 21 Aug Stanley RDO; 14 Oct Fall River RBA ... Late: 15 Nov Stanley RDO; 14 Nov Day WS; 09 Nov Perkins DCG ... also reported 28 Oct Fall River (14) TJ

Pied-billed Grebe Late: 22 Nov Hughes KM; 17 Nov Yankton SVS; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM; 28 Oct Meade VDF

Horned Grebe Early: 07 Oct Meade VDF; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 10 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 10 Nov Sully KM; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM; 28 Oct Fall River RBA

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 15 Oct Fall River JLB; 14 Oct Fall River RBA

Eared Grebe Late: 18 Nov Yankton SVS; 13 Nov Hughes RDO; 24 Oct Butte (200) VDF

Western Grebe Late: 28 Nov Hughes RDO; 24 Nov Lyman JSP; 17 Nov Yankton SVS; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 28 Oct Meade VDF; 28 Oct Fall River RBA

Clark's Grebe All Reports: 28 Oct Fall River (7) TJ; 14 Oct Fall River RBA; 07 Oct Sully KM; 27 Aug Sully RDO, KM; 20 Aug Charles Mix SVS

American White Pelican Late: 24 Nov Charles Mix RM; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 02 Nov Bon Homme SVS; 13 Oct Butte JLB

Double-crested Cormorant Late: 29 Nov Yankton SVS; 24 Nov Charles Mix RM; 16 Nov Hughes KM; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 01 Nov Meade EEM

American Bittern All Reports: 26 Sep Brown DAT; 25 Sep Day WS; 20 Sep Day WS; 29 Aug Sully RDO; 26 Aug Meade VDF; 06 Aug Sully KM

Great Blue Heron Late: 27 Nov Yankton SVS; 25 Nov Brown JCS; 14 Nov Day WS; 24 Oct Butte VDF

Great Egret Late: 27 Oct Day WS; 19 Oct Yankton SVS; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Snowy Egret All Reports: 05 Oct Codington JCS; 01 Oct Brown DAT; 01 Oct Yankton SVS; 04 Sep Brookings BH

Cattle Egret All Reports: 27 Oct Day WS; 16 Oct Brown JCS; 01 Oct Brown DAT; 24 Sep Brookings KJE; 15 Sep Hughes RDO

Green Heron Late: 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 26 Aug Yankton SVS; 22 Aug Hughes KM

Black-crowned Night-Heron Late: 21 Oct Charles Mix RM; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 30 Sep Meade REP; 30 Sep Day WS; 30 Sep Sully KM

White-faced Ibis Late: 19 Oct Roberts WS; 08 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 01 Oct Brown DAT; 18 Sep Hughes KM

Turkey Vulture Late: 16 Oct Charles Mix RM; 10 Oct Yankton SVS; 08 Oct Meade REP; 24 Aug Roberts JCS

Greater White-fronted Goose All Reports: 17 Oct Day WS; 18 Oct Hutchinson SVS; 20 Oct Day WS

Snow Goose Early: 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 25 Sep Lawrence AKB; 04 Oct Day WS; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM

Ross's Goose All Reports: 27 Nov Hughes RDO; 30 Nov Hughes RDO

Trumpeter Swan Only Report: 29 Nov Bennett (25) JLB; 25 Nov Bennett RBA

Tundra Swan All Reports: 01 Oct Marshall JCS; 20 Oct Brown DAT; 23 Oct Day WS; 09 Nov Day WS

Wood Duck Late: 30 Nov Lawrence AKB; 18 Nov Butte VDF; 18 Nov Pennington JLB; 28 Oct Hughes KM; 30 Sep Day WS

Gadwall Late: 29 Nov Yankton SVS; 18 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Perkins DCG; 04 Nov

Kingsbury JSP
American Wigeon Late: 18 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Perkins DCG; 17 Nov Yankton SVS; 03 Nov Aurora RGR
Blue-winged Teal Late: 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Meade JLB; 03 Oct Yankton SVS
Northern Shoveler Late: 16 Nov Day WS; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 05 Nov Sully KM; 20 Oct Meade JLB
Northern Pintail Late: 29 Nov Yankton SVS; 15 Nov Stanley RDO; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM; 28 Oct Meade VDF; 14 Oct Miner JSP
Green-winged Teal Late: **30 Nov Meade EEM; 30 Nov Hughes JSP; 29 Nov Yankton SVS**; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Canvasback Late: **24 Nov Yankton SVS**; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM; 28 Oct Meade VDF
Redhead Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 21 Nov Gregory RM; 18 Nov Pennington JLB; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Ring-necked Duck Late: 18 Nov Pennington JLB; 07 Nov Day WS; 05 Nov Sully KM
Lesser Scaup Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Yankton SVS; 09 Nov Sanborn RGR
White-winged Scoter All Reports: **25 Nov Gavin's Point Dam (1 adult male) BH; 29 Nov Charles Mix RM**
Buffhead Early: **24 Sep Hughes RDO; 30 Sep Sully KM; 03 Oct Meade JLB; 05 Oct Brown JCS**
Common Goldeneye Early: 03 Nov Sanborn RGR; 04 Nov Stanley KM; 13 Nov Yankton SVS; 17 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Perkins DCG
Barrow's Goldeneye All Reports: 12 Nov Pennington (2) RBA; 18-30 Nov Pennington JLB
Hooded Merganser Early: 02 Oct Pennington JLB; 21 Oct Stanley KM; 03 Nov Sanborn RGR
Common Merganser Early: 01 Aug Pennington JLB; 29 Sep Stanley DAT; 28 Oct Meade VDF; 13 Nov Day WS
Red-breasted Merganser All Reports: **15 Oct Stanley RDO; 11 Nov Day WS**
Ruddy Duck Late: 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 05 Nov Sully KM; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM; 28 Oct Meade VDF
Osprey Late: 03 Nov Day WS; 01 Nov Stanley DAT; 17 Oct Charles Mix RM; 10 Oct Meade EEM, APB, JLB
Bald Eagle Early: 11 Sep Meade EEM; 03 Oct Day WS; 04 Oct Yankton SVS
Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: **11 Aug Brookings KIE**; 12 Sep Hughes RDO; 15 Sep Yankton SVS
Northern Goshawk All Reports: 02 Oct Meade REP; 08 Oct Sully KM; 17 Oct Lawrence REP; 03 Nov Aurora RGR; 12 Nov Pennington TBW; 26 Nov Hughes KM
Broad-winged Hawk All Reports: **23 Aug Day WS**; 29 Aug Union DS, ETL; 17 Sep Hughes RDO; 26 Sep Yankton RM
Swainson's Hawk Late: 07 Oct Charles Mix RM; 03 Oct Meade JLB; 02 Oct Yankton SVS; **01 Oct Day (300+) DRS**; 01 Oct Clay (116) RBA
Rough-legged Hawk Early: 13 Oct Meade JLB; 15 Oct Stanley KM; 09 Nov Sanborn RGR; 09 Nov Brule RM
Golden Eagle reported 30 Nov Sanborn RGR
Merlin Early: 01 Aug Meade AKB; **04 Aug Yankton SVS; 26 Aug Sully KM**
Gyr Falcon All Reports: 28 Oct Stanley RDO; 04 Nov Hughes KM; 18 Nov Buffalo JSP, RFS; 28 Nov Hughes RDO
Peregrine Falcon All Reports: **01 Sep Yankton SVS; 09 Sep Miner JSP**
Prairie Falcon reported 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP
Sage Grouse Only Report: 03 Sep Harding KM
Greater Prairie-Chicken reported 03 Nov Jerauld RGR
Northern Bobwhite Only Report: 16 Aug Roberts (*probable escapes* JSP) WS
Virginia Rail All Reports: 03 Sep Brookings BH; 12 Aug Pennington JLB; 01 Aug Pennington JLB
Sora All Reports: **21 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Hughes RDO**
Sandhill Crane Early: 07 Oct Meade VDF; 08 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Custer KH; 03 Nov Sanborn RGR ... Late: 10 Nov Clay DS; 04 Nov Sully KM; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM; 29 Oct Custer KH
Whooping Crane All Reports: 19 Oct Lawrence DJB; 22 Oct Potter RBA; 26 Oct Lawrence DJB; 01 Nov Sully (3) RBA; 03 Nov Clark WS
Black-bellied Plover Early: **13 Aug Hughes KM**; 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 04 Sep Brookings BH;

24 Sep Meade JLB ... Late [15-Nov-98, 25 Sep]: 28 Oct Lyman JSP; 13 Oct Meade JLB; 14 Oct Miner JSP

American Golden-Plover All Reports [14-Nov-58, 23 Oct]: 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 12 Sep Hughes KM; 18 Sep Hughes RDO; 24 Sep Harding KM; 07 Oct Sully KM; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Semipalmated Plover Late [24-Oct-84, 29 Aug]: **14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Meade JLB; 03 Oct Bon Homme SVS**

Piping Plover All Reports [08-Sep-79, 20 Aug]: 26 Aug Yankton SVS; 16 Aug Hughes RDO, KM; 04 Aug Yankton SVS

Killdeer Late [03 Nov]: 01 Nov Day WS; 26 Oct Yankton SVS; 19 Oct Charles Mix RM; 13 Oct Meade JLB

American Avocet Late [04-Nov-03, 28 Sep]: **04 Nov Miner JSP**; 26 Oct Yankton SVS; 23 Oct Charles Mix RM; 05 Oct Meade REP

Greater Yellowlegs Late [13-Nov-84, 08 Oct]: 21 Oct Sully KM; 18 Oct McCook SVS; 06 Oct Meade JLB

Lesser Yellowlegs Late [20-Nov-75, 17 Sep]: 18 Oct McCook SVS; 13 Oct Meade JLB; 07 Oct Pennington VDF; 17 Sep Hughes KM

Solitary Sandpiper All Reports [12-Nov-94, 14 Sep]: 16 Sep Pennington JLB; 11 Sep Hughes RDO; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 26 Aug Meade REP; 04 Aug Yankton SVS

Spotted Sandpiper Late [16-Nov-83, 05 Sep]: 24 Sep Meade JLB; 23 Sep Lake JSP; 17 Sep Sully KM

Upland Sandpiper All Reports [22-Sep-96, 17 Aug]: **09 Sep Kingsbury JSP**; 08 Aug Beadle JCS; 06 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Yankton SVS; 03 Aug Harding KM; 01 Aug Pennington JLB

Marbled Godwit All Reports [11-Oct-53, 23 Aug]: 18 Sep Hughes KM; 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 14 Aug Hughes RDO; 06 Aug Sully KM

Ruddy Turnstone Only Report [10-Oct-94, 21 Sep]: 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP

Sanderling Late [10-Nov-91, 04 Oct]: 14 Oct Miner JSP; 08 Oct Sully KM; 16 Sep Hughes RDO; 15 Sep Meade JLB ... also reported 07 Oct Kingsbury (100+) JSP

Semipalmated Sandpiper Late [31-Oct-57, 01 Sep]: 03 Oct Bon Homme SVS; 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 19 Sep Meade REP

Least Sandpiper Late [10-Nov-69, 01 Oct]: 14 Oct Meade REP; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 07 Oct Pennington VDF; 17 Sep Hughes KM

White-rumped Sandpiper All Reports [25-Oct-97, 20 Oct]: 05 Oct Day JCS; 24 Aug Brown JCS

Baird's Sandpiper Late [10-Nov-91, 06 Sep]: 14 Oct Meade REP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Aug Hughes KM

Pectoral Sandpiper Late [26-Nov-88, 30 Sep]: 16 Oct Hughes RDO; 13 Oct Meade JLB; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 07 Oct Pennington VDF

Dunlin All Reports [23-Nov-85, 12 Oct]: 16 Sep Hughes RDO, KM; **02 Aug Roberts JCS; 01 Aug Brown JCS**

Stilt Sandpiper Late [02-Nov-96, 18 Sep]: 18 Oct McCook SVS; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 30 Sep Sully KM; 24 Aug Meade JLB

Buff-breasted Sandpiper All Reports [21-Sep-97, 18 Sep]: 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP

Short-billed Dowitcher All Reports [04-Oct-91, 07 Sep]: 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 13 Sep Hughes RDO

Long-billed Dowitcher Late [26-Nov-85, 06 Oct]: **04 Nov Meade EEM**; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 07 Oct Charles Mix RM; 07 Oct Pennington VDF

Common Snipe Late [20 Oct]: 27 Nov Yankton SVS; 25 Nov Meade VDF; 28 Oct Hughes KM; 22 Oct Day WS

American Woodcock Only Report: 08 Oct Minnehaha RFS

Wilson's Phalarope Late [02-Nov-59, 20 Aug]: 24 Sep Meade APB; 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 01 Aug Douglas RM

Red-necked Phalarope All Reports [14-Oct-97, 10 Sep]: 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 21 Sep Meade JLB; 26 Aug Kingsbury JSP

Franklin's Gull Late: 01 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Oct Lyman JSP; 26 Oct Yankton SVS; 15 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 01 Aug Meade JLB

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 02 Sep Sully RBA; 10 Sep Hughes RDO; 16 Sep Roberts JSP; 15 Oct Fall River JLB ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman JSP; 29 Nov Charles Mix RM; 25 Nov Yankton BH; 11 Nov Day WS; 19 Oct Fall River JLB

Ring-billed Gull Late: 30 Nov Hughes RDO; 30 Nov Stanley JSP; **29 Nov Fall River JLB**; 29 Nov Charles Mix RM; 29 Nov Yankton SVS; 07 Nov Day WS

Herring Gull Early: 21 Sep Meade JLB; 01 Oct Yankton SVS; 01 Oct Stanley JSP; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes RDO; 30 Nov Stanley JSP; 29 Nov Yankton SVS; 17 Nov Perkins DCG

Thayer's Gull All Reports: **01 Oct Stanley TJ, JSP, RFS; 12 Nov Hughes RDO, KM**

Glaucous Gull All Reports: 26 Nov Hughes KM; 29 Nov Hughes RDO

Black-legged Kittiwake All Reports: **14-22 Oct Fall River TJ; 15 Oct Fall River JLB; 17 Nov Charles Mix RM**

Caspian Tern All Reports: 01 Aug Day DRS; 04 Aug Day (6) WS; 10 Aug Day DRS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 12 Sep Meade (10) REP

Common Tern All Reports: 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 20 Aug Charles Mix SVS; 01 Aug Day JCS

Forster's Tern Late: **14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 10 Oct Hughes RDO; 27 Sep Yankton SVS**

Least Tern All Reports: 06 Aug Sully KM; 04 Aug Yankton SVS

Black Tern Late: 26 Sep Day WS; 05 Sep Yankton SVS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 13 Aug Meade APB

Mourning Dove Late: 30 Nov Meade APB; 28 Nov Hughes RDO; 26 Nov Brookings JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 23 Sep Lake (NY) JSP; 09 Sep Turner (NE) DS

Black-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 05 Aug Yankton SVS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 14 Sep Yankton SVS; 22 Aug Hughes KM; 20 Aug Yankton SVS; 05 Aug Hughes KM

Eastern Screech-Owl reported from Brookings, Brown, Butte, Pennington, Stanley, Tripp, and Yankton counties

Burrowing Owl Late: **13 Oct Hughes RDO; 07 Oct Meade VDF; 01 Oct Stanley JSP**

Short-eared Owl reported from Codington, Day, Edmunds, Harding, Hughes, Jackson, Marshall, and Sully counties

Northern Saw-Whet Owl All Reports: 20 Oct, 23 Oct, 27 Oct and 29 Oct Brown (banded) DAT; 10 Nov Meade EEM

Common Nighthawk Late: 23 Sep Yankton SVS; 17 Sep Sully KM; 16 Sep Roberts JSP; 16 Sep Tripp RAP

Common Poorwill Only Report: 19 Aug Pennington KM

Whip-poor-will All Reports: 23 Aug Yankton SVS; 09 Aug Yankton SVS

Chimney Swift Late: 16 Sep Yankton SVS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 07 Aug Stanley RDO

White-throated Swift All Reports: 18 Aug Custer JLB; 04 Aug Harding DCG, KM; 01 Aug Custer KH

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 27 Sep Yankton SVS; **17 Sep Pennington JLB; 10 Sep Lawrence SS; 10 Sep Charles Mix RM; 09 Sep Brookings KIE**

Lewis' Woodpecker All Reports: 18 Sep Meade REP; 01 Oct Meade EEM; 07 Oct Meade VDF; 25 Nov Lawrence VDF

Red-headed Woodpecker Late: 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 01 Oct Yankton SVS; 21 Sep Pennington TBW

Red-bellied Woodpecker reported from Charles Mix, Clay, Day, Hughes, Lincoln, Roberts, and Yankton counties

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker All Reports: 11 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Yankton SVS; 29 Sep Stanley DAT; 16 Sep Roberts JSP

Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: **15 Sep Fall River JLB; 14 Aug Custer JCS**

Three-toed Woodpecker Only Report: 21 Aug Lawrence DJB

Pileated Woodpecker Only Report: 16-17 Sep Roberts JSP

Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: **02 Aug Roberts JCS; 07 Aug Union DS; 08 Aug Hughes KM ...** Late: 04 Sep Union DS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 23 Aug Yankton SVS

Western Wood-Pewee Late: 06 Sep Meade REP; 27 Aug Pennington TBW; 15 Aug Custer JCS

Eastern Wood-Pewee All Reports: 15 Sep Yankton SVS; 07 Sep Day WS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 05 Aug Yankton SVS; 02 Aug Roberts JCS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: **13 Aug Brown (banded) DAT; 26 Aug Yankton SVS; 29 Aug Union DS, ETL; 30 Aug Clay DS**

Willow Flycatcher Only Report: 02 Aug Brown JCS

Least Flycatcher All Reports: 26 Aug Yankton SVS; 03 Aug Brown JCS

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: **22 Aug Meade REP; 14 Aug Custer JCS; 01 Aug Lawrence SS**

Eastern Phoebe Late: 27 Sep Clay DS; 26 Sep Yankton SVS; 17 Sep Roberts JSP; 16 Sep Tripp RAP

Say's Phoebe All Reports: 06 Sep Lawrence REP; 19 Aug Jackson KM

Great Crested Flycatcher All Reports: 30 Aug Yankton SVS; 15 Aug Custer JCS; 05 Aug

Yankton SVS; 02 Aug Roberts JCS
Western Kingbird Late: 10 Sep Sully KM; 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 29 Aug Meade AKB
Eastern Kingbird Late: 14 Sep Yankton SVS; 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 28 Aug Hughes KM; 26 Aug Meade VDF
Northern Shrike Early: 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 20 Oct Custer KH; 21 Oct Hughes JSP, RFS; 03 Nov Aurora RGR
Loggerhead Shrike Late: 21 Oct Charles Mix RM; 07 Sep Corson DCG; 06 Sep Lawrence REP
Bell's Vireo Only Report: 26 Aug Yankton SVS
Yellow-throated Vireo All Reports: **17 Sep Roberts JSP**; 25 Aug Roberts JCS
Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 10 Sep Meade REP; 22 Aug Meade REP; 05 Aug Custer SS; 03 Aug Pennington JLB
Blue-headed Vireo All Reports: 01 Sep Yankton SVS; 29 Aug Union DS
Warbling Vireo Late: 12 Sep Pennington JLB; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 01 Sep Yankton SVS
Philadelphia Vireo Only Report: **25 Aug Roberts JCS**
Red-eyed Vireo Late: 17 Sep Yankton SVS; 13 Sep Pennington JLB; 06 Sep Hughes KM; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS
Pinyon Jay All Reports: 27 Aug Meade AKB; 19 Sep Meade APB; 30 Sep Harding (16) REP; 04 Oct Meade APB; 09 Nov Meade AKB; 14 Nov Meade APB
Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 07 Sep Custer KH; 14 Sep Custer KH; 06 Oct Custer KH
Purple Martin Only Report: 04 Aug Hughes KM
Tree Swallow Late: 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 08 Sep Day WS; 04 Aug Harding DCG; 04 Aug Yankton SVS
Violet-green Swallow Only Report: 03 Aug Pennington JLB
Northern Rough-winged Swallow All Reports: 26 Aug Meade VDF; 20 Aug Yankton SVS; 01 Aug Charles Mix RM
Bank Swallow Late: 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 20 Aug Yankton SVS; 13 Aug Stanley RDO; 13 Aug Hughes KM
Cliff Swallow Late: 13 Sep Meade EEM; 05 Sep Yankton SVS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS
Barn Swallow Late: 07 Oct Sully KM; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 07 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 24 Sep Meade APB, JLB
Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: **10 Aug Beadle JCS**; 29 Sep Hughes JSP; 06 Oct Yankton SVS
Pygmy Nuthatch All Reports: 11 Aug Custer SS; 24-30 Nov Pennington TBW
Brown Creeper Early: **19 Sep Brown JCS**; **22 Sep Day WS**; 02 Oct Hughes KM
Rock Wren All Reports: **13 Oct Meade JLB**; **09 Oct Jackson KM**; 08 Sep Meade REP; 20 Aug Meade APB; 19 Aug Jackson KM; 16 Aug Meade APB
Canyon Wren Only Report: 07 Sep Custer KH
House Wren Late: **08 Oct Brown JCS**; **08 Oct Hughes KM**; 07 Oct Yankton SVS; 16 Sep Pennington JLB
Winter Wren All Reports: 18 Oct Brown JCS; 16 Oct Hughes KM; 24 Oct Hughes RDO, KM
Sedge Wren All Reports: **20 Oct Clay DS**; 12 Oct Hughes RDO; 16 Sep Tripp RAP; 26 Aug Miner JSP
Marsh Wren Late: 04 Nov Hughes KM; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Sep Brown JCS; 16 Sep Tripp RAP
American Dipper Only Report: 04 Oct Lawrence JLB
Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 07 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 13 Oct Brown JCS; 14 Oct Lake JSP; 15 Oct Hughes KM
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: **01 Sep Brown JCS**; 14 Sep Hughes RDO; 15 Sep Yankton SVS ... Late: 04 Nov Hughes KM; 01 Nov Sanborn RGR; 21 Oct Stanley JSP, RFS; 10 Oct Meade EEM
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher All Reports: **02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS**; 29 Aug Union DS; **22 Aug Roby Canyon, Custer County (2) DS**
Eastern Bluebird Late: 27 Nov Yankton SVS; 04 Nov Brown JCS; 02 Nov Gregory RM; 10 Oct Meade EEM
Mountain Bluebird Late: **30 Nov Jackson JSP**; **29 Oct Mellette KH**; 07 Oct Meade VDF
Townsend's Solitaire reported 29 Sep Hughes JSP; 09 Oct Stanley RDO
Veery All Reports: 31 Aug Brown DAT; 02 Aug Roberts JCS
Gray-cheeked Thrush All Reports: 19 Sep Brown JCS; 04 Oct Stanley RDO; **21 Oct Brown JCS**
Swainson's Thrush Early: 30 Aug Brown DAT; 01 Sep Hughes KM; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS ... Late: **24 Oct Hughes RDO**; 13 Sep Pennington JLB; 09 Sep Lake JSP
Hermit Thrush Early: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Oct Stanley JSP, RFS; 21 Oct Brown JCS ... Late:

02 Nov Brookings KIE; 30 Oct Brown (banded) DAT; 23 Oct Hughes KM
Varied Thrush Only Report: **01 Oct Hughes JDW**
Gray Catbird Late: **04 Nov Brown DAT; 28 Oct Hughes KM, RDO; 24 Sep Charles Mix RM; 16 Sep Tripp RAP**
Northern Mockingbird Only Report: **05 Sep Brown JCS**
Brown Thrasher Late: **23 Nov Brown DAT; 16 Oct Hughes KM; 22 Sep Meade AKB**
American Pipit Early: **08 Sep Hughes RDO; 15 Sep Meade JLB; 16 Sep Sully RBA; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 18 Nov Yankton SVS; 11 Nov Stanley KM; 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 09 Nov Sanborn RGR; 28 Oct Meade VDF**
Sprague's Pipit All Reports: **10 Sep Sully KM; 09 Sep Sully RDO, KM; 29 Aug Corson DCG**
Bohemian Waxwing All Reports: **25 Nov Lawrence VDF; 25 Nov Harding KM**
Tennessee Warbler All Reports: **24 Aug Roberts JCS; 08 Sep Hughes RDO; 05 Oct Clay DS; 17 Oct Brown JCS; 28 Oct Brown (banded) DAT**
Orange-crowned Warbler Early: **24 Aug Roberts JCS; 27 Aug Pennington TBW; 13 Sep Hughes RDO ... Late: 31 Oct Brown (banded) DAT; 24 Oct Pennington TBW; 15 Oct Hughes KM**
Nashville Warbler Early: **24 Aug Roberts JCS; 26 Aug Yankton SVS; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS ... Late: 25 Oct Brown JCS; 22 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 01 Oct Yankton SVS**
Virginia's Warbler Only Report: **22 Aug Custer (10+) DS**
Northern Parula All Reports: **25 Aug Roberts JCS; 04 Sep Union DS; 17 Sep Roberts JSP; 30 Sep Hughes KM**
Yellow Warbler Late: **07 Oct Pennington VDF; 04 Oct Brown JCS; 30 Sep Sully KM**
Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: **25 Aug Roberts JCS; 27 Aug Brown DAT; 15 Sep Pennington JLB; 03 Oct Beadle JCS**
Magnolia Warbler Only Report: **25 Aug Roberts JCS**
Cape May Warbler Only Report: **05 Oct Clay DS**
Black-throated Blue Warbler All Reports: **05 Sep Roberts JCS; 16 Sep Brown DAT**
Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: **25 Aug Roberts JCS; 17 Sep Yankton SVS; 23 Sep Lake JSP ... Late: 30 Oct Hughes KM; 25 Oct Charles Mix RM; 19 Oct Fall River JLB; 14 Oct Lake JSP; 14 Oct Lincoln RFS**
Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: **02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 04 Sep Union DS; 09 Sep Lake JSP; 28 Oct Hughes KM**
Blackburnian Warbler All Reports: **25 Aug Roberts JCS; 29 Aug Union DS, ETL; 04 Sep Union DS**
Pine Warbler All Reports: **25 Aug Roberts JCS; 29 Aug Union DS, ETL**
Palm Warbler Only Report: **17 Aug Brown JCS**
Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports: **25 Aug Roberts JCS; 30 Aug Clay DS**
Blackpoll Warbler Only Report: **27 Sep Hughes RDO**
Black-and-white Warbler Early: **08 Aug Pennington JLB; 25 Aug Roberts JCS; 04 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 26 Sep Brown JCS; 16 Sep Roberts JSP; 28 Aug Pennington TBW**
American Redstart Late: **16 Sep Roberts JSP; 02 Sep Brown JCS; 01 Sep Hughes RDO; 26 Aug Meade REP**
Ovenbird All Reports: **13 Sep Hughes RDO; 09 Sep Lake JSP; 03 Sep Meade REP; 24 Aug Roberts JCS; 10 Aug Brown DAT**
Northern Waterthrush All Reports: **20 Aug Charles Mix SVS; 24 Aug Roberts JCS; 26 Aug Lake JSP; 10 Sep Meade REP**
Connecticut Warbler Only Report: **05 Sep Roberts JCS**
Mourning Warbler All Reports: **26 Aug Brown JCS; 29 Aug Clay (4 banded) DS; 05 Sep Roberts JCS; 11 Oct Brown JCS**
Common Yellowthroat Late: **13 Oct Hughes RDO; 26 Sep Meade JLB; 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP**
Wilson's Warbler Early: **16 Aug Pennington TBW; 17 Aug Brown JCS; 22 Aug Hughes KM ... Late: 12 Oct Hughes KM; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 04 Oct Pennington TBW**
Canada Warbler All Reports: **15 Aug Brown DAT; 24 Aug Roberts JCS; 29 Aug Union DS; 05 Sep Roberts JCS**
Yellow-breasted Chat All Reports: **05 Sep Hughes KM; 30 Aug Codrington JCS; 02 Aug Roberts JCS**
Scarlet Tanager Only Report: **17 Sep Yankton SVS**
Western Tanager Late: **23 Sep Pennington TBW; 20 Sep Lawrence SS; 17 Sep Meade REP**
Eastern Towhee All Reports: **01 Oct Yankton SVS; 26 Sep Brown JCS; 26 Sep Yankton SVS; 17 Sep Roberts JSP**
Spotted Towhee Late: **23 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Lincoln RFS; 13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 07 Oct Meade VDF**

American Tree Sparrow Early: 03 Oct Beadle JCS; 07 Oct Meade VDF; 08 Oct Hughes KM
Chipping Sparrow Late: 20 Nov Day WS; 21 Oct Clay DS; 15 Oct Meade APB
Clay-colored Sparrow Late: 19 Oct Fall River JLB; 13 Oct Meade APB; 12 Oct Hughes KM; 13 Sep Brown JCS
Brewer's Sparrow Only Report: 30 Aug Pennington DJB
Field Sparrow Late: 08 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 06 Oct Yankton SVS; 05 Oct Roberts JCS; 26 Sep Meade JLB
Vesper Sparrow Late: 11 Nov Lake JSP; 15 Oct Stanley KM; 13 Oct Butte JLB
Lark Sparrow Late: 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 26 Sep Meade JLB; 06 Sep Lawrence REP
Lark Bunting Late: 16 Sep Pennington JLB; 09 Sep Sully KM; 06 Sep Lawrence REP
Savannah Sparrow Late: 18 Nov Brookings KIE; 09 Nov Stanley RDO; 15 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 26 Sep Meade JLB
Baird's Sparrow Only Report: 07 Sep Corson DCG
Grasshopper Sparrow Late: 15 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 02 Oct Yankton SVS; 26 Sep Meade JLB
Le Conte's Sparrow All Reports: 20 Oct Clay (4) DS; 09 Oct Brown DAT; 07 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 02 Oct Yankton SVS; 21 Sep Hughes RDO
Fox Sparrow Early: 25 Sep Hughes RDO; 26 Sep Yankton SVS; 09 Oct Lake JSP; 09 Oct Minnehaha RFS ... Late: 04 Nov Brown (banded) DAT; 01 Nov Sanborn RGR; 31 Oct Hughes KM
Song Sparrow Late: 18 Nov Yankton SVS; 16 Nov Day WS; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Butte JLB
Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 30 Aug Clay DS; 10 Sep Sully KM; 16 Sep Roberts JSP ... Late: 18 Oct Hutchinson SVS; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Lincoln RFS
Swamp Sparrow Late: 22 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Oct Clay DS; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Lincoln RFS
White-throated Sparrow Early: 16 Sep Tripp RAP; 16 Sep Roberts JSP; 18 Sep Brown JCS; 25 Sep Hughes RDO, KM ... Late: 25 Oct Day WS; 25 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Oct Charles Mix RM; 19 Oct Fall River JLB
Harris's Sparrow Early: 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 26 Sep Hughes KM, RDO; 29 Sep Charles Mix RM; 07 Oct Meade VDF ... Late: 29 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Brookings KIE; 21 Nov Charles Mix RM; 25 Oct Pennington TBW
White-crowned Sparrow Early: 15 Sep Pennington JLB; 16 Sep Custer KH; 21 Sep Meade SS; 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 26 Sep Hughes RDO, KM ... Late: 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Fall River JLB; 18 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Day WS
Dark-eyed Junco Early: 23 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 25 Sep Hughes RDO; 29 Sep Charles Mix RM; 29 Sep Stanley DAT; 29 Sep Yankton SVS ... also reported 04 Nov Charles Mix (White-winged Junco) DS, ETL
Lapland Longspur Early: 21 Oct Stanley JSP, RFS; 10 Nov Meade EEM; 10 Nov Clay DS; 10 Nov Sully KM; 11 Nov Day WS
Chestnut-collared Longspur All Reports: 26 Sep Meade REP; 12 Sep Meade REP; 08 Aug Pennington JLB
Snow Bunting Early: 28 Oct Day WS; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 11 Nov Sully KM, RDO; 18 Nov Butte VDF
Rose-breasted Grosbeak All Reports: 07 Sep Charles Mix RM; 29 Aug Yankton SVS; 25 Aug Roberts JCS; 05 Aug Yankton SVS; 01 Aug Charles Mix RM
Black-headed Grosbeak Late: 10 Sep Lawrence SS; 08 Sep Hughes KM; 06 Sep Pennington TBW
Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 15 Sep Custer JLB; 27 Aug Sully KM; 13 Aug Sully KM; 08 Aug Pennington JLB; 07 Aug Stanley RDO
Lazuli Bunting All Reports: 13 Aug Meade APB; 09 Aug Meade EEM
Indigo Bunting Only Report: 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS
Dickcissel All Reports: 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 12-13 Aug Sully KM; 05 Aug Meade APB
Bobolink All Reports: 10 Sep Meade JLB; 03 Sep Brookings BH; 12 Aug Sully KM; 08 Aug Pennington JLB; 05 Aug Meade APB; 04 Aug Yankton SVS
Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 25 Nov Brookings JSP; 28 Oct Butte VDF; 21 Oct Sully KM
Rusty Blackbird Early: 24 Sep Stanley RDO; 26 Sep Brown DAT; 05 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 18 Nov Yankton SVS; 12 Nov Hughes KM; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Brewer's Blackbird Late: 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 02 Nov Bon Homme SVS; 24 Oct Hughes KM; 13 Oct Butte JLB
Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 31 Aug Yankton SVS; 04 Aug Bon Homme SVS
Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 16 Oct Hughes RDO; 08 Oct Minnehaha RFS; 08 Aug Pennington JLB

Orchard Oriole All Reports: 26 Aug Yankton SVS; 13 Aug Sully KM; 07 Aug Stanley RDO; 01 Aug Meade JLB

Baltimore Oriole Late: 05 Sep Hughes KM; 02 Sep Minnehaha JSP, RFS; 31 Aug Yankton SVS

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch All Reports: 06 Nov Lawrence SS; 10 Nov Custer KH; 19 Nov Lawrence VDF; 30 Nov Lawrence SS; 30 Nov Custer KH

Purple Finch Early: 25 Sep Brookings KIE; 01 Oct Day DRS; 12 Oct Hughes RDO; 16 Nov Lawrence VDF

Red Crossbill reported 01 Sep Lake (4-5 immatures) RB; 30-31 Oct Day WS; 25 Nov Day DRS; 26 Nov Hughes RDO

Evening Grosbeak reported 05 Aug Pennington (adult female feeding 3 young) TBW

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Red-throated Loon 28 Oct Fall River TJ

Eurasian Wigeon 31 Oct Brown *fade* DAT

Crested Caracara 20 Nov Lacreek NWR, Bennett County MA ... subsequent observations 25 Nov TJ; 29 Nov JLB; 30 Nov JSP, RFS

Red Knot 10 Sep Arikara Wetland, Hughes County KM, RDO, DB; 15 Sep Arikara Wetland, Hughes County RDO

Ruff 07 Sep Arikara Wetland, Hughes County RDO

Sabine's Gull 25 Sep and 03 Oct Gavin's Point Dam (2) JW; 27 Sep (3) and 03 Oct (2) Gavin's Point Dam SVS

Broad-tailed Hummingbird 04 Aug and 09 Aug Pennington TBW

Rufous Hummingbird 06 Aug and 27 Aug Custer KH; 16-17 Aug Edmunds MZ

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 14 Aug Custer JCS; 15 Aug Pennington JCS; 07 Sep Lawrence SS; 26 Sep Meade REP

Hammond's Flycatcher 11 Sep Sioux-Jackson Park, Pennington County TJ

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 14 Oct Stanley DB

Northern Shrike 02 Sep Sully FW

Loggerhead Shrike 23 Nov Mellette DJB

White-eyed Vireo 21 Oct Hughes RFS, JSP

Philadelphia Vireo 02 Aug Roberts JCS

Common Raven 11 Nov Meade JT, MJ

Carolina Wren 22-23 Aug Hell Canyon, Custer County DS

American Pipit 12 Aug Sully KM

Townsend's Warbler 22 Aug Hell Canyon, Custer County DS; 29 Aug Pennington TBW

Summer Tanager 18 Nov Brown (photographed) DAT

Purple Finch 01 Aug Pennington TBW

Species Expected But Not Reported

Least Bittern, Little Blue Heron, American Black Duck (3), Cinnamon Teal (2), Greater Scaup (4), Long-tailed Duck (3), Ruffed Grouse, Black-necked Stilt (2), Willet, Long-billed Curlew, California Gull, Barn Owl (2), Snowy Owl (4), Long-eared Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher (3), Wood Thrush, Sage Thrasher (4), Golden-winged Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler (2), Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (2), Smith's Longspur (4), Bullock's Oriole, Cassin's Finch, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll

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