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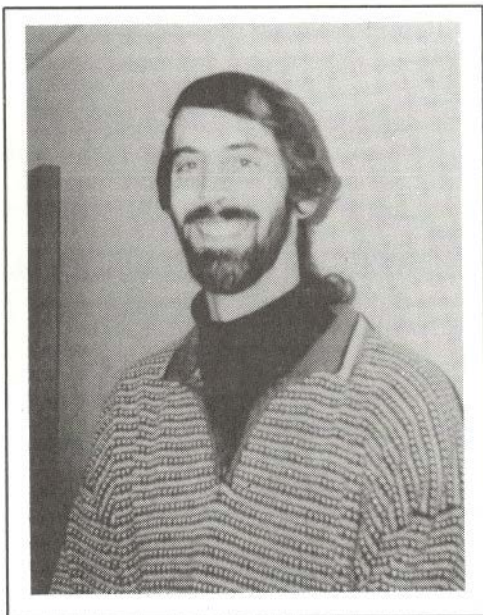
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In the heat of the late-summer doldrums, I find myself eagerly anticipating the arrival of fall, my favorite season of the birding year. Although spring migration is perhaps more spectacular, it is somewhat fast and furious. The adrenaline rush that drives me through May often leaves me "burned out" by the end of the month. During the Fall, I'll still chase birds and take long trips (mostly to Pierre), however, on many weekends, I simply enjoy an extended morning walk at Lake Herman State Park and an afternoon drive around Lake Thompson. I spend more time watching birds and less time listing them. This aspect of birding is something that I have come to appreciate more and more over the years, however, I've had a little help along the way. Hence, I decided to ask my wife, Deanna, to provide a different point of view. Here is what she had to say:



Being the spouse of an avid birder is not much different from being the spouse of anyone with a very active hobby. It is just less predictable at times. The telephone rings and off he goes to chase another bird! I bird too, however, I consider myself a casual birder. Before our boys were born, I was involved much more in Jeff's hobby. I birded each week with him, took numerous long birding trips, got sick on pelagic trips, and even participated in several Big Days and a Big Year. A lot of that stopped with the advent of two small boys, but I still participate in and enjoy birding in different ways. I do a lot of "backyard" birding, looking for new species in our yard and keeping track of what comes to the feeders. A lot of birding can be done in your own backyard! Really learning to watch birds can be every bit as exciting as listing them. One day, I enjoyed watching a Sharp-shinned Hawk sitting on our feeder for over 15 minutes. Another advantage of feeder birding is you get quite close looks at the birds you are observing. Even though it's in town, we have observed over 75 species of birds right here in our yard. Another way to enjoy birding is with the whole family. Our boys have already started their own lists and can identify many of the more common species. Last summer they were so excited to add Montezuma Quail to their list before their dad did. Birding can be a great family hobby and a great way to include your family in what you do. I'm pretty sure that Jeff would agree with that too. He used to want to take vacations and bird all day

long every day, moving from place to place. Now he enjoys camping in one location for an extended time, birding in the mornings and relaxing with his family the rest of the day. My advice to other spouses of avid birders ... get involved. You don't have to bird the way they do to have fun and learn a little more about their hobby. Just wait for the telephone to ring, have the truck filled up with gas, and the binoculars ready to go!

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL WINTERS ON FARM ISLAND

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Probably the most interesting bird found on the 1999 Pierre Christmas Bird Count was an adult Northern Saw-whet Owl. Kenny Miller and Charles Sisk discovered the owl on Farm Island just as they were quitting the count for the day and heading back to the parking lot. Subsequently, many birders had the opportunity to see this owl as it stayed in the same general area the entire winter.

This sighting is one of the few documented wintering records of the Northern Saw-whet Owl in South Dakota outside of the Black Hills area, where the species is resident. *The Birds of South Dakota* (SDOU, 1991) reports that the Northern Saw-whet Owl is an uncommon permanent resident of the Black Hills and possibly in coniferous forest habitats of Harding, eastern Meade, and Shannon counties. It is described as an irregular winter visitor east. A search of *South Dakota Bird Notes* since 1991 turned up three winter records in South Dakota outside the Black Hills area. The first record is a Northern Saw-whet Owl found on Farm Island on 15 January 1995 (Backlund 1995). This owl was seen by six observers and photographed, but was never relocated. The second is a record of a Northern Saw-whet Owl that was observed and photographed after hitting a window in Minnehaha County (SDBN 47:40) *vide* Jon Little, 23 January 1995. On 13 January 1997 one was reported in Watertown (SDBN 49:49) *vide* Bruce Harris.

The single adult Northern Saw-whet Owl that wintered on Farm Island during the winter of 1999-2000 was seen on many occasions. The first sighting was on 18 December 1999 and the final sighting was on 11 March 2000. Seven roosting sites were eventually located, but evidently the bird utilized others, since there were days when we could not locate it. All of the known roost sites we located were adjacent to a hiking trail. The owl typically roosted 5 to 6 feet above ground in small cedars.

The Northern Saw-whet Owl may be a more common wintering bird than is indicated by reports. Locating these owls takes luck. They usually roost in dense cedar or pine stands and will not flush, making them difficult to spot. We were able to locate roosts of this owl by searching cedars for telltale whitewash and then searching for small owl pellets. Sure enough, as we located these roosts and rechecked them regularly, the owl eventually was found utilizing all of them. One evening just before dark, we attempted to elicit a response from the

owl using a taped call of a Northern Saw-whet Owl. Even though we knew the owl was present less than 100 yards away, it would not respond. However, several Eastern Screech Owls in the area did respond. Use of taped calls may not be an effective method of locating wintering Northern Saw-whet Owls in areas where the species is not a permanent resident.

Thirty-two pellets of this Northern Saw-whet Owl were collected. The largest pellet was 47 mm by 16 mm, while the smallest was 23 mm by 14 mm. Remains of prey from the pellets were usually in unidentifiable condition. Most skulls were crushed and some pellets contained no skulls or mandibles at all, probably because of the reported feeding behavior of these owls. According to Cannings (1993) they tend to eat half of a prey item at one feeding. Identifiable prey species from the pellets included: four skulls and eight mandibles of Meadow Voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), three skulls of either White-footed Mice or Deer Mice (*Peromyscus* sp.), and fourteen mandibles of *Peromyscus* sp.

It was interesting to find two small mammals apparently cached on tree branches in the vicinity of the owl's roosts. A Meadow Vole and a White-footed Mouse were found cached but in a few days they were gone. Northern Saw-whet Owls are reported to cache food (Cannings 1993), so this owl may have been responsible for the cached prey.

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1999 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 6 June 1999 at Hot Springs and on 3 October 1999 at Vermillion. The members of the committee were David Swanson (secretary), Paul Springer, Todd Jensen, J. David Williams, and Jeffrey Palmer. All members either attended each meeting or voted *in absentia*.

The purpose and voting procedure of the committee are outlined by Springer (1988. SDBN 40:67-70). Observers of rare or unusual birds in South Dakota are encouraged to report their observations to any of the following: the secretary of SOUTH DAKOTA BIRD NOTES 52(3): 57

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the RBRC (currently David Swanson of Vermillion, SD) or other Records Committee members, compiler of the quarterly Seasonal Reports in *South Dakota Bird Notes* (currently Jeffrey Palmer of Madison, SD), or the editor of *Bird Notes* (currently Dan Tallman of Aberdeen, SD). A *Rare Bird Observation Form* is available for this purpose from any of the people to whom these reports should be sent. Reports should be as detailed as possible and should describe the entire bird, as well as vocalizations or behaviors exhibited by the bird at the time of observation. Notes on the observation for rare bird reports should be prepared during the observation or as soon afterward as possible, preferably prior to consulting a field guide. Complete descriptions are necessary to provide the committee with the greatest amount of information on which to judge their acceptance or rejection. A summary of the type of information desired by the RBRC in a rare bird report can be found in Swanson (1994. SDBN 46:64-71).

A listing of those species for which rare bird reports are requested is given on the latest version of the checklist of South Dakota birds (available from Dan Tallman, *South Dakota Bird Notes* Editor). Observers are asked to submit reports of any species that is rare or unusual at a particular time or at a particular location within the state. Observers whose records are accepted (Classes 1 and 2) are encouraged to publish these records in *South Dakota Bird Notes*, so details of the observation can be communicated to a wider audience. Citations are provided in this report for records that have been published.

The following are the results of the committee's action since the last report in the September 1999 issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. The numbers included in parentheses along with some reports indicate the committee's vote. If no numbers are listed, the vote was unanimous, 5-0, or 4-0, if a committee member submitted the report. The committee wishes to emphasize that a rating of Class 3 or 4 (non-accepted record) does not imply any personal criticism of the observer. Such a rating only means that the information provided in the report, in the opinion of the committee, did not conclusively eliminate other similar species. The committee created a new rating category in 1995 (Class 2H - Accepted Hypothetical) for well-described single observer sight records without corroborating evidence (e.g., photo, video, sound recording) that would constitute first state records, or for well-described reports where the origin of the reported bird (wild or escaped captive) is uncertain.

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

Pacific Loon. 20-27 April 1999. 1 in winter plumage on Oahe Dam tailrace, Stanley Co. Ricky D. Olson. Fifth state record.

Surf Scoter. 5-6 November 1998. 2 at Bear Butte Lake, Meade Co. Vic Fondy and Alice and Bud Shaykett.

Common Snipe. 12-14 June 1999. Female on nest in Custer Co. Tom Warren. (4 Class 1P, 1 Class 3). Rare nesting record for western South Dakota. SDBN 52:10-11.

Arctic Tern. 22 May 1999. 1 adult at Oahe Dam tailrace, west side, Hughes Co. Robert F. Schenck and Jeffrey Palmer. Second state record.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 13 July 1998. 1 immature in Stanley Co. Charles and Myrtle Backlund. Ninth state record.

White-eyed Vireo. 6-8 May 1999. 1 adult at Elmwood Park, Minnehaha Co. Robert F. Schenck and Jeffrey Palmer. Eighth state record.

Northern Mockingbird. December 1997 - February 1998. 1 in Brookings Co. Jan

- Kieckhefer. Photo submitted for previous report that was rated Class 2, rating changed to Class 1P.
- Pine Warbler. 18 December 1998 – 5 February 1999. 1 at Piedmont, Meade Co. N. Addison Ball and Michael Melius. First ever winter record. SDBN 51:1,14-16.
- Black-and-White Warbler. 9 April 1998. 1 adult in Minnehaha Co. Mick Zerr. Photo submitted for previous report that was rated Class 3, rating changed to Class 1P. Earliest ever spring migrant.
- Prothonotary Warbler. 10 May 1999. 1 adult male at Tomar Park, Minnehaha Co. Nathan Pieplow and Robert Schenck.
- Worm-eating Warbler. 17 April 1999. 1 adult at Lake Herman State Park, Lake Co. Jeffrey Palmer.
- Hooded Warbler. 25 June-13 July 1998. Pair on nest at Fort Meade Recreation Area, Meade Co. 3 young fledged from the nest on 10 July. Randy Podoll and Ernest E. Miller. First nesting record for the state.
- Hooded Warbler. 17 April 1999. 1 adult male at Lake Herman State Park, Lake Co. Jeffrey Palmer.
- Hooded Warbler. 6-8 May 1999. 1 adult male at Elmwood Park, Minnehaha Co. Robert F. Schenck and Jeffrey Palmer.

CLASS 2 (Accepted – Satisfactory written description).

- Pacific Loon. 7 November 1998. 1 in winter plumage at Angostura Reservoir, Fall River Co. Todd Jensen. Third state record.
- Pacific Loon. 23-29 November 1998. 1 in winter plumage at Oahe Dam tailrace, Hughes Co. Todd Jensen. Fourth state record.
- Pacific Loon. 4 June 1999. 1 in winter plumage in Meade Co. Dan Tallman and Arlen Hanson. Photos submitted with the report supported the identification, but were not conclusive in the mind of several committee members, so the record was rated Class 2. SDBN 52:9-10.
- Tricolored Heron. 22 May 1999. 1 adult at Dry Lake No. 2 WMA, Clark Co. Robert Schenck and Jeffrey Palmer.
- Surf Scoter. 5 December 1998. 1 at Lake Thompson, Kingsbury Co. Jeffrey Palmer and Robert Schenck. Second latest record ever. SDBN 52:8.
- Black Scoter. 30 November-20 December 1998. 1 female in winter plumage on Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton Co. David Swanson and Eric Liknes.
- Red-shouldered Hawk. 6-20 February 1999. 1 adult at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln Co. Robert Schenck and Jeffrey Palmer.
- Purple Gallinule. 22 May 1999. 1 adult near Willow Lake, Clark Co. Jeffrey Palmer and Robert Schenck. First state record.
- Least Sandpiper. 4 April 1998. 1 in Minnehaha Co. Jeffrey Palmer and Robert Schenck. Earliest ever spring record.
- Thayer's Gull. 24 March 1999. 1 adult at Oahe Dam tailrace, Hughes Co. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3). Ricky Olson.
- Sabine's Gull. 5 September 1998. 1 juvenile north of Lake Henry, Kingsbury Co. Jeffrey Palmer and Robert Schenck. Earliest ever fall migrant. SDBN 52:9.
- Arctic Tern. 6 December 1998. 1 in first winter plumage in tailrace and spillway below Gavin's Point Dam, Yankton Co. David Swanson and Travis Hills. First state record.
- Eurasian Collared Dove. 2-3 September 1998. 1 at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co.

Robert Schenck and Jeffrey Palmer. Fourth state record.

Common Ground Dove. 31 October 1998. 1 female in Jones Co. Tom and Brenda Warren. First state record.

Varied Thrush. 8 October 1998. 1 adult in Brown Co. Jerry C. Stanford.

Tufted Titmouse. 15 May 1999. 1 adult in Union Co. Rosemary Draeger, Linda Johnson, and Esther Hanson. First record for the state since 1977.

Western Bluebird. 6-8 May 1999. Pair of adults in Hughes Co. Kent Keenlyne. The committee rated the very well described male as Class 2, but the female was not described as convincingly in the opinion of some committee members, so the female was rated as Class 3 (3 Class 2, 2 Class 3). This record upgrades Western Bluebird from the hypothetical list (based on a previous single observer sight record) to the official state list.

Pine Warbler. 19-21 November 1998. 1 at Madison, Lake Co. Jeffrey Palmer and Robert Schenck. Very late fall record.

Cerulean Warbler. 20 June 1998. Pair on nest at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln Co. Bill Huser. First nest record for the state.

Cerulean Warbler. 15 May 1999. 1 adult male at Aberdeen, Brown Co. Arlen Hanson.

Worm-eating Warbler. 23 May 1996. 1 adult at Lake Herman State Park, Lake Co. Jeffrey Palmer.

Worm-eating Warbler. 19 September 1998. 1 adult at Oakwood Lakes State Park, Brookings Co. Jeffrey Palmer.

Worm-eating Warbler. 10 May 1999. 1 adult at Rapid City, Pennington Co. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3). Jocelyn Baker. Very rare in western South Dakota.

Louisiana Waterthrush. 29 April 1999. 1 adult in Clay Co. Banded. David Swanson and Eric Liknes.

Kentucky Warbler. 20 June 1998. 1 adult male at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln Co. Robert Schenck.

Summer Tanager. 8 November 1998. 1 female at Fort Pierre, Stanley Co. A video was submitted along with the report and three committee members felt that the video showed a Summer Tanager. Another committee member believed that the video supported the Summer Tanager identification, but was not conclusive, and a final committee member felt that the video and report did not conclusively eliminate Scarlet Tanager. Thus, the collective rating, with two votes dissenting from a Class 1P rating, was a Class 2 rating.

Western Tanager. 6 May 1999. 1 male at Elmwood Park, Minnehaha Co. Nathan Pieplow and Robert Schenck.

Brambling. 4 April 1999. 1 female at Sturgis, Meade Co. Ernest E. Miller. Second state record.

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

White-winged Dove. May-31 July 1999. 1 at West Whitlocks Resort, Potter Co. (1 Class 2, 4 Class 3). The description did not conclusively eliminate Eurasian Collared Dove and a Eurasian Collared Dove was observed at the same location as the reported bird in early August by two committee members.

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

Carolina Wren. 10-11 September 1998. 1 in Edmunds Co. Photos submitted along with the report showed a small area of black and white streaking on the back and tawny, rather than rufous, coloration to the upperparts and flanks. These characteristics are inconsistent with Carolina Wren.

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Glossy Ibis. 12 May 1999. 1 adult in breeding plumage in Butte Co.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird. 28-31 August 1999. 1 adult male in Meade Co.

Pileated Woodpecker. 6 October 1999. 1 female at Sica Hollow State Park, Roberts Co.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. 17 May 1999. 1 adult in Meade Co. Accidental in western South Dakota.

Cassin's Vireo. 25 August 1999. 1 in Meade Co. Potential first state record.

Prothonotary Warbler. 7-18 June 1999. 1 adult male in Meade Co.

Connecticut Warbler. 11 May 1999. 1 in Meade Co. Very rare in western South Dakota.

Golden-crowned Sparrow. 5 November 1999. 1 adult in Meade Co. Potential second state record.

McCown's Longspur. 18 October 1999. 1 male in Custer Co.

In other business, the committee decided to include records from the spillway area below Gavin's Point Dam, which is legally defined as Nebraska but is on the south side of the current Missouri River, on the official state list. Precedent for this decision has been established by the inclusion of records from this area in the previous editions of *The Birds of South Dakota*.



BOOK REVIEWS

PLANTS OF THE BLACK HILLS AND BEAR LODGE MOUNTAINS. G. E. Larson and J. R. Johnson. 1999. Publication B732. South Dakota State University College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, Brookings, SD. Softcover. 608 pp. \$34.95.

This volume has been in development for eight years and the results are well worth the wait. This comprehensive photographic field guide to the common plants of the Black Hills region should be in the collection of everyone who loves South Dakota's natural history. Having done vegetation research in the Black Hills, I've had the pleasure of relying on both of these authors for their extensive botanical knowledge. I personally witnessed the care and attention to detail expended by Dr. Johnson in gathering photos for this volume. Dr. Larson is recognized as one of the region's premiere botanists – an individual who can seemingly identify any sedge at 30 paces...in the dark...with his eyes closed...on a foggy night – the ornithological equivalent would be correctly separating, while riding horseback, Willow and Alder flycatchers! Anyone who has queried Dr. Larson about an unknown plant knows what I'm talking about.

The introduction provides an excellent overview of the natural history of the region, including discussions and photos of habitat assemblages and a discussion of Black Hills geomorphology. About 600 species of plants (roughly 400 forbs, ferns, and horsetails, 100 trees, and 100 grasses) are then arranged in alphabetical order, first by family, and then Latin binomial. Thankfully, the authors did not shy away from some of the more difficult-to-identify taxa – covering 31 sedges and rushes, over 100 grasses, and no fewer than 84 of the ubiquitous asters. At the beginning of most families, general information is provided, including things such as detailed explanations and diagrams explaining floral and vegetative characters for grasses, sedges, legumes, and asters. The general comments about Publication 566 (rev.) in the review below apply to this volume as well – and *vice versa*.

Information for each species includes a color photo (with additional close-ups and insets added liberally throughout), a fairly detailed description, information about habitat and distribution in North America, and a section of general comments. Comments include how to distinguish the plant from other look-alikes, historic and current uses by humans, information regarding other common names, and importance to wildlife. Botanical descriptions are complete and the accompanying glossary makes these descriptions useful for professional and amateur alike. The index is equally complete, with families and each plant listed by both Latin and common names.

I believe that much of the eight-year development for this book was spent in the field, pursuing perfect photos, which, for almost every species, was accomplished. The photos are truly wonderful – excellent detail of the plant growing in its native habitat provides additional, subtle clues about where one might find the plant. Each species photographed was either bearing flowers, fruit, or both – a task that required incredible amounts of fieldwork and persistence. Where photos weren't sufficient to show distinguishing characters, line drawings are included. Photos of important and unique below-ground structures are provided

to aid in identification. Grasses are always particularly difficult to photograph due to their fine features, and for some species, additional close-ups might have been helpful. That being said, the authors did a much better than average job of capturing a difficult subject.

The list of plants included is comprehensive. However, something could be added. The casual observer may find a general key or guide to families or species helpful. While there are drawbacks to alternative arrangements (such as flower color) commonly used in field guides, a simplified, graphical key to families might make the reference more user-friendly for the uninitiated.

All in all, this text is an invaluable resource. This book is a true gift to South Dakotans and visitors who spend any amount of time afield in the Black Hills region. If you are birding in the Black Hills, you should have to move this field guide in your pack in order to find your binoculars! Rest assured, there will always be a copy of this and the related grasslands volume in my car when heading outdoors. *Keith Wrage, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

GRASSLAND PLANTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS. J. R. Johnson and G. E. Larson. 1999. Publications B566 (rev.). South Dakota State University College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, Brookings, SD. Softcover. 288 pp. \$17.95.

I have to admit, I feel a little like a fish out of water – a botanist writing to ornithologists. I've never understood how frustrating it must be (or how difficult it must be) to only get a fleeting glimpse of a bird and have to identify it. Of course, maybe this explains the extensive lifelists of some birders! Botanists on the other hand are lucky – plants are very cordial and polite – they almost never move so quickly that you can't study them at length.

If you spend time in grassland habitats of South Dakota (which is almost anywhere in the state) then this book is a "must have" for your field guide collection. It covers the northern and central Great Plains – so don't forget to take this guide along if you go "over the border" into the grasslands of neighboring states. This publication is a revision of the older and much used original first published in 1982. The format and photos are greatly improved from the original and over 110 additional species are covered bringing the total to 289 species.

All grassland community types in South Dakota are covered in this book. The introductory material describes the ecology of the major community types and provides illustrations of basic grass anatomy. Species are indexed by both Latin and common names. Plants frequently found in all types of South Dakota grasslands, including forbs, shrubs, grasses, sedges are covered and organized alphabetically by family, and Latin name. Most general comments in the review of Publication B732 (above) apply to this volume as well – and *vice versa*.

Information for each taxa is similar to that in Publication B732 – a color photograph or two, line drawings where needed, habitat and distribution information, and a general comments section. Photos in this volume are, for the most part, different from images used in the Black Hills volume by the same authors (review above). Thus, having both volumes may provide additional views of some species that are covered in both. Again, the photos by Dr. Johnson demonstrate that he understands the intricacies of macro photography and how to compose an image in such a way as to provide maximum information for identification in a natural setting.

As I mentioned in my review of the companion volume for the Black Hills region (Pub.B732), a simplistic, systematic method of identifying species would be a useful addition for beginning botanists. However, given the quality of photography in this book, looking for a "match" by paging through it may be considered an enjoyable and educational prospect. *Keith Wrage, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

GREAT TEXAS BIRDS/ILLUSTRATIONS BY JOHN P. O'NEILL. 1999. Suzane Winckler, Editor. University of Texas Press, Austin. 120 pp. \$.34.95, hardcover.

South Dakota birders with ties to Texas, and those fascinated by bird art, will find this book to be entertaining. The book's heart consists of 48 color, full-page portraits of selected Texas birds. Each plate is accompanied by a short essay written by one of 48 writers from various walks of life, but all with a passion for birds.

O'Neill is one of America's foremost bird artists and this book has won art awards. He has a unique and easily recognizable style. The paintings here range from good to excellent. Most are of one or two birds with minimal backgrounds—indeed, often as not, most of the backgrounds are white, with the birds perched on flowering branches or standing in a splotch of habitat. O'Neill has a tendency to draw his birds small. His Wood Thrush, warblers, and vireos almost get lost, despite the minimalist backgrounds. I suspect his proportions are correct, yet birders with binoculars would see more of the subjects than are presented here. The painting I like the least shows two small, emaciated-looking Ruby-throated Hummingbirds hovering about penstemon flowers. If you did not know better, you might think the portrait was botanical with the birds added for decoration. On the other hand, O'Neill's shorebirds are simply stunning. His stilts, Long-billed Curlew, and turnstone rank among the best bird art in today's bird books.

I was not overly impressed with the essays that accompany the paintings. They are touchy-feely impressions of the author's encounters with the bird in question. The essays are more poetic than informational. There is not a great deal to be learned here. For example, in her piece on the Yellow-breasted Chat, the writer mostly describes the bird's call and evasiveness, and even devotes a paragraph to seeing the species in Nebraska, but makes no mention at all of the chat's intriguing taxonomy. (Is a chat really a warbler?) *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*



SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2000 Spring Season

01 March 2000 to 31 May 2000

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The mild conditions observed during the winter season continued into the spring. Temperatures were above average in March and May and about average for April. Statewide precipitation was above average in April and about average otherwise. Indicative of the persistent mild conditions, there are a large number of highlighted early arrival dates below. In the Migration Calendar at the end of the report, 12 of the 14 species tracked were reported early and all 6 regions exhibited an early trend. Of the species Loons through Ibis, 7 of the 19 reported were in excess of 1 week earlier than the average of the past 5 years. Waterfowl migration was already well underway, with most species being reported throughout the state, at the onset of the season. Among shorebirds, 16 species were reported in excess of 1 week earlier than average. Earliest ever dates were reported for 9 shorebird species! Of the vireos and warblers, 10 species were more than 1 week early. For the season, there were 315 species reported; the five-year (1995-1999) average is 306. The "highlights" include a very poor warbler migration (with most species present in only very small numbers and for a very brief time) and no potential First State Records. On a more positive note, the Red-shouldered Hawk in Day County, first reported in the Winter Season, persisted into spring. An apparent pair of Barred Owls has taken up residence at Newton Hills State Park in Lincoln County; reported from this location last September and found again this May. The pair provided a special show for the "early bird" field trip at the Spring SDOU Meeting. A Chuck-will's-widow was heard by numerous observers below Oahe Dam. This species was found at this location from 1986-1988 but had apparently not been present since. Finally, there were many more reports of Short-eared Owl than has been typical (also probably reflective of the mild winter) and Burrowing Owl ... it has not been reported east of counties bordering the Missouri in the last 6 spring seasons.

Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are earlier/later than listed in *The Birds of South Dakota* and species that are out of range). For early/late migration dates, I have listed the three earliest/latest dates (by county); however, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have given the earliest/latest reported date in the missing region also. For selected species, I have included [in square brackets] the Earliest Ever and/or the Average First Arrival (1995-1999) dates as a reference for comparison. Finally, included at the end, is a list of species that were not reported this year and might be expected during the Spring Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during spring in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicates the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

Common Loon Early [24 Mar]: 18 Mar Yankton RGR; 22 Mar Davison RGR; 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Apr Custer KH ... Late: 31 May Day WS; 15 May Stanley RFS, JSP; 07 May Sully KM; 18 Apr Lawrence RAS

Pied-billed Grebe Early [14 Mar]: 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA; 10 Mar Lake JSP; 12 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Apr Meade VDF

Horned Grebe Early [29 Mar]: 25 Mar Charles Mix RM; 30 Mar Fall River JLB; 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 08 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 13 May Charles Mix RM; 09 May Brown SLS; 21 Apr Hughes DAT; 16 Apr Butte RAS; 16 Apr Harding CM

Red-necked Grebe All Reports [26 Apr]: 02 Apr Brown DAT, SLS; 02 May Roberts WS; 07 May Charles Mix RM; 31 May Roberts (Occupied Nest) WS

Eared Grebe Early [30 Mar]: 21 Mar Brown DAT; 01 Apr Brookings JSP; 04 Apr Meade VDF; 08 Apr Charles Mix RM

Western Grebe Early [04 Apr]: 03 Apr Brown SLS; 09 Apr Day DAT; 11 Apr Moody KIE; 12 Apr Butte RAS; 15 Apr Stanley RDO; 15 Apr Hughes KM

Clark's Grebe All Reports [06 May]: 21 Apr Day WS; 19 May Harding CM

American White Pelican Early [29 Mar]: 18 Mar Miner JSP; 31 Mar Brown SLS; 01 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 Apr Meade APB

Double-crested Cormorant Early [26 Mar]: 18 Mar Miner JSP; 18 Mar Hughes KM; 18 Mar Charles Mix RM; 18 Mar Yankton RGR; 08 Apr Butte RAS, VDF

American Bittern Early [18 Apr]: 22 Apr Mellette KH; 26 Apr Brown SLS; 29 Apr Sully KM

Least Bittern All Reports [14 May]: 16 May Charles Mix DS; 23 May Brown SLS; 25 May Clark RFS, JSP

Great Blue Heron Early [13 Mar]: 17 Mar Lawrence RAS; 18 Mar Miner JSP; 18 Mar Pennington JLB; 18 Mar Charles Mix RM

Great Egret Early [30 Mar]: 28 Mar Day WS; 29 Mar Brown SLS; 01 Apr Brookings JSP; 08 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 May Bennett TJ; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS

Snowy Egret Early [21 Apr]: 15 Apr Clark RFS, JSP; 17 Apr Brown SLS; 18 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 May Bennett TJ

Little Blue Heron All Reports [09 May]: 15 May Clark RFS, JSP; 26 May Brown RDO

Cattle Egret Early [13 Apr]: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Yankton SVS; 21 Apr Edmunds DAT; 29 Apr Tripp DGS

Green Heron Early [30 Apr]: 16 Apr Yankton SVS; 05 May Lake JCS; 09 May Day WS; 13 May Pennington JLB

Black-crowned Night-Heron Early [04 Apr]: 09 Apr Tripp RDO; 09 Apr Charles Mix RM; 11 Apr Miner RGR

White-faced Ibis All Reports [19 Apr]: 19 Apr Brown SLS; 05 May Clark WS; 16 May Sanborn RGR; 21 May Hutchinson RM; 26 May Brown RDO; 27 May Brown DAT

Turkey Vulture Early: 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 03 Apr Pennington JLB; 04 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 Apr Brown DAT

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 03 Mar Pennington AKB ... Late: 25 May Beadle RGR; 16 May Harding CM; 29 Apr Minnehaha JSP; 18 Apr Yankton SVS

Snow Goose Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 02 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 04 Mar Meade APB; 04 Mar Moody JSP; 09 Mar Yankton SVS ... Late: 25 May Beadle RGR; 22 May Codington WS; 21 May Hutchinson RM; 19 May Stanley KM; 13 May Lawrence VDF

Ross's Goose Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 11 Mar Hughes KM; 18 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 04 Apr Hand RBA ... also reported 09 Mar Codington (1 blue-phase shot and photographed) *vide* DAT

Trumpeter Swan All Reports: 13 May Tripp RAP, DGS, GS; 13 May Bennett TJ

Tundra Swan Only Report: 26 Mar, 12 Apr and 17 Apr Brown SLS; 17 Apr Roberts (65) WS

Wood Duck Early: 01 Mar Lawrence SS; 03 Mar Pennington AKB; 04 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 14 Mar Hughes KM; 14 Mar Stanley RDO

Gadwall Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 03 Mar Pennington AKB; 03 Mar Stanley RDO

American Wigeon Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF; 04 Mar Pennington SS

American Black Duck Only Report: 10 Mar Lake (2) JSP

Blue-winged Teal Early: 01 Mar Lawrence SS; 01 Mar Brown JCS; 03 Mar Hughes RDO

Cinnamon Teal Early: 09 Apr Meade APB, AKB; 13 Apr Brown RBA; 22 Apr Hughes KM ... Late: 30 May Meade AKB; 27 May Harding RFS, JSP; 24 Apr Hughes RDO

Northern Shoveler Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Moody JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS, SLS; 02 Mar Douglas RM; 03 Mar Hughes RDO; 04 Mar Meade APB; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF

Green-winged Teal Early: 01 Mar Meade EEM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Moody JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA

Canvasback Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 01 Mar Aurora RGR; 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA; 11 Mar Butte RAS, VDF; 11 Mar Hughes RDO; 11 Mar Charles Mix RM

Redhead Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS, SLS; 01 Mar Jerauld RGR; 01 Mar Lawrence SS; 01 Mar Yankton SVS

Ring-necked Duck Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS, SLS; 01 Mar Aurora RGR; 02 Mar Davison RM; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF

Greater Scaup All Reports: 03 Mar Brown DAT; 09 Apr Pennington TJ

Lesser Scaup Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS, SLS; 01 Mar Jerauld RGR; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 11 Mar Butte RAS

Bufflehead Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS, SLS; 01 Mar Jerauld RGR; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Douglas RM; 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA; 11 Mar Sully RDO; 11 Mar Hughes KM; 18 Mar Meade RAS ... Late: 19 May Yankton SVS; 07 May Meade JLB; 03 May Butte RAS; 02 May Roberts WS

Common Goldeneye Late: 06 Apr Butte JLB; 01 Apr Brookings JSP; 31 Mar Yankton SVS

Hooded Merganser Early: 01 Mar Brown SLS; 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA; 09 Mar Day WS; 09 Mar Stanley RDO; 09 Mar Hughes KM; 11 Mar Butte RAS, VDF ... Late: 26 May Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Minnehaha JSP; 06 Apr Meade JLB

Common Merganser Late: 31 May Lawrence VDF; 25 May Pennington TBW; 13 May Meade EEM; 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 15 Apr Clark JSP

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 08 Mar Yankton SVS ... Late: 26 Apr Hughes RDO; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 15 Apr Miner JSP

Ruddy Duck Early: 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA; 07 Mar Brown DAT; 10 Mar Lake JSP; 14 Mar Yankton SVS; 14 Apr Meade VDF

Osprey Early: 23 Mar Charles Mix RM; 07 Apr Pennington KH; 07 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Brookings JSP ... Late: 31 May Pennington TBW; 13 May Lake JSP; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS; 13 May Lawrence VDF; 04 May Hughes KM

Northern Harrier Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 10 Mar Hand DJB; 18 Mar Meade RAS, VDF; 18 Mar Fall River JLB

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 15 May Lake RFS, JSP; 06 May Jones KM; 02 May Yankton SVS

Northern Goshawk Only Report: 07 Apr Mellette KH

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 18 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Sanborn RGR; 22 Apr Brown DAT; 16 May Pennington TJ ... Late: 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 20 May Lincoln JSP; 18 May Brown DAT; 12 May Yankton SVS

Swainson's Hawk Early: 23 Mar Butte RAS; 23 Mar Lawrence VDF; 01 Apr Sully RDO; 12 Apr Brown DAT

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 15 May Harding VDF; 16 Apr Charles Mix RM; 10 Apr Meade APB; 07 Mar Brown DAT

Golden Eagle Late: 24 Apr Brown JCS; 21 Apr Stanley DAT; 13 Mar Spink JCS

Merlin Late: 21 Apr Potter DAT; 17 Apr Clay SVS; 22 Mar Hughes JCS

Peregrine Falcon Early: 12 Mar Brown DAT; 19 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 16 May Hughes KM; 13 May Bennett TJ; 10 May Brown DAT

Prairie Falcon All Reports: 09 Mar Hughes RDO; 11 Mar Butte and Lawrence RAS; 11 Mar and 18 Mar Butte VDF; 08 Apr Butte RAS; 30 Apr Harding CM

Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 05 May Pennington JLB; 24 May Pennington RDO

Sage Grouse All Reports: 04 Apr Butte (1) JLB; 06 Apr Butte (3) JLB, RDO; 07 Apr Harding (1) CM; 08 Apr Butte RAS, VDF; 14 Apr Butte (1) AKB

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 02 Apr Lincoln (3) TJ; 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 May Yankton SVS

Virginia Rail Early: 03 May Marshall WS; 15 May Lake and 25 May Hughes RFS, JSP

Sora Early: 01 May Yankton SVS; 03 May Marshall WS; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS

Sandhill Crane Early: 06 Mar Meade EEM; 25 Mar Sanborn RGR; 26 Mar Charles Mix RM ... Late: 27 Apr Pennington JLB; 22 Apr Hughes DAT; 22 Apr Stanley DS, JSP; 20 Apr Edmunds SLS

Black-bellied Plover Early [11-Apr-98, 06 May]: 02 May Codington JCS; 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 10 May Yankton SVS; 13 May Bennett TJ ... Late: 27 May Hughes KM; 25 May Beadle RGR; 24 May Meade JLB

American Golden-Plover Early [10-Apr-86, 23 Apr]: 01 Apr Brookings JSP; 18 Apr Yankton

SVS; 03 May Spink SLS; 13 May Bennett TJ ... Late: 19 May Beadle RDO; 18 May Brown DAT; 15 May Sanborn RGR; 15 May Lake RFS, JSP; 01 May Yankton SVS

Semipalmated Plover Early [06 Apr-86, 20 Apr]: **15 Apr Lake JSP; 18 Apr Sanborn RGR; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 18 Apr Clay DS; 29 Apr Tripp DGS** ... Late: 26 May Yankton SVS; 25 May Beadle RGR; 20 May Minnehaha MKZ, RDO; 13 May Bennett TJ; 13 May Custer MMM

Piping Plover All Reports [11-Apr-89, 25 Apr]: **13 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 18 Apr Jerault RGR; 22 Apr Spink DAT**

Killdeer Early [11 Mar]: **02 Mar Brown JCS; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF; 04 Mar Moody JSP; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Minnehaha RBA**

Black-necked Stilt All Reports [30-Apr-98, 03 May]: **11 Apr Sanborn RGR; 17 Apr Brown by William Schultae; 30 Apr Butte RAS; 17 May Brown SLS**

American Avocet Early [21-Mar-86, 10 Apr]: 10 Apr Meade EEM; 11 Apr Miner RGR; 12 Apr Brown SLS; 14 Apr Hughes KM

Greater Yellowlegs Early [16-Mar-95, 24 Mar]: **14 Mar Yankton SVS; 17 Mar Clay DS; 24 Mar Brown JCS; 04 Apr Meade VDF** ... Late: 18 May Fall River PFS; 16 May Meade JLB; 15 May Hughes RFS, JSP; 09 May Day WS

Lesser Yellowlegs Early [08-Mar-53, 30 Mar]: **06 Mar Brown SLS; 17 Mar Clay DS; 18 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Apr Meade RAS** ... Late: 26 May Yankton SVS; 21 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 19 May Meade RAS

Solitary Sandpiper Early [15-Apr-71, 26 Apr]: **18 Apr Meade RAS; 22 Apr Sanborn RGR; 26 Apr Brown DAT; 03 May Hughes KM** ... Late: 15 May Lake RFS, JSP; 13 May Todd RDO; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS; 04 May Hughes KM

Willet Early [07-Apr-78, 18 Apr]: 14 Apr Brown DAT; 16 Apr Meade RAS; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 18 Apr Clay DS

Spotted Sandpiper Early [02-Apr-91, 27 Apr]: **08 Apr Charles Mix RM; 24 Apr Sanborn RGR; 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 06 May Butte RAS, VDF; 06 May Meade JLB; 06 May Pennington TJ**

Upland Sandpiper Early [27-Mar-93, 28 Apr]: **02 Apr Meade EEM; 03 Apr Stanley RDO; 22 Apr Mellette KH; 30 Apr Lake JSP**

Long-billed Curlew Early [16-Mar-96, 30 Mar]: 02 Apr Tripp DGS; 06 Apr Custer MMM; 08 Apr Lawrence RAS, VDF

Hudsonian Godwit Early [10-Apr-89, 15 Apr]: **11 Apr Sanborn RGR; 12 Apr Brown DAT; 15 Apr Beadle RDO; 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 20 Apr Clay DS** ... Late: 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 19 May Yankton SVS; 18 May Brown DAT

Marbled Godwit Early [05-Apr-78, 12 Apr]: 09 Apr Sanborn RGR; 13 Apr Brown SLS; 14 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Codrington WS; 14 Apr Hamlin JSP; 27 Apr Pennington JLB

Ruddy Turnstone Early [17-Apr-92, 08 May]: 13 May Brown SLS; 13 May Yankton SVS; 19 May Hutchinson PFS ... Late: 21 May Hughes KM; 20 May Minnehaha MKZ, RDO, RGR; 19 May Brown SLS

Sanderling All Reports [16-Apr-91, 02 May]: 15 May Lake JSP; 20 May Minnehaha MKZ; 21 May Sully RDO; 21 May Hughes KM; 25 May Beadle RGR; 25 May Hughes JSP; 19 May Perkins RBA

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early [02-Apr-86, 24 Apr]: 08 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 18 Apr Sanborn RGR; 18 Apr Clay DS; 29 Apr Tripp DGS ... Late: 26 May Yankton SVS; 26 May Hamlin PFS; 25 May Kingsbury JSP; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS

Least Sandpiper Early [08-Apr-95, 23 Apr]: **31 Mar Yankton SVS; 17 Apr Sanborn RGR; 19 Apr Brown SLS; 29 Apr Tripp DGS** ... Late: 25 May Kingsbury RFS; 22 May Codrington WS; 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 19 May Yankton SVS; 19 May Sully KM; 13 May Pennington JLB; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS

White-rumped Sandpiper Early [17-Apr-66, 04 May]: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 07 May Brown DAT; 14 May Beadle RGR; 18 May Clay SVS ... Late: 27 May Hughes KM; 26 May Yankton SVS; 26 May Brown PFS

Baird's Sandpiper Early [16-Mar-91, 29 Mar]: **12 Mar Beadle RGR; 27 Mar Brown DAT; 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Tripp DGS** ... Late: 19 May Hutchinson PFS; 15 May Clark RFS, JSP; 14 May Beadle RGR; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS; 13 May Yankton SVS

Pectoral Sandpiper Early [29-Mar-96, 09 Apr]: **17 Mar Clay DS; 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 01 Apr Hamlin TJ; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS** ... Late: 29 May Sanborn RGR; 26 May Yankton SVS; 26 May Codrington PFS

Dunlin Early [15-Apr-91, 21 Apr]: **11 Apr Sanborn RGR; 12 Apr Brown DAT; 13 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS** ... Late: 31 May Brown JCS; 26 May Hamlin PFS; 25 May Beadle RGR; 19 May Yankton SVS

Stilt Sandpiper Early [18-Apr-55, 05 May]: 30 Apr Stanley KM; 01 May Sanborn RGR; 03 May

Clay DS; 08 May Tripp DGS ... Late: 28 May Brookings BH; 27 May Hughes KM; 26 May Hamlin PFS; 26 May Yankton SVS; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS

Short-billed Dowitcher Early [20-Apr-91, 29 Apr]: 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 May Yankton SVS; 06 May Brown DAT; 13 May Meade EEM ... Late: 26 May Yankton SVS; 19 May Hutchinson PFS; 18 May Brown DAT

Long-billed Dowitcher Early [24-Mar-91, 18 Apr]: 20 Mar Sanborn RGR; 03 Apr Stanley RDO; 08 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Meade RAS; 29 Apr Tripp DGS ... Late: 25 May Hughes RFS, JSP; 22 May Meade JLB; 21 May Lyman AKB; 18 May Brown DAT

Common Snipe Early [24 Mar]: 11 Mar Lawrence VDF; 17 Mar Clay DS; 20 Mar Brown JCS ... Confirmed Breeding: 09 May Custer (NE 4) *vide* RAP

American Woodcock Early [12-Mar-97, 26 Mar]: 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 02 Apr Day WS; 07 Apr Marshall WS

Wilson's Phalarope Early [06-Mar-70, 17 Apr]: 03 Apr Stanley RDO; 18 Apr Codington WS; 18 Apr Jerauld RGR; 21 Apr Tripp DGS

Red-necked Phalarope All Reports [22-Apr-95, 06 May]: 03 May Brown SLS; 16 May Charles Mix DS; 17 May Custer DS; 20 May Minnehaha MKZ, RDO, RGR; 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 26 May Hamlin PFS

Franklin's Gull Early: 12 Mar Stanley RDO; 12 Mar Hughes KM; 21 Mar Beadle JCS; 23 Apr Custer MMM

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 30 Mar Hughes RDO; 01 Apr Day WS; 01 Apr Brookings JSP ... Late: 19 May Sully KM; 26 Apr Day WS; 26 Apr Yankton SVS

Ring-billed Gull Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF; 04 Mar Lake JSP

California Gull Early: 21 Mar Hughes RDO; 05 Apr Stanley DAT

Herring Gull Early: 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 16 Apr Hughes RDO; 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 15 Apr Charles Mix RM

Caspian Tern All Reports: 18 May Brown DAT; 21 May Hughes KM; 25 May Hughes KM

Common Tern All Reports: 22 Apr Hughes DAT; 02 May Brown JCS; 11 May Hughes KM; 19 May Lyman TJ

Forster's Tern Early: 01 Apr Hamlin TJ; 18 Apr Hughes KM; 18 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 09 May Bennett JLB

Least Tern Only Report: 03 May Yankton SVS

Black Tern Early: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 07 May Brown DAT; 10 May Yankton SVS; 16 May Meade JLB

Mourning Dove Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 01 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 26 Mar Tripp RDO

Black-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 16 May Clay DS; 22 May Day WS; 29 May Meade EEM; 30 May Stanley RDO

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 30 May Stanley RDO

Barn Owl All Reports: 16 Apr Tripp RDO; 06 May Stanley RDO; 15 May and 25 May Stanley RFS, JSP

Eastern Screech-Owl Confirmed Breeding: 03 May Brookings (2 fledged young) KIE ... also reported 05 Mar Tripp DGS; 25 Mar Custer and Pennington MMM; 01 Apr and 22 May Mellette KH; 13 May Pennington JLB

Snowy Owl All Reports: 30 Mar and 04 Mar Brown SLS

Burrowing Owl Early: 02 Apr Meade EEM; 08 Apr Hughes RBA; 12 Apr Custer MMM

Long-eared Owl reported from Brown, Hughes, Stanley, and Sully counties

Short-eared Owl reported from Butte, Custer, Day, Fall River, Harding, Hughes, Lyman, Miner, Sanborn, Stanley, and Tripp counties

Northern Saw-whet Owl Confirmed Breeding: 20 and 29 May Custer (ON) RAP ... also reported 10 Mar Hughes RDO; 11 and 16 Mar Hughes KM; 13 Mar Brown RBA

Common Nighthawk Early: 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS; 15 May Clay DS; 17 May Hughes KM; 18 May Brown DAT

Common Poorwill All Reports: 08 and 15 May Meade APB; 30 May Stanley RDO

Whip-poor-will Early: 30 Apr Yankton SVS; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 18 May Brown JCS

Chimney Swift Early: 24 Apr Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Aurora TJ; 29 Apr Lincoln JSP; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS

White-throated Swift Early: 12 Apr Custer KH; 28 Apr Pennington TJ; 26 May Harding RDO

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: 11 May Charles Mix RM; 15 May Brookings KIE; 15 May Clay DS

Belted Kingfisher Early: 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 02 Mar Gregory RM; 13 Mar Meade APB; 25 Mar Roberts JSP

Lewis's Woodpecker reported from Butte and Lawrence counties
Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 19 Mar Mellett RDO; 30 Apr Charles Mix RM; 06 May Lake JSP
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: 14 Apr Brown DAT; 15 Apr Day WS; 29 Apr Lincoln JSP
Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 10 May Lawrence RDO; 13 May Lawrence VDF; 18 May Pennington TJ; 25 May Lawrence DJB; 27 May Lawrence JLB; 29 May Pennington DAT
Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 30 May Pennington DS; 28 May Pennington RFS, JSP
Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 24 May Lawrence RDO; 26 Apr Lawrence DJB; 08 Apr Pennington TJ
Pileated Woodpecker Only Report: 25 Mar Roberts RFS, JSP
Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 18 May Brown DAT; 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 22 May Hughes KM; 23 May Hughes RDO
Western Wood-Pewee Early: 06 May Lawrence RAS, VDF; 14 May Harding CM; 23 May Pennington JLB, MMM
Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 16 May Brown DAT; 20 May Lincoln RGR; 26 May Yankton SVS
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Only Report: 25-26 May Brown DAT
Alder Flycatcher All Reports: 22 May Lincoln TJ; 25-26 May Brown DAT; 25 May Hand RFS, JSP; 25 May Clay DS; 27 May Brookings BH
Willow Flycatcher All Reports: 09 May Hughes RDO; 16 May Brown DAT; 21 May Hughes KM; 25 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP
Least Flycatcher Early: 29 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 30 Apr Brown DAT, SLS; 30 Apr Hughes RDO; 30 Apr Yankton RGR; 05 May Pennington JLB
Dusky Flycatcher All Reports: 18 May Pennington TJ; 27 May Lawrence JLB; 29 May Custer DAT
Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 06 May Lawrence RAS, VDF; 18 May Pennington TJ; 21 May Custer MMM; 29 May Custer DAT
Eastern Phoebe Early: 30 Mar Lake JSP; 08 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 11 Apr Hughes KM; 08 May Custer RAP
Say's Phoebe Early: 11 Apr Stanley RDO; 13 Apr Custer MMM; 18 Apr Lawrence RAS
Great Crested Flycatcher Early: 12 May Yankton SVS; 13 May Pennington JLB, MMM; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP
Western Kingbird Early: 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 04 May Hughes KM; 05 May Clark WS; 05 May Lawrence RAS; 05 May Hyde RBA
Eastern Kingbird Early: 30 Apr Yankton RGR; 02 May Clark JCS; 03 May Meade EEM
Northern Shrike Late: 09 Apr Charles Mix RM; 08 Apr Stanley RBA; 02 Apr Sanborn RGR; 30 Mar Fall River JLB
Loggerhead Shrike Early: 28 Mar Yankton RM; 07 Apr Mellette KH; 08 Apr Miner JSP
Bell's Vireo Early [08-May-98, 13 May]: 12 May Yankton SVS; 13 May Bennett TJ; 22 May Hughes RDO
Yellow-throated Vireo Early [26-Apr-94, 12 May]: 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 16 May Clay DS; 20 May Lincoln RGR, RDO
Plumbeous Vireo All Reports [29-Apr-78, 15 May]: 13 May Bennett TJ; 29 May Custer JSP
Blue-headed Vireo All Reports [25-Apr-86, 04 May]: 15 May Brown DAT; 18 May Stanley DB; 27 May Minnehaha MKZ
Warbling Vireo Early [29-Apr-86, 08 May]: 29 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 29 Apr Yankton RGR; 01 May Brown JCS; 13 May Pennington MMM; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS
Philadelphia Vireo All Reports [08-May-79, 16 May]: 11 May Brown JCS; 18 May Hughes RDO; 19 May Stanley TJ; 21 May Minnehaha RGR, VDF
Red-eyed Vireo Early [01-May-79, 10 May]: 11 May Beadle RGR; 12 May Yankton SVS; 15 May Pennington JLB, TJ; 15 May Brown DAT; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP
Pinyon Jay reported from Meade County
Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 01 Mar, 11 Apr, 18 Apr, 22 May and 30 May Meade AKB; 02 Mar Custer KH; 11 Mar Meade VDF; 28 May Meade RFS, JSP
Purple Martin Early: 12 Apr Brown DAT; 14 Apr Lake JSP; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS
Tree Swallow Early: 25 Mar Day RFS, JSP; 06 Apr Brown SLS; 06 Apr Sanborn RGR; 08 Apr Hughes EDS; 15 Apr Pennington TBW
Violet-green Swallow Early: 27 Apr Pennington MMM; 06 May Lawrence RAS, VDF; 07 May Meade JLB
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: 18 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 22 Apr Hughes DAT; 23 Apr Custer MMM; 29 Apr Lincoln JSP
Bank Swallow Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Minnehaha JSP; 04 May Marshall WS; 13

May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS
Cliff Swallow Early: 23 Apr Butte RAS; 28 Apr Yankton SVS
Barn Swallow Early: 20 Apr Hughes RDO; 21 Apr Tripp DGS; 22 Apr Hyde DAT; 22 Apr Charles Mix RM; 23 Apr Brookings JSP
Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: 09 May Hughes EDS; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 25 Apr Yankton SVS ...
 Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Brown (well-developed brood patch) DAT
Brown Creeper Late: 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 21 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Brookings KIE
Rock Wren All Reports: 27 Apr Butte RAS; 05 May Custer MMM; 09 May Bennett JLB; 29 May Pennington JLB; 29 May Custer DAT
Canyon Wren reported from Custer, Lawrence, and Meade counties
House Wren Early: 13 Apr Meade EEM; 15 Apr Brown SLS; 15 Apr Brookings KIE; 20 Apr Yankton SVS
Winter Wren Only Report: 19 Mar Yankton RGR
Sedge Wren Early: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 06 May Charles Mix RM; 09 May Day WS; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS
Marsh Wren Early: 08 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Day WS; 02 May Yankton SVS; 09 May Bennett JLB
American Dipper Confirmed Breeding: 06 Apr Lawrence (NE) RDO
Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 21 Apr Hughes KM; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 15 Apr Brown DAT
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 07 Apr Clay DS; 08 Apr Lake JSP; 08 Apr Yankton SVS; 25 Apr Pennington JLB; 25 Apr Custer KH ... Late: 23 May Brown JCS; 14 May Stanley KM; 13 May Lake JSP
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher All Reports: 23 Apr Clay by Jan Small; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 18 May Brown DAT; 20 May Lincoln RGR, RDO; 21 May Union DS; 23 May Union PFS
Eastern Bluebird Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Brown SLS; 02 Mar Haakon TBW
Mountain Bluebird Early: 01 Mar Custer JA; 04 Mar Butte RAS, VDF; 04 Mar Fall River TJ ... also reported 05 Mar Tripp (7) RAP
Townsend's Solitaire reported 09 Mar Hughes RDO
Veery Early: 01 May Brookings KIE; 02 May Brown JCS; 13 May Bennett TJ; 20 May Stanley KM
Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 20 Apr Sanborn JCS; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 13 Apr Lake JSP; 14 May Pennington JLB; 19 May Hughes KM ... Late: 17 May Brookings KIE
Swainson's Thrush Early: 30 Apr Brown DAT; 30 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 06 May Pennington TJ
Hermit Thrush Early: 12 Apr Brookings JCS; 12 Apr Hughes KM; 13 Apr Lake JSP; 30 Apr Butte RAS ... Late: 21 Apr Stanley DAT; 20 Apr Hughes RDO; 19 Apr Sanborn RGR; 19 Apr Clay DS
Wood Thrush All Reports: 20 Apr Hughes RDO; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 20 May Lincoln RDO; 24 May and 26 May Yankton SVS
Gray Catbird Early: 01 May Gregory RM; 06 May Hughes KM; 10 May Brown DAT; 10 May Yankton SVS; 13 May Lawrence SS; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS
Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 09 May Bennett JLB; 10 May Yankton SVS
Sage Thrasher All Reports: 18 Apr Lawrence RAS; 28 May and 30 May Custer MMM
Brown Thrasher Early: 10 Mar Meade EEM; 14 Apr Hughes KM; 16 Apr Tripp RDO; 25 Apr Brown SLS; 25 Apr Day WS
American Pipit All Reports: 18 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 16 Apr Hughes RDO; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Tripp DGS; 30 Apr Stanley KM; 06 May Grant RGR
Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 13 May and 29 May Custer MMM; 25 May and 26 May Perkins RFS, JSP
Bohemian Waxwing Only Report: 01 Mar Aurora RGR
Blue-winged Warbler All Reports [07-May-69, 16 May]: 08 May Hughes RDO; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 20 May Lincoln RDO; 22 May Lincoln RGR; 23 May Lincoln TJ
Tennessee Warbler Early [27-Apr-94, 06 May]: 28 Apr Brown JCS; 29 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 06 May Harding CM; 06 May Lake JSP; 10 May Yankton SVS
Orange-crowned Warbler Early [14-Apr-92, 21 Apr]: 22 Apr Brown DAT; 23 Apr Butte RAS; 25 Apr Pennington JLB; 27 Apr Hughes KM ... Late: 18 May Brown DAT; 15 May Minnehaha JSP; 14 May Pennington JLB; 14 May Butte RAS; 11 May Hughes KM
Nashville Warbler Early [23-Apr-90, 05 May]: 06 May Brown DAT; 15 May Minnehaha JSP; 18 May Hughes DB ... Late: 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 19 May Hughes RDO; 18 May Brown DAT
Virginia's Warbler All Reports: 27 May (2 banded) and 29 May (2 banded) Custer DS; 29 May

Custer DAT
Northern Parula Only Report [02-Apr-65, 09 May]: 10 May Brown DAT
Yellow Warbler Early [21-Apr-98, 01 May]: 30 Apr Pennington JLB; 02 May Yankton SVS; 04 May Day WS
Chestnut-sided Warbler Early [04-May-93, 15 May]: 11 May Hughes RDO; 17 May Brown DAT; 17 May Yankton SVS ... Late: 21 May Minnehaha TJ; 19 May Union DS; 19 May Yankton SS
Magnolia Warbler Early [02-May-57, 10 May]: 11 May Meade AKB; 11 May Beadle RGR; 13 May Lake JSP; 17 May Hughes EDS; 17 May Yankton SVS ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 21 May Minnehaha VDF; 20 May Lincoln JSP
Black-throated Blue Warbler Only Report [07-May-33, 15 May]: 13 May Minnehaha (photographed) MKZ
Yellow-rumped Warbler Early [23-Mar-80, 31 Mar]: 18 Mar Hughes KM; 07 Apr Clay DS; 11 Apr Lake JSP; 25 Apr Pennington JLB, TJ ... Late: 22 May Hughes KM; 20 May Brown JCS; 18 May Stanley DB
Black-throated Green Warbler Only Report [26-Apr-81, 10 May]: 19 May Union EL
Blackburnian Warbler All Reports [01-May-52, 15 May]: 17 May Yankton SVS; 18 May Brown DAT; 20 May Minnehaha SS
Palm Warbler Early [16-Apr-??, 29 Apr]: 29 Apr Minnehaha TJ; 30 Apr Hughes RDO; 01 May Brown SLS; 01 May Yankton SVS ... Late: 30 May Stanley KM; 18 May Brown DAT; 13 May Lake JSP
Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports [03-May-81, 15 May]: 15 May Hughes RDO; 18 May Brown DAT; 19 May Brown JCS; 19 May Stanley KM; 30 May Stanley RDO
Blackpoll Warbler Early [15-Apr-98, 05 May]: 29 Apr Meade RAS; 06 May Lake JSP; 08 May Brown DAT; 08 May Hughes KM ... Late: 31 May Hughes KM; 25 May Hand RFS, JSP; 19 May Yankton SS; 16 May Harding CM
Cerulean Warbler All Reports [09-May-93, 17 May]: 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 23 May Lincoln TJ
Black-and-white Warbler Early [09-Apr-98, 29 Apr]: 05 Apr Hughes RDO; 02 May Codington JCS; 06 May Lake JSP; 10 May Lawrence VDF ... Late: 28 May Meade RFS, JSP; 25 May Hughes KM; 18 May Brown DAT; 18 May Stanley DB
American Redstart Early [14-Apr-98, 09 May]: 20 Apr Lincoln MKZ; 06 May Hughes KM; 08 May Meade EEM
Ovenbird Early [26-Apr-74, 03 May]: 29 Apr Lincoln RFS, JSP; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 05 May Pennington JLB; 12 May Gregory RM
Northern Waterthrush Early [24-Apr-42, 01 May]: 02 May Brown JCS; 05 May Hughes KM; 06 May Grant RGR; 11 May Pennington TJ, MMM ... Late: 21 May Hughes KM; 18 May Brown DAT; 15 May Lake RFS, JSP; 13 May Pennington JLB
Connecticut Warbler Only Report [12-May-98, 18 May]: 30 May Hughes KM
Mourning Warbler Early [03-May-81, 16 May]: 15 May Brown JCS; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 18 May Stanley DB ... Late: 31 May Hughes EDS; 31 May Brown JCS; 27 May Brookings BH
MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports [09-May-87, 18 May]: 13 May Bennett TJ; 15 May Pennington TJ; 27 May Brown DAT; 27 May Lawrence JLB, RFS, JSP; 29 May Custer RFS, JSP; 29 May Lawrence SS
Common Yellowthroat Early [25-Apr-98, 30 Apr]: 20 Apr Lincoln MKZ; 30 Apr Hughes RDO; 01 May Pennington JLB
Wilson's Warbler Early [18-Apr-71, 07 May]: 24 Apr Harding CM; 30 Apr Pennington JLB; 10 May Codington JCS; 11 May Hughes KM ... Late: 19 May Hughes KM; 18 May Brown DAT; 18 May Stanley DB; 17 May Pennington TJ
Canada Warbler Early [06-May-83, 21 May]: 09 May Hughes EDS, RDO; 13 May Brown JCS; 20 May Lincoln RGR ... Late: 29 May Hughes KM; 26 May Brown DAT; 21 May Minnehaha VDF
Yellow-breasted Chat Early [02-May-68, 11 May]: 13 May Pennington JLB, MMM; 13 May Bennett TJ; 14 May Hughes KM; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP
Scarlet Tanager Early: 02 May Yankton SVS; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 21 May Union DS
Western Tanager Early: 01 May Hughes *vide* DB; 07 May Pennington JLB, TJ; 12 May Lawrence RAS, VDF; 28 May Meade DAT
Eastern Towhee Early: 20 Apr Lincoln MKZ; 28 Apr Brown JCS; 30 Apr Yankton SVS
Spotted Towhee Early: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 23 Apr Pennington TJ; 24 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Brown DAT
American Tree Sparrow Late: 29 Apr Butte RAS; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Sanborn RGR

Chipping Sparrow Early: 12 Apr Clay DS; 15 Apr Brown SLS; 16 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 18 Apr Pennington TJ

Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 29 Apr Pennington MMM; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 30 Apr Harding CM

Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: 26 May Harding RDO; 30 May Fall River DAT

Field Sparrow Early: 18 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 22 Apr Stanley JSP; 23 Apr Pennington MMM; 02 May Roberts WS

Vesper Sparrow Early: 12 Apr Lawrence RAS; 14 Apr Butte AKB; 14 Apr Pennington MMM; 15 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Stanley RDO; 15 Apr Clark JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: **23 May Roberts (NE) WS**

Lark Sparrow Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 27 Apr Butte RAS; 29 Apr Lincoln RFS, JSP

Lark Bunting Early: 05 May Meade APB; 05 May Custer MMM; 07 May Stanley RDO; 25 May Brown SLS

Savannah Sparrow Early: **22 Mar Clay DS; 01 Apr Brookings JSP**; 15 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 18 Apr Lawrence RAS

Baird's Sparrow All Reports: **16 Apr Stanley RDO**; 19 May Meade RAS; 25 May Perkins RFS, JSP

Grasshopper Sparrow Early: 30 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 May Custer MMM; 06 May Grant RGR; 06 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP

Le Conte's Sparrow Only Report: 25 Apr Day WS

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow All Reports: **27 May Roberts RDO; 28 May Sanborn RGR**

Fox Sparrow Early: 29 Mar Brown DAT; 01 Apr Brookings JSP; 11 Apr Sanborn RGR; 14 Apr Hughes EDS; 24 Apr Harding CM ... Late: 08 May Hughes RDO; 20 Apr Day WS; 15 Apr Brown DAT

Song Sparrow Early: 04 Mar Lake JSP; 10 Mar Butte RAS; 18 Mar Yankton SVS

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: **02 Apr Sanborn RGR; 11 Apr Meade RAS**; 14 Apr Lawrence VDF; 24 Apr Yankton SVS ... Late: 22 May Lincoln RGR; 20 May Brown JCS; 18 May Pennington TJ; 14 May Yankton SVS

Swamp Sparrow Early: **22 Mar Clay DS; 20 Apr Hughes KM**; 19 Apr Turner SVS

White-throated Sparrow Early: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Pennington TJ; 20 Apr Yankton SVS; 23 Apr Brown DAT ... Late: 19 May Hughes KM; 15 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS; 13 May Brown SLS

Harris's Sparrow Early: 02 Mar Hughes KM; 08 Mar Butte RAS; 09 Mar Day WS; 09 Mar Brookings KIE ... Late: 20 May Minnehaha SS; 15 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 14 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Hughes KM; 13 May Bennett TJ; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS; 13 May Pennington MMM

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 07 Apr Stanley RDO; 19 Apr Clay DS; 21 Apr Butte RAS; 29 Apr Brown SLS ... Late: **25 May Charles Mix RM**; 17 May Pennington JLB; 15 May Butte RAS; 13 May Lake JSP

Dark-eyed Junco Late: 01 May Yankton SVS; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Day WS

Lapland Longspur All Reports: 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 09 Mar Codington DAT; 09 Mar Hughes RDO; 04 Mar Hughes KM

Smith's Longspur Only Report: **18 Apr Lawrence RAS**

Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 01 Apr Sully RDO; 17 Apr Custer MMM; 21 Apr Potter DAT; 06 May Kingsbury JSP

Snow Bunting Only Report: 18 Mar Kingsbury JSP

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 30 Apr Yankton RGR; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Brown JCS; 14 May Butte RAS

Black-headed Grosbeak Early: **02 May Meade EEM; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Hughes EDS** ... also reported 13 May Yankton SVS

Blue Grosbeak Early: **10 May Meade EEM**; 19 May Pennington MMM; 27 May Stanley KM

Lazuli Bunting Early: 06 May Harding CM; 07 May Butte RAS; 09 May Charles Mix RM

Indigo Bunting Early: 12 May Charles Mix RM; 12 May Yankton SVS; 15 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 25 May Butte RAS

Dickcissel Early: 12 May Yankton SVS; 15 May Stanley RFS, JSP; 20 May Minnehaha RDO; 28 May Perkins DAT

Bobolink Early: **26 Apr Edmunds SLS**; 05 May Sanborn RGR; 06 May Tripp DGS; 06 May Jones KM; 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 10 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Yankton SVS

Eastern Meadowlark All Reports: 09 May Bennett JLB; 13 May Bennett TJ; 30 May Bennett DAT

Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: **11 Mar Sanborn RGR**; 25 Mar Hughes RDO; 25 Mar Day

JSP; 11 Apr Meade RAS
Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 04 Mar Moody JSP; 15 Apr Clark RFS, JSP
Brewer's Blackbird Early: 12 Mar Brown DAT; 29 Mar Jerauld RGR; 23 Apr Custer MMM
Common Grackle Early: 01 Mar Brown JCS; 03 Mar Yankton SVS; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 25 Mar Tripp DGS
Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: **15 Apr Kingsbury RFS, JSP**; 02 May and 13 May Yankton SVS; 22 May Clay PFS; Apr-May Clay DS
Brown-headed Cowbird Early: **09 Mar Miner DAT; 25 Mar Day RFS, JSP**; 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 24 Apr Harding CM
Orchard Oriole Early: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 06 May Tripp DGS; 08 May Brown JCS; 12 May Yankton SVS
Baltimore Oriole Early: 03 May Charles Mix RM; 04 May Union SVS; 05 May Day WS; 13 May Pennington JLB; 13 May Bennett TJ; 13 May Tripp RAP, GS, DGS
Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 05 May Butte RAS; 13 May Lawrence VDF; 14 May Pennington MMM; 25 May Pennington JLB; 31 May Butte RAS
Purple Finch Late: 14 May Beadle CMW; 09 May Day WS; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 29 Apr Hughes KM ... also reported 02 Apr Brown (carrying nesting material) DAT
Red Crossbill reported from Harding, Meade, and Pennington counties
White-winged Crossbill Only Report: 02 Apr Brown DAT
Common Redpoll Late: 19 Apr Pennington TBW; 19 Apr Meade AKB; 02 Apr Roberts TJ
Lesser Goldfinch Only Report: 30 May Fall River DAT
Evening Grosbeak All Reports: 15 Apr Lawrence VDF; 25 May Lawrence RDO; 28 May Meade RFS, JSP

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 26 May Hecla Rookery, Brown County RDO
Ross's Goose 19 May Sully KM
Trumpeter Swan 13 Apr Brown (12) RDO
Black Scoter 18 Mar Kingsbury JSP
Oldsquaw 26 May Roberts WS
White-tailed Kite 04 Apr Riley Pass, North Cave Hills, Harding County by Shelly Deisch *vide* DB
Red-shouldered Hawk 28 Mar Pickerel Lake State Recreation Area, Day County (same bird as first reported 29 Jan) DRS
Whimbrel 19 May Aurora TJ
White-rumped Sandpiper 07 Apr Brown JCS
American Woodcock 13 May Meade APB
Caspian Tern 16 Apr and 22 Apr Brown JCS
Eurasian Collared Dove 30 Apr Hughe (2) EDS; 19 May Shadehill State Recreation Area, Perkins County by Cliff Weisse
Barred Owl 15 May and 20 May Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln County RFS, JSP
Chuck-will's-widow 15 May below Oahe Dam, Stanley County (calling) RFS, JSP; 18 May Stanley RDO, TJ
Northern Shrike 01 May Faulk SLS
Cliff Swallow 11 Apr Brown SLS
Yellow Warbler 05 Apr Hughes RDO
Yellow-throated Warbler 04 May Hughes KM
Worm-eating Warbler 21 May Union DS
Kentucky Warbler 15 May Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln County RFS, JSP
Hooded Warbler 08-09 May Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County by Verlyn Nykamp; 20 May Union TH
Summer Tanager 17 May Hughes KM
Scarlet Tanager 20 Apr Lincoln MKZ

Species Expected But Not Reported

Barrow's Goldeneye, Whooping Crane, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Glaucous Gull, Pygmy Nuthatch (2), Golden-winged Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Cassin's Finch

Migration Calender

This table lists, for selected species, the earliest reported date (during the season) in each of six

regions (southeast, northeast, lower river, upper river, southwest, and northwest) across the state as well as the species (row) and regional (column) averages for the current year. Trend indicates the number of days earlier (-) or later (+) than the average of the previous 5 years.

Species	SE	NE	LR	UR	SW	NW	Avg.	Trend
Northern Pintail	3/02	3/01	3/14	3/03	3/18	3/04	07 Mar	-8
Killdeer	3/04	3/02	3/04	3/07	3/19	3/04	06 Mar	-14
Blue-winged Teal	3/18	3/01	3/04	3/03	4/13	3/01	11 Mar	-18
Sandhill Crane	3/25	3/28	3/26	3/30	4/06	3/06	25 Mar	-7
American White Pelican	3/18	3/31	4/01	4/04	4/21	4/09	03 Apr	-3
Common Loon	3/22	3/31	3/18	4/03	4/11	4/18	01 Apr	-10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4/08	4/13	4/07	4/15	4/25	5/13	18 Apr	+4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4/11	4/15	4/07	3/18	4/25	4/27	12 Apr	-7
Barn Swallow	4/23	4/26	4/22	4/20	4/21	4/23	22 Apr	-3
Brown Thrasher	4/29	4/25	4/19	4/14	4/16	3/10	13 Apr	-19
Upland Sandpiper	4/30	5/01		4/03	4/22	4/02	17 Apr	-17
Western Kingbird	5/06	5/05	4/26	5/04	5/06	5/05	03 May	-4
Bobolink	5/05	4/26	5/10		5/06	5/13	06 May	-2
Common Nighthawk	5/19	5/18	5/15	5/17	5/13	5/27	18 May	0
Avg.	4/08	4/09	4/06	4/03	4/17	4/09		
Trend	-7	-7	-5	-15	-2	-13		

Corrections/Additions from Past Reports

Pine Warbler add to The 1999 Spring Season: 01-25 Mar 1999, 2 miles east of Piedmont, Meade County APB

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