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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

One of the most valuable ways that SDOU contributes to knowledge of birds in South Dakota is through our members reporting their bird sightings by entering the information in the Seasonal Report database or by writing an article for *Bird Notes*. As my husband, Bill, would say, it is a painful elaboration of the obvious to say that this record provides a unique and valuable resource for future birders and researchers.



As fellow SDOU board member Linda Johnson and I wrap up a summer bird survey of the Adams Nature Preserve near McCook Lake, I am keenly aware that it will be very helpful in the future to any researcher trying to track the status of certain species found in the preserve this last summer, or for someone creating a future checklist of the preserve, if I take the time to enter our 2008 sightings in the database.

An example from the Adams Nature Preserve survey is the Black-capped Chickadee. What has happened to these once-numerous, energetic little birds? On many survey days this summer, only two chickadees were noted. On one survey day, none were observed. A very important way to track the well-being (or decline) of the chickadee population in South Dakota is for SDOU members to enter their observations INCLUDING the actual number of birds sighted as well as the actual location if in a public area. Now replace “chickadee” with your favorite South Dakota bird species or the species you have the greatest concern about. Suddenly the database becomes personally significant, and perhaps that will motivate us all to take the time periodically to do our data entry. It is easy to work with the database. If you have not yet established an Observer account, which gives access to the database, go to www.SDOU.org, the Seasonal Reporting tab, click on Seasonal Bird Observation Report System, click on Observer login and follow prompts for new Observer.

An increasingly valuable source of information about the location of birds in South Dakota is our sd-birds listserv (sd-birds@yahogroups.com). It is easy to fire off a note and many of us are using it to communicate our sightings, which is great. The downside of this, of course, is that we too often then consider our work done, and don't take the important next step of logging on to the database! I am very guilty of this, but plan to mend my ways. (Database Manager take note.)

I wonder if someone would be interested in taking on the job of Listserv Editor, whose responsibility would be to write a quarterly article for *Bird Notes* summarizing the significant sightings reported on *sd-birds*. Without some plan to capture and record these sightings, the information they impart is lost to history, as Robb Schenck pointed out in *Bird Notes* two years ago.

This marks the end of my term as President. Thanks, all, for giving me the opportunity to serve SDOU these last two years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege. I hope to see you all 10-12 October at the SDOU Fall Meeting in Pierre.

See good birds.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemary Draeger".

FROM OUR PAST...

...IN SOUTH DAKOTA BIRD NOTES

L. M. BAYLOR

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September 1950

The cover picture for this issue of *SD Bird Notes* features another black-and-white drawing of a Lark Bunting by H. Wayne Trimm. The rendition is a different pose from that on the cover of Volume 1, No. 1 of July 1949.

Appropriately, The "General Notes" section featured several entries about the Lark Bunting. In a reprinting of information from an undated letter, S. S. Visher indicated that during travel west to the Missouri River, he saw this species west of Wessington Hills. In his judgement the observation suggested a westward retreat of the species from where the Lark Bunting had nested in 1898 close to Visher's home in Sanborn County.

In the following entries for the summer of 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Chapman reported observation of the Lark Bunting between Plankinton and White Lake. W. B. Mallory reported the species south of Swan Lake in Turner County, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Findley observed three Lark Buntings in northwestern Lake County. G. B. Spawn noted the species southwest of Brookings, even though, in his words, "the species is not commonly seen at this season".

These observations suggest that at least in 1950 the Lark Bunting could be found in eastern South Dakota. Visher believed the species was in retreat, probably to west of the Missouri River. Should we expect to see the Lark Bunting in eastern South Dakota in the early Twenty-first Century? The latest edition of *The Birds of South Dakota* (2002) suggests the species is uncommon in north-central South Dakota and casual elsewhere in the eastern part of the state. [Please see *Gil Blankespoor's information on Lark Buntings in Southeastern SD from the Lennox, SD, area on page 60.* ~Ed.]

With the onset of fall, President Spawn, in his "President's Page," urged members to send *Bird Notes* any reports of their observations during the summer and to begin recording observations during the fall migration. Spawn also reported that Claude Van Epps would supervise the 1950 Christmas Bird Census. Thus, we have here the beginning of SDOU's long involvement with the Christmas Bird Counts in South Dakota.

The feature article for this issue is "Summer Residents at Spearfish, South Dakota," by Cecil P. Haight. He provided a detailed list of birds observed—for the most part—at Black Hills State University and his home in Spearfish during the breeding season of 1950. The presentation is a model for projects by other dedicated members in their unique areas.

For the date of 23 August 1950, William Youngworth reported the "flocking" of Least Tern in Union County. This is an experience we may envy today as we worry about this tern's endangered status.

Charles P. Crutchett, a pharmacist at Armour, SD, described an exceptional action by a Purple Martin. Excited flying martins attracted his attention so that he saw an individual martin hanging from an electric wire with one of its claws caught in the wire's fabric. In Crutchett's words, "One of the circling birds flew directly against its unhappy brother and knocked it loose from the wire. The near-tragic victim at once

joined its circling fellows and life in the martin colony returned to normal."

Mary E. Mallory, wife of SDOU Secretary W. B. Mallory, provided the "I Remember" item for this issue. She remembered several occasions where hummingbirds "sipped nectar from gladiolus blossoms held in someone's mouth."

That the gladiolus attracted hummingbirds prompts a question. What other blossoms attract members of this family? For many years the scarlet gilia has been my primary flower to attract hummingbirds. Salvia also has worked well. Readers may know of many other flowers that will attract hummingbirds in South Dakota. Please advise the editor as to what flowers have appealed to hummingbirds for you so that the editor may publish a composite list of desirable flowers for hummingbirds.

New Book Includes SD Birds

**Dr. Herbert Krause helped found SDOU and
the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College**

Herbert Krause (1905-1976), South Dakota novelist and poet, turned to ornithology during the last thirty years of his life. He applied his literary skills to writing historical accounts of ornithology in the upper Middle West during the nineteenth century as well as to several accounts of bird observation, sightings, and related material. Many of these appeared in *South Dakota Bird Notes*, the publication of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union, of which he was a founder and twice its president. The publications have contributed to the understanding of bird migration and distribution in South Dakota, and are featured in all three editions of *Birds of South Dakota*.

All of Herbert Krause's writings on ornithology (including some unpublished papers) are collected in the recently published *Birding in the Northern Plains: The Ornithological Writings of Herbert Krause*, edited by Ronald R. Nelson, Center for Western Studies (CWS), Augustana College, 2008.

The historical pieces recall a now vanished bounty of wildlife on the northern Great Plains, which is difficult to imagine: great herds of bison and flocks of countless wild fowl amidst unbroken stretches of prairie. His account of the McCown's Bunting [*sic*] appeared in the authoritative *Life Histories of North American Birds*, edited by Arthur Cleveland Bent. His article on the distribution of the cardinal in South Dakota drew upon all available literature to describe the northward movement of this species. Also included, forty-four articles provide detailed information on various sightings in South Dakota.

The article on the Canada Warbler exemplifies his ability to combine sound scientific reporting and a sweeping literary style. Vibrant sentences characterize the precise reporting of the behavior of a nesting pair of these warblers. "One moment she [the female] was perched, motionless as the wood on which she sat. The next instant she was a bundle of restless activity, dashing up a branch to snatch something from leaf or grab up an insect from a bud scar. Sometimes she tore a worm from the bark, if it was wriggly, slammed it against the side of a limb." ~Ronald R. Nelson, *The Hague, Netherlands*

SDOU member Ron Nelson has searched high and low and discovered nearly every scrap of writing concerning birds and ornithology that Dr. Herbert Krause ever wrote. Dr. Krause was a Charter Member of SDOU and a Professor of English at Augustana College. Krause was also an internationally known novelist, *Wind Without Rain* being his first work.

There is an anonymous donor who is offering a copy gratis to every SDOU member who is willing to pay the postage: \$3.00 per copy. Send checks made out to the Center for Western Studies to Dr. Art Huseboe, CWS, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197. Books may also be picked up at the CWS headquarters in the Fantle Building on the Augustana College campus in Sioux Falls. ~Douglas Chapman, Sioux Falls

BOOK REVIEW

DAN TALLMAN

Guide to Birds of North America. Version 3.9. Thayer Birding Software.
<http://www.thayerBirding.com>. \$84.95.

The best birding CD-ROM is now Macintosh compatible. I have been so impressed with the PC version that, for several years, I have assigned it to my ornithology classes in place of a textbook. Regardless of which kind of computer you use, you should seriously consider this product.

This guide contains more than 2,700 quality photographs of over 900 species of North American birds. Each of the photos can be enlarged, and even printed out. Another mouse click gives you similar and related species—no more field guide page flipping! (In Texas this winter, for example, I typed in Mottled Duck and, with a single mouse click brought up on the same screen, photos of Black Ducks and Mallards.) An additional feature lets you compare any two North American species of your choice on the same screen.

Species accounts accompanying the photographs include field marks, habitat, and behavior. Most accounts include three maps, the overall range plus summer and winter abundances. If you enter an unknown bird's colors, size, habitat, location and/or its song, the program will show you photos of all the birds that match your description.

You also have the ability to add personal details on the location of your sighting and any additional comments you may want to save. Links in the accounts connect you with the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center's web pages, and from there a wealth of information awaits the curious birder.

Most species accounts include sound recordings (convertible to spectrograms, which may help one to memorize songs). Best yet, unlike in previous versions of this guide, in Version 3.9 you can easily transfer all the bird songs to an iPod or other mp3 player, complete with a photograph of the bird species. Unfortunately, the small size of the picture on an iPod makes the photograph of limited utility.

There's more. Almost eighty short videos are included. These are fun to watch; I just wish there were more of them. But if you have Internet access, either at home or while traveling, there is an ever-increasing library of bird videos on the Net and accessible through the search engine of your choice! Another great feature is the inclusion of bird quizzes (more than 700 of them) with which one can sharpen one's birding skills. You can even make custom quizzes, which I used to test my students on the birds they had seen during class field trips. All of the quizzes can be converted into screen savers.

One reason I was able to use this software for my classes is that it includes *The Birder's Handbook*, which has about 250 essays on many aspects of ornithology. Most species accounts have hot links to relevant chapters in the handbook. The handbook is not as glitzy as the rest of the program, in that it is not profusely illustrated. Those pictures that are included in the handbook are relatively mediocre, and only in black and white.

Installing and operating this program are both fairly straightforward; detailed instructions exist at the publisher's website. The price may seem steep, but you get a lot for your money. I would advise against being tempted to get any of the state guide disks that Thayer has available as these, by definition, are less robust than having one disk containing all North American birds. *Dan Tallman, 2120 Taylor Ct. Northfield, MN 55057.*

MEET A SOUTH DAKOTA BIRDER

Dr. Dan and Erika Tallman • 2120 Taylor Court • Northfield, Minnesota

Although Dan and Erika Tallman recently became residents of Northfield, Minnesota, they are known to nearly everyone in South Dakota birding. Not only did Dan teach ornithology at Northern State University in Aberdeen, he was also the Editor of *South Dakota Bird Notes* for twenty-seven years. His extensive work in bird banding was also a contribution to South Dakota bird research. Dan says that the highlight of his South Dakota birding experience was as one of the authors of *Birds of South Dakota, Third Edition*. His fellow authors were Jeffrey Palmer and Dave Swanson.

Nearly always right beside Dan is Erika Tallman, the Associate Editor of *Bird Notes* with Dan and his birding buddy from undergraduate college days at Antioch College in Ohio. They had met there on the Conservation Caravan, a Work/Study trip from Ohio to Vancouver Island and back, camping with no tents or any luxuries. "What world have I entered," Erika thought. She would be well-prepared for their graduate studies in Peru where they spent a collective fourteen months. When they met, he was already an avid birder. She was not. She soon learned how to identify field marks and avian families, too, as they progressed through college together. As Erika was from the East Coast, she remembered seeing her first Western Tanager and later camping in the Black Hills in the Custer area with fondness, though she counts a Common Loon as her first "real" bird as a birder. For Dan that all-important first bird was an Eastern Bluebird. His favorite bird? He says, with a smile, "Maybe the last one I saw."



*Dan and Erika Tallman
in a family photo.*



Pardusco: "Little Brown Thing."

*Artwork courtesy of
John P. O'Neill.*

After undergraduate school, Dan and Erika did extensive graduate research work in Ecuador and Peru. The Pardusco bird on this page, painted by their long-time friend John P. O'Neill, was found by the Tallmans in the eastern Andes highlands. They named it for Dr. O'Neill—*Pardusco oneillii*. The name is from the locals who, of course, knew of the bird's existence in its very limited range, and called it "pardusco," which means, believe it or not, "Little Brown Thing". While John's painting is glorious, the black and white image (left) will give you a good idea of what Pardusco looks like in life—substitute mousy browns for the blacks and grays. Also discovered for science by the Tallmans in Peru's Carpish Pass, the bird named for them, *Pipreola riefferii tallmanorum*, is very colorful. John P. O'Neill's portrait of "their" bird is in full color on the back cover. Called the Green-and-black Fruiteater, this, the *tallmanorum* subspecies, is so named because it is named for both Tallmans.

While we will miss the Tallmans here in South Dakota, their new home in Northfield is close enough that we can expect to see them birding here often. And we are still able to read Dan's book reviews as he is the Book Editor for *SD Bird Notes*.

Because of the Tallmans, SDOU—and the birds of the world—are better known, better understood and better cared for. What more could we ask of our birder friends?—excepting returning to South Dakota to bird with us more often. ~ Douglas Chapman, Sioux Falls, SD

2007 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 20 May 2007 at Waubay and on 7 October 2007 at Pierre. The members of the committee were David Swanson (secretary), Ricky Olson, Todd Jensen, J. David Williams, and Jeffrey Palmer. All members either attended each meeting or voted *in absentia*.

Springer (1988. SDBN 40:67-70) outlined the purpose and voting procedures of the RBRC. The RBRC strongly encourages observers of rare or unusual birds in South Dakota to report their observations to the secretary of the RBRC (David Swanson of Vermillion, SD), preferably via email at David.Swanson@usd.edu. A *Rare Bird Observation Form* is available in electronic format for this purpose from David Swanson, or a form can be downloaded from <http://www.sdou.org/>, by clicking on the *Seasonal Reporting* link and then clicking on the link for the *Rare Bird Report Form*. A summary of the type of information desired by the RBRC in a rare bird report can be found in Swanson (2004. SDBN 56:88-95).

A listing of review species, for which rare bird reports are requested, is provided on the latest version of the checklist of South Dakota birds accessible at <http://www.sdou.org/>, by clicking on the *Seasonal Reporting* link and then clicking on the link for the *Online Checklist* (hard copies available from K.C. Jensen, Brookings, SD). The RBRC regularly adds or removes species from the review list, based on current data, and these changes to the review list are reported in previous reports of the RBRC in *South Dakota Bird Notes*. Observers are also asked to submit reports of any species that is casual or accidental at a particular time or at a particular location within the state. This information can be found in Tallman et al. (2002. *Birds of South Dakota*, 3rd edition, SDOU, Aberdeen, SD). In addition, reports are requested for observations listed in the "Species Requiring Acceptance by the Rare Bird Records Committee" section in the Seasonal Reports of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. Observers whose records are accepted (Classes 1 and 2) are encouraged to publish these records in *South Dakota Bird Notes*, so details of the observation can be communicated to a wider audience.

Following are the results of the committee's action since the last report in the December 2007 issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. The numbers included in parentheses along with some reports indicate the committee's vote. If no numbers are listed, the vote was unanimous (5-0) or 4-0 if a committee member submitted the report. The committee wishes to emphasize that a rating of Class 3 or 4 (non-accepted record) does not imply any personal criticism of the observer. Such a rating only means that the information provided in the report, in the opinion of the committee, did not conclusively eliminate other similar species.

CLASS 1 (Accepted - Specimen, photograph, or recording).

- Brant (pale-bellied form). 9 November 2006. One juvenile shot along the Missouri River in Lyman Co. Specimen and photographed, Josh Kiesow. Accidental migrant.
- Swallow-tailed Kite. 1-20 September 2007. One adult at Mitchell, Davison Co. Photographed, Doug Backlund (see cover of December 2007 *South Dakota Bird Notes*). Richard Rames. Mark Schmidtbauer report. First recent record for South Dakota; the most recent previous record was during the summer of 1910 in Clay Co.
- White-tailed Kite. 28 June-1 July 2007. One adult at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co. Photographed, Laura Williams and Brandon Jones. Third state record.
- Mississippi Kite. 18 May 2007. One adult near Vale, Butte Co. Photographed, Scott Weins. Fifth state record.
- Peregrine Falcon. 28 June 2007. One adult in Butte Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson. Former rare summer resident in far west, but no breeding records since 1945.
- Whooping Crane. 27 December 2006-2 January 2007. One adult 11 miles north of Blunt, Sully Co. Photographed, Bill Smoker, Ricky Olson and Kyle Cummings. Latest ever fall record.
- Laughing Gull. 26-29 May 2007. One adult in breeding plumage at LaFramboise Causeway in Pierre, Hughes Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson. Sixth state record.
- Iceland Gull. 15 January 2007. One in first-winter plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson, Kenny Miller and Doug Backlund. (3 Class 1P, 1 Class 3). Fifth state record.
- Snowy Plover. 10 June-7 August 2007. Eight adults and three young at Stone Lake, Sully Co.

Photographed, Ricky Olson. First breeding record for the state.
 Piping Plover. 22 September 2006. One in winter plumage at Stone Lake, Sully Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Latest ever fall record.
 Black-necked Stilt. 22 June 2007. Two adults with two half-grown young in McPherson Co.
 Photographed, J. David Williams. Third record providing evidence of nesting in SD.
 Red Knot. 17-20 May 2007. One adult in breeding plumage at Stone Lake and the lake just
 west of Stone Lake, Sully Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson. Casual spring migrant in
 eastern South Dakota.
 Red Knot. 5 August 2007. One adult in breeding plumage at Stone Lake, Sully Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Accidental fall migrant in eastern South Dakota.
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper. 9 October 2006. One in winter plumage at Stone Lake, Sully Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Latest ever fall record.
 Wilson's Phalarope. 26 October 2006. One in winter plumage at Ft. Pierre Sewage Lagoons,
 Stanley Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson. Second latest ever fall record.
 White-winged Dove. Spring and Summer 2006. One adult at Huron, Beadle Co. Photographed,
 Ricky Olson, Richard and Sara Mittelstedt. Casual migrant and summer visitor.
 White-winged Dove. 2-17 August 2006. Two adults about 4 miles south of Vale, Meade Co.
 Photographed, Christine Walls and Vic Fondy. Casual migrant and summer visitor.
 White-winged Dove. 25-28 June 2007. One adult at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed,
 Hugh and Holly Quinn. Casual migrant and summer visitor.
 Rufous Hummingbird. 18-20 August 2007. 1 juvenile male at Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant away from Black Hills.
 Rufous Hummingbird. 18-20 August 2007. 1 juvenile male at Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant away from Black Hills.
 Rufous Hummingbird. 1-2 September 2007. 1 juvenile male at Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant away from Black Hills.
 Cassin's Kingbird. 25 May 2007. One adult in breeding plumage 4.5 miles south of Highway
 16 on the Dewey Road, Custer Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson and Todd Jensen. Casual
 migrant and summer resident southwest.
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 31 May 2007. One adult in Mellette Co. Photographed, Rick Peterson.
 (4 Class 1P, 1 Class 3). Fifteenth state record, casual migrant and summer visitor.
 Winter Wren. 30 June 2007. One adult and two recently fledged young. Photographed, Michael
 Retter and Doug Chapman. First nesting record for South Dakota.
 Brown Thrasher. 18 November 2006-1 March 2007. One individual west of Rapid City,
 Pennington Co. Photographed, Tom Warren. Casual in winter.
 Black-throated Gray Warbler. 8 May 2007. One adult male at Union Grove State Park, Union
 Co. Photographed, David Swanson and Nathan Thomas. Sixth state record.
 Prairie Warbler. 5-9 June 2007 (present for most of June). One adult male at Newton Hills
 State Park, Lincoln Co. Photographed, Terry Sohl (see cover of September 2007 *South
 Dakota Bird Notes*). Mark Schmidtbauer. Tenth state record.
 McCown's Longspur. 15 April 2007. One adult male in breeding plumage at Ft. Pierre
 National Grasslands, Stanley Co. Photographed, Doug Backlund. Casual migrant far west,
 accidental central.
 Hoary Redpoll. 6 January 2007. One adult male near Bush's Landing, Sully Co. Photographed,
 Ricky Olson and Todd Jensen. Rare visitor north.
 Hoary Redpoll. 8-9 March 2007. One adult male about 8 miles north of Pierre, Hughes Co.
 Photographed, Ricky Olson. Rare visitor north.

CLASS 2 (Accepted – Satisfactory written description).
 Black Scoter. 10 November 2006. One adult female at Waubay Lake, Day Co. Mark Otnes.
 Casual fall migrant.
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron. 25 May 2003. One adult at Lake Andes National Wildlife
 Refuge, Charles Mix Co. Ron Mabie. Casual migrant.
 Common Moorhen. 4 June 2006. One adult in Brown Co. Nancy Drilling. Casual migrant and
 summer visitor in eastern South Dakota.
 Common Moorhen. 27 April 2007. One adult at Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Charles
 Mix Co. Ron Mabie. Casual migrant and summer visitor in eastern South Dakota.
 White-winged Dove. 8 May 2007. One adult about 8 miles southwest of Aberdeen, Brown
 Co. James Gatzke. Casual migrant and summer visitor.
 Inca Dove. 17 December 2006. One adult male at Randall Creek Recreation Area, Gregory
 Co. Ron Mabie. Second state record, both of which are in mid to late Fall.
 Red-bellied Woodpecker. 19 February 2007. One adult male at Lacreek National Wildlife

Refuge, Bennett Co. Peter Hill. Casual in western South Dakota.
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 22 May 2005. One adult near Avon, Bon Homme Co. Ron Mabie.
Fourteenth state record. Casual migrant and summer visitor.

CLASS 2H (Hypothetical – Acceptable sight record, but origin of bird uncertain).

Magnificent Frigatebird. 29 August 2007. One adult male flying over Goat Island in the Missouri River channel opposite Clay Co. South Dakota. Colleen Satyshur and Evelyn Johnson. This report was an acceptable sight record with two observers, so it would constitute a first state record. However, the committee was unsure of whether the sighting occurred in what is legally defined as South Dakota or Nebraska. The record will be listed as hypothetical pending the outcome of the litigation over the boundary dispute involving Goat Island. Of note is that sightings of Magnificent Frigatebirds also occurred in Norfolk, NE, just before this sighting, and at Spirit Lake, Iowa, also near the time of this sighting.

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

Magnificent Frigatebird. 8 September 2007. One adult soaring over the Missouri River just downstream from Gavin's Point Dam and over the southern shore of Lake Yankton. The committee members felt that the bird described was very likely a Magnificent Frigatebird, but the report was missing some details the committee members deemed important. For example, no mention was made of a red throat patch, which should have been visible if the dark eye was visible, as noted in the report. There was also some discussion over whether the bird flew far enough out over Lake Yankton to officially enter South Dakota, according to legal definitions. (3 Class 3, 2 Class 2).

Iceland Gull. 24 May 2007. One in first-year plumage on Missouri River sandbar across from LaFramboise Island, Pierre, Hughes Co. Photographed. The photograph accompanying the report showed a mostly whitish gull with a large flat head and a large bicolored bill. The photos do not eliminate a hybrid Herring/Glaucous Gull, and the photo is similar to a photo of such a hybrid in Howell and Dunn's (2007) *Gulls of the Americas* guide. The late May date is also atypical for Iceland Gull in South Dakota.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird. 31 July 2007. One in juvenile plumage in Stanley Co. The committee felt that the report and the accompanying photograph did not conclusively eliminate Ruby-throated Hummingbird, as there was no mention of rufous in the tail, which would eliminate Ruby-throated Hummingbird. The photograph did show a rufous wash to the sides and flanks, but fall Ruby-throats may also show a cinnamon wash to the sides and flanks.

Eastern Meadowlark. 7 July-28 August 2007. One adult about two miles southwest of Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co. Photographed. The photographs accompanying the report do not picture the crown stripes very well and no mention was made in the report regarding the darkness of the crown stripes. The sides of the pictured bird also showed spotting, rather than the streaking typical for Eastern Meadowlark. Because of these concerns, the committee did not feel that Western Meadowlark was conclusively eliminated.

CLASS 4 (Not accepted – Identification probably or certainly incorrect).

Tricolored Blackbird. 6 April 2007. One to three individuals at Bryant, Hamlin Co. This report did not eliminate Red-winged Blackbird, which can also show pale yellowish to whitish fringes to the epaulets, and is a much more common species. Tricolored Blackbirds seldom wander from their breeding range in California and Oregon, with vagrants recorded only from Washington and Nevada. For these reasons, the committee rated this report as Class 4.

Scott's Oriole. 16 May 2007. One adult at Snake Creek Recreation Area, Charles Mix Co. The report did not conclusively eliminate a yellowish-plumaged Baltimore Oriole, which is a far more common species in South Dakota. This would have represented a first state record, so the committee felt that much better documentation was needed for a first state record. (3 Class 3, 2 Class 4).

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee reconsidered the classification of the Crested Caracara record for South Dakota. The caracara was listed as hypothetical in South Dakota because of uncertain

origin. However, few caracaras are held by falconers or in captivity and extralimital caracara records have recently proliferated. Consequently, the committee voted unanimously to move the Crested Caracara to the official South Dakota state list.

The committee also discussed the status of introduced quail and Chukar in the Black Hills. ABA rules maintain that countable introduced species must be stable or increasing, self-sustaining populations that exist free from human assistance for at least 10 years. The committee felt that none of the introduced species in the Black Hills met these conditions, so those populations will remain non-countable

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Common Nighthawk. 23 March 2007. One adult in Pierre, Hughes Co.
White-eyed Vireo. 19 October 2007. One adult near Piedmont, Meade Co.
Common Raven. 2 December 2007. One adult at Boulder Canyon, Lawrence Co.
Canyon Wren. 2 September 2006. One adult in North Cave Hills, Harding Co.
Hermit Thrush. 30 December 2007. One adult near Frost Game Production Area, Clay Co.

ERRATUM FROM 2006 REPORT

The Sharp-tailed Sandpiper from Island Lake, McCook Co. that was rated Class 3 was given the incorrect date in the 2006 report. The appropriate date for this sighting was 7 August 2006, not 27 August 2007.
The Laughing Gull along Gavin's Point Dam that was rated Class 4 was given the incorrect date in the 2006 report. The appropriate date for this sighting was 27 July 2005, not 27 July 2007.

BOOK REVIEW

DAN TALLMAN

Owls of the North: A Naturalist's Handbook. David Benson. Stone Ridge Press, Wrenshall, MN. 86 pg., softbound. \$16.95.

The book covers ten species of owls that inhabit northeastern North America (including South Dakota). Species discussed: Short-eared, Long-eared, Great Horned, Barred, Great Gray, Snowy, Northern Hark, Northern Saw-whet, Boreal and Eastern Screech owls. The author was the naturalist at Hawk Ridge in Duluth and is an accomplished nature writer.

Each account contains color photographs of the various owls. The accounts begin with an introduction, including a range map, uniquely centered on the North Pole, thus allowing Asian and European ranges to be included. The introductions continue with written descriptions of each owl, their ranges, other names, and diets.

Following the introduction to each species are several pages containing more detailed information. Identification tips, sounds, habitat, range, diet, behavior and breeding are among the subjects covered. Accompanying the species accounts are sidebar essays on many aspects of owl biology. Subjects included are mobbing, owl pellets, owl migration, owls at bird feeders, and much, much more—the list is long and fascinating. The book ends with a bibliography, a list of further reading, and a short but useful index.

The bulk of the book consists of the uniformly excellent color owl photographs. Nineteen photographers from around the world took these pictures. This is a lovely, little book that would make an excellent gift for anyone interested in birds. Despite its relatively small size, it is packed with owl information. *Dan Tallman, 2120 Taylor Ct. Northfield, MN 55057.*



Northern Hawk Owl

Photo: Doug Backlund

LAST LARK BUNTING RECORDS IN SOUTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

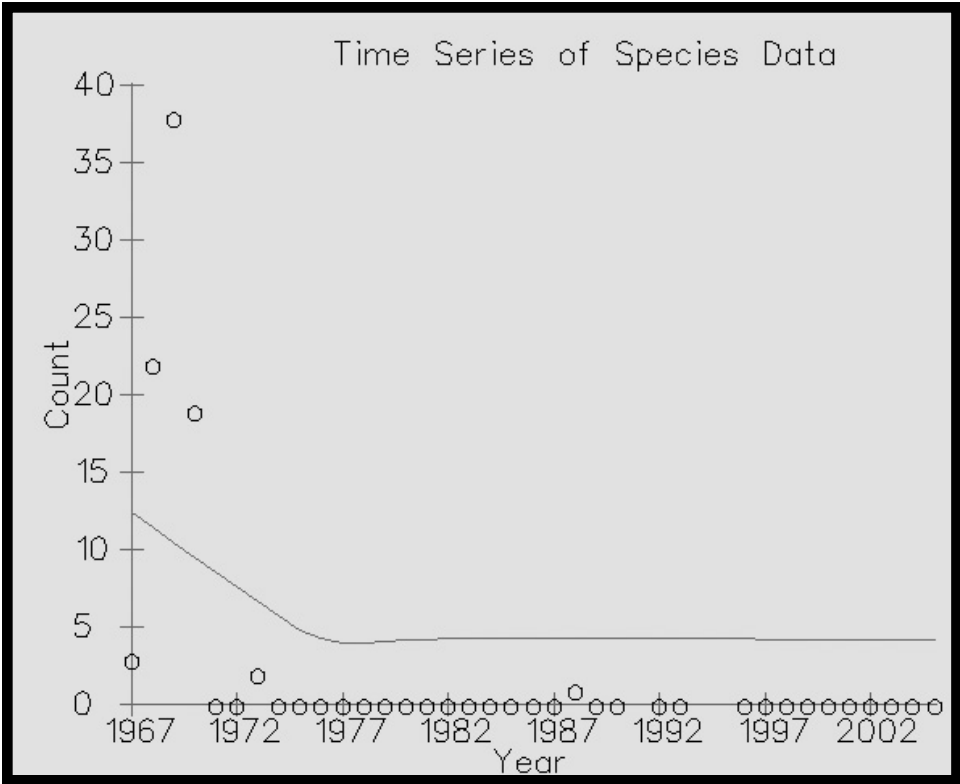


Table 1. USGS BBS graph for the Lark Bunting (Lennox route). Notice that the Lark Bunting abruptly disappeared from the Lennox route (Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties) immediately after 1970.

- 1967 - 3 individuals
- 1968 - 22
- 1969 - 38
- 1970 - 19
- 1973 - 2
- 1988 - 1

I was not the observer for the 1967-1970 records. I don't remember where I observed the 2 1973 birds; the 1988 individual was observed a couple of miles west of Sioux Falls.

In the early years of the 1970s, Herb Krause and I observed a small breeding population a couple of miles south of Humboldt at a single location. The actual records might be available at the CWS among Herb's things. ~Gil Blankespoor, Sioux Falls.

Since L. M. Baylor mentioned breeding Lark Bunting in SE SD (pg. 52), I asked Gil for any information he had on the last ones that he saw to be included as a follow-up. ~Doug Chapman, Sioux Falls.

SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2008 Spring Season

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01 March 2008 to 31 May 2008

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There were 319 species, including 11 rarities, reported during the season. The ten-year (1998-2007) average is 320. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are earlier/later than listed in *Birds of South Dakota* by Tallman, Swanson, and Palmer and species that are 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 given the earliest/latest reported date in the missing region also. Finally, included at the end is a list of species (15) that were not reported this year and might be expected during the Spring Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during spring in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicates the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Yankton DS; 09 Mar Butte JLB; 14 Mar Beadle *vide* BFW ... Late: 22 Apr Deuel BU; 12 Apr Moody JSP; 05 Apr Minnehaha MRZ, DC; 05 Apr McCook JSP; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM

Snow Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Lake JSP; 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 09 Mar Butte JLB ... Late: 15 May Sully RDO; 09 May Clay GJS; 01 May Faulk MMM; 23 Mar Butte DGP; 23 Mar Ziebach CEM

Ross's Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 10 Mar Stanley RDO; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ ... Late: **13 May Clay DS**; 22 Apr Codington BU; 18 Apr Sully RDO

Cackling Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 08 Mar Hughes DB; 10 Mar Pennington JLB; 04 Apr Brown MO ... Late: 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 23 Mar Sully DB; 23 Mar Stanley DB; 23 Mar Brule TJ

Canada Goose Confirmed Breeding: **30 Mar Butte (NE) EK**; **06 Apr Pennington (ON) JLB**

Trumpeter Swan Only Report: 23 Mar Ziebach CEM

Tundra Swan All Reports: 31 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Apr Brown MO

Wood Duck Early: 03 Mar Pennington JLB; 08 Mar Hughes DB; 22 Mar Lake JSP

Gadwall Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 09 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

American Wigeon Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

Blue-winged Teal Early: 15 Mar Turner MRZ; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 28 Apr Harding CEM

Cinnamon Teal All Reports: 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 28 Apr Charles Mix RM; 04 May Butte SW; 04 May Sully SS; 11 May Pennington JLB

Northern Shoveler Early: 15 Mar Turner MRZ; 16 Mar Charles Mix RM; 18 Mar Stanley RDO; 20 Mar Meade JLB

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 03 Mar Pennington JLB; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

Green-winged Teal Early: 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 02 Mar Charles Mix RM; 10 Mar Meade JLB; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

Canvasback Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Stanley DB; 15 Mar Turner MRZ; 20 Mar Meade JLB; 20 Mar Pennington JLB

Redhead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 08 Mar Lake JSP

Ring-necked Duck Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Mar Pennington JLB; 12 Mar Fall River JLB; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

Greater Scaup Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 22 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 22 Apr Deuel BU; 15 Apr Minnehaha DC; 23 Mar Butte DGP

Lesser Scaup Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 12 Mar Fall River JLB; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

Bufflehead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Yankton DS; 15 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 20 May Day ND; 18 May Charles Mix RM; 12 May McCook JSP; 09 May Harding CEM

Common Goldeneye Late: 22 Apr Deuel BU; 20 Apr Stanley KM; 12 Apr Moody JSP; 05 Apr Fall River JLB; 05 Apr Custer JLB

Barrow's Goldeneye Late: 09 Mar Pennington JLB

Hooded Merganser Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Stanley DB; 08 Mar Hughes DB; 22 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Minnehaha MS ... Late: 19 May Moody JSP; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 05 Apr Fall River JLB

Common Merganser Late: 09 May Harding CEM; 05 May Meade JLB; 30 Apr Pennington JLB; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 07 Apr Hughes RDO

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 17 Mar Hughes RDO; 22 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 09 May Clay GJS; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 20 Apr Stanley KM; 20 Apr Minnehaha MRZ

Ruddy Duck Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 07 Apr Meade EEM

Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 12 Mar Lawrence DGP; 05 May Meade EEM; 26 May Custer JLB

Greater Sage-Grouse reported 09 Mar Harding (35) CEM

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 03 Apr Gregory RM; 04 Apr Gregory RM; 12 May Gregory RM; 21 May Charles Mix RM

Common Loon Early: 27 Mar Charles Mix RM; 30 Mar Stanley KM; 04 Apr Sully RDO; 15 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 24 Apr Fall River JSP ... Late: 31 May Stanley KM; 28 May Grant WS; 27 May Day WS

Pied-billed Grebe Early: 22 Mar Lake JSP; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Apr Brown MO; 30 Apr Meade JLB

Horned Grebe Early: 28 Mar Fall River JLB; 30 Mar Hughes KM; 30 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 18 Apr Day GO ... Late: 18 May Charles Mix DC; 13 May Lawrence DGP; 03 May Hughes DB; 30 Apr Brown GO

Red-necked Grebe Only Report: **11 May Pennington JLB**

Eared Grebe Early: 06 Apr Charles Mix RM; 06 Apr Hughes RDO; 06 Apr Stanley KM; 15 Apr Minnehaha DC; 27 Apr Harding CEM

Western Grebe Early: 04 Apr Brown MO; 13 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Stanley DB; 27 Apr Harding CEM

Clark's Grebe Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Hughes SS; 17 May Charles Mix MRZ; 18 May Brown GO

American White Pelican Early: 27 Mar Hughes DB; 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Apr Stanley DB; 04 Apr Brown MO; 12 Apr Harding CEM

Double-crested Cormorant Early: **10 Mar Yankton (14) DS**; 21 Mar Hughes RDO; 28 Mar Fall River JLB; 04 Apr Brown MO

American Bittern All Reports: 18 Apr Roberts GO; 22 Apr Hughes GO; 11 May Hughes DB; 15 May Bennett DGP; 17 May Charles Mix MRZ; 18 May Charles Mix WS

Great Blue Heron Early: 19 Mar Hughes KM; 19 Mar Pennington JLB; 22 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Minnehaha MS

Great Egret Early: 30 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 17 Apr Charles Mix SS

Snowy Egret All Reports: 12 May Hughes DB; 27 May Moody JSP

Cattle Egret Early: 02 May Hughes KM, RDO; 03 May Moody JSP; 05 May Lake JSP; 15 May Bennett DGP

Green Heron Early: 04 May Buffalo RDO; 05 May Brown GO; 08 May McCook JSP
Black-crowned Night-Heron Early: 18 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Charles Mix SS; 01 May Shannon PH; 04 May Douglas RM
White-faced Ibis Early: 17 Apr Clay DS; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 May Shannon PH; 05 May McCook JSP
Turkey Vulture Early: 24 Mar Hughes KM; 25 Mar Clay NT; 25 Mar Stanley RDO; 29 Mar Lawrence DGP; 29 Mar Meade AKB; 29 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 29 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB
Osprey Early: 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Apr Custer JLB; 03 Apr Pennington JLB; 18 Apr Lake JSP
Bald Eagle Confirmed Breeding: **20 Apr Minnehaha (NY) MRZ**
Northern Harrier Early: 01 Mar Stanley DB; 03 Mar Union GJS; 06 Mar Charles Mix RM; 08 Mar Faulk MMM; 09 Mar Butte JLB
Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: **23 May Brown DST**; 08 May Sully SS; 03 May Moody JSP
Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 11 May Stanley (ON) DB
Northern Goshawk All Reports: 08 Mar Hughes KM; 08 Mar Minnehaha DGP; 05 Apr Minnehaha DC; 08 Apr Lawrence DGP
Broad-winged Hawk Early: 22 Apr Deuel BU; 26 Apr Hughes KM; 01 May Faulk MMM; 01 May Lake JSP; 01 May Minnehaha TJ; 09 May Harding CEM ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 26 May Stanley RDO; 20 May Union DS; 11 May Minnehaha MS
Swainson's Hawk Early: 30 Mar Harding CEM; 06 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 15 Apr Custer MMM; 18 Apr Brown GO
Ferruginous Hawk Early: 16 Mar Pennington MMM; 23 Mar Butte DGP; 30 Mar Stanley DB
Rough-legged Hawk Late: 24 Apr Sully RDO; 22 Apr Stanley DB; 18 Apr Harding CEM; 15 Mar Turner MRZ
Golden Eagle Late: **31 May Sully KM**; 07 May Dewey SS
American Kestrel Confirmed Breeding: 17 May Harding (NE) CEM
Merlin Late: 30 Apr Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Clay GJS; 02 Apr Lincoln MS
Gyrfalcon All Reports: 05 Mar Dewey DGP; 08 Mar Butte EK
Peregrine Falcon Early: 29 Mar Pennington RDO; 04 Apr Lincoln DC, MRZ; 07 Apr Hughes DB ... Late: 19 May Hughes KM; 18 May Gregory DGP; 15 May Bennett DGP; 03 May Faulk MMM
Prairie Falcon Late: 16 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Mar Edmunds DGP; 01 Mar Marshall GO
Virginia Rail All Reports: **28 Apr Brown DST**; 04 May Stanley RDO; 16 May Brown GO
Sora Early: 02 May Faulk MMM; 02 May Hughes KM, RDO; 04 May Lake KB; 11 May Pennington JLB
American Coot Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 08 Mar Hughes DB; 11 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Lake JSP
Sandhill Crane Early: 20 Mar Charles Mix RM; 26 Mar Pennington MMM; 28 Mar Meade EEM; 05 Apr McCook JSP ... Late: 19 May Butte SW; 07 May Dewey SS; 26 Apr Sully KM
Whooping Crane Only Report: 16 Apr Sully KM, RDO
Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 08 May Sully SS; 11 May Sully RDO; 15 May Sully KM, RDO; 18 May Bennett DGP; 25 May McPherson ND
American Golden-Plover All Reports: **29 Mar Union DS**; 30 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 12 May McCook JSP; 18 May Brown GO; 18 May Spink MO
Semipalmated Plover Early: 19 Apr Sully KM; 06 May Stanley SS; 14 May Shannon DGP; 18 May Brown GO ... Late: 15 May Sully RDO, KM
Piping Plover Early: 18 Apr Sully RDO; 28 Apr Charles Mix RM; 10 May Stanley DB; 19 May Day ND
Killdeer Early: 08 Mar Lawrence EK; 12 Mar Clay GJS; 15 Mar Turner MRZ
Black-necked Stilt All Reports: **22 Apr Charles Mix SS**; 24 May McPherson ND; 28 May Grant WS; 30 May Brule *fide* DB
American Avocet Early: **05 Apr Stanley KM, RDO**; 06 Apr Pennington JLB; 13 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Day GO
Greater Yellowlegs Early: 24 Mar Pennington JLB; 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Union DS; 05 Apr Minnehaha DC, MRZ ... Late: 24 May Pennington JLB; 20 May Day ND; 06 May Dewey SS

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 29 Mar Pennington JLB; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Apr Sully RDO; 05 Apr McCook JSP ... Late: 21 May Moody JSP; 18 May Charles Mix MS; 14 May Shannon DGP

Solitary Sandpiper Early: **13 Apr Charles Mix RM**; 24 Apr Lawrence DGP; 24 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Moody JSP ... Late: 18 May Charles Mix RM; 15 May Deuel BU; 11 May Pennington JLB

Willet Early: 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr Sully KM; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 30 Apr Meade JLB; 30 Apr Pennington JLB

Spotted Sandpiper Early: 27 Apr Minnehaha MS; 28 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Pennington JLB

Upland Sandpiper Early: 24 Apr Custer MMM; 24 Apr Fall River JSP; 30 Apr Pennington JLB; 03 May Hughes RDO; 03 May Sully KM; 08 May McCook JSP

Long-billed Curlew Early: 05 Apr Stanley DB; 19 Apr Custer MMM; 24 Apr Fall River JSP

Hudsonian Godwit Early: 17 Apr Douglas SS; 18 Apr Sully RDO; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM ... Late: 28 May Miner JSP; 19 May Moody JSP; 17 May McCook JSP; 16 May Charles Mix MRZ

Marbled Godwit Early: 13 Apr Stanley DB, KM, RDO; 15 Apr Custer MMM; 18 Apr Sully RDO; 22 Apr Deuel BU

Ruddy Turnstone Early: 15 May Sully KM, RDO; 18 May Charles Mix MS, RM; 21 May Brule JLB; 27 May Day WS ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM

Sanderling Early: 26 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 30 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 09 May Union GJS ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM; 20 May McCook JSP; 18 May Charles Mix RM, MS

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 24 Apr Sully RDO; 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM; 26 May Clay DC; 18 May Charles Mix RM; 15 May Deuel BU; 14 May Shannon DGP

Least Sandpiper Early: 26 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 30 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 22 May McCook JSP; 18 May Charles Mix RM, MS; 15 May Sully RDO, KM; 09 May Pennington JLB

White-rumped Sandpiper Early: 30 Apr Brown GO; 08 May Sully SS; 08 May Union DS ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM; 22 May McCook JSP; 21 May Aurora JLB

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Apr McCook JSP; 12 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 30 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM; 14 May Shannon DGP; 09 May Edmunds DGP

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 06 Apr Charles Mix RM; 02 May Stanley RDO; 03 May Moody JSP ... Late: 22 May McCook JSP; 21 May Moody JSP; 21 May Aurora JLB; 14 May Clay GJS

Dunlin Early: 19 Apr Sully KM; 03 May Moody JSP; 11 May Minnehaha MRZ ... Late: 28 May Miner JSP; 22 May McCook JSP; 18 May Brown GO; 14 May Union GJS

Stilt Sandpiper Early: 03 May Sully KM, RDO; 15 May Bennett DGP; 18 May Brown GO; 18 May Charles Mix MS ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM; 28 May Miner JSP; 22 May McCook JSP; 18 May Bennett DGP

Short-billed Dowitcher All Reports: 03 May Charles Mix RM; 06 May Dewey SS; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Clay GJS

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Stanley KM; 24 Apr Sully RDO; 30 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 18 May Charles Mix RM; 18 May Bennett DGP; 15 May Sully RDO

Wilson's Snipe Early: 11 Mar Pennington JLB; 09 Apr Lincoln MS; 12 Apr Moody JSP; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM

American Woodcock Early: 23 Mar Hughes KM; 29 Mar Lincoln DC; 20 May Gregory RM

Wilson's Phalarope Early: 16 Apr Sully SS; 18 Apr Brown GO; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr McCook JSP; 30 Apr Pennington JLB

Red-necked Phalarope Early: 11 May Pennington JLB; 11 May Sully RDO; 14 May Shannon DGP; 15 May Deuel BU ... Late: 31 May Sully RDO, KM; 18 May Meade APB; 18 May Day MO; 18 May Charles Mix RM

Franklin's Gull Early: 08 Mar Charles Mix RM; 12 Mar Buffalo RDO; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 22 Mar Minnehaha MS; 22 Mar Hughes CEM; 09 Apr Meade JLB

Bonaparte's Gull Early: **20 Mar Charles Mix RM**; 30 Mar Stanley KM, RDO; 05 Apr McCook JSP; 05 Apr Minnehaha DC, MRZ ... Late: 22 May Charles Mix RM; 03 May Stanley KM; 27 Apr Deuel BU

Mew Gull All Reports: 23 Mar Hughes KM; 23 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 Apr Hughes RDO; **12 Apr Hughes RDO, KM**

Ring-billed Gull Early: 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 02 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Mar Hughes RDO; 12 Mar Custer JLB; 15 Mar Turner MRZ

California Gull Early: **01 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Hughes RDO; 12 Mar Buffalo RDO**; 23 Mar Butte DGP; 04 Apr Brown MO

Herring Gull Early: 01 Mar Stanley DB, RDO; 03 Mar Hughes RDO; 08 Mar Charles Mix RM; 22 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: **20 May Sully (ON) RDO**; 18 Apr Marshall GO; 13 Apr Brown GO; 28 Mar Harding CEM

Thayer's Gull All Reports: 16 Mar Hughes KM; 17 Mar Hughes RDO; 26 Mar Hughes RDO; 30 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Apr Stanley RDO; **04 Apr Sully RDO**

Lesser Black-backed Gull All Reports: 17 Mar Hughes RDO; 19 Mar Hughes RDO; 26 Mar Hughes RDO

Glaucous Gull Late: 03 Apr Stanley RDO; 29 Mar Hughes KM; 28 Mar Charles Mix RM

Caspian Tern Early: **08 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Stanley KM**; 12 May Charles Mix RM

Common Tern Early: 22 Apr Deuel BU; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 03 May Stanley RDO

Forster's Tern Early: 15 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Stanley KM; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 30 Apr Meade JLB

Black Tern Early: 03 May Moody JSP; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 12 May McCook JSP; 03 May Harding CEM

Eurasian Collared-Dove Confirmed Breeding: **04 May Clay (ON) GJS**

Mourning Dove Early: 17 Mar Clay GJS; 19 Mar Hughes RDO; 23 Mar Lake JSP; 05 Apr Fall River JLB

Black-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 23 May Brown DST; 27 May Roberts GO; 28 May Lincoln GO

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 17 May Charles Mix DC; 17 May Gregory RM; 31 May Stanley KM

Barn Owl All Reports: **23 Mar Sully DB, KM; 25 Mar Sully RDO; 05 Apr Brule DGP; 07 Apr Hughes DB**; 03 May Stanley DB

Great Horned Owl Confirmed Breeding: 23 Mar Jones (NE) DB

Snowy Owl All Reports: 23 Mar Sully DB, KM; 25 Mar Sully RDO

Burrowing Owl Early: 30 Mar Stanley DB; 05 Apr Hughes KM; 09 Apr Gregory RM; 13 Apr Jones RDO

Barred Owl reported 29 Mar – 28 Apr Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln DC, MRZ

Long-eared Owl Confirmed Breeding: 03 May Hughes (NY) DB; 03 May Stanley (NY) DB

Short-eared Owl Confirmed Breeding: 21 May Sully (NE) SS; 28 May Sully (NY) SS ... also reported 28 Mar Stanley (14) DB

Northern Saw-whet Owl Late: 21 Mar Stanley DB ... Confirmed Breeding: **27 Apr Harding (NY) CEM**

Common Nighthawk Early: 24 May Lake JSP; 24 May Minnehaha DC; 25 May Stanley DB; 29 May Custer MMM

Common Poorwill All Reports: 11 May Meade APB; 18 May Meade APB; 20 May Gregory RM

Whip-poor-will All Reports: 22 Apr Gregory SS; 04 May Charles Mix RM; 16 May Charles Mix MS; 24 May Charles Mix RM; 31 May Lincoln JSP

Chimney Swift Early: 23 Apr Clay DS; 01 May Hughes KM; 04 May Union GJS; 06 May Moody JSP; 15 May Bennett DGP

White-throated Swift Early: 24 Apr Fall River JSP; 26 Apr Custer SS; 04 May Meade AKB

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: **01 May Charles Mix RM; 03 May Clay GJS**; 08 May Minnehaha TJ

Broad-tailed Hummingbird Only Report: 25 May Custer JLB

Belted Kingfisher Early: 03 Mar Pennington JLB; 12 Mar Custer JLB; 14 Mar Lawrence DGP; 22 Mar Minnehaha MS; 03 Apr Charles Mix RM; 03 Apr Hughes DB

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 09 Mar Lawrence JLB; 25 May Custer JLB

Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 23 Mar Lawrence JLB; 30 Apr Stanley RDO; 07 May Clay GJS; 10 May Minnehaha MS

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: **09 Mar Charles Mix RM**; 12 Apr Hughes RDO; 12 Apr Moody JSP

Red-naped Sapsucker Early: 30 Apr Lawrence DGP; 25 May Pennington JLB; 26 May Custer JLB

American Three-toed Woodpecker reported from Lawrence County

Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 25 Apr Custer SS; 26 May Custer JLB

Northern Flicker Early: 01 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Pennington JLB

Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 18 Apr Roberts GO; 27 May Roberts GO

Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: 22 May McCook JSP; 22 May Stanley RDO; 24 May Hughes DB ...
Late: 28 May McCook JSP; 26 May Stanley RDO, KM

Western Wood-Pewee All Reports: 14 May Custer MMM; 23 May Pennington JLB; 24 May Pennington JLB; 26 May Custer JLB

Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 10 May Minnehaha MS; 17 May Bon Homme DGP; 17 May Gregory RM

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Only Report: 24 May Minnehaha DC

Alder Flycatcher All Reports: 31 May Lincoln JSP; 31 May Sully KM

Willow Flycatcher All Reports: **09 May Clay GJS**; 18 May Brown GO; 24 May Pennington JLB; 25 May Clay GJS; 28 May Lincoln GO

Least Flycatcher Early: 02 May Hughes KM; 03 May Stanley RDO; 06 May Clay GJS; 06 May Pennington JLB; 08 May Minnehaha TJ

Dusky Flycatcher All Reports: **07 May Lawrence DGP**; 21 May Lawrence DGP; 25 May Custer JLB; 29 May Lawrence DGP; 30 May Lawrence DGP; 31 May Lawrence DGP

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 23 May Lawrence DGP; 25 May Custer JLB; 30 May Lawrence DGP; 31 May Lawrence DGP

Eastern Phoebe Early: 04 Apr Charles Mix RM; 05 Apr Clay DS; 05 Apr McCook JSP; 05 Apr Minnehaha DC, MS, MRZ; 05 Apr Stanley DB; 14 May Shannon DGP

Say's Phoebe Early: 13 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Meade APB; 15 Apr Custer MMM

Great Crested Flycatcher Early: **03 May Moody JSP**; 15 May Gregory DGP; 17 May Bon Homme DGP; 18 May Todd DGP

Western Kingbird Early: 24 Apr Sully RDO; 30 Apr Stanley KM; 02 May Faulk MMM; 03 May Lawrence SW

Eastern Kingbird Early: 04 May Charles Mix RM; 06 May Stanley SS; 07 May Butte JLB; 08 May McCook JSP

Loggerhead Shrike Early: **15 Mar Turner MRZ**; 18 Mar Stanley RDO; 30 Mar Harding CEM

Northern Shrike Late: 29 Mar Union DS; 22 Mar Minnehaha MS; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 18 Mar Lawrence DGP

Bell's Vireo Early: 11 May Pennington JLB; 17 May Gregory RM; 18 May Charles Mix MS, RM; 18 May Todd DGP

Yellow-throated Vireo All Reports: 13 May Union DS; 14 May Clay GJS; 14 May Union GJS; 22 May McCook JSP; 24 May Minnehaha DC; 28 May Lincoln GO

Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 25 May Custer JLB; 28 May Lawrence JLB

Blue-headed Vireo Early: 05 May Clay GJS; 09 May Minnehaha MS; 09 May Union GJS ... Late: 24 May Minnehaha DC; 23 May Brown GO; 22 May Stanley KM; 22 May McCook JSP

Warbling Vireo Early: 05 May Clay GJS; 06 May Moody JSP; 11 May Minnehaha MS; 14 May Shannon DGP

Philadelphia Vireo Early: 18 May Clay GJS; 20 May McCook JSP; 20 May Union DS ... Late: 28 May Stanley DB; 26 May Union DS; 24 May Minnehaha DC

Red-eyed Vireo Early: 14 May Union GJS; 15 May Stanley RDO; 17 May Gregory DGP, MS, RM; 18 May Todd DGP; 19 May Moody JSP

Gray Jay reported from Custer and Lawrence counties

Pinyon Jay reported 06 Apr – 26 May Harding CEM, KM ... also reported from Meade County

Purple Martin Early: 19 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 21 Apr Hughes KM; 27 Apr Lincoln TJ

Tree Swallow Early: 05 Apr Charles Mix RM; 05 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 15 Apr Pennington MMM

Violet-green Swallow Early: 01 May Pennington JLB; 06 May Lawrence DGP; 11 May Meade AKB

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: 22 Apr Charles Mix RM; 24 Apr Stanley KM; 24 Apr Sully RDO; 28 Apr Minnehaha MS; 01 May Pennington JLB

Bank Swallow Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 04 May Union GJS; 06 May Dewey SS; 15 May Deuel BU

Cliff Swallow Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 27 Apr Lawrence DGP; 05 May McCook JSP

Barn Swallow Early: 15 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 16 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr McCook JSP; 24 Apr Fall River JSP

Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: **28 May Charles Mix RM; 22 May Brown GO; 21 May Moody JSP; 21 May Hughes EDS**

Pygmy Nuthatch reported 25 May Custer JLB ... also reported from Meade County

Brown Creeper Late: 04 May Lyman SS; 02 May Charles Mix RM; 26 Apr Brown DST

Rock Wren Early: 23 Apr Pennington DB; 30 Apr Meade JLB; 03 May Stanley DB

House Wren Early: 22 Apr Clay DS; 23 Apr Stanley KM; 27 Apr Minnehaha MS; 30 Apr Custer MMM

Winter Wren All Reports: 11 Apr Hughes KM; 13 Apr Hughes KM; 13 Apr Lincoln TJ; **28 May Lawrence DGP**

Sedge Wren Early: **27 Apr Minnehaha MS**; 30 Apr Hughes DB; 03 May Stanley RDO; 15 May Bennett DGP

Marsh Wren Early: 18 Apr Hughes KM; 27 Apr Lincoln TJ; 28 Apr Lawrence DGP

American Dipper reported from Lawrence County

Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 28 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Hughes KM; 19 Apr McCook JSP

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 05 Apr Minnehaha MS; 07 Apr Hughes DB; 11 Apr Lake KB; 15 Apr Lawrence DGP ... Late: 24 May Minnehaha DC; 23 May Moody JSP; 23 May Hughes EDS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: 02 May Stanley SS; 04 May Hughes KM; 09 May Union GJS; 24 May Jackson JLB; 28 May Lincoln GO

Eastern Bluebird Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 29 Mar Pennington RDO; 04 Apr Brown MO

Mountain Bluebird Early: 03 Mar Pennington JLB; 06 Mar Custer JLB; 09 Mar Lawrence JLB; 21 Mar Stanley KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 28 Apr Meade (NE) EEM

Townsend's Solitaire Late: **16 Apr Hughes DB**; 30 Mar Stanley DB; 23 Mar Sully DB

Veery Early: 15 May Gregory DGP; 22 May Brown GO; 22 May McCook JSP; 26 May Lawrence DGP

Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 06 May Moody JSP; 09 May Brown GO; 09 May Hughes EDS; 09 May Harding CEM ... Late: 30 May Minnehaha MRZ; 30 May Hughes KM; 27 May Stanley RDO

Swainson's Thrush Early: 30 Apr Stanley KM; 02 May Brown GO; 03 May Hughes DB; 03 May Moody JSP; 09 May Meade APB; 09 May Pennington JLB; 09 May Harding CEM ... Late: 31 May Stanley KM; 31 May Lincoln JSP; 30 May Hughes EDS

Hermit Thrush All Reports: 06 Apr Hughes EDS; 11 Apr Hughes KM; 12 Apr Moody JSP; 13 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 15 Apr Minnehaha DC

Wood Thrush All Reports: **15 Apr Minnehaha DC**; 13 May Minnehaha MRZ; 14 May Union GJS; 25 May Minnehaha MS; 31 May Lincoln JSP

Varied Thrush All Reports: **16 Apr Hughes DB; 17 Apr Hughes DB, KM**

Gray Catbird Early: 01 May Clay GJS; 01 May Minnehaha TJ; 09 May Pennington JLB

Northern Mockingbird All Reports: **08 Mar Lawrence APB; 09 Mar Lawrence JLB**; 03 May Stanley SS; 04 May Stanley KM; 08 May McCook JSP

Sage Thrasher Only Report: 30 May Butte JLB

Brown Thrasher Early: 22 Apr Clay DS, GJS; 24 Apr Lake KB; 26 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Harding CEM

American Pipit All Reports: 25 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Sully KM

Sprague's Pipit Only Report: 14 May Union GJS

Bohemian Waxwing All Reports: 09 Mar Hughes EDS; 17 Mar Meade EEM; 21 Mar Meade AKB; 25 Mar Lawrence DGP; 03 Apr Lawrence DGP

Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: 14 May Union GJS; 31 May Lincoln JSP

Golden-winged Warbler All Reports: 21 May Moody JSP; 22 May Brown GO; 23 May Moody JSP; 24 May Minnehaha MS; 25 May Edmunds JDW

Tennessee Warbler Early: 06 May Clay DS; 10 May Minnehaha MS; 10 May Moody JSP; 23 May Pennington JLB; 23 May Harding CEM

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 17 Apr Hughes DB; 23 Apr Brown GO; 24 Apr Fall River JSP; 24 Apr Sully RDO ... Late: **31 May Lincoln JSP**; 24 May Minnehaha DC; 24 May Jackson JLB; 19 May Hughes KM, EDS

Nashville Warbler Early: 10 May Minnehaha MS; 10 May Moody JSP; 14 May Clay GJS ... Late: 28 May Lake JSP; 25 May Minnehaha MS; 23 May Moody JSP; 22 May Stanley RDO

Northern Parula Early: 06 May Pennington JLB; 10 May Moody JSP; 11 May Minnehaha MS; 11 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 26 May Stanley RDO, KM; 26 May Minnehaha DC; 22 May McCook JSP

Yellow Warbler Early: 30 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 01 May Charles Mix RM; 03 May Hughes DB; 03 May Moody JSP; 03 May Stanley DB, KM, RDO; 05 May Pennington JLB

Chestnut-sided Warbler Early: 09 May Minnehaha MS; 14 May Union GJS; 21 May Hughes EDS; 21 May Lake JSP; 21 May Moody JSP ... Late: 31 May Lincoln JSP; 28 May Lake JSP; 27 May Moody JSP; 26 May Union DS; 26 May Stanley RDO, KM

Magnolia Warbler Early: 09 May Clay DS, GJS; 14 May Union GJS; 19 May Moody JSP; 24 May Pennington JLB; 24 May Harding CEM ... Late: 29 May Hughes KM; 28 May Stanley DB; 28 May McCook JSP; 28 May Lincoln GO

Cape May Warbler All Reports: **04 May Lyman SS**; 22 May Roberts MO; 23 May Moody JSP; 24 May Minnehaha DC

Black-throated Blue Warbler All Reports: 22 May Stanley RDO; 26 May Clay DC

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 06 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 12 Apr Hughes EDS; 15 Apr Lake JSP; 22 Apr Lawrence EK ... Late: 25 May Stanley DB; 25 May Minnehaha MS; 24 May Hughes DB

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 03 May Stanley SS; 09 May Union GJS; 10 May Clay DS; 10 May Minnehaha DC, MS; 22 May Brown GO

Blackburnian Warbler Early: 09 May Union GJS; 19 May Moody JSP; 22 May Brown GO ... Late: 28 May Lincoln GO; 25 May Minnehaha DC; 23 May Moody JSP; 22 May Stanley RDO

Pine Warbler All Reports: **02 May Minnehaha TJ**; **26 May Minnehaha DC**; **29 May Minnehaha MRZ**

Palm Warbler Early: 28 Apr Brown DST; 28 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 May Minnehaha TJ ... Late: 24 May Minnehaha DC; 18 May Brown GO; 14 May Union GJS

Bay-breasted Warbler Early: 11 May Minnehaha MRZ; 22 May Roberts MO; 22 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 28 May Lincoln GO; 26 May Union DS; 26 May Stanley RDO

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 05 May McCook JSP; 09 May Clay GJS; 10 May Minnehaha MS; 10 May Stanley RDO; 13 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 31 May Stanley KM; 31 May Lincoln JSP; 28 May Hughes EDS; 17 May Harding CEM

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 26 Apr Hughes EDS; 01 May Clay GJS; 01 May Faulk MMM; 01 May Minnehaha TJ; 18 May Todd DGP ... Late: 24 May Minnehaha DC; 24 May Hughes DB; 23 May Moody JSP

American Redstart Early: 12 May Stanley KM; 14 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Clay GJS; 16 May Brown GO; 18 May Todd DGP

Ovenbird Early: 02 May Minnehaha MRZ; 03 May Sully KM; 09 May Clay GJS; 09 May Stanley DB; 15 May Bennett DGP

Northern Waterthrush Early: 02 May Hughes KM; 03 May Stanley SS; 05 May Brown GO; 13 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 29 May Minnehaha MRZ; 24 May Hughes DB; 23 May Moody JSP; 23 May Brown DST; 15 May Bennett DGP

Connecticut Warbler All Reports: 22 May Stanley RDO; 23 May Moody JSP; 24 May Clay GJS

Mourning Warbler Early: 20 May McCook JSP; 22 May Brown GO; 22 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 31 May Lincoln JSP; 26 May Brown GO; 25 May Stanley RDO; 25 May Minnehaha MS

MacGillivray's Warbler Early: 21 May Hughes EDS; 25 May Custer JLB; 25 May Lawrence DGP

Common Yellowthroat Early: 28 Apr Brown DST; 28 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 04 May Pennington JLB

Wilson's Warbler Early: **21 Apr Hughes KM**; 06 May Stanley RDO; 08 May Minnehaha TJ; 14 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 28 May Hughes EDS; 27 May Stanley KM; 25 May Minnehaha MS; 15 May Pennington MMM

Canada Warbler Early: 22 May Brown GO; 22 May Clay GJS; 22 May McCook JSP; 22 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 28 May Lincoln GO; 24 May Minnehaha DC; 24 May Brown GO

Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 13 May Hughes EDS; 15 May Stanley RDO; 18 May Todd DGP

Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 13 May Union DS; 24 May Minnehaha DC; 28 May Lincoln GO; 31 May Lincoln JSP

Western Tanager Early: 06 May Meade AKB; 15 May Pennington MMM; 25 May Custer JLB

Spotted Towhee Early: **08 Mar Hughes DB**; 18 Apr Charles Mix SS; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 29 Apr Pennington MMM; 16 May Brown GO

Eastern Towhee Early: 27 Apr Hughes KM; 27 Apr Minnehaha MS; 04 May Charles Mix RM

American Tree Sparrow Late: 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 20 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 Apr Harding CEM

Chipping Sparrow Early: 06 Apr Minnehaha MS; 09 Apr Clay NT; 17 Apr Gregory SS; 20 Apr Meade APB

Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 28 Apr Harding CEM; 30 Apr Hughes DB; 30 Apr Meade JLB; 30 Apr Pennington JLB; 30 Apr Stanley KM, MMM, RDO; 01 May Minnehaha TJ

Field Sparrow Early: 13 Apr Lincoln TJ; 19 Apr McCook JSP; 22 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 May Harding CEM

Vesper Sparrow Early: 05 Apr McCook JSP; 12 Apr Moody JSP; 13 Apr Stanley RDO; 15 Apr Custer MMM

Lark Sparrow Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Clay GJS; 30 Apr Meade JLB; 01 May Faulk MMM

Lark Bunting Early: 06 May Stanley SS; 06 May Harding CEM; 07 May Butte JLB; 07 May Custer MMM; 07 May Dewey SS

Savannah Sparrow Early: 17 Apr Gregory SS; 18 Apr Brown GO; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr McCook JSP; 19 Apr Minnehaha MS, MRZ; 20 Apr Custer MMM

Grasshopper Sparrow Early: 22 Apr Deuel BU; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 06 May Custer MMM

Le Conte's Sparrow All Reports: 22 Apr Hughes KM; 27 Apr Minnehaha MS

Fox Sparrow Early: **01 Mar Minnehaha MRZ**; 02 Apr Lincoln MS; 05 Apr McCook JSP; 13 Apr Hughes KM ... Late: 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Lincoln DC; 15 Apr Minnehaha DC ... also reported **06 Apr Lincoln (53) TJ**

Song Sparrow Early: 12 Mar Custer JLB; 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 18 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Apr Minnehaha MS

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 05 Apr Lincoln DC; 18 Apr Lake JSP; 19 Apr Minnehaha MS; 20 Apr Clay GJS; 20 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Meade AKB ... Late: **28 May Lawrence JLB**; 27 May Roberts GO; 27 May Moody JSP; 24 May Clay GJS

Swamp Sparrow Early: 13 Apr Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 24 Apr Stanley KM

White-throated Sparrow Early: 07 Apr Charles Mix RM; 14 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 21 Apr Clay GJS, NT; 09 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 29 May Moody JSP; 23 May Brown DST; 22 May McCook JSP; 21 May Clay JSP; 14 May Shannon DGP

Harris's Sparrow Early: 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 17 Mar Clay DS; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Apr Lincoln DC; 02 May Harding CEM ... Late: 26 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Moody JSP; 21 May Clay GJS; 11 May Meade AKB, APB

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 07 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Gregory SS; 20 Apr Stanley RDO; 22 Apr Brown GO; 24 Apr Fall River JSP; 24 Apr Lawrence DGP ... Late: 26 May Stanley RDO; 26 May Harding CEM; 25 May Minnehaha MS

Dark-eyed Junco Late: 15 May Sully RDO; 06 May Dewey SS; 03 May Lake JSP

Lapland Longspur All Reports: 08 Mar Faulk MMM; 08 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 04 Apr Sully RDO; 12 Apr Moody JSP; 12 Apr Sully KM

Smith's Longspur Only Report: 22 Apr Deuel BU

Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 13 Apr Stanley DB; RDO; 13 Apr Harding CEM; 17 Apr Custer MMM; 22 Apr Deuel BU

Snow Bunting Only Report: 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP

Northern Cardinal reported **14 Mar Pennington MMM; 16 Apr Pennington DL**; 18 May Todd DGP

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 30 Apr Clay GJS; 01 May Charles Mix RM; 01 May Lake KB; 24 May Harding CEM, KM

Black-headed Grosbeak Early: **30 Apr Stanley KM, RDO**; 07 May Meade EEM; 11 May Charles Mix RM; 11 May Pennington JLB; **14 May Lake JSP**

Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 22 May Stanley RDO; 24 May Jackson JLB; 30 May Hughes KM; 31 May Sully KM, RDO

Lazuli Bunting Early: 11 May Pennington JLB; 12 May Meade APB; 15 May Edmunds JDW; 22 May Clay GJS

Indigo Bunting Early: 12 May Charles Mix RM; 13 May Clay GJS; 17 May Gregory RM; 21 May Moody JSP; 23 May Meade APB

Dickcissel All Reports: 26 May Clay DC; 31 May Clay GJS; 31 May Sully KM

Bobolink Early: 04 May Charles Mix RM; 04 May Union GJS; 05 May McCook JSP; 14 May Custer MMM

Red-winged Blackbird Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 11 Mar Hughes DB; 13 Mar Lincoln MS; 14 Mar Custer MMM

Eastern Meadowlark Only Report: 15 May Bennett DGP

Western Meadowlark Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Stanley DB; 05 Mar Hughes MMM; 07 Mar Lawrence EK; 08 Mar Lake JSP

Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 05 Apr Lincoln DC; 16 Apr Sully RDO; 30 Apr Pennington JLB

Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 04 Apr Brown MO; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 11 May Minnehaha MRZ

Brewer's Blackbird Early: 12 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Deuel BU; 27 Apr Lawrence DGP; 27 Apr Harding CEM

Common Grackle Early: 15 Mar Lake JSP; 18 Mar Charles Mix RM; 19 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 23 Mar Pennington JLB

Great-tailed Grackle Early: **10 Mar Yankton DS; 17 Mar Turner MRZ**; 13 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 14 May Shannon DGP

Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 15 Mar Clay GJS; 15 Mar Yankton MRZ; 02 Apr Charles Mix RM; 05 Apr McCook JSP; 30 Apr Meade JLB

Orchard Oriole Early: 07 May Clay GJS; 16 May Charles Mix RM; 17 May Gregory DGP, MS; 17 May McCook JSP; 20 May Custer MMM

Bullock's Oriole Early: 11 May Pennington JLB; **13 May Hughes KM**; 14 May Shannon DGP

Baltimore Oriole Early: 01 May Clay GJS; 01 May Lake KB; 05 May Charles Mix RM; 19 May Meade APB

Purple Finch Late: 11 May Lake JSP; 11 May Clay GJS; 03 May Moody JSP

Cassin's Finch All Reports: 22 Apr Lawrence DGP; 05 May Lawrence DGP

House Finch Confirmed Breeding: **03 Apr Pennington (CN) CJT**

Red Crossbill Late: 16 May Hughes KM

White-winged Crossbill Only Report: 20 May Lawrence DGP

Common Redpoll All Reports: 01 Mar Marshall GO; 04 Mar Clay GJS; 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 16 Mar Meade EEM
Pine Siskin Late: 29 May Douglas KB; 28 May Hughes KM; 28 May Edmunds JDW
Evening Grosbeak All Reports: 09 Mar Lawrence JLB; 06 Apr Meade EEM; 18 Apr Lawrence DGP; 14 May Meade EEM

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Greater Scaup 08 May Dewey DGP
Broad-winged Hawk 15 Mar Faulk GO
Snowy Plover 19 Apr Sully KM; 24 Apr Sully RDO; 11 May Sully RDO; 15 May Sully KM, RDO
Red Knot 15 May Sully KM, RDO
Western Sandpiper 26 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 03 May Sully KM, RDO; 11 May Sully RDO
Little Gull 15 Apr Minnehaha DC
Iceland Gull 03 Mar Hughes RDO
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12 Apr Harding KM
Pileated Woodpecker 16 May Clay DB
White-eyed Vireo 10 May Stanley DB, RDO; 16 May Bon Homme (3) MO
Mountain Bluebird 15 Mar McCook JSP
Prothonotary Warbler 08 May Clay DS; 19 May Moody (3) DC; 25 May Minnehaha DC
Kentucky Warbler 14 May Minnehaha DC
Hooded Warbler 30 May Minnehaha DC
Western Tanager 30 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 14 May Edmunds JDW
Green-tailed Towhee 14 May Meade APB
Purple Finch 15 Apr Lawrence DGP
Lesser Goldfinch 05 May Lawrence SW

Species Expected But Not Reported

Least Bittern (2), Little Blue Heron, American Black Duck (2), White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Least Tern, Chuck-will's-widow (2), Clark's Nutcracker, Carolina Wren, Virginia's Warbler (2), Brewer's Sparrow, Baird's Sparrow (2), Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (2), Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (3)

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