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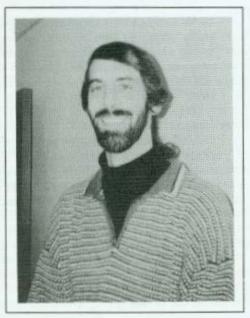
### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Once again President Palmer passed the reigns of the Presidents' Page to your Editor, Dan Tallman. 1 wanted the chaace to tell you of an exciting SDOU project—the initiation of work on the third edition of The Birds of South Dakota.

A decade has passed since the second edition of the book. Several species have been added to the state list (a number of gulls immediately come to mind). Almost half of the earliest and latest migration dates in the accounts have been updated with records since 1990.

The most exciting aspect of the project, however, is our intention to publish color photographs of many, if not all, of the birds of South Dakota. We also hope to replace the range maps with color maps. Two challenges confront us. One is



collecting the color photographs. I invite all photographers to submit their bird photographs for possible publication. We would prefer prints rather than slides. The pictures do not have to be taken within the borders of South Dakota, but they should be of high quality. All photographers will be acknowledged in the book, but unfortunately we do not have the funds to return prints. Which brings us to the second problem—financing the book. If any readers have any inspiration about where we might look for funds, please let me know.

This kind of project is one of the things that makes the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union great. Through your membership support we can contemplate projects such as a third edition of the book. Other benefits of membership, of course, include having a direct line to what's happening with birds in the state, through the season's reports and other articles in *Bird Notes*, and the opportunities to hone birding skills at the biannual SDOU meetings. Membership also supports scholarships for students studying birds in South Dakota and grants that support professional and amateur ornithological research. Other state organizations look at us enviously, due to our healthy membersbip roles (see list in this issue) and the relatively large rate of participation by our members in our meetings and endeavors. Let us not rest on our laurels. I challenge all of us to recruit a new member or two with whom we can celebrate our love of birds and the natural heritage of South Dakota. Dan Tallmon, Box 740, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

### IN MEMORIAM: WILLIS HALL, 1913–2000

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I sat in the hospital room watching my friend breathe. He was 86. I felt a little guilty watching him because he was the most private person I ever knew and I'm not sure he would have approved, yet it is hard to look away when you love someone. Sometimes we think if we do just a little more, it will be All Right. Of course, it is not our decision. Willis would have us know that.

I knew Willis for 25 years. He was my mentor and my friend. He was one of the few remaining founders of the SDOU. That he and Rosamond let me be with them was a gift.

I met Willis for the first time when they came to our house to show a group of Yankton College teachers some bird slides. It was love at first sight! He, his Rosamond, and their incredible photographs are the things on which I imprinted as fast as the gosling on the goose. I was cooked. At 7:00 am the very next day, the three and sometimes four of us began our first of hundreds of birding trips. These eventually crossed what seemed like every prairie pothole and dusty back road in the six-state area. We never took the main road except to get to another dirt road. My gift to Willis was to find a back road he hadn't been on before!

By canoe in the summer, he introduced me to Least Terns and Piping Plovers on Missouri River sandbars. Above the river, in the low oak hills and on grass-covered bentonite clay cliffs, we found Dutchman's Breeches and the Pasqueflower in the spring and Buffaloberries and Le Conte's Sparrows in the fall. We hiked the hills, checking Wild Plum bushes for Bell's Vireo and Spotted Towhee nests and scouting for deer, turkeys, Prairie Ring-necked Snakes and his favorite, Great Horned Owls.

In the winter, we kicked the soccer ball over the park trails or skied the woods in search of Red-bellied Woodpeckers and Eastern Bluebirds. And in the last two years, I played my first tennis ever, with a man who had played for 70 years. Ever patient, he never gave up on me; he just kept putting the ball over the net. If we were distracted by nighthawks and nuthatches at his favorite park court, so much the better.

In the early days we spotted and counted birds, and he photographed. Rosamond judiciously jotted their numbers and exact locations on the back of recycled envelopes in writing so small a magnifying glass was required to read it. From him I first heard very patient answers to my questions about bird identification, photography and all things having to do with the natural world. If I spotted a bird, impulsively calling it out, Rosamond would always say, "Willis?" and only when he confirmed a sighting, would she add it to the list. I think it was five years before they accepted my birds.

His friend Phil Hall from North Dakota, who explores and writes on the natural history of the Badlands, also writes of Willis' patience. 'One spring, I believe it was in 1982, I noticed that a golden eagle had reclaimed its nest high up in the wall that defines the east side of Red Canyon. I phoned Willis and 36 hours later he and Rosamond appeared in the pasture by my cabin. After the obligatory tea for an Englishman, we set out for the eagle's nest, which was about 10 miles down the canyon. While the nest looked close to the road, it was a deceivingly long hike, and just short of vertical. Willis led the way, hauling a

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camera, a big lens, binoculars, and a heavy camera bag. At the time, 1 was 39 and he was 69. I struggled to keep up with him.

"We advanced as far up the canyon wall as possible. There, we ducked behind a scrubby codar tree. Out of his bag, Willis produced a small piece of camouflage cloth, which he draped around us. We sat like rocks for two hours. However, I twice shifted my weight and once had to scratch an itchy nose. We waited without breathing.

"The eagle never came, and Willis finally announced that we should hike back to the pickup. I was chagrined at not being able to show him the eagle. As we gathered up the equipment, I asked, Willis, why do you think the eagle never came to its nest?"

" 'We moved too much,' he replied."

At home he was constantly on the move. If Rosamond was his ears, he was her legs. She might say, "Willis, get me the bird notes from the kitchen." He would respond, "Where are they?"

"In the peabag on the counter." He would go, and return empty handed and baffled. She would carefully repeat, "Pea bag!"

"Oh!" he said, "I thought you said tea bag!"

And they both would exchange glances that said, "Pay attention, dear. Speak more clearly, dear." But they were smiling at each other.

Their relationship was a curious delight to the college students. She regarded her students highly and held extra classes at their home. One of her former French students wrote, "I remember one time Miss Burgi called to Willis to please bring that cereal box to her. When she had it she reached in and pulled out my home work. Of course! Homework in a cereal box! He was dear and I knew there was some serious devotion going on in that house."

Theirs was indeed the language of serious devotion. They chose their cadences carefully. She may have been the Professor of Latin but he was the Poet. He spoke plain English.

From her I first heard exotic bird terms. "Is that a bird or an excrescence?"

l asked for translation, and Willis, in all seriousness answered, "Excrescence-a bump on a log-excrescence." And looked at her. And she smiled.

Rosamond once told me she would rather be struck from a mountain than linger aimlessly. In 1992 she passed from her mountain following a stroke. He believed he would be with her again. In 1998 he wrote:

#### Almighty God

A few leaves flutter in the breeze. These too shall all be gone. Almighty God shall bring them back again. Each one, its perfect self. shall be A part of me, as it has been. She too, My Rosamond, shall be again.

Willis never wanted to impose. Last December waiting at the doctor's office, he had a sniflle. I told him I had taken a zinc lozenge for my sniffles. He seemed absolutely mystified. He looked at me and rather than have me repeat, an imposition, he tried to further the conversation by eliciting more information. He questioned, "Where does one get such a substance?"

"Oh, probably from chewing rocks," I replied. SOUTH DAKOTA BIRD NOTES 52(2): 29

Somewhat alarmed, Willis said, "From chewing rats!?"

Now this was a man who rescued bat3 and carried indoor insects outside so they'd have a fighting chance. "NO," I said, "... from chewing rocks, r-o-c-ks." Concerned that I had confused rather than amused him I said, "I'm only kidding, Willis. It's a joke," He, waiting for me to breathe as I watched his face, looked me straight in the eye and said the only zinc he knew was the kitchen zinc.

With deep relief for the moment and for so much else, I laughed. I detected a sly smile on his face and I knew that once again ... I'd been cooked.

On 18 October 1999 we moved Willis away from the protected environment of his hospital room to an adjoining nursing home where we hoped he could convalesce. He had been hospitalized with pneumonia and complications. He was greatly saddened. His beloved brother, Winston, had died six weeks before. Several times over those first weeks, health care workers asked me if he was my father. One day, through deafened ears, he responded, "Daughter . . . and mother."

I combed his gray hair and said he looked like a tufted puffin. He said he had never had a higher compliment. Two weeks later he said he felt he had come to the end of a long race. One week after that he said he wished he could start over. When I asked him if he wanted anything, his reply was "What I want is unobtainable." Three days later he had a small stroke. He did not recognize the oak bough I brought. For another day he said nothing.

And then he revived.

A long time ago, trying to keep up with him, I asked Willis if he could live without walking. He said he guessed on his deathbed he'd get up and take a walk. And he did. At sunset, we went outside and walked the half block to the edge of the bluff. We silently looked down at ducks silhouetted on a silver bend in the river.

A few days later, I told him I had spoken with his oldest friend Wes Cook, who now lives in New Mexico. His eyes widened. "Is he well?" Willis asked. Those were his last words.

I had brought him a gift, a large photo I'd taken in Alaska, a single Tufted Puffin facing the sea. He looked at the bird. He smiled at me and nodded. This time he would have to fly.

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### **GENERAL NOTES**

**COMMON REDPOLL RETRAPPED IN WINTER SUBSEQUENT TO BANDING.** Banded Common Redpolls are infrequently recaptured. This paucity may be due to their far northern breeding grounds, away from locations frequented by many people, and to their normadism. Indeed, a look at the banding map in *The Birds of South Dakota* shows that redpolls banded in South Dakota have been recovered east all the way to the Atlantic coast, a result of the species invading different areas of the United States in different winters. Therefore, it was with some surprise that on 23 December 1999, 1 recaptured a Common Redpolt that 1 originally had banded on 10 March 1998. I am aware of no other instate recaptures after the season of banding. The rosy-colored breast at the time of banding indicated that this male was at least past its second year. Thus this bird was no younger than just past its third year when 1 recaptured it. Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.



# CHRISTMAS COUNTS

#### 1999-2000

- Aberdeen 1 January 2000, 8 observers. Weather 20 to 31°F, wind 10 to 20 mpb, no snow cover. Compiler: Dan Tallman
- Brookings. 18 December 1999. 16 observets. Weather 20 to 21°F, wind 10 to 24 mph, 3 to 4 inch snow cover. Compiler: Netda Holden.
- Burke: 18 December 1999, 3 observers. Weather 25 to 35 °F, wind 15 to 25 mph, no snow cover. Compiler: Richard A Peterson.
- Hut Springs: 19 December 1999, 17 observers. Weather 20 to 40 °F, wind 30 to 50 mph, no snow cover. Compiler: Cheryl Wormstadt.
- Huron 21 Dec 1999. 32 observers. Weather 510 10 °F, cloudy, light snow in PM. Karrie Schmidt Madison: 17 Dec 1999. 11 observers. Weather 13 to 28 °F. Compiler: Sandy Uecker.
- Nemo: 29 Dec 1999, 12 observers. Weather 40 to 55° F, wind 0-35 mph. Addison Ball.
- Rapid City: 31 Dec 1999, 17 observers. Weather 20 to 52 °F. Wind 5-16 mph. Compiler: Todd Jensen.
- Shadehill: 16 Dec 1999, 3 observers. Weather 11 to 35 °F, wind 10 mph. 3-inch snow cover. Compiler: Dave Griffiths
- Sand Lake: 17 December 1999, 10 observers Weather 8 to 15 °F, light show falling. Comptiler: Bill Schultze.
- Pierre: 18 December 1999, 17 observers. Weather 18 to 42 °F, wind 20 to 30 mph, no snow cover. Compiler: Doug Backlund.
- Sioux Fails: 18 December 1999, 23 observers Weather 18 to 22 °F, wind 10 to 13 mph, no snow cover. Compiler: Robb Schenck.
- Sturgis: 2 January 2000, 16 observers. Weather "great." Compiler: Kim Schultz.
- Waubay: 21 December 1999. Compiler: Laura Hubers.
- Wilmut: 29 December 1999, 6 observers. Weather 30 to 50 °F, wind 15 to 30 mph, patchy snow cover. Compiler: Bruce Harris
- Wind Cave: 12 December 1999, 37 observers. Weather 30 to mid-40's \*F. clear, breeze 5 to 15 mph. Compiler Dan Roddy.
- Yanktón: 19 December 1999, 29 observers. Weather 31 to 43 °F, wind 5 to 15 mph, 1 inch snow cover. Compiler; Juli Wilcox.

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HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD. Vol 5 Barn-owls to Hummingbirds. 1999. J. del Hoyo. A. Elliott. and J. Sargatal, Eds. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. Hardcover, 759 pp. \$185.00 (substantial discounts are available--see www.bbw.com).

This stunning series continues to be a must purchase for anyone more than casually interested in birds. The birds of the world are covered here in introductory passages at the family level, with lavish color photographs (406 of them), followed by illustrated species accounts (76 color plates) with range maps.

I will not repeat details of the series' organization and layout, since these have been covered in previous reviews. Birds included in this volume are the barn-owls, owls, Caprimulgiformes (nightiars, potoos, frogmouths, oilbirds and others), swifts, tree swifts, and hummingbirds. Perhaps the extraordinary color photographs are what set this series so far apart from anything else in ornithological literature. Some stunning examples include the senatorial-looking Crested Owl, a South American bird with half-foot long protruding white "eye brows;" a Great Horned Owl peering over a Southwest US redrock canyon (a photograph that belongs in an art gallery); owlet night jars that look more like strange mammals than birds; frogmouths and potoos that are perfectly camouflaged with their perches; swifts congregating behind Iguazu Falls in Argentina; and a plethora of fabulous hummingbirds, including a woodstar excreting waste as it sucks nector-apparently transit time of nutrients through hummingbird digestive systems may be less than 15 minutes due to "the high number of glucose transporters in its intestinal tissue." This list is just a minute example of the wonders to be found within this book.

The color illustrations, by 19 artists, are uniformly excellent. The hummingbird plates by E. Barnes and H. D. Pratt are particularly stunning. Many books that cover individual bird families of the world are appearing on the market. Rather than purchasing these, I would recommend these volumes instead.

I noticed more of a conservation focus to this volume, compared to the previous ones in the series. Perhaps this emphasis is due to so many tropical species being endangered by deforestation. However, the introduction, "Risk Indicators and Status Assessment in Birds," seems particularly addressed to conservation workers rather than to a more general audience. It includes, for example, several pages describing the World Conservation Union's criteria for describing the status of birds of the world. For better or worse, I suspect most readers will have little use for this information. I also noticed more of an cmphasis on ethno-ornithology—the role of birds in folklore and literature. This focus greatly adds to the value of the book.

The dust jacket claims there are about 8000 bibliographical references contained within Volume 5. The references are actually the most serious criticism I can offer on the book. They appear as single units at the end of each species account and as a general bibliography following each family section. In the text itself, individual facts are not referenced appropriately (or at all, for that matter). Thus easily checking material at the primary source is difficult, if not impossi-

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ble, a major drawback to an otherwise perfect series.

If you can not afford these texts, by all means encourage your local library to make this purchase. You and your community will have an invaluable source of information about the birds of the world. Dan Tallman. Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.

BIRDS OF KENYA AND NORTHERN TANZANIA. 1999. Dale Zimmerman, Donald A. Turner, and David J. Pearson. Princeton University Press, Princeton. Softcover. 576 pp. \$29.95.

This pocket guide (if you have large pockets) to the birds of Kenya and northern Tanzania is an ecotourist's dream for identifying the birds of this region. The text is not burdened by a large introduction, so, although ecological terms are briefly defined, little of the ecology of the area can be learned. About half the book consists color illustrations of the species. Despite the book's having three contributing artists, the paintings are uniformly excellent. Facing each plate is a short description of the field marks of the birds.

The book's second half gives a slightly fuller coverage of the birds. Included with each account is a small range map, which, unfortunately for the birder travelling to adjacent areas of East Africa, includes only Kenya and northern Tanzania, rather than giving a more regional coverage. Basically, the accounts include a description of plumages, songs, and range (including mention of habitat). The text is sparsely illustrated with black and white pen drawings, the most interesting of which is a series of weaver nests.

In fact, the general brevity of this book is the result of its being an abridged edition of a larger handbook to the birds of the region. Thus its primary goal is field identification of birds. To this end, the book admirably moets its purpose. Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

A GUIDE TO THE BURDS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, 2000. Craig Robson. Princeton University Press, Princeton. Hardcover. 504 pp. \$59.50.

The introduction to this book cites King et al.'s *Birds of South-East Asia* to be the foundation for this new field guide. Although the new book covers more species, and updates what has been learned in the 25 years since King's book was published, I suspect birders to the region will want to pack both guides.

In some respects, this book is a minimalist field guide. The introduction is only about a dozen pages, covering everything from nomenclature, species account information, a glossary, and five pages devoted to short descriptions of Southeast Asian habitats. Curiously, seven pages of references follow the introduction at the beginning of the book, rather than at the end, where references are more customarily placed.

The bulk of the book consists of 104 color plates of the birds. Often more than a dozen species or plumages occupy each plate, resulting in a rather crowded format. The birds in King's book were larger and fewer to the page, but also included a fair number of black and white plates, which probably were less useful in the field. Despite this crowding, the plates in the new book are uniformly excellent, despite being drawn by 14 artists. Opposite each plate is a sentence-long description of each plumage illustrated. In the introduction, Robson ominously cautions, "where any discrepancy exists between captions and illustration, the reader should always be guided by the caption." Unlike King's book, Peterson-like field guide pointers are absent from the plates.

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I suspect the main problem facing the birder in the field is flipping from the plate to the species accounts. Each species is assigned a number corresponding to its account. Providing page numbers would be more user friendly. The species accounts are extremely brief (there are about five accounts per page) and lack range maps. Thus, a good knowledge of Asian geography is necessary to figure out if a bird you identify is supposed to be found where you find it. Furthermore, the written descriptions of the ranges are extremely telegraphic. For example, the Violet Cuckoo is found "W,S,E Myamar, Tenasscrim, W, NW, NE (southwest), SE, S Thailand....." I can't imagine figuring that out. The accounts also further describe various plumages, song, behavior, habitat. and eggs.

*Phylloscopus* warblers (which include Alaska's Arctic Warbler) must be among the most difficult of all birds to identify. Twenty-four of them are illustrated in this book and, to me, they all look the same. I can't imagine peering at a bird. flipping between pages of plates, consulting text in the species accounts, and going back to verify marks on the plates. King's book, on the other hand, described 19 of the genus and included a table for quick comparison of field marks. He also rated each species as easy, difficult, or impossible to identify. King also included sketches of feather and wing formulae that would have been a welcome addition to the present guide. Older handbooks often included keys to species, which would not be out of line for difficult groups like this genus.

This review appears to be overly critical. Make no mistake—the birder visiting Southeast Asia should not be without this guide. However, I suspect the birder wanting to identify most everything he or she sees might do well to join a tour or make arrangements to travel with local experts. Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.

# SEASONAL REPORTS



The 1999-00 Winter Season I December 1999 — 29 February 2000

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The winter of 1999-00 was our third consecutive mild winter. As in the past two winters, these mild conditions resulted in large numbers of birds being reported. A record number of 140 species were reported, with seven requiring rare bird reports! This total compares to the previous five-year average of 124 species. As Jeff Palmer commented "the winter report might be more aptly called the late fall-early spring report." Sightings that would have been included in the last addition of *The Birds of South Dakota* are highlighted. The large number of highlighted sightings, particularly in waterfowl, indicates how much we have to learn about bird dispersion and migration during warm periods.

As in the previous year, the six sightings closest to midwinter, January 15, were included in this report. Due to the large number of sightings that would have been included in the last addition of *The Birds of South Dakota*, more than six sightings were included for many species. Species with numerous sightings that are not distributed across the entire state are reported by county. Species that are thought to occur throughout the state all period are not included. I should also note that Christmas Bird Counts are not part of this report and are reported separately in this issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*.

I must thank all observers for the great job of reporting! I believe the quality of the reporting can be seen in the seasonal reports.

- Common Loon All Reports: 01 Dec Gregory (1) RM; 04 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 29 Jan Stanley (1) CE, REM
- Pied-billed Grebe All Reports: 13 Dec Brown SLS; 17 Dec Brown (1) DAT; 20 Dec Yankton JSP; 05 Jan Brown SLS; 18 Jan Yankton SVS; 27 Feb Minnehaha RFS
- Western Grebe All Reports: 04 Dec McCook JSP, RFS; 05 Dec Charles Mix (1) RM; 13 Jan Charles Mix (1) RM; 29 Jan Stanley (1) CE, REM; 05 Feb Stanley (4) SD; 22 Feb Hughes (2) RDO

American White Pelican All Reports: 02 Dec Hutchinson SVS; 09 Dec Charles Mix (9) LAS; 12 Dec Day, Marshall (3) DRS; 12 Dec Charles Mix (3) LAS

Double-crested Cormorant All Reports: 01 Dec Gregory RM; 01. 07 Dec Day WS; 04 Dec Minnebaba (1) JSP. RFS; 09 Dec Charles Mix (25) LAS; 15, 16 Jan Charles Mix (5) RM; 15 Jan Charles Mix SFBC; 23 Jan Charles Mix (1) RM; 24 Feb Vankton SVS

Great Blue Heron All Reports: 09 Dec Charles Mix (1) LAS; 12 Dec Meade (1) BAS; 12, 17 Jan, 01 Feb Yankton SVS; 15 Jan Charles Mix SFBC

White-faced Ibis Only Report: 1, 14 Dec Brown SLS

Greater White-fronted Goose All Reports: 04 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 30 Dec Stanley (1) RDO; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS; 18 Jan Lawrence (1) JLB; 29 Jan Hughes (2) CE, REM; 02 Feb Hughes (2) RDO; 08 Feb Lawrence (1) JAA; 22 Feb Hughes (1) RDO; 24 Feb Jerauld (7) Sanborn (14) RGR; 24 Yankton SYS; 25 Feb Lawrence AKB; 25 Feb Spink JCS; 26 Feb Charles Mix JSP, RFS; 27 Feb Hanson (2) RGR, JDM; 27 Feb Day (35) WS

Snow Goose Reported: 27 Dec Stanley (4) RDO; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS; 11 Jan Lawrence AKB; 16 Jan Minnehaha MJM; 18 Jan Lawrence (1) JLB; 05 Feb Hughes (4) SD: 07 Feb Lawrence (5) VDF; also reported from Brown, Charles Mix, Davidson, Day, Minnehaha, Sauborn and Yankton counties.

Ross's Goose Only Report: 27 Feb Minnehaha RFS

Trumpeter Swan Only Report: 15 Jan Bennetl AKB

Tundra Swan All Reports: 02 Dec Hutchinson SVS; 03 Dec Brown (2470) SLS: 08 Dec Day WS; 14 Dec Brown (242) SLS: 17 Dec Brown (1) DAT; 18 Dec Day (1) DRS

Wood Duck All Reports: all period Pennington (Canyon Lake) JLB; 01 Dec Pennington (4) JAA;

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04 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 08 Dec Minnehaha MKZ; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS: 10 Jan Pernington (3) JAA: 18 Jan Lawrence (2) JLB: 07 Feb Lawrence (1) VDF: 20 Feb Charles Mix (3) LAS; 25 Feb Lawrence(2) AKB: 27 Feb Davidson RGR, JDM

- Gadwall Reported: 08 Dec Day WS: 18 Dec Minnehahu JPS: 14. 17 Jan Yankton SVS: 18 Jun Lawrence (2) JLB: 24 Jan Stanley (1) RDO: 29 Jan Hughes, Stanley (5) CE, REM: 13 Feb Meade RP: also reported from Davidson. Jerauld, Pennington, Sanborn and Yankton counties.
- American Wigeon Reported: all period Perulagion (Canyon Lake) JLB; 0) Dec. 10 Jan Pennington JAA; 03 Dec Brown JCS; 01 Jan Aurora (1) JDM; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS; 05, 18 Jan Yankton SVS; 18 Jan Lawrence JLB; 23 Jan Pennington JPS; 25 Jan Slanley (1) DAT & RDO; 29 Jan Hughes, Stanley, Sully (20) CE, REM; 07 Feb Lawrence (2) VDF; 08 Feb Lawrence JAA; 20 Feb Yankton (2), Feb 22 Feb Sanborn (2) RGR
- Blue-winged Tesl All Reports: 05 Jan Hughes (1) RDO: 18 Jan Lawrence (1) JLB; 08 Feb Lowrence JAA; 26 Feb Bon Homme (1) JSP, RFS; 27 Feb Davidson (1) RGR, JDM
- Northern Shoveler Reported: 12 Oec Stanley (1) RDO: 01 Jan Brown (1) DAT; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS; 18 Jan Lawrence (1) JLB; 26 Jan Charles Mix (6) LAS; 06 Feb Charles Mix LAS; 07 Feb Lawrence (2) VDF; 08 Feb Lawrence JAA; 22 Feb Davidson (2) JDM; 25 Feb Lawrence AKB; 25 Feb Sanborn (1) RGR also reported from Minnehaba and Yankton counties.
- Northern Pintail Reported: 04 Dec Minnehaba JSP, RFS; 15 Dec Stanley (1) RDO; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS; 14, 18 Jan Yankton SVS; 15 Jan Charles Min: RM; 18 Jan Lawrence (3) JLB; 25 Jan Staoley (4) RDO; 29 Jan Sully (1) CE, REM; 07 Feb Lawrence (4) VDF; 08 Feb Lawrence JAA; 20 Feb Davidson (6) JDM; 20 Feb Yankton (6), 22 Feb Sanborn (24) RGR; also reported from Boo Homme. Brown, and Day counties.
- Green-winged Test Reported: all period Meade EEM; 02 Dec Yankton SVS; 04 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 05 Dec Meade RP; 29 Jan Meade JAA; 07 Dec Brown JCS; 12 Dec Stanley (4) RDO; 15, 16 Jan Meade BAS; 18 Jan Lawrence (8) JLB; 29 Jan Sully (1) CE, REM; 07 Feb Lawrence (4) VDF; 13 Feb Meade RP; 20 Feb Yankton (2) RGR; 22 Feb Davidson (6) JDM; 25 Feb Brown (2) SLS
- Canvasback All Reports: 02 Dec Brown JCS; 03 Dec Brown (15) SLS; 4 Dec Minneh4ha (1) JSP, RFS; 14, 25 Jan Yankton SVS; 15 Jan Brown (1) SLS; 21 Feb Davidson (3) JDM; also reported from Beadle and Bon Homme counties.
- Reditead Reported; 03 Dec Brown JCS; 05, 11 Dec Charles Mix RM; 06 Dec Stanley (2) RDO; 08 Jan Lawrence BAS; 14, 18 Jan Yankton SVS; 18 Jan Lawrence (2) JLB; 23 Jan Pennington JPS; 25 Jan Pennington (3) JAA; 26 Jan Charles Mix (75) LAS: 26 Jan Stanley (4) RDO; also reported from Bon Hormet, Brown, Clay, Davidson, Day, Minnehaba and Sanborn counties.
- Ring-necked Duck Reported; 03 Dec Brown (25) SLS; 19 Dec Fall River (109) JAA; 20 Dec Yankton JSP: 21 Dec Yankton SVS; 14 Jan Pennington (2) JLB: 29 Jan Hughes, Stanley (2) CE. REM; 07 Feb Lawrence (1) VDF; also reported from Bon Homme, Clay, Davidson, Day, Jerauld and Minnehaha counlies.
- Lesser Scaup Reported: 04 Dee Brown JCS; 04 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 06 Dec Hughes (5) RDO: 08 Dec Day (6) WS; 05 Jan Brown (1) SLS; 05 Jan Yankton SVS; 14 Jan (2), 17 Feb (1) Pennington (4) JLB: 15 Jan Charles Mix RM & SFBC; 18 Jan Yankton SVS; 24 Jan Hughes (3) RDO; 19 Feb Davidson (2) JDM; 20 Feb Yankton (20) RGR; 21, 26 Feb Charles Mix RM
- Oldsquaw Only Report: 20 Dec Yankton JSP
- Bufflehead Reported: all period Pennington (Canyon Lake) JLB; 03 Dec Brown (10) SLS; 04
   Dec Minnebaha (1) JSP, RFS, 05 Dec Brown JCS; 10 Dec Pennington (6) JAA; 11 Dec
   Gregory RM; 15 Dec Stanley (1) RDO: 10 Jan Gregory LAS; 10 Jan Pennington JAA; 15, 16 Jan Charles Mix RM & SFBC; 16 Feb Stanley (1) RDO; 26 Feb Charles Mix RM: 26
   Feb Bon Homme JSP, RFS; also reported from Davidson and Yarkton counties.
- Common Goldeneye reported from Beadle, Bennett, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Davidson, Day, Jetauld, Lawrence, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Perkins, Spink, Stanley and Yankton counties.
- Barrow's Gotdeneye All Reports; all period Pennington (Canyon Lake) (1 pr.) JLB; 21 Dec Hughes Charlie Moore
- Hooded Merganser All Reposis: 03 Dec Brown (5) SLS; 08 Dec Day WS; 14 Dec Browo (15) SLS; 25 Dec Brown (2) SLS; 03 Jan Pennington (1 pr.) J.B; 20 Feb Yankton (2) RGR; 26 Feb Charles Mix JSP, RFS; 27 Feb Davidson (6) RGR
- Common Merganser All Reports: 18 Dec Minnehaha JPS: 20 Dec Yankton JSP, 15, 16 Jan Charles Mix RM & SFBC; 14, 17 Jan Yankton SVS; 18 Jan Brown JCS: 24 Jan Hughes

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JPS: 01 Feb Pennington JLB also reported from Davidson, Meade, Sanborn, Sinnley and Yankton counties.

- Red-breasted Merganser All Reports: 06 Feb Charles Mix R.M: 21 Feb Charles Mix RM; 23 Feb Stanley (1) RDO
- Ruddy Duck All Reports: 03 Dec Brown (2) SLS: 04 Dec McCook (1) JSP, RFS, 14, 24 Dec Yankton SVS, 02 Jan Brown (1) SLS: 24 Feb Yankton SVS: 27 Feb Davidson (1) RGR, JDM; also reported from Day and Minochaha counties.
- Bald Eagle reported from Beadle, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Day, Gregory, Hughes, Lawience, Marshall, Meade, Minnchaha, Pennington, Perkins, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties: 13 Dec Hyde (Rezac's Lake) (NB) RBA Northern Harrier reported from Beadle, Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Clark,
- Northern Harrier reported from Beadle, Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Butte. Charles Mix, Clark, Custer, Fall River, Hanson, Lawrence, Meade, Miner, Pennington, Perkins, Sanborn, Smaley and Yankton counties.
- Sharp-shinned Hawk reported from Biockings, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Day, Hughes, Kingsbury, Lake, Lawrence, McCook, Minnetaha, Pennington, Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties.
- Cooper's Rawk Reported: 05 Jan Brown JCS; 12 Jan Minnehaha (1) MUM, 13 Jan Yankim SVS. 20 Jan Davidson (1) JDM, 09 Feb Minnehaha (1) MIM, 25 Feb Sanborn (1) RGR; 27 Feb Lincoln (1) MIM
- Northern Goshawk All Reports: 05 Dec Charles Mix RM, 15 Jan Charles Mix RM; 20 Jan. 16. 27 Feb Tripp (1) RAP; 24 Jan Gregory (1) LAS; 11 Feb Sanborn (1) RGR; 15 Feb Edmunds JDW
- Red-tailed llawk reported from Aurora, Beadle, Bennett, Brookings, Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Davidson, Edmunds, Gregory, Jerauld, Lake, Lawrence, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties.
- Ferruginous Hawk All Reports: all period Custer MMM; 13 Dec Pennington (3) JLB; 15 Jan Bennett AKB; 17, 23 Jan Butte (1) DCG; 24 Jan Stanley JPS; 27 Jan Fall River (1) JLB: 05 Feb Hughes Sinnley (5) SD
- Rough-legged Hawk reported from Beadle, Brookings, Blown, Butte, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Custer, Day, Jerauld, Lawrence, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaba, Pennington, Peakins, Roberts, Sanborn, Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties.
- Golden Engle reponed from Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Hughes, Marshall, Meade, Mellette, Lawrence, Lyman, Pennington, Perkins, Sanborn, Stanley, Sully and Tripp counties, possible resting Keya Paha River RAP
- American Kestrel reported from Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Codington, Day, Faulk, Gregory, Hughes, Lawrence, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaba, Pennington, Sanborn, Spink and Yankton counties.
- Merlin reported from Bennett, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Codington, Cust r, Edmands, Gregory, Hughes, Lawrence, Lyman, McPherson, Minnehaha, Meade, Pennington, Potter and Yankton counties.
- Gyrfalcon All Reports: 21 Dec Sully, Hughes Michael Erickson; 20 Jan Hughes (1), 23 Jan Stanley (1), RDO: 24 Jan P tter (1) DAT: 29 Jan Hughes, Sully (2) CE, REM: 05 Feb Hughes (2) Stanley (1) DS: 20 Feb Hughes (1) RDO
- Peregrine Falcon All Reports: 12 Dec Meade BAS: 20 Dec Custer (1) MMM: 01 Jan Yankton SVS: 15 Jan Bernett AKB
- Prairie Falcon reported from Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. Perkins. Sanborn, Starley, Sully and Yankton counties.
- Gray Partridge reposed from Custer, Day, Meade, Pennington and Perkins counties.
- Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 20 Jan Meade AKB, 09 Feb Lawrence (1) VDF
- Sharp-tailed Grouse reported from Butte, Custer, Fall River, Hughes, Meade, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn and Stanley counties.
- Greater Prairie-Chicken All Reports: 10 Dec Stanley RDO: 08 Feb Spink Natalie Fahler; 27 Feb Tripp RAP

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 02 Dec Vankton SVS; 25 Feb Grant DAT

- Wild Turkey reported from Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Grant, Ilughes, Lawrence, Meade, Minnebaba, Pennington and Yankton counties.
- American Coot Reported: 16 ec Brown JCS: 18 Dec Minnehalia JPS; 14. 17 Jan Yankton SVS: 15 Jan Bernen AKB: 15 Jan Charles Mix RM; 25 Jan Stanley (1) RDO; also reported from Charles Mix, Davidsoo, Hughes, Hut hinson and Permington counties.
- Sandhill Crane All Reports: 02 Dec Brown JCS
- Killdeer Reported: 01 Dec Pennington (8) JLB. 04 Dec Minnehalta (1) JSP, RFS; 12 Dec Pennington (1) AC; 25 Feb Sanborn (1) RGR; 26 Feb Clay (12) SD; 26 Feb Charles Mix

JSP, RFS; also reported from Day and Yankton counties.

- Common Snipe All Reports: 18 Dec Minnchaha JPS: 18 Jnn Meade (1) JLC: 13 Feb Meade (2) RP
- Bonaparte's Gull All Reports: 06 Dec Charles Mix LAS; 12 Dec, 03 Jan, 03 Feb Charles Mix RM; 15 Jan Charles Mix SFBC; 15 Dec Swnley (19) RDO
- Ring-billed Gull All Reports: 04 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 12 Dec Day JPS; 16 Dec Perkins (12) DCG; 14, 17 Jan Yankton SVS; 15, 16 Jan Charles Mix RM & SFBC; 24 Jan Hughes JPS; 29 Jan Hughes (10) CE, REM: 29 Feb Bendle JCS
- Herring Guil All Reports: 04 Dec Minnebaha (1) JSP, RFS: 16 Dec Perkins (2) DCG; 20 Dec Yankton JSP; 23 Dec Yankton (6) BFH: 14, 17 Jan Yankton SVS; 15 Jan Charles Mix SFBC; 24 Jan Hughes JPS; 29 Jan Hughes, Stanley, Sully (30) CE, REM Glaucous Guil All Reports: 17, 27 Dec Yankton (1) DS; 20 Dec Yankton JSP; 23 Dec Yankton
- Glaucous Gull All Reports: 17, 27 Dec Yankton (1) DS; 20 Dec Yankton JSP; 23 Dec Yankton (1) BFH: 29 Dec Stanley (3) RDO, 14, 18 Jan Yankton SVS: 29 Jan Hughes (1) CE. REM, 26 Feb Hughes (2) RDO
- Black-legged Kittiwake Only Report: 20, 21 Dec Charles Mix RM
- Eurasian Collared Dove Only Report: 23 Dec Yankton (3) #FH
- Mourning Dove Reported: 22 Dec Yankton SVS, 26 Dec Hughes (4) RDO, 30 Dec. 02 Jan Brown JCS; 14 Jan Day (2) DRS; 14, 17 Jan. Minnehaha MKZ: 22 Jan Brown (6) SLS: also reported from Brookings, Charles Mix and Clay counties.
- Eastern Screech-@wi All Reports: 05 Dec, 29-30 Jan, 29 Feb Brookings (1) KIE: 18 Dec Stateley (5) RDO; 26 Jan Yankton SVS; 15 Feb Minnchaha JCS
- Snowy Owi All Reports: 01, 28 Dec Brown (1) SLS: 03 Dec R berts (1) DRS: 24, 28 Jan Charles Mix (1) LAS; 05 Feb Kingsbury JSP
- Long-eared Owl All Reports: 05 Dec Hughes RDO; 17 Dec Lake JSP; 29 Jan Campbell, Stanley (2) CE, REM; 02 Feb Stanley (1) RDO
- Short-eared Owl reported from Beadle, Brown, Custer, Clay, Day, Kingsbury, Lake. McPherson, Pennington, Potter, Roberts and Walworth counties.
- Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 18 Dec Stanley (1) RDO, 05 Feb Hughes DS; 27 Feb Hughes (1) RDO
- Belted Kingfisher reported from Butte, Charles Mix, Fall River, Gregory, Hughes, Meade, Minnebaba, Pennington and Yankton counties.
- Lewis's Woodpeeker All Reports: 12 Dec. 15-16 Jan, 27 Feb Lawrence BAS: 29 Jan Lawrence Meade (3) JAA: 01 Feb Meade (1) JLB: 08 Feb Lawrence (5), 27 Feb Meade (1) VDF
- Red-bellied Woodpecker reported from Charles Mix, Hughes, Lake, Minnehaha, Roberts and Yankton counties.
- Yellow-beled Supsucker All reports: 07 Dec Charles Mix RM: 12. 24 Dec, 16. 30 Jan Yankton SVS
- Canvesback All Reports 02 Dec Brown JCS: 03 Dec Brown (15) SLS; 4 Dec Minnehaha (1) JSP, RFS; 14, 25 Jan Yankton SVS: 15 Jan Brown (1) SLS; 20 Feb Yankton (2) RGR; 21 Feb Davidson (3) JDM: 26 Feb Boo Homme JSP, RFS; 29 Feb Beadle JCS
- Northern Flicker reported fr m Bon Homme. Brown, Brookings. Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Fall River, Hughes, Hutchinson, Lake, Lawrence, Minnehaha, Meade, Mellene, Pennington, Perkins, Roberts, Sanborn, Turner and Yankton.
- Pilested Woodpecker Only Report: 29 Jan Roberts JSP. RFS
- Northern Shrike reported from Aurora. Bennett. Brown. Bune, Charles Mix, Clay. Ouster. Day. Fall River. Hughes. Lincoln. Lyman. Meade, Miner, Minnehaha, Pennington, Perkins. Roberts, Sanbern, Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties.
- Gray Jay Reported: all period Custer CMW; 01 Dec Custer KH; 04 Dec Pennington TBW, 06 Dec (2) Pennington (2) JLB; 15. 16 Jan Custer (3) JAA, 19 Jan Custer KH
- Pinyon Jay All Reports: 03 Dec Meade AKB; 29 Dec Meade (t0) AKB; 1 Jan Br wn (1) DAT; 18 Jan Meade AKB; 16 Feb Custer (7) JAA. JLB; 29 Feb Meade AKB
- Clork's Nutcracker All Reports: 10 Dec Meade (Piedmont) (8+) APB: 29 Dec Meade (Piedmont) (13) AKB: 25 Jan Meade (Piedmont) (2) RP: 16 Feb Meade (Sturgts) (6) EEM: 17 Feb Meade (Piedmont) AKB: 18 Feb Meade (Piedmont) (5) RP
- Black-billed Magpie reported from Bule, Charles Mix, Custer, Fall River, Hughes, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, Tripp and Yankton counties.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch reported from Brown, Brookings, Custer, Day, Fall River, Lake, Lawrenee, Lincoln, Hughes, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Perkins, Roberts, Stanley and Yankton counties.
- Brown Creeper reported from Brookings, Charles Mix, Custer, Davidson, Day, Gregory, Hughes, Lake, Lincoln, Meade, Minnchuha, Pennington, Roberts and Yankton counties.
- Canyon Wren All Repons: 03 Dec., 14 Jan Meade APB; 29 Dec. 20 Jan. 07 Feb Meade AKB: 10,

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21 Feb Meade APB: 16 Feb Fall River(2) LAA. JLB

American Dipper All Reports: 18 Jan Lawrence (1) JLB; 8 Feb Lawrence (2) JAA, JLB; 08 Feb Lawrence (1) VDF

Golden-crowned Kinglet reported from Charles Mix. Hughes, Lake, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Tripp and Yankton ooundes.

Eastern Bluebird All Reports: 25 Dec Hughes (4) EDS: 09 Jan Giegoly RM: 06 Feb Yankton SVS: 27 Feb Davidson RGR. JDM

Mountain Bluebird All Reports: Jan Mellette KH fide: 20 Feb Hughes (1) RDO; 21 Feb Custer KH: 26, 29 Feb Custer (6,1) JAA: 29 Feb Lawrence (2) VDF

Townsend's Solitaire reported from Fall River, Meade, Pennington and Stanley counties.

American Robin reported from Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Custer, Day, Fall River, Gregory, Hanson, Hughes, McCook, Meade, Minnehaha, Lawrence, Pennington, Perkms, Roberts, Sanborn, Tripp and Yankton counties.

Bohemian Waxwing Only Report: 31 Jan Hughes Kenny Miller

Cedar Waxwing reported from Bon Honune, Brookings, Brown, Charles Mix, Campbell, Day, Lake, Minnchaba, Pennington, Perkins, Roberts, Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties.

- Yellow-rumped Warbler Ail Reports: 03 Jan Hughes Kenny Miller; 29 Jan Meade (at feeder in Fort Meade) BAS; 29 Jan Meade(1) JAA; 30 Jan Meade RP
- Spotted Towhee Only Report. 30 Jan Union Jay Carlisle

Song Sparrow All Reports: 13 Dec Pennington (1) JL13: 16 Jan, 20 Feb Butte BAS

White-Ihroated Sparrow All Reports: 05 Dec. 13, 16 Jan, 29 Feb Minnehaha MJM, 19 Dec, 22 Jan Day (1) DRS

Harris's Sparrow All Reports: 13 Dec. 13 Jan, 12 Feb Butte BAS. 17 Dec Brown (1) DAT, 19 Dec Yankton SVS; 07 Jan Beadle JCS; 15 Jan Lake (1) JSP; 17 Jan Yankton SVS; 29 Feb Beadle JCS

White-crowned Sparrow All Reports: 17 Dec Brown (1) DAT; 20 Feb Lawrence BAS; 20 Feb Lawrence (2) VDF

Lapland Longspur reported from Aurora. Brookings. Custer. Day. Edmunds, Eughes, Jerauld. Kingsbury. Lake, Lawrence, Marshall. Meade, Perkins. Potter, Roberts, Stanley, Sully, Turner and Yankton counties.

Snow Bunting reported from Beadle, Brown, Day, Lake, Marshall and Roberts counties.

Northern Cardinal reported from Brookings, Charles Mix, Day. Gregoty, Hughes, Lake, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Sanborn and Yankton counties.

Red-winged Blackb'ird Reponed: 01 Jan Sanborn (50) JDM; 13 Jan Bon Homme, 15 Jan Charles Mix SF8C: 16 Jan Hughes (34) RDO: 17 Jan Vankton SVS; 27 Jan Sanborn (2700) RGR; 05 Feb Kingsbury JSP: also reported from Beadle, Brown, Clay, Day, Minnehaha, Pervington Roberts and Tripp counties.

Western Meadowlark Reported: all period Meade (2-12) EEM; 01 Jan Davidson (1) JDM; 04 Jan Meade RP; 15, 16 Jan Charles mix RM & SFBC; 18 Jan Brown JCS: 24 Jan Bull'alo (7) JPS; 26 Jan Brown (1) SLS: also reported from Butte, Custer, Fall River, Hughes, Jones. Pennington, Robert, Sanborn, Stanley, Tripp and Yankton counties.

Yellow-headed Blackbird All Repens: 01 Dec Brown (1) SLS; 12 Dec Lyman (1) RDO: 28 Feb Brown (1) SLS

Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 28 Dec Faulk (4) MMM; 29 Dec Meade AKB; 04 Jan Meade (1) JLB, APB, AKB; 19 Feb Day (3) DS; 26 Feb Bon Homme JSP, RFS; 27 Feb Davidson (24) RGR, JDM

Brewer's Blackbird All Reports: 31 Dec Pennington MMM

Common Grackle All Reports, all period Clay (3) DS; 11 Jan Minochaha JPS; 17 Jan Yanktun SVS; 27 Jan Fall River (1) JLB; 01 Feb Sanborn (3) RGR; 02 Feb Davidson (4) JDM; 12 Feb Bulte BAS; 28 Feb Brown (3000) SLS; also reported from Clay, Lincoln, Slattley and Yankton counties.

Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 04 Feb Sanborn RGR: 06 Feb Sanborn (13) RGR. JDM. 26 Feb Charles Mix (1) JSP. RFS

Brown-headed Cowbird All Reports: 13 Jan Bon Homme SVS: 27 Feb Hanson (1) RGR.

Purple Finch reported from Brown, Charles Mix, Davidson, Day, Fall River, Ilughes, Lake, Lawrence, Minnehaha, Perkins, Sanbort, Stanley, Union and Yanktun countries.

House Finch reported from Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Davidson, Day, Fall River, Lake, Lawrence, Mcade, Miunchaha, Pennington, Perking, Stanley and Yankton counties

Red Crossbill reported from Edwards, Meade and Pennington counties

White-winged Crossbill All Reports: 02 Dec Edmunds JDW: 19 Dec Brown (1) DA1

Common Redpoll reported from Beadle, Brown, Browkings, Butte, Custer, Campbell, Davidson, Day, Hughes, Kingshury, Lawrence, Meade, Miner, Perkins, Potler, Roberts, Sauborn and

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Sully counties. Evening Grosbeak Only Report: 23 Dec Meade RP

# SPECIES ROOVIRING ACCEPTANCE BY THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

White Ibis Only Report: 12 Dec Charles Mix REM fide Red-shouldered Hawk 29 Jan Day (1) JSP, RFS; 19 Feb Day DS Thayer's Guil 17 Dec Yarkton (1) DS; 20 Dec Yankton JSP, 01, 05 Jan Yaokton SVS; Iceland Guil 20 Dec Yankton (1) JSP; 22, 30 Dec Yankton SVS; 29 Dec NE (Gavin's Point Dam tailrace) RFS: Lesser Black-backed Guil 26 Feb Yankton (1) JSP, RFS; 27 Feb Yankton (1) DS; Rock Wren 08 Feb Lawrence BAS;

Chipping Sparrow 28 Feb Custer CMW:

#### SPECIES EXPECTED BUT NOT REPORTED

American Black Duck (2), Three-toed WoodPecker (2), Black-backed WoodPecker, Pygmy Nuthatch (2), Winter Wren, Varied Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Oray-crowned Rosy Finch, Pinc Grosbeak and Cassin's Finch

Corrections to Previous Issues The Least Tern under Species Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee in the June 1999 issue should be changed to a Black Tern and moved to the normal records.

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