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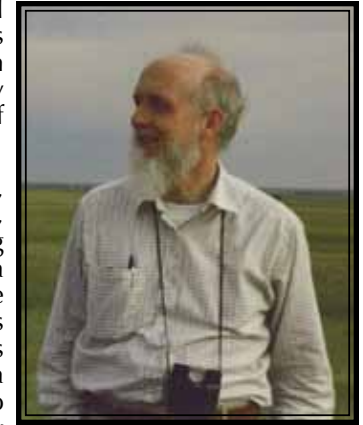
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In my previous President's Page, I discussed several ways that SDOU furthers the aim stated in its Constitution "to encourage the study of birds in South Dakota and to promote the study of ornithology by more closely uniting the students of this branch of natural science". I'll continue that discussion here.



Our quarterly publication, *South Dakota Bird Notes*, provided free to all SDOU members in good standing, is an admirable vehicle for both communicating and preserving information about South Dakota birds, birding, and bird research. To live up to the promise of its name, *South Dakota Bird Notes* needs a plentiful supply of notes and articles about birds found in South Dakota and about South Dakota birders' activities. We have a few prolific authors who certainly do their part to provide material. But I think others can do more. Taking myself as an example, I have submitted one short note and one longer article in the ten years or so that I've been a member of SDOU. That may not seem like much, but let's do a little arithmetic. If just forty additional authors (about fifteen percent of our membership) submitted one short note and one article every ten years, each issue of *SDBN* would have, on average, one more short note and one more article. This would be a nice supplement to what our more prolific authors already provide, and would certainly enhance communication.

It has been pointed out that professional ornithologists—and academic ornithologists, in particular—may be reluctant to submit articles to *SDBN* because it is not a recognized peer-reviewed journal. One thoughtful SDOU member has suggested that some articles could be peer-reviewed. This might be difficult to arrange and might not be sufficient to get the authors the desired professional credit, but it seems worth considering. (*The Prairie Naturalist*, published by the Great Plains Natural Science Society, is an example of a relatively modest journal for which all articles are reviewed by specialists in relevant fields.) In any case, we should certainly encourage our ornithology students to practice their writing skills with submissions to *SDBN*; we know that they are doing interesting work because we hear their presentations at SDOU meetings.

Reaching the general public with written communications about South Dakota birds and birding would be beneficial in promoting a broader understanding of what our branch of natural science is all about, but is probably an even greater challenge. It isn't sufficient for someone to want to write newspaper columns; the columns must be factually correct, use accepted bird terminology, and refer to up-to-date research when appropriate. There are knowledgeable birders in South Dakota who can write really well in a style well-suited to non-specialists—we see their work published in other places. Is there some way that we could get one or more of these authors to produce newspaper columns?

What do you think about these issues? Write to me at AddisonB@enetis.net.

In the last issue, I also mentioned the importance of SDOU meetings and field trips. I commend to you the Spring 2009 meeting to be held in Custer, SD, 15-17 May 2009. More information is available within this issue of *SDBN* on page 23 and on its inside mailing cover. I hope to see you there.

Addison Ball

SOUTH DAKOTA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS 2: OFF TO A GREAT START!

by Nancy Drilling, Atlas Project Coordinator

Exactly 20 years after the start of surveys for the first Breeding Bird Atlas, field work for South Dakota's second Atlas began in summer 2008. The second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas (SDBBA2), scheduled to run 2008 - 2012, is funded by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, and State Wildlife Grants, and is coordinated by the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. The goal of SDBBA2 is to document the current distribution of every bird species that nests in South Dakota and to compare these distributions to those of the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas (1988-1992). These data will support the efforts of land-use planners, conservation decision-makers, researchers, educators, students, and bird enthusiasts to maintain healthy bird populations and conserve avian diversity within South Dakota. In the end, we expect to produce statewide maps of the occurrence and breeding distribution of every species breeding in South Dakota, analyses of distributional changes since the first Atlas, and a website and reports containing maps and analyses.



Summer 2008 Results

In summer 2008, eleven volunteers and five paid staff visited 104 blocks at least once (out of a total of 425 available blocks). These dedicated birders spent a total of 1036 hours on their blocks. Most blocks were visited twice (53% of blocks), while 26% were visited once and 22% were visited three or more times. Forty counties had at least one visited block.

For blocks visited for at least two hours, atlasers detected an average of 43 species per block and confirmed breeding by an average of 10 species per block. The highest species total for a block was reported at Sica Hollow (78 species), followed by two blocks in Marshall Co. with 76 and 69 species each.



Overall, atlasers recorded 206 species; 75% were confirmed as breeding within the state. This compares favorably with the 219 breeding species found during the first Atlas 20 years ago. Mourning Dove was the most frequently reported species during both 2008 (92 blocks) and the first Atlas. Atlasers reported four species in 2008 that were not reported during the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas: Sandhill Crane, Herring Gull, Cassin's Sparrow, and Eurasian Collared-Dove. In addition, Caspian Tern was never confirmed nesting during

the first Atlas but was confirmed nesting on Lake Oahe in 2008.

Although species distributions are difficult to analyze with just 5% block completion, the 2008 atlas crew reported a few interesting findings. Several reports of Red-bellied Woodpecker in Shannon, Jackson, and eastern Pennington Counties suggest that this species has expanded into the Badlands region. Blue Grosbeak were encountered

more frequently than expected along the Missouri River near North Dakota. Cooper's Hawks were reported in more locations than during all of the first atlas, but none of the 2008 reports were from the Black Hills or Harding County, where almost all first atlas records occurred. Finally, the newly-arrived introduced Eurasian Collared-Dove was reported most frequently along the Nebraska border, but one bird was singing near North Dakota. None of the 2008 Collared-Dove records were from towns or urban areas.

The Upcoming Year

We have big plans for the 2009 season, including:

1. Special owl surveys in forested blocks
2. Training and actual atlasing at the spring SDOU meeting in Custer (15-17 May)
3. Presentations at a bird club meeting near you
4. Newspaper articles in atlasers' hometown communities
5. Enhanced web site, including better downloadable maps

YOU can make 2009 a great year for the SDBBA2! Sign up for a block, or two or three and join the fun. There are still almost 300 blocks that are available in great locations all across the state. For more information, visit the atlas web page at www.rmbo.org/SDBBA2 or contact the project coordinator (SDatlascoordinator@rmbo.org).

BARN OWL DISTRIBUTION ON LAKE OAHE

By Ricky D. Olson

In the summer of 2008, I conducted a survey to discover possible Barn Owl nesting sites along the upper Missouri River in South Dakota. The project was to survey the approximately 172 river miles of Lake Oahe that are within South Dakota by boat. The survey area started at the dam face of Lake Oahe and ended at the North Dakota border. The survey was conducted from mid-May through August 2008.

The objective was to locate holes in the banks of Lake Oahe inhabited by Barn Owls and document breeding of the species if possible. Barn Owls had been documented excavating and breeding in holes in sandy cliffs of lower Lake Oahe since 2003. These sightings were limited to Sully and Hughes Counties. Thus, the extent of Barn Owl inhabitation of upper Lake Oahe was not known.

My original plan was to concentrate my search for Barn Owl nest holes only upstream from the Little Bend area, since Kenny Miller, Doug Backlund and I had documented breeding by this species in the Little Bend area and downstream in previous years. However, because the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas II Project started earlier than initially proposed this year, late in the summer of 2008, I decided to include downstream from Little Bend in my search for nest holes.

However, the one area I did not survey was the Little Bend peninsula itself and prime shoreline habitat across the river in Stanley County. Twice, high winds foiled any attempts to survey this area for nest holes by boat. Thus, Stanley County is the only county along Lake Oahe where I did not document Barn Owls breeding during my survey. There are also two nest holes sites that Kenny Miller located on the Little Bend peninsula that are not plotted on my map.

This survey confirmed my hypothesis about their breeding range and nesting habitat requirements. Namely, that Barn Owls nest along Lake Oahe to the North Dakota border where the appropriate habitat is present.

My definition of appropriate habitat was that a layer of sand of at least two to three feet in depth be present near the top of a cliff bank. All the sites found did indeed have this layer of sand or a cliff bank that was all sand. Barn Owls require this layer in order to be able to excavate a nest hole. I surmised that I would find Barn Owl nest holes at Bank Swallow Colony sites. They share the same soil habitat requirement for nesting, as many of the sites were at utilized or abandoned Bank Swallow colonies. The majority of the shoreline banks of Lake Oahe are either shale or a gumbo soil. These soil types are not conducive to nesting by the Barn Owls. Therefore, there are shoreline stretches ten to fifteen miles long not used for nesting. There are also stretches of shoreline with no cliff habitat present.

I found Barn Owls nesting, or signs of past use, in all appropriate habitat areas but one. This area was approximately five miles from the North Dakota border on the west shoreline. This area had experienced large amounts of rain in late spring and early summer. Large portions of the cliffs had sloughed off. I surmise any evidence of prior nesting was gone and when the cliffs stabilized it was too late in the breeding season for the owls to excavate new holes. I speculate that in the future, evidence of Barn Owl nesting could be found in this area.

I also surmised that if there was appropriate nesting habitat and a large prey base existed in an area, that a concentration of breeding owls could be found. This assumption was based on prior experience with this species, Long-eared Owls and Short-eared Owls. This assumption was also affirmed. An approximately two-mile stretch of appropriate nesting habitat contained nine nest holes being utilized when the area was surveyed. Three of the nest holes had young present the day they were surveyed.

The sites were separated by breeding code levels used by the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas II Project, and one category where evidence was found of Barn Owl recent or past site utilization, but was not being utilized for breeding at this time. I included this last category so that future surveys could return to these appropriate habitat sites to possibly document breeding. I did not include the coordinates of these sites in this article, but feel free to contact me for specific site locations.

This survey expanded the northerly breeding range of the Barn Owl in South Dakota significantly. The results of my survey are listed below by breeding code and county. The locations are mapped in Figure 1.

This project was funded by a grant from the Wildlife Diversity Program of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

The Barn Owl is a species tracked by the South Dakota Natural Heritage Database.

Confirmed Breeding: NY (nest with young seen or heard)

- SULLY 3 sites
- HUGHES..... 1 site

Confirmed breeding: ON (Occupied Nest)–Nest hole with adult present

- HUGHES..... 2 sites
- SULLY 1 site
- POTTER..... 1 site
- DEWEY 1 site
- CAMPBELL..... 1 site
- WALWORTH... 1 site

Confirmed breeding: UN (Used Nest)

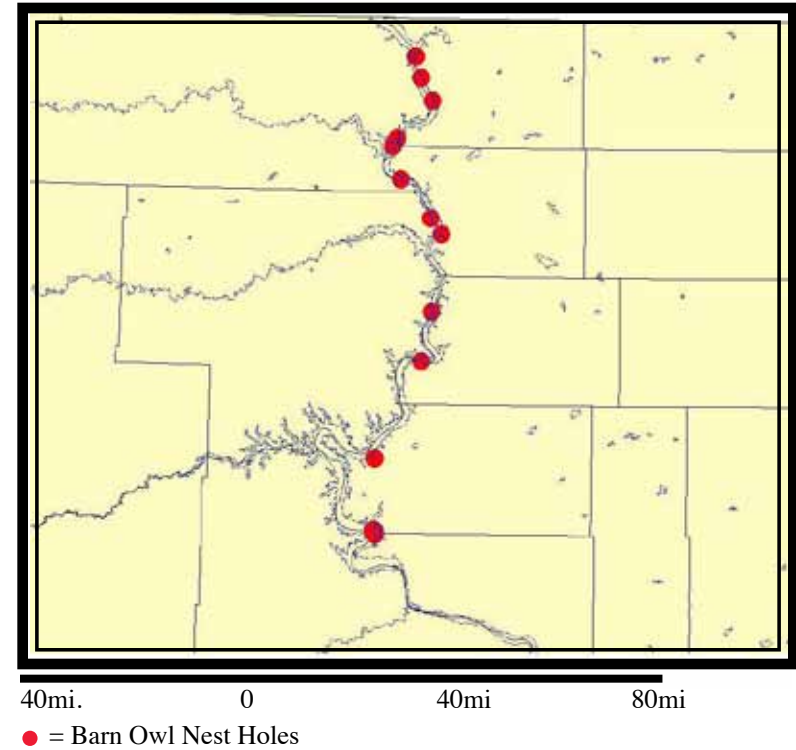
–Nest hole being utilized (presence of several of the following: feathers, small mammal bones, pellets, fresh whitewash, and/or flies)

- SULLY 3 sites
- DEWEY 1 site
- CORSON 1 site

Nest Hole (Not Utilized): (hole size, hole shape, soil and habitat correct, but no signs of recent use)

- HUGHES..... 1 site
- CORSON 2 sites
- CAMPBELL 1 site

Figure 1: Map of upper Missouri River in South Dakota showing location of Barn Owl nest sites.



*A pair of Barn Owls on a Lake Oahe sand bank.
Photo: Doug Backlund.*

HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD. Vol. 13. Penduline-tits to Shrikes. J. del Hoyo, A. Elliot, and David Cristie, Eds. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona \$265.00. (www.hbw.com.) 880 pp.

Sixteen families are covered in this volume (see Table 1) packed with just about everything one might want to learn about birds. At first glance, this book appears to be very expensive. The cost per bird family, however, is only about \$16.50, which is quite a bargain if you were to buy each family as a separate book. At 310 x 240 mm, these are large books, too. The publisher is offering a twenty percent discount for those purchasing the complete 13 volume set of books (three additional volumes will be produced, one each year through 2011).

Each family account contains the latest knowledge about the birds and begins with an overview of the family—systematics, habitats, behavior, distribution, and conservation. Family sections are illustrated with spectacular color photographs followed by accounts of each species, complete with range maps. There are bibliographical notations for both the family and species accounts. Spread through the book are 60 stunning color plates depicting all of the species. This volume includes nine plates by Doug Pratt, the artist who spoke to the SDOU several years ago. Doug is one of the best bird painters in America, but the other plates are of such uniform quality that one has difficulty discerning that they are done by about a dozen different artists.

Previous volumes have been taxonomically conservative. This volume, however, contains some surprises. Familiar species appear in unconventional families and whole families are included with which I was unfamiliar. These changes, summarized by this reviewer in Table 1, are the result of the scientific tumult brought about by modern genetic research. I am also surprised and taken aback by the Handbook's calling our Brown Creeper the American Treecreeper. Brown Creeper is the established name for this species and the Handbook should not be renaming North American birds, even in the interest of consistency with the names of other treecreepers around the world.

Most volumes of this series include a foreword that covers an aspect of ornithology, and reading each presents a rather complete course in avian biology. The foreword in volume 13 is a fascinating essay on migration. This essay, replete with specific examples, describes various types of migration and the mechanics of avian orientation. To give just several examples among hundreds, did you know that males tend to migrate shorter distances than females? Presumably the males must arrive back at breeding grounds before females, since males usually are the ones to set up breeding territories. To get to the breeding grounds first, males must winter closer. (On the other hand, I wonder if males, being generally larger than females, are thus able to withstand cooler temperatures.) I suppose one of the questions most asked of me is how high birds migrate. The essay answers this question using evidence from radar studies. Most migration takes place up to altitudes of 1.5 km, with few birds at higher altitudes of 3 km or more. The record-holder appears to be the Bar-headed Goose recorded at 8 km above sea level over the Himalayas. The examples in the essay are complete with citations, although the citations appeared to me to exclude many older references (such as Lowery's work on migration or Meier's studies of the hormonal control of migration). On the other hand, recent studies on birds' abilities to perceive and recognize electromagnetic patterns are fascinatingly discussed. The foreword is further enhanced by a full-page portrait of a flock of flying King Eiders painted by Lars Jonsson, whose work bridges the line between scientific bird portraiture and expressive art.

Table 1. Bird families covered in *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Vol. 13.*

Family	Common Names	Reviewers Comments
Remizidae	Penduline-tits	I grew up thinking penduline-tits were titmice, but recent genetic work indicates they are in their own family. This includes the Verdin of our Southwest, despite the Verdin's disjunct range—the Handbook admits, “it may not be long before the Verdin is moved on again” to some other family.
Aegithalidae	Long-tailed Tits	Long-tailed Tits were also titmice in my youth. Bush-tits of the western USA are included with them, apparently an ancestor used a Bering land-bridge to invade our continent.
Sittidae	Nuthatches	Everyone seems to know what a nuthatch is and all are in the same genus, though not without argument. Some are so similar to the Red-breasted Nuthatch that they have been thought to be the same species—though one is in North America, the other limited to Corsica, and a third in China. (The Handbook treats them as distinct species.)
Tichodromidae	Wallcreeper	The Wallcreeper (found in mountain cliff sides in Europe and Asia), a gray bird with scarlet wings and long, thin bill, has elsewhere been classified as a strange nuthatch.
Certhiidae	Treecreepers	The creepers are familiar birds, and most are in the same genus. The questions seem to be what other families are actually aberrant creepers and if the Spotted Creeper of Africa deserves to be in its own family. See also next family.
Rhabdornithidae	Rhabdornis	Nobody seems to know what to make of these three species of Philippine birds—perhaps they are aberrant creepers. Recent DNA studies suggest they are actually starlings! (They somewhat resemble oxpeckers.)
Nectariniidae	Sunbirds	The 132 species of sunbirds are the “Old World hummingbirds” and are often mistaken for hummingbirds by casual observers (they aren't that similar).
Melanocharitidae	Berrypeckers and Longbills	One fact is for sure—these 10 species live in New Guinea. Just how they are related to each other and to other birds spark heated debate in ornithological circles.
Paramythiidae	Painted Berrypeckers	Another enigmatic New Guinean family comprising two species—perhaps flowerpeckers, perhaps honeyeaters—for now in a family of their own.
Dicaeidae	Flowerpeckers	At the risk of sounding repetitious, let me quote the Handbook, “Which of the [44 species] should be included in the family Dicaeidae, and to which other groups the family is related, have for long been matters of dispute among taxonomists.” Flowerpeckers are found in southeast Asia and Australia.
Pardalotidae	Pardalotes	These four Australian species are fairly uniform and, as such, are placed in a single genus.
Zosteropidae	White-eyes	With few exceptions, white-eyes are fairly similar little greenish yellow birds with broad, white eye-rings. The family inhabits the Old World.
Promeropidae	Sugarbirds	There are but two species of sugarbirds, both from South Africa. The sugarbirds have been variously classified with honeyeaters, starlings, thrushes, and sunbirds, but here are given their own family.
Meliphagidae	Honeyeaters	Honeyeaters are a large (175 species), fairly diverse (42 genera) family found in Australia and adjacent Pacific islands.
Oriolidae	Orioles	These are the Old World orioles, not to be confused with our blackbirds. Many are black and yellow; indeed, there are only two genera of orioles.
Laniidae	Shrikes	Although found around the world (except South America and Australia), shrikes are so similar that there exist only three genera. The family may be closely related to crows, since both groups share the same sperm shape. This chapter is written by 16 scientists under the auspices of the International Shrike Working Group.

You owe it to yourself to look at any of the volumes in this series first hand. Try to find a library copy or check out the handbook's webpage: www.hbw.com. As I have urged you in previous reviews of this amazing series, if your library lacks these books, urge your library to purchase them. *Dan Tallman, 2120 Taylor Ct., Northfield MN 55057.*

FIRST STATE RECORD OF YELLOW-BILLED LOON

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A Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) was seen, in Charles Mix and Gregory Counties, below Fort Randall Dam from 29 December 2008 to 3 January 2009. The following is an account of that rare sighting.

On 29 December 2008, Ron and Marietta Mabie decided to drive by gazebo point in Randall Creek Recreation Area below Pickstown to look for the Glaucous and Thayer's Gulls that Ron had seen there earlier. Upon reaching the point, they immediately forgot about the gulls when they saw a different looking bird swimming along the ice edge. After studying the bird for a time and noting the large, light-colored bill and distinctive barring across the back, Ron said: "It's a loon. I think it's a Yellow-billed!" Marietta wondered if one had ever been seen in South Dakota. They continued to observe the loon for another hour and then went home to consult their field guides and for further research on the internet. After examining these resources, they concluded that the original identification had to be correct. At 4:00 PM, Ron decided that he would go back to look at the loon again to confirm the sighting.

Bill Bossman spent about 45 minutes that day, from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM, looking at the loon and trying to determine what it was. He took several photographs, studied it through his binoculars and perused the drawings in Sibley. He finally decided that

it could not be anything except a Yellow-billed Loon. He decided to call his friend, Paul Roisen of Sioiux City, Iowa. They talked for a while, and decided that some nearby birders should be notified so that they could try to see the bird the next morning and confirm the identification. Bill left the comfort of his car one more time, to get some last looks at the



Ron Mabie waits patiently in his warm car for the next birders to come by hoping to see the Yellow-billed Loon at "Gazebo Point". 1/02/09

Photo: Mick Zerr

loon; then, he planned to give Ron a call. Just then, Bill saw a vehicle pull up at the gazebo. As the driver started looking at the loon through his binoculars, Bill walked over and asked, "What kind of a loon do you think that is?" The driver responded that he thought it was a Yellow-billed Loon and Bill said that he thought it was too. Bill then introduced himself to Ron, with whom he had corresponded but never met, and said: "I thought that it was you".

That evening, Bill's photos were sent to four members of the Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) and Ron received a phone call from Todd Jensen saying that he thought the loon was a yellow-billed due to the auricular spot.

Dave Swanson e-mailed Ron on the following morning and said that the bird looked like a Yellow-billed Loon as the very large, pale and upturned bill, the relatively pale head and neck, and the dark spot behind the eye were all good field marks. Ron then posted the sighting on the SDOU listserve. Later that afternoon, Dave, Todd and Jeff Palmer, members of the RBRC, observed the loon with great excitement and confirmed that it was indeed a Yellow-billed Loon. Ricky Olson, another RBRC member, observed the loon on 01 January 2009 and confirmed it also.

Ron's and Bill's fascination with the Yellow-billed Loon began upon its discovery. Ron was fortunate to live close by so he could observe the loon every day and visit with the birders who came to see it. Over the six days the loon was seen, Ron met with more than sixty birders from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and all across South Dakota. From teenage birders to octogenarians, this bird pleased birders for nearly a week.

The Yellow-billed Loon is the largest member of the Family Gaviidae and is known in Europe as the "White-billed Diver". Their summer range is the high Arctic tundra and in winter they occupy a small area of southern Alaska and coastal British Columbia. In recent years immature birds have been found wintering on inland lakes and reservoirs.

Records have been established for all of the states adjoining South Dakota.

- Iowa has four records: earliest 18 April 1999, Cerro Gordo County; latest 15–19 July 2008, Tama County (Ann Johnson, pers. comm.).
- Minnesota has six records: earliest 16 November 1980, Itasca County; latest 4–11 January 2005, Two Harbors (Peder Svingen, pers. comm.).
- Montana, where the loon is classified as "vagrant", has seven records: first, 5 January 1987, Cascade County; 11 November 1994 and 15 November 2004, Fort Peck Lake; latest observed 4 January 2007, Cascade County (Dan Casey, pers. comm.).
- Nebraska, which classifies the loon as a "rare and casual fall visitor east and central", has three records: 8 August–18 October 1998 and 2–8 September 2003, both Lake McConaughy; 17–21 November 1996, Branched Oak Lake (Ross Silcock, pers. comm.).
- North Dakota has one record: 01–13 November 2004 at Devils Lake and another record pending: 24 November 2006 at Audubon National Wildlife Refuge (Ron Martin, pers. comm.).
- Wyoming has four records: earliest, 5 November 1978, Lake DeSmet; latest, 4 July 1999, Rob Roy Reservoir (Andrea Orabona, pers. comm.).

A Rare Bird Report Form documenting the above sighting, which would constitute a first state record for the Yellow-billed Loon in South Dakota, has been submitted to the RBRC for review. Hopefully, we can then join all six of our neighbors with this record.

See Doug Backlund's photo of this bird on page 13. To view Doug's full color photos of this loon go to: <<<http://wildphotosphotography.com/yellow-billed_loon.htm>>>

MEET A SOUTH DAKOTA BIRDER

Nelda Holden, Master Birder

by Lois Haertel, Bruce, SD



Nelda Holden in a Family Photo

Everyone in SDOU knows Nelda Holden as the person who patiently reminded us all to pay our dues, and carefully kept the books of the SDOU for many (46) years. However, not everyone may know of her extensive work as an ornithologist and her many contributions to our knowledge of birds in South Dakota.

Nelda was encouraged in her interest in birds by her father, Arthur McQuate, and recalls that her favorite childhood bird was the Scarlet Tanager. She is a graduate of Heidelberg College in her hometown of Tiffin, Ohio. She went on to receive her master's degree from the University of Michigan where she studied ornithology with the legendary Olin Sewell Pettingill. She did most of her work at the University of Michigan Biological Station near

Mackinaw City where she studied the nest site behavior of Purple Martins. She then became a biology teacher at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus. In Chicago she met David Holden, her husband to be, who was a graduate student at the University of Chicago. David received his PhD in 1956 and the Holdens came to Brookings, SD, where David joined the SDSU faculty. With Dr. Pettingill's recommendation, Nelda received her banding permit in 1957, and thus began an active career, trapping and banding thousands of birds from that time until she moved into town in 1991. In 1988 Nelda set up the David Holden Memorial Fund to help young birders with tuition. She is happy to continue as administrator of this award today.

Nelda eagerly shares her many memories from nearly forty years of banding. Before mist nets became available, she used wire traps for seed-eating birds and water traps for warblers. After mist nets became available, she used both nets and traps. She recalls for me with a smile a particular Northern Shrike that tried to get into her wire trap full of juncos. The shrike did not succeed, but she did. She caught the shrike in her nearby mist net and banded it. Other memorable birds banded include a Whip-poor-will in October of 1961 and a Boreal Chickadee in November of 1972. She repeatedly recaptured the same female Hairy Woodpecker which lived to be nineteen years old. She remembers 1978 vividly as the year of the Common Redpoll—she captured and banded 519 that year. Pine Siskins were abundant in 1981—she banded 493. She banded in all weather; in a late winter storm in April of 1983, she banded seventy-six juncos and twenty-one American Tree Sparrows during a five-hour period. She fondly recalls banding lots of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and one Sharp-shinned Hawk, despite the risk of being bitten by either species.

During May from 1969-1971, she led groups of bird-banders at Farm Island in Pierre. She is justifiably proud of her farthest recapture: a Least Flycatcher banded at Farm Island in 1970 and recaptured in Guatemala later that same year. Another interesting recapture was an American Robin that showed up in Florida—not the normal migration pattern for local robins.

In 1958, Nelda began coordinating the Brookings area Audubon Christmas bird count and coordinated her Fiftieth such count in 2008. In the late 1960s, she started

breeding bird surveys for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and continues to help with them to this day. In the late 1970s she helped John Haertel with his shorebird banding project and remembers the excitement when entire flocks of peeps would get caught in the mist nets and had to be quickly removed. She also helped John with his Monitoring Avian Productivity Survey (MAPS) station, doing point counts and helping with the banding in the 1990s.

When not in the field, Nelda spends much time providing a variety of services to the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union. She was one of the co-authors of *Birds of South Dakota, First Edition*. She edited the section on "Warblers through Sparrows". For forty years she edited the *South Dakota Bird Notes'* five-year Indices—from Volume 6 to Volume 45. She also found time, until just last October, to serve meticulously as Treasurer of SDOU from 1962-1975, and then 1977-2008. From 1975-1977 she served as president. She currently serves as Assistant Treasurer and Registrar for SDOU. A quote from her first President's Page, written in 1975:

"...I would like to address the careless use of the word 'habitat'. Everybody seems to agree that the decline of wildlife is at least partially due to the loss of habitat; the popular press leads people to think that habitat is anything not utilized for intensive agriculture. ...People must be more specific when they use the word 'habitat,' and they must give greater consideration to quality."

Nelda recalls joyously the time she spends (never enough!) in just recreational birding. In college, her favorite sightings include an Everglade [Snail] Kite and an Audubon's [Crested] Caracara which she found for a group on a field trip to southern Florida. In 2003 she climbed a mountain in southern Arizona to stand right under a Spotted Owl, and later found a Flame-colored Tanager with help from her sister, Miriam, who is also a birder. In 2005 Nelda tromped through the woods of Southeast Arizona off and on for three days, and was finally, she relates proudly, rewarded with the sighting of an Elegant Trogon. Local birds she found exciting to see of late include the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in Brookings [see cover] and the Yellow-billed Loon on the Missouri River in Pickstown. She continues to introduce new people to the joy of birding, leading field trips at the SDSU Oak Lake Field Station near Brookings, SD. And she looks forward to all the sightings of the future.

We continue to thank Nelda and are truly grateful for her long record of service to the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union and for her contributions to the understanding and preservation of our avifauna.



Yellow-billed Loon.

South Dakota's first record (subject to approval by the Rare Bird Records Committee), was found by Ron Mabbie and Bill Bossman 29 December, 2008 at Fort Randall Dam.

Gregory and Charles Mix Counties.

Photo: Doug Backlund. 12/31/08

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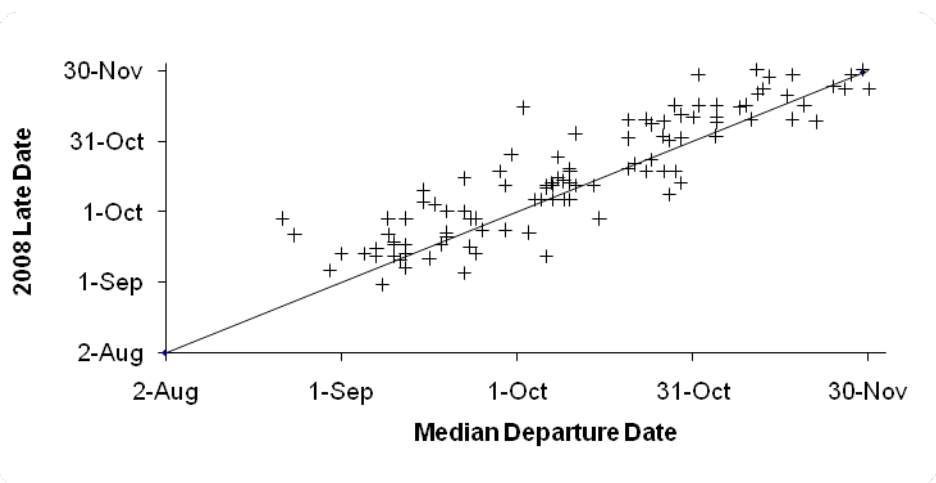
The 2008 Fall Season

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There were 297 species reported during the 2008 Fall Season. The 10-year average (1998-2007) is 302. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (early/late dates as given in *Birds of South Dakota* by Tallman, Swanson, and Palmer, early/late dates as given in the online database, 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 from the missing region also. Included at the end of this report 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. **Hudsonian Godwit** and **Wood Thrush** have not been reported for the past five fall seasons and were removed from the list.

For species with late dates given in this report, the graph below shows the late date reported during the current season versus the median departure date over the previous ten years (1998-2007). Data points above the line represent species whose last reported date this fall was later than the 10-year median and points below the line correspond to species with late fall dates that were earlier than the 10-year median.



Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 15 Oct Jones DB; 21 Oct Brookings KCJ; 30 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 23 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Buffalo RDO, KM; 22 Nov Lawrence RL; 26 Oct Brookings KCJ
Snow Goose Early: 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 12 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 24 Nov Douglas RM; 23 Nov Buffalo RDO, KM; 22 Nov Yankton RND
Ross's Goose Early: **27 Oct Pennington JLB**; 07 Nov Clark SS; 08 Nov Clay DS ... Late: 15 Nov Sully KM; 14 Nov Brookings KCJ
Cackling Goose Early: 26 Oct Brookings KCJ; 27 Oct Hughes RDO; 27 Oct Stanley RDO
Tundra Swan All Reports: 07 Nov Clark SS; 15 Nov Brookings JSP
Wood Duck Late: 26 Nov Hughes DB; 22 Nov Stanley KM; 09 Nov Pennington JLB; 13 Sep Minnehaha DC; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP
Gadwall Late: 23 Nov Pennington RL; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 15 Nov Brookings JSP

American Wigeon Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Pennington RL; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Lawrence RL; 22 Nov Hughes DB; 15 Nov Brookings JSP
American Black Duck All Reports: 25 Oct Clark SS; 08 Nov Clark SS
Blue-winged Teal Late: 15 Nov Charles Mix RM; 22 Oct Stanley RDO; 12 Oct Brule MS; 06 Oct Meade JLB; 04 Oct Lake JSP
Northern Shoveler Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 26 Nov Hughes DB; 15 Nov Minnehaha MRZ; 02 Nov Meade RL
Northern Pintail Late: 15 Nov Sully KM; 15 Nov Minnehaha MRZ; 08 Nov Yankton RND; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 27 Oct Meade JLB; 27 Oct Butte JLB
Green-winged Teal Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Lawrence RL; 19 Nov Custer JLB; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Canvasback Late: 26 Nov Hughes DB; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 15 Nov Brookings JSP; 27 Oct Meade JLB; 27 Oct Butte JLB
Redhead Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Hughes GO; 23 Nov Pennington RL; 23 Nov Buffalo RDO; 15 Nov Minnehaha MRZ
Ring-necked Duck Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Pennington RL; 22 Nov Lawrence RL; 16 Nov Minnehaha MRZ
Greater Scaup Early: **18 Oct Kingsbury JSP**; 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 26 Oct Brookings BFH ... Late: **30 Nov Hughes RDO**; **28 Nov Stanley RDO**; 23 Nov Buffalo RDO; 15 Nov Brookings JSP
Lesser Scaup Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Charles Mix RM; 26 Nov Hughes DB; 16 Nov Minnehaha MRZ; 13 Nov Pennington JLB; 13 Nov Meade JLB
Surf Scoter Early: 30 Oct Stanley KM, RDO; 26 Nov Hughes DB ... Late: 08 Nov Stanley RDO
White-winged Scoter Only Report: 26 Oct Brookings BFH
Black Scoter Early: 01 Nov Stanley RDO; 15 Nov Buffalo RDO; **21 Nov Hughes RDO** ... Late: **28 Nov Hyde SS**; **28 Nov Hughes RDO**; **23 Nov Stanley RDO**
Long-tailed Duck Early: 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 15 Nov Buffalo KM, RDO; 22 Nov Hughes SS ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes RDO; 16 Nov Buffalo TJ
Bufflehead Early: 14 Oct Pennington JLB; 18 Oct Brookings KCJ; 18 Oct Charles Mix RM; 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP
Common Goldeneye Early: 27 Oct Pennington JLB; 29 Oct Stanley RDO; 07 Nov Clark SS
Barrow's Goldeneye Early: 19 Nov Pennington JLB
Hooded Merganser Early: 11 Aug Grant BJU; 05 Sep Pennington JLB; 27 Oct Charles Mix RM; 27 Oct Hughes DB, RDO ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Gregory JSP; 23 Nov Pennington RL; 23 Nov Buffalo RDO; 16 Nov Minnehaha MRZ
Common Merganser Early: 05 Sep Pennington JLB; 26 Oct Brookings KCJ; 27 Oct Meade JLB; 29 Oct Stanley RDO
Red-breasted Merganser All Reports: **27 Oct Hughes RDO**; 01 Nov Stanley RDO; 11 Nov Charles Mix RM; 14 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Charles Mix RM
Ruddy Duck Late: 22 Nov Yankton RND; 15 Nov Stanley KM; 15 Nov Brookings JSP; 13 Nov Pennington JLB
Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 20 Sep Gregory JSP; 13 Oct Minnehaha TS; **02 Nov Charles Mix RM**
Pacific Loon All Reports: **18 Oct Fall River TJ**; **08 Nov Yankton DS, RND**
Common Loon Early: 01 Aug Charles Mix RM; 23 Aug Yankton DS; 07 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Meade JLB ... Late: 19 Nov Fall River JLB; 15 Nov Charles Mix RM; 15 Nov Buffalo RDO
Pied-billed Grebe Late: 22 Nov Yankton RND; 19 Nov Fall River JLB; 15 Nov Lyman KM; 15 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Horned Grebe Early: 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 13 Oct Sully KM; 16 Oct Pennington JF; 25 Oct Kingsbury BFH ... Late: 22 Nov Charles Mix RM; 15 Nov Potter RDO; 15 Nov Lyman KM; 02 Nov Meade JLB; 01 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 10 Aug Roberts MO; 23 Aug Roberts JSP
Eared Grebe Late: 09 Nov Pennington JLB; 08 Nov Yankton RND; 02 Nov Meade JLB
Western Grebe Late: 23 Nov Buffalo RDO; 15 Nov Charles Mix RM; 10 Nov Potter RDO, KM; 02 Nov Meade JLB; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP
Clark's Grebe All Reports: 26 Aug Miner DC; 30 Aug Charles Mix DS; 07 Sep Stanley RDO
American White Pelican Late: 15 Nov Butte EK; 10 Nov Sully RDO, KM; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Double-crested Cormorant Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Charles Mix JSP; 23 Nov Buffalo RDO; 15 Nov Brookings JSP; 27 Oct Butte JLB

American Bittern All Reports: 12 Sep Roberts MO; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 20 Sep Bon Homme JSP; **03 Nov Minnehaha DC**
Great Blue Heron Late: 22 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov McCook DC; 28 Sep Jones DB
Great Egret Late: 12 Oct McCook MS; 04 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 04 Oct Charles Mix RM; 10 Sep Pennington JLB
Snowy Egret Late: **25 Oct Kingsbury BFH**; 10 Oct Aurora DC; 28 Sep Charles Mix RM; 31 Aug Bennett RL
Cattle Egret Late: 12 Oct Brule MS; 14 Sep Hughes DB; 13 Sep Brown GO
Green Heron All Reports: 16 Aug Minnehaha MS; 23 Aug Roberts JSP; 26 Aug Minnehaha DC; 11 Sep Charles Mix RM; 13 Sep Lake JSP; 14 Sep Minnehaha DC
Black-crowned Night-Heron All Reports: 06 Aug Campbell RDO; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 14 Sep Minnehaha DC
White-faced Ibis Late: 12 Sep Roberts MO; 03 Sep Pennington JLB; 01 Sep Charles Mix RM
Turkey Vulture Late: 13 Oct Stanley DB; 13 Oct Hughes DB; 04 Oct Pennington MMM; 04 Oct Minnehaha MS; 04 Oct Lake JSP; 04 Oct Charles Mix RM
Osprey Early: 11 Aug Roberts BJU; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 12 Sep Hughes RM; 22 Sep Pennington JLB ... Late: 01 Nov Hughes DB; 19 Oct Jones DB; 08 Oct Stanley RDO; 13 Sep McCook MRZ, DC
Northern Harrier Late: 29 Nov Custer MMM; 28 Nov Jones DB; 26 Nov Sully DB; 26 Nov Hughes DB; 07 Nov Clark SS
Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: 25 Aug Charles Mix RM; 06 Sep Hughes DB; 10 Sep Stanley RDO; 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP
Northern Goshawk All Reports: 02 Nov Charles Mix RM; 10 Nov Potter KM, RDO; 24 Nov Charles Mix RM; 25 Nov Lawrence VDF; 30 Nov Hughes RDO
Broad-winged Hawk All Reports: 12 Sep Roberts MO; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 25 Sep Hughes DB
Swainson's Hawk Late: **03 Nov Minnehaha DC**; 21 Oct Brookings K CJ; 18 Oct Harding CEM 10 Oct Charles Mix RM
Rough-legged Hawk Early: 10 Oct Lyman DC; 13 Oct Sully RDO; 14 Oct Stanley RDO; 29 Oct Meade JLB; 07 Nov Clark SS
Golden Eagle Early: 17 Sep Dewey SS; 21 Sep Stanley RDO
Merlin Early: **15 Aug Lake JSP**; 06 Sep Hyde RDO; 12 Sep Roberts MO
Gyr Falcon All Reports: 15 Nov Stanley DB; 22 Nov Stanley SS
Peregrine Falcon All Reports: 07 Sep Sully RDO; 13 Sep Minnehaha DC; 21 Sep Lincoln MRZ; 21 Sep Stanley RDO
Prairie Falcon Early: 29 Aug Sully KM; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 18 Sep Walworth SS; 20 Sep Hutchinson JSP
Virginia Rail All Reports: 10 Aug Roberts MO; 18 Aug Meade JLB; 26 Aug Minnehaha DC; 13 Sep Lake JSP
Sora Late: 28 Sep Stanley KM; 13 Sep Lake JSP; 26 Aug Miner DC; 20 Aug Pennington JLB
American Coot Late: 23 Nov Pennington RL; 23 Nov Hughes KM; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 15 Nov Brookings JSP
Sandhill Crane Early: 25 Sep Meade RL; 07 Oct Custer MMM; 07 Oct Pennington JLB; 13 Oct Stanley DB; 13 Oct Sully KM ... Late: 15 Nov Charles Mix RM; 29 Oct Pennington JLB; 29 Oct Meade JLB
Whooping Crane All Reports: 18 Oct Custer (7) MMM; 18 Oct Pennington (7) TJ
Black-bellied Plover All Reports: **02 Aug Hughes KM, RDO**; **03 Aug Hughes RDO**; 31 Aug Stanley RDO
American Golden-Plover All Reports: 13 Oct Sully RDO; 07 Nov Clark SS; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Semipalmated Plover Late: **18 Oct Kingsbury JSP**; 10 Sep Meade JLB; 03 Sep Pennington JLB; 01 Sep Stanley RDO
Piping Plover All Reports: 05 Aug Hughes KM; 16 Aug Union GJS
Killdeer Late: 12 Nov Charles Mix RM; 11 Nov Clay GJS; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 06 Oct Meade JLB; 04 Oct Kingsbury JSP
American Avocet Late: **10 Nov Sully RDO, KM**; **07 Nov Clark SS**; 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Sep Meade JLB
Greater Yellowlegs Late: 02 Nov Stanley RDO, KM; 01 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 26 Oct Brookings BFH; 28 Sep Meade JLB

Lesser Yellowlegs Late: 19 Oct Stanley DB; 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Sully RDO; 05 Oct Meade RL
Solitary Sandpiper Late: 21 Sep Lincoln MRZ; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 10 Sep Meade JLB; 07 Sep Sully RDO
Willet All Reports: 02 Aug Hughes KM; 20 Aug Pennington JLB; 24 Aug Meade JLB; 13 Sep Minnehaha DC
Spotted Sandpiper Late: 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 25 Sep Meade RL; 12 Sep Roberts MO
Upland Sandpiper All Reports: 06 Aug Campbell RDO; 20 Aug Pennington JLB; 26 Aug McCook DC
Long-billed Curlew Only Report: 06 Aug Custer MMM
Marbled Godwit Late: 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 01 Sep Charles Mix RM; 06 Aug Campbell RDO
Sanderling Late: 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 25 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Dewey SS
Semipalmated Sandpiper Late: 28 Sep Charles Mix RM; 17 Sep Meade JLB; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP
Least Sandpiper Late: **01 Nov Kingsbury JSP**; 13 Oct Sully KM; 03 Oct Faulk RDO; 06 Sep Meade JLB
White-rumped Sandpiper Only Report: 16 Aug Minnehaha MS, MRZ
Baird's Sandpiper Late: **07 Nov Clark SS**; **01 Nov Kingsbury JSP**; 13 Oct Sully KM; 24 Sep Meade JLB
Pectoral Sandpiper Late: 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Sully KM; 01 Oct Meade JLB
Stilt Sandpiper Late: 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Sully RDO; 10 Sep Meade JLB
Buff-breasted Sandpiper Early: **01 Aug Kingsbury TS**; **02 Aug Charles Mix RM**; **02 Aug Hughes KM, RDO** ... Late: 17 Sep Dewey SS; 03 Aug Hughes RDO
Short-billed Dowitcher Late: 17 Sep Dewey SS; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM; 11 Aug Grant BJU
Long-billed Dowitcher Late: 13 Oct Sully RDO, KM; 06 Oct Meade JLB; 04 Oct Kingsbury JSP
Wilson's Snipe Late: 15 Nov Lake JSP; 26 Oct Kingsbury BFH; 19 Oct Stanley DB; 10 Sep Meade JLB
Wilson's Phalarope Late: 13 Sep Minnehaha DC; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 07 Sep Sully RDO; 03 Sep Pennington JLB
Red-necked Phalarope All Reports: 11 Aug Deuel BJU; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 13 Sep Minnehaha DC
Franklin's Gull Late: 20 Nov Hughes RDO; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 29 Oct Stanley RDO; 24 Sep Meade JLB
Bonaparte's Gull Early: 27 Aug Buffalo KM; 04 Sep Hughes KM; 12 Sep Roberts MO ... Late: 30 Nov Charles Mix RM; 26 Nov Hughes RDO; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Stanley RDO; 26 Oct Brookings BFH
Mew Gull All Reports: 19 Nov Hughes SS; 22 Nov Stanley KM, RDO
Ring-billed Gull Late: 30 Nov Charles Mix RM; 26 Nov Hughes RDO; 25 Nov Stanley GO; 19 Nov Fall River JLB; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
California Gull Late: **27 Nov Hughes RDO**; **03 Nov Stanley RDO**; 30 Sep Charles Mix RM
Herring Gull Early: 30 Aug Hughes RDO; 08 Sep Stanley KM; 16 Sep Buffalo RM; 04 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Nov Fall River JLB ... Late: 01 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Thayer's Gull Early: **12 Oct Hughes DC, DS, JSP, RM**; 10 Nov Potter RDO; 15 Nov Yankton DS
Lesser Black-backed Gull Only Report: 22 Nov Hughes DB, KM, RDO
Glaucous Gull Early: **15 Nov Potter KM, RDO**; **21 Nov Hughes RDO**; **22 Nov Stanley RDO**
Sabine's Gull Early: **14 Sep Lyman TJ**; **16 Sep Stanley RDO**; **30 Sep Bennett RND** ... Late: 22 Sep Lyman SS
Black-legged Kittiwake Only Report: **12 Oct Hughes DC, DS, JSP, KM, RM**
Caspian Tern Early: 02 Aug Charles Mix RM; 16 Aug Yankton LT; 11 Sep Stanley RDO ... Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM; 03 Aug Charles Mix RM
Common Tern All Reports: 06 Aug Campbell RDO; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 06 Sep Stanley DB; 17 Sep Buffalo RM; 22 Sep Lyman SS
Forster's Tern Late: 21 Oct Yankton DS; 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 04 Oct Charles Mix RM; 12 Sep Roberts MO; 10 Sep Meade JLB
Least Tern All Reports: 02 Aug Charles Mix RM; 09 Aug Charles Mix RM; 16 Aug Union GJS; **23 Aug Stanley RDO**; **01 Sep Charles Mix RM**
Black Tern Late: **10 Oct McCook DC**; 12 Sep Roberts MO; 08 Sep Stanley RDO; 01 Sep Meade RL

Mourning Dove Late: 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Pennington RL; 19 Nov Hughes SS; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Black-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 11 Aug Grant BJU
Yellow-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 04 Sep Hughes EDS
Barn Owl Late: **14 Nov Sully KM**; 22 Aug Hughes DB; 16 Aug Walworth RDO
Eastern Screech-Owl All Reports: 23 Aug Stanley RDO; 01 Sep Stanley RDO; 23 Sep Stanley RDO; 27 Oct Hughes DB; 04 Nov Hughes DB; 17 Nov Custer MMM
Snowy Owl Only Report: **07 Nov Clark SS**
Burrowing Owl Late: **15 Oct Stanley DB**; 15 Oct Jones DB; 11 Oct Hughes RM; 02 Oct Minnehaha TS
Northern Saw-whet Owl Early: 31 Oct Sully KM; 04 Nov Hughes DB
Common Nighthawk Late: 23 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 16 Sep Hughes KM; 14 Sep Stanley DB; 31 Aug Pennington MMM; 31 Aug Bennett RL
Common Poorwill Only Report: 31 Aug Harding DB
Whip-poor-will All Reports: 02 Aug Charles Mix RM; **23 Sep Charles Mix RM**
Chimney Swift All Reports: 01 Aug Hughes RDO; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 01 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 12 Sep Roberts MO
White-throated Swift Only Report: 13 Sep Fall River JLB, AKB
Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 23 Sep Stanley RDO; 22 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 21 Sep Lake JSP; 28 Aug Pennington JLB
Rufous Hummingbird Only Report: **18 Aug Meade AKB**
Belted Kingfisher Late: 28 Nov Gregory RM; 23 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Meade AKB; 22 Nov Hughes DB; 15 Oct Brookings KCJ
Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 17 Nov Meade JLB, RDO; 27 Nov Meade EEM
Red-headed Woodpecker Late: 12 Oct Hughes KM; 27 Sep Moody JSP; 20 Sep Bon Homme JSP; 08 Aug Meade APB
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker All Reports: 11 Aug Grant BJU; 23 Aug Roberts JSP; 06 Oct Hughes KM; 07 Oct Hughes RDO; **22 Nov Charles Mix RM**; **28 Nov Charles Mix JSP**
Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 28 Aug Custer JLB; 27 Sep Custer RL
American Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 17 Aug Custer AKB; 28 Oct Pennington DS; 31 Oct Custer JLB; 17 Nov Lawrence RDO
Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 31 Oct Custer JLB; 03 Nov Custer KCJ
Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 11 Aug Grant BJU; 19 Aug Charles Mix RM; 23 Aug Roberts JSP; 24 Aug Clay GJS; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 06 Sep Hughes DB
Western Wood-Pewee All Reports: 07 Aug Meade APB; 18 Aug Meade APB; 23 Aug Meade APB; 24 Aug Harding CEM
Eastern Wood-Pewee Late: 12 Sep Roberts MO; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 23 Aug Stanley RDO; 10 Aug Tripp
Willow Flycatcher Only Report: 02 Aug Charles Mix RM
Least Flycatcher Late: 18 Sep Stanley RDO; 08 Sep Hughes EDS; 24 Aug Harding CEM
Dusky Flycatcher Only Report: **23 Aug Lawrence RL**
Eastern Phoebe Late: **24 Oct Hughes KM**; 27 Sep Moody JSP; 22 Sep Lincoln MRZ
Say's Phoebe All Reports: 05 Aug Custer MMM; 08 Aug Sully KM; 23 Aug Stanley RDO; 31 Aug Harding CEM, DB; 01 Sep Jackson KM; **28 Sep Meade RL**
Great Crested Flycatcher Late: 17 Sep Minnehaha MS; 13 Sep Lake JSP; 12 Sep Roberts MO; 10 Sep Hughes EDS
Western Kingbird Late: **28 Sep Minnehaha MS**; 13 Sep Meade RL, APB; 07 Sep Sully RDO
Eastern Kingbird Late: 11 Sep Hughes KM; 11 Sep Charles Mix RM; 07 Sep Sully RDO; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 06 Sep Custer MMM
Loggerhead Shrike All Reports: 11 Aug Grant BJU; 18 Aug Meade JLB; 20 Aug Pennington JLB; 25 Aug Charles Mix RM; 28 Sep Charles Mix RM
Northern Shrike Early: 12 Oct Stanley RDO; 13 Oct Sully KM; 18 Oct Harding CEM; 26 Oct Brookings BFH
Bell's Vireo All Reports: 01 Aug Sully KM; 28 Aug Meade JLB; 30 Aug Charles Mix DS; 04 Sep Hughes EDS; **10 Sep Meade JLB**
Yellow-throated Vireo Only Report: 10 Aug Roberts MO
Blue-headed Vireo All Reports: 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 17 Sep Minnehaha MS; 18 Sep Clay GJS
Warbling Vireo Late: 20 Sep Gregory JSP; 13 Sep Lake JSP; 12 Sep Hughes EDS; 24 Aug Harding CEM

Red-eyed Vireo Late: **05 Oct Hughes DB**; 24 Sep Stanley DB; 13 Sep Lake JSP; 24 Aug Harding CEM
Pinyon Jay reported 02 Aug Harding CEM; 22 Aug Harding CEM; 15 Nov Fall River RL ... also reported from Meade County
Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 17 Aug Custer AKB; 28 Aug Custer JLB; 22 Sep Pennington JLB; 28 Oct Custer DS; 31 Oct Custer JLB
Black-billed Magpie reported 16 Sep Buffalo RM; 17 Oct Sully KM; 15 Nov Lyman RDO
Purple Martin All Reports: 11 Aug Deuel BJU; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 16 Aug Minnehaha MS, MRZ; 23 Aug Stanley RDO
Tree Swallow Late: **12 Oct Hughes KM**; 18 Sep Charles Mix RM; 13 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 16 Aug Lawrence RL
Violet-green Swallow Only Report: **05 Sep Pennington JLB**
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Late: 06 Sep Charles Mix RM; 24 Aug Minnehaha MS; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 11 Aug Deuel BJU
Bank Swallow Late: **28 Sep Charles Mix RM**; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 11 Aug Deuel BJU
Cliff Swallow Late: 31 Aug Minnehaha MS; 24 Aug Clay GJS; 23 Aug Lawrence RL
Barn Swallow Late: 13 Oct Sully KM; 12 Oct Stanley KM; 12 Oct Brule MS; 10 Oct Brookings KCJ; 06 Oct Meade JLB
Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: 23 Aug Brown GO; 27 Aug Union DS; 19 Sep Stanley RDO
Pygmy Nuthatch All Reports: 22 Sep Pennington JLB; 30 Oct Meade APB
Brown Creeper Early: 11 Oct Hughes KM; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 06 Nov Minnehaha MRZ
Rock Wren Late: **12 Oct Meade APB**; 22 Sep Jackson KM; 14 Sep Harding CEM; 06 Aug Campbell RDO
House Wren Late: 06 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Minnehaha MS; 30 Sep Stanley KM; 07 Sep Pennington JLB
Winter Wren All Reports: 28 Sep Stanley KM; 04 Oct Hughes DB
Sedge Wren Late: 06 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Clay DS; 16 Aug Minnehaha MRZ, MS
Marsh Wren Late: **11 Nov Hughes KM**; 18 Oct Charles Mix RM; 10 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 17 Sep Meade JLB
American Dipper All Reports: 16 Aug Lawrence RL; 23 Aug Lawrence RL; 17 Nov Lawrence JLB, RDO
Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 06 Oct Hughes EDS; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 28 Nov Charles Mix JSP
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 07 Sep Stanley RDO; 12 Sep Clay GJS; 13 Sep Lake JSP ... Late: **28 Nov Gregory JSP**; 02 Nov Sully KM; 02 Nov Hughes DB; 04 Oct Minnehaha MS; 02 Oct Pennington JLB
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher All Reports: 20 Aug Roberts DS; 27 Aug Union DS; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 17 Sep Minnehaha MS
Eastern Bluebird Late: 28 Nov Gregory RM; 09 Nov Sully KM; 02 Nov Minnehaha MRZ; 31 Aug Harding DB
Mountain Bluebird Late: **15 Nov Brookings JSP**; 15 Oct Meade APB; 22 Sep Jackson KM
Townsend's Solitaire Early: **08 Sep Hughes KM**; 29 Sep Stanley DB; 15 Nov Lyman RDO
Veery All Reports: **17 Sep Hughes KM**; **18 Sep Stanley RDO**
Gray-cheeked Thrush Only Report: 24 Sep Hughes KM
Swainson's Thrush Early: 30 Aug Hughes RDO; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 18 Sep Clay GJS ... Late: 06 Oct Hughes EDS; 18 Sep Stanley RDO
Hermit Thrush All Reports: 13 Oct Hughes EDS; 13 Oct Minnehaha TS
Gray Catbird Late: 08 Oct Lake KB; 06 Oct Stanley RDO; 01 Oct Hughes EDS; 28 Sep Pennington JLB
Northern Mockingbird Only Report: 01 Sep Pennington MMM
Brown Thrasher Late: 08 Nov Hughes DB; 06 Oct Stanley RDO; 18 Sep Custer MMM; 17 Sep Minnehaha MS
American Pipit Early: **08 Sep Charles Mix RM**; 16 Sep Meade EEM; 02 Oct Stanley DB; 01 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 08 Nov Minnehaha MRZ, DC; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Sully RDO
Sprague's Pipit Late: **15 Oct Stanley DB**; 11 Oct Hughes RM, DC; 28 Sep Jones DB
Bohemian Waxwing Only Report: 26 Nov Meade EEM
Tennessee Warbler All Reports: 17 Sep Minnehaha MS; 01 Oct Minnehaha MRZ
Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 23 Aug Lawrence RL; 12 Sep Stanley RDO; 14 Sep Hughes DB; 14 Sep Pennington JLB; 27 Sep Moody JSP ... Late: 23 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Pennington JF; 06 Oct Stanley RDO; 04 Oct Minnehaha MS; 04 Oct Lake JSP

Nashville Warbler Early: 28 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Lake JSP; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP ... Late: 06 Oct Stanley RDO; 06 Oct Hughes EDS; 01 Oct Minnehaha MRZ
Yellow Warbler Late: 28 Sep Stanley RDO; 23 Sep Hughes KM; 17 Sep Custer MMM; 30 Aug Lake JSP
Chestnut-sided Warbler Only Report: 12 Sep Hughes EDS
Magnolia Warbler Only Report: 18 Sep Hughes EDS
Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 03 Sep Hughes DB; 12 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Minnehaha MS ... Late: 22 Nov Hughes KM; 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 29 Oct Meade JLB; 04 Oct Minnehaha MS; 04 Oct Lake JSP
Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 27 Aug Union DS; 16 Sep Hughes DB
Blackburnian Warbler Only Report: 01 Sep Union DS
Palm Warbler Only Report: **14 Sep Hughes DB**
Black-and-white Warbler Early: 23 Aug Roberts JSP; 27 Aug Union DS; 31 Aug Minnehaha MS ... Late: 05 Sep Stanley RDO; 04 Sep Hughes KM
American Redstart Late: 22 Sep Hughes EDS; 07 Sep Stanley RDO; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP
Ovenbird Late: 16 Sep Stanley RDO, DB; 12 Sep Hughes EDS; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 24 Aug Harding CEM
Northern Waterthrush Only Report: 16 Aug Union GJS
Common Yellowthroat Late: **11 Oct Hughes KM**; 30 Sep Stanley DB; 17 Sep Meade JLB; 13 Sep Lake JSP
Wilson's Warbler Early: 24 Aug Clay DS; 30 Aug Lake JSP; 31 Aug Stanley RDO; 01 Sep Pennington JLB ... Late: 14 Oct Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Hughes EDS; 28 Sep Pennington JLB; 28 Sep Charles Mix RM; 20 Sep Minnehaha MRZ
Canada Warbler All Reports: 20 Aug Roberts DS; 24 Aug Minnehaha MS; 27 Aug Union DS; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP
Yellow-breasted Chat Late: 12 Sep Hughes EDS; 04 Sep Stanley DB; 01 Sep Pennington JLB
Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 23 Aug Roberts JSP; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP; 20 Sep Minnehaha MRZ
Spotted Towhee Late: 02 Nov Hughes DB; 14 Oct Custer MMM; 06 Oct Pennington RL
Eastern Towhee All Reports: 03 Aug Charles Mix RM; 06 Aug Minnehaha MS; 09 Aug Charles Mix RM; 06 Sep Minnehaha JSP
American Tree Sparrow Early: 09 Oct Hughes EDS; 18 Oct Charles Mix RM; 18 Oct Custer MMM; 01 Nov Lake JSP
Chipping Sparrow Late: 31 Oct Lake JSP; 25 Oct Brookings BFH; 16 Oct Gregory RM; 06 Oct Meade JLB
Clay-colored Sparrow Late: **18 Oct Charles Mix RM**; 01 Oct Meade JLB; 28 Sep Stanley RDO, KM; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 11 Aug Deuel BJU
Brewer's Sparrow Only Report: 03 Aug Harding CEM
Field Sparrow Late: 06 Oct Hughes EDS; 04 Oct Lake JSP; 02 Oct Stanley DB; 02 Oct Pennington JLB
Vesper Sparrow Late: **09 Nov Charles Mix RM**; 19 Oct Sully RDO; 18 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 06 Oct Meade JLB
Lark Sparrow Late: **04 Oct Meade RL**; 28 Sep Stanley RDO; 14 Sep Jones DB
Lark Bunting Late: 10 Sep Meade JLB; 08 Sep Custer MMM; 06 Sep Jones DB
Savannah Sparrow Late: 18 Oct Charles Mix RM; 17 Oct Brookings KCJ; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 15 Oct Jones DB
Grasshopper Sparrow Late: 01 Oct Meade JLB; 27 Sep Hughes KM; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM; 11 Aug Grant BJU
Baird's Sparrow Only Report: 18 Sep Corson SS
Le Conte's Sparrow Early: 27 Sep Hughes KM, RDO; 30 Sep Lincoln TS; 01 Oct Minnehaha TS ... Late: **01 Nov Clay DS**; 06 Oct Hughes KM
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow All Reports: 27 Sep Hughes KM; **06 Oct Hughes KM**
Fox Sparrow Early: 04 Oct Clay DS; 04 Oct Minnehaha MS; 04 Oct Stanley DB ... Late: 14 Nov Brookings KCJ; 09 Nov Clay DS; 08 Nov Minnehaha MRZ; DC
Song Sparrow Late: 15 Nov Pennington JLB; 02 Nov Charles Mix RM; 01 Nov Lake JSP
Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 06 Sep Hughes DB; 06 Sep Stanley DB; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 22 Sep Pennington JLB ... Late: **09 Nov Charles Mix RM**; 12 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Stanley DB
Swamp Sparrow Late: **11 Nov Hughes KM**; 01 Nov Clay DS; 02 Oct Stanley DB; 11 Aug Grant BJU
White-throated Sparrow Early: 18 Sep Clay GJS; 19 Sep Stanley RDO; 20 Sep Hughes EDS; 27 Sep Moody JSP; 06 Oct Pennington JLB ... Late: 15 Nov Lake JSP; 31 Oct Brookings KCJ; 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 18 Oct Harding CEM

Harris's Sparrow Early: 20 Sep Stanley RDO; 27 Sep Moody JSP; 29 Sep Hughes EDS; 01 Oct Meade JLB ... Late: 29 Nov Brookings KCJ; 23 Nov Clay GJS; 10 Nov Hughes DB; 20 Oct Custer MMM
White-crowned Sparrow Early: **07 Sep Custer MMM**; 14 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 17 Sep Hughes EDS; 17 Sep Meade JLB; 04 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 02 Nov Charles Mix RM; 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 18 Oct Brookings KCJ; 16 Oct Pennington JF
Dark-eyed Junco Early: 17 Sep Hughes KM; 19 Sep Stanley RDO; 27 Sep Brown GO; 27 Sep Clay DS, GJS; 27 Sep Moody JSP
Lapland Longspur Early: 16 Oct Sully RDO; 19 Oct Jones DB; 19 Oct Stanley DB; 01 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Chestnut-collared Longspur All Reports: 11 Aug Grant BJU; 07 Sep Custer MMM; 14 Sep Sully KM; 28 Sep Jones DB
Snow Bunting Early: 26 Oct Sully KM; 01 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 02 Nov Meade RL
Rose-breasted Grosbeak Late: 13 Sep Lake JSP; 11 Sep Stanley RDO; 31 Aug Charles Mix RM
Black-headed Grosbeak Late: 07 Sep Pennington RL; 01 Sep Hughes DB; 31 Aug Harding DB; 31 Aug Meade EEM
Blue Grosbeak Late: **21 Sep Clay GJS**; 30 Aug Sully KM; 17 Aug Charles Mix RM; 16 Aug Minnehaha MRZ, MS
Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 22 Aug Harding CEM
Indigo Bunting Late: **28 Sep Stanley KM**; 26 Sep Clay DS; 20 Sep Gregory JSP; 16 Aug Minnehaha MRZ
Dickcissel All Reports: 01 Aug Charles Mix RM; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 16 Aug Union GJS; 17 Aug Charles Mix RM
Bobolink All Reports: 11 Aug Grant BJU; 16 Aug Minnehaha MRZ; **08 Sep Custer MMM**
Western Meadowlark Late: 28 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Custer MMM; 10 Nov Sully KM; 08 Nov Minnehaha MRZ, DC
Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 27 Sep Moody JSP; 17 Sep Butte JLB
Rusty Blackbird Early: **29 Sep Union DS**; 03 Oct Faulk RDO; 15 Oct Brookings KCJ ... Late: 30 Nov Clay GJS; 16 Nov Hughes KM; 10 Nov Sully KM; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Brewer's Blackbird Late: 10 Nov Sully KM; 10 Nov Potter RDO; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 28 Sep Meade RL
Common Grackle Late: 09 Nov Lake JSP; 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov Minnehaha MRZ; 16 Oct Meade EEM
Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 30 Nov Clay GJS; 25 Oct Brookings BFH; 13 Oct Sully RDO; 13 Sep Meade RL, APB
Orchard Oriole All Reports: 01 Aug Sully RDO; 06 Aug Campbell RDO; 11 Aug Grant BJU; 12 Aug Stanley RDO; 16 Aug Walworth RDO; 02 Aug Harding CEM
Baltimore Oriole Late: 13 Sep Lake JSP; 13 Sep Charles Mix RM; 05 Sep Stanley RDO
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch All Reports: **28 Oct Pennington DS**; 06 Nov Meade AKB; 07 Nov Meade AKB; 08 Nov Meade AKB
Purple Finch Early: 01 Nov Hughes DB; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 02 Nov Stanley DB
Red Crossbill All Reports: 23 Aug Lawrence RL; 22 Sep Pennington JLB; 03 Nov Custer KCJ; 17 Nov Lawrence RDO; 28 Nov Lawrence CEM
White-winged Crossbill Only Report: 28 Oct Pennington DS
Common Redpoll All Reports: 26 Oct Hughes KM; 27 Oct Hughes DB; 28 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Nov Clark SS
Pine Siskin Early: 12 Sep Roberts MO; 17 Sep Dewey SS; 27 Sep Lake JSP
Evening Grosbeak All Reports: 17 Nov Lawrence JLB, RDO; 30 Nov Lawrence VDF
Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee
Tundra Swan 24 Aug Stanley KM, RDO
Barrow's Goldeneye 11 Nov Charles Mix RM; 16 Nov – 23 Nov Hughes DB, SS, KM, RDO
Pacific Loon 07 Sep Stanley RDO
Little Blue Heron 20 Nov Hughes SS
Crested Caracara 01 Oct Faulk *vide* SLS
Whimbrel 31 Aug Stanley RDO
Laughing Gull 20 Sep Lyman RDO

Little Gull 27 Aug Buffalo KM; 20 Sep Lyman RDO; 21 Sep Lyman TJ, RDO; 22 Sep Lyman SS;
 27 Sep Lyman RDO
Sabine's Gull 21 Aug Yankton TL
Caspian Tern 12 Oct Hughes DC
Anna's Hummingbird 23-29 Oct Pennington RCD, JLB and many others
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 15-20 Oct Brookings KCJ and many others
Loggerhead Shrike 03 Nov Custer KCJ
Bank Swallow 12 Oct Charles Mix RM
Western Tanager 08 Sep Stanley KM
American Tree Sparrow 11 Sep Charles Mix RM
Lincoln's Sparrow 06 Aug Minnehaha MS
Smith's Longspur 13 Oct Sully RDO; 14 Oct Stanley RDO
Bullock's Oriole 17 Nov Lawrence JLB, RDO
Purple Finch 14 Oct Lawrence VDF

Species Expected But Not Reported

Trumpeter Swan, Cinnamon Teal, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Sage-Grouse (2), Least Bittern (3), Ruddy Turnstone, Dunlin, American Woodcock, Calliope Hummingbird, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Pileated Woodpecker (2), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Plumbeous Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Carolina Wren, Varied Thrush (3), Golden-winged Warbler, Virginia's Warbler (3), Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Great-tailed Grackle, Pine Grosbeak (2), Cassin's Finch

Corrections/Additions to Past Reports

Rock Wren Delete: 25 Nov 2007 Meade AKB
Snow Bunting Delete: 28 Sep 2007 Clay DS

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**COME CELEBRATE SDOU's 60th ANNIVERSARY
 SOUTH DAKOTA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION SPRING MEETING**

May 15-17, 2009 • Outlaw Ranch, Custer, South Dakota

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Outlaw Ranch, located 3 miles east of Custer (driving directions are on Schedule), is surrounded by ponderosa pine forest and granite formations. It is near Mt. Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse Monument, Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument. Adjacent to Bismarck Lake where Ospreys nest and close to Custer State Park, it provides easy access to many Black Hills birding locations where birders can easily observe local specialty birds.

Chad Lehman, Custer State Park Wildlife Biologist, will speak Friday evening on current research regarding the Black-backed Woodpecker in Custer State Park.

Patti Lynch, a U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Biologist, will be our speaker on Saturday evening. Patti has been monitoring Northern Goshawk nesting pairs in the Black Hills for the past nineteen years and will present her research.

Field trips will include Custer State Park and its famed Wildlife Loop, Hell Canyon, Boles and Roby Canyons, Elk Mountain, Sylvan Lake with a short hike on the Harney Peak Trail, Cold and Hot Brook Canyons in Hot Springs and Wind Cave National Park.

RESERVATION FOR ROOM/MEALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 8, 2009

SDOU Spring Meeting registration fee is \$20.00 per person (children under 12 free).

Housing plus meals at Outlaw Ranch includes two nights lodging plus four meals (breakfast, Sat. and Sun.; sack lunch, Sat.; supper, Sat.). Friday supper and a sack lunch for Sunday can be added on to the weekend package for an additional charge.

NOTE: Each bed in the lodge and barn has a quilt and a pillow (no sheets). If assigned to a cabin, you must provide your own pillow and sheets (a quilt is provided). Attendees also need to bring their own towel.

Vision Quest Lodge, \$68 per person for the weekend, 2-4 people per room. 9 rooms with a shared bathroom between two rooms. Each room has a queen or double-sized bed and two single beds.

The Barn, \$64 per person for the weekend, 2-3 people per room. 6 rooms total, three on each floor, with a shared bath down the hall. Each room has bunk beds and 1-2 single beds.

Cabins, \$60 per person for the weekend, 2-4 people per cabin. 10 heated cabins which have a queen or double bed plus two single beds. A heated bathroom/shower house (gender-specific) is located a short distance from the cabins.

Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided free on Friday and Saturday evening. Lounges are located in Vision Quest Lodge and the Barn for small gatherings and/or lounging.

For reservations, return registration form on inside mailing cover with a check made payable to SDOU to: Jocelyn L. Baker, 3220 Kirkwood Dr., Rapid City, SD 57702. **Rooms and cabins will be assigned on a first paid, first served basis.** Please provide a telephone number and/or e-mail address in case we need to contact you about your registration. If there is a person with whom you wish to share a room, please include person's name on the registration form found inside the mailing cover of this issue.