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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

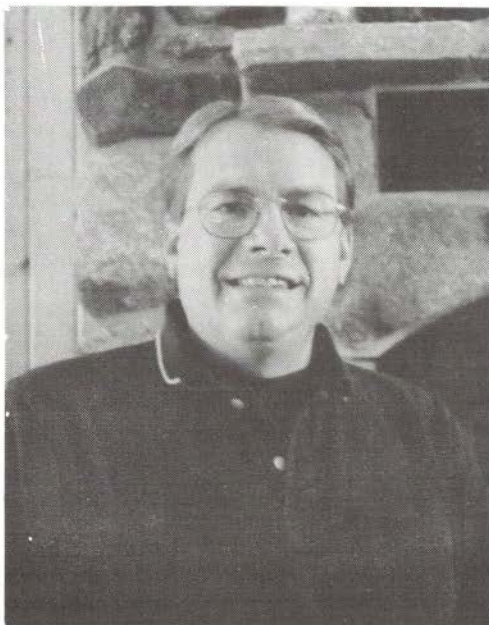
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I had such a blast at last spring's SDOU spring meeting in Martin, South Dakota, that I pleaded with Robb Schenck to allow me to write this issue's President's Page. Much to my surprise, he acquiesced to my request. Our meetings are really a very special aspect of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union, yet sometimes I don't think we "strut our stuff" sufficiently to attract potential recruits to our organization.

I tend to be a solitary birder. Yet, during the Martin meeting, birding with a group certainly did have advantages. I doubt I would have found the gorgeous Cassin's Kingbird discovered by Jay Carlisle and others, a hillside away. Nor would I have seen Eric Liknes' male Bay-breasted Warbler, one of only a handful seen west of the Missouri River. Perhaps more importantly, I would not have enjoyed the fellowship, identification tips, and tales told to me by my companions.

About the only problem with the spring meeting is that sometimes beginning birders feel somewhat left out, if all the SDOU regulars are reveling in their fellowship and running this way and that, identifying feathered creatures that the neophyte can hardly glimpse. I am not sure I have the definitive answer to this problem, except to say that an SDOU meeting is no place to be shy. Jump into the action, ask for help--none of us intends to be imperious, and we all welcome new birders and ideas for improvement. Addison Ball, relatively new to SDOU, made the marvelous suggestion of supplying all field trip vehicles with portable radios. Now even the last car in line will know what to look for, or, at least, that the line of cars is in the process of coming to a screeching stop.

Fall meetings, with their focus on paper sessions, have historically been a little more intimidating for the general birder. This trepidation is a mistake. How are birds reacting to last year's Black Hills fires? Do migrants across our state depend equally on Missouri River woodlands and farm windbreaks? What size grassland is required to maintain our breeding grassland birds? All of these questions and many more have been explored during fall meetings. Recently, with the advent of fall birding trips, as well as meeting sessions, fall meetings



have become even more robust.

Although I should probably not admit to it, I even enjoy the annual SDOU business meetings. Here is an opportunity to discuss ecological and political concerns and have the opportunity to steer our organization's future. If all else fails, it is often amusing to discover what our friends find to be of vital importance.

To sum up, spring and fall meetings provide excellent opportunities to explore almost every corner of South Dakota, meet a fascinating diversity of birders, and learn new things about the feathered creatures we all enjoy. Speaking of SDOU meetings, two outstanding ones are coming up over the next year. The first is in Pierre on 12-13 October and the second in Aberdeen in May 2002. The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union is remarkable in its vitality and relative youth of its members (that gray hair in the mirror just can't be mine). We all think young, anyway. But we could always use a few new members. Perhaps each one of us could all make an effort to invite a friend to either or both of these upcoming meetings. Failing that, I have always thought all SDOU members should resolve to sign up two new members. I am quick to suggest to birders that they join SDOU and have found it surprisingly easy to interest them in our group. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

## 2000 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 21 May 2000 at Sioux Falls and on 1 October 2000 at Pierre. 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 the RBRC (currently David Swanson of Vermillion, SD) or other Records Committee members, compiler of the quarterly *Seasonal Reports* in *South Dakota Bird Notes* (Jeffrey Palmer of Madison, SD and Robb Schenck of Sioux Falls, SD), or the editor of *Bird Notes* (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, pref-

erably 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.

Following are the results of the committee's actions since the last report in the September 2000 issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. The numbers included in parentheses 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).**

- Glossy Ibis. 1 and 8 July 2000. One adult in breeding plumage east of Hecla, Brown Co. Photographed. Karl Bardon. First state record.
- Little Gull. 20 June 1999. One in first alternate plumage just west of Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, Brown Co. Video-taped. John Vanderpoel. First summer record for the state.
- Chuck-will's-widow. 4-5 July 2000. Two adults and one recently fledged juvenile near Oahe Marina, Stanley Co. Photographed and video-taped. Doug Backlund. First confirmed breeding record for the state. SDBN 52:77, 80-82.

### **CLASS 2 (Accepted - Satisfactory written description).**

- White Ibis. 10 December 1999. One adult in Charles Mix Co. Willis Wilcox. Fifth state record and first outside of the summer season.
- Iceland Gull. 19-20 December 1999. One in second-winter or third-winter plumage at Lewis and Clark Marina, Yankton Co. Photographed; photos were supportive of the identification, but were too distant for confirmation. David Swanson and Eric Liknes. Second state record.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird. 28-31 August 1999. One adult male at Fort Meade, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Rare in western South Dakota.

Pileated Woodpecker. 6 October 1999. One female at Sica Hollow State Park, Roberts Co. Jerry Stanford. Outside of normal range in the state. SDBN 53:8-9.

Cassin's Kingbird. 4 June 1999. One adult in Custer Co. Richard Peterson.

Carolina Wren. 22-23 August 2000. One at Hell Canyon, Custer Co. David Swanson. Accidental in western South Dakota.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. 30 August 1999. One adult in Watertown, Codington Co. Jerry Stanford. Outside of normal range within the state. SDBN 53:8.

Townsend's Warbler. 23 August 2000. One female or first-year male at Hell Canyon, Custer Co. David Swanson. Third state record.

Prothonotary Warbler. 7-18 June 1999. One adult male along Bear Butte Creek, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Accidental in western South Dakota.

Connecticut Warbler. 11 May 1999. One adult male in breeding plumage at Ft. Meade Recreation Area, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Accidental in western South Dakota.

Scarlet Tanager. 20 September 1999. 1 adult male in non-breeding plumage at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Jocelyn Baker. Outside of normal range within the state.

Swamp Sparrow. 3-6 October 1999. One immature at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Jocelyn Baker. Outside of normal range within the state.

Golden-crowned Sparrow. 5 November 1999. One adult in Piedmont, Meade Co. Anna Ball. Second state record.

McCown's Longspur. 18 October 1999. One male in Custer Co. Michael Melius.

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

Cassin's Vireo. 25 August 1999. One near Sturgis, Meade Co. This record would have constituted a first state record, but the committee believed that Blue-headed Vireo was not conclusively eliminated in the report.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. 17 May 1999. One adult at Sturgis, Meade Co. (1 Class 2, 4 Class 3). The report was rather brief and did not conclusively eliminate Cordilleran Flycatcher, which is a much more common species in the Black Hills.

Glossy Ibis. 12 May 1999. One adult near Nisland, Butte Co. This record would have constituted a first state record for this species, but the committee felt that the description was too brief for a first state record and did not conclusively eliminate White-faced Ibis.

Ross's Goose. 20 April 1999. A flock of 45 near Webster, Day Co. The report did not conclusively eliminate Snow Geese, which occur in much larger numbers and would be more likely to occur in large flocks.

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

No reports were rated as class 4.

## SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Eurasian Wigeon. 31 October 2000. One adult male in Brown Co.

White-tailed Kite. 4 April 2000. One adult in Harding Co.

Crested Caracara. 20 November 2000. One at Lacreek NWR, Bennett Co. Potential first state record.

Red Knot. 10-16 September 2000. Three in basic plumage at Arikara Wetland, Hughes Co. SDBN 52:82-83.

Hammond's Flycatcher. 11 September 2000. One at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Potential first state record.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 14 October 2000. One juvenile at Ft. Pierre National Grasslands, Stanley Co.

Townsend's Warbler. 29 August 2000. One adult male at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Potential fourth state record.

Yellow-throated Warbler. 4 May 2000. One adult male in Pierre, Hughes Co. Potential fourth state record.

Summer Tanager. 17 May 2000. One first-year male in Pierre, Hughes Co.

Summer Tanager. 18 November 2000. One immature male at Aberdeen, Brown Co. SDBN 53:1.



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## GENERAL NOTES

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**BARRED OWL IN NEWTON HILLS STATE PARK.** At 2:45 PM on 4 September 1999, I was driving the loop road in Newton Hills State Park. I was stopping whenever I heard chickadees and looking for warblers that might be mixed in with the chickadees. Below the east side of the lookout tower on the loop road, I began hearing a few warbler-type chips. I started whistling an Eastern Screech-Owl imitation in an attempt to draw the warblers closer. I suddenly heard a Barred Owl distinctly call twice. The call was that typically described as *who cooks for you, who cooks for YOU alllll...*

Jeff Palmer and I went back the same day to the same location at dusk and heard the Barred Owl call again. We drove to the road that leads to the lookout tower, stopping 100 meters short of the tower. This location is on top of the hillside where we previously heard the owl. We played recordings and eventually heard two Barred Owls calling at the same time very similarly to the recording on *Stokes Guide to Bird Songs* by Lang Elliott, Time Warner Audio Books. To my knowledge, this record is the first sighting of a Barred Owl in Newton Hills State Park. *Robert F. Schenck, 422 N Linwood Ct., Sioux Falls 57103.*

**EASTERN SCREECH-OWL ATTACKS FOX SQUIRREL.** On the afternoon of 8 December 2000, I was rushing to a meeting across the Northern State University Campus. To my surprise, an Eastern Screech-Owl flew low overhead. The owl went feet first into a hole in a nearby tree and pulled a large Fox Squirrel out of the hole. Feathers flew. The owl flew back to a spruce tree from which it may have originally flown. The squirrel did not seem wounded and returned into the hole. This refusal to vacate seemed to infuriate the owl, which bobbed up and down on its perch in the spruce. Unfortunately, by this time I was really late for the meeting, and did not witness any further combat. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**DARK-EYED JUNCO BANDED IN ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, RECOVERED IN MINNESOTA.** A Dark-eyed Junco that I banded in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on 1 March 2000 was recovered by Edmund Holo in Battle Lake, Minnesota, on 27 December 2000 (band 1651-33834). Battle Lake is about 20 miles east of Fergus Falls, in westcentral Minnesota, about 180 road miles northeast of Aberdeen. While not a particularly old record, nor a distant recovery, it does indicate that juncos are not always site specific in their choice of wintering grounds. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW CORRECTION.** In my paper, A Significant Breeding Range Extension of the Chuck-will's-widow: A First Confirmed Breeding Record for South Dakota (SDBN 52(4): 80-82), I erroneously reported that Chuck-will's-widows have only been reported from two locations in South Dakota. There is a third South Dakota record of which I am unaware. A Chuck-will's-widow was reported by Bill Huser in Union County on 16 June 1991, near the Big Sioux River, about two miles northeast of Richland. This record was accepted by the Rare Bird Records Committee as Class 2, accepted. The record is published in SDBN 44:38-40. I thank Dave Swanson for alerting me to this error. *Doug Backlund, Pierre SD 57501.*

**NESTING PELICANS RETURN TO SAND LAKE NWR.** American White Pelicans were last recorded as nesting on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in 1976. But the pelicans returned to nest on Sand Lake NWR during the summer of 2000, and fledged 25 young.

During the summer, refuge personnel attempted to draw down Sand Lake to revegetate the area most used by colonial nesting birds. This area is just south of State Highway 10. Overall acreage and density of the cattail used for nesting has been decreasing over the years, and this decrease of vegetation has been accelerated by the extremely high water levels on the refuge since 1993.

The draw-down exposed a small island in the middle of Sand Lake. On 5 June, refuge personnel observed American White Pelicans and Double-crested cormorants nesting on the island. On 18 June, biologists counted 65 pelican nests and 30 cormorant nests. There were approximately 450 pelicans on the island at that time.

A check of the island, on 7 August, revealed 25 young pelicans and about 60



young cormorants, near flight stage. An estimated 3,500 pelicans used the refuge during this time. A hailstorm that went through the area on 1 July may have affected the number of pelicans that were fledged. *William Schultz, Sand Lake NWR, Columbia SD 57433.*



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## BOOK REVIEWS

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**HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD. Vol 6 Mousebirds to Hornbills.** 2001. J. del Hoyo, A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. Hardcover. 489 pp. \$185.00 (substantial discounts are available: see [www.hbw.com](http://www.hbw.com), which also contains sample pages from the book).

A reviewer of the *Handbook of the Birds of the World* runs the risk of spewing superlatives. Although not inexpensive, each volume contains a wealth of information. Even retaining a fraction of this information would make the reader a very well educated birder. Of the 12 avian families covered in Volume 6, only one is found in South Dakota (kingfishers), three others are wholly (todies and motmots) or partially (trogons) restricted to the New World, and the rest (mousebirds, bee-eaters, rollers, ground-rollers, cuckoo-rollers, hoopoes, woodhoopoes, and hornbills) are found only in the Old World. Thus, many of the birds covered in this book will be unfamiliar to South Dakota birders. Many happy hours of reading will remedy this situation and expand our appreciation of the world's birds.

This volume begins with an exquisite and well-written forward on avian sound. These 30 pages alone are worth the purchase of the book. The temptation to share some of the cool facts reported is overwhelming. Did you know that male Brown Thrashers can sing over 2000 different songs, the number of which may influence his reproductive success? Or that Palm Cockatoos of Australia make drumsticks to rap against hollow logs? The list of amazing research goes on and on. The introduction has a unique format. Ornithologists around the world submitted questions that they would like to see answered. These questions appear in the wide margins opposite to where the subjects are discussed in the essay. The essay is profusely referenced with over 500 citations to the professional literature.

The syrinx is discussed, the organ that allows some birds to sing simultaneously two songs or produce one song alternately from one side or the other. I was surprised to learn that the exact mechanism of sound production by the syrinx is unknown, as is exactly how airwaves are transformed to neural transmissions. The text continues with an interesting discussion of the neural control of song.

Many questions are addressed in the essay. How and when do birds learn

song? To what extent is song learned or inherited? How do birds learn dialects? What are the evolutionary and ecological consequences of dialects? How do birds learn new dialects and why should they do so? What about mimicry? Did you know that White-crowned Sparrows can be tricked into learning other bird songs, if the new song is preceded by a species-specific song-learning whistle? Live teachers are more effective than loud speakers for teaching baby birds; if birds are raised by humans, then a person with a loud speaker around his or her neck is more effective than a speaker alone.

The essay continues to discuss the function and evolution of calls and songs as they relate to territory, mate choice, pair maintenance, fitness, advertisement, and intelligence. After the introduction, the text continues, in the superb style to which we have become accustomed in the previous volumes, with stunningly illustrated (photos and plates) family discussions and species accounts. The family accounts cover the systematics, morphology, habitats, behavior, voices, and migrations of the species within the family. These discussions end with the family's relationship with humans and the status of conservation needs of the group. The species accounts list the species in each family and include information on taxonomy, morphology, ecology, breeding, migration, and conservation status, and include a bibliography of works on the species. Of special interest to many birders are lists of subspecies of each species, information that is otherwise increasingly hard to locate, especially for all the birds of the world.

The color plates and photographs are uniformly superb. Among the best of the photographs are a series of diving European Kingfishers, as they hit the water after minnows. A close-up of a White-throated Bee-eater atop a Water Buffalo's horn is almost poetic in its beauty. The fact of the matter is that all the photographs are wonderful. Although illustrated by a number of different artists, the color plates are remarkably uniform in their excellence. Some of the kingfisher plates are especially elegant in their attention to detail. One small improvement for future volumes might be the inclusion of juvenile plumages with these plates.

Clearly this handbook is beyond the financial bounds of some of our readers. Nevertheless, if you can afford this series, I urge you to purchase these books. If they are beyond your means, you should recommend them to your local library. This series of volumes stands as a hallmark to ornithological knowledge of the birds of the world. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

**SYLVIA WARBLERS.** 2001. Hadoram Shirihai, Gabriel Gargallo, and Andreas Helbig. Princeton University Press, Princeton. Hardcover. 576 pp. \$75.00

**THRUSHES.** 2000. Peter Cement. Princeton University Press, Princeton. Hardcover. 463 pp. \$

These two books are similar in appearance (the covers are designed identically) and format. Since the family is found in the state, *Thrushes* is probably of most interest to South Dakota birders. On the other hand, *Sylvia Warblers* covers

only one genus of the family Sylviidae. Species in this genus are notoriously difficult to identify and are restricted to the Old World.

*Thrushes* begins with a relatively short introduction, which covers the scope and organization of the book. It includes sections on taxonomy and behavior, molt and migration. All the genera of the family are reviewed. A few pages are devoted to behavior and conservation. These 40 pages are sparsely illustrated with black and white drawings.

Sixty color plates follow the introductory remarks. These paintings give an excellent review of the thrushes, since opposite each plate are small range maps and short, written descriptions of the birds portrayed. Thus, the reader can easily review the world's thrushes, their appearance and distribution. The plates occasionally show immature birds and various races not often illustrated in field guides. For the American Robin, for example, one female and one immature are shown, along with adults of five races. Not all the field marks of these races, however, are demonstrated. None of the examples shows racial variation in robin white tail spots, or the spots at all for that matter. Many of the plates have very dark backgrounds, which I think detracts from the birds.

Aside from a literature cited section and an index, species accounts comprise the remainder of the book. Each account covers nomenclature, identification, taxonomy, variation, voice, distribution, habitat, behavior, breeding, molt, measurements, and references. Overall, the book should be a valuable reference to anyone wishing to learn more about this globally distributed bird family.

*Sylvia Warblers* covers a single genus rather than a family of birds, and, perhaps consequently, devotes much more detail to the birds it covers. The book's bulk consists mainly of species accounts. Within each account are color photographs and illustrations of each species, showing many plumage and geographical variations (20 color plates and 546 photographs). Large, full-page maps, clearly show the ranges of even the races of the various species. The text is also illustrated with many black and white drawings, demonstrating behavior and wing formulae. Sonagrams describe vocalizations and many charts compare measurements.

The accounts include a general introduction to each species, seasonal identification notes, and interesting sections on field identification, including similar species and "major pitfalls." The accounts continue with voice, identification in the hand, taxonomy, molt, age and sex. Finally general biology and ecology, including diet, behavior, and population trends are covered.

No serious birder traveling to Europe or western Asia will want to be without this text. Others may be inspired by its detailed coverage of a single avian genus. Clearly this book is in a class by itself. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

**VOICES OF AMAZONIAN BIRDS: Volume 1: Tinamous (Tinamidae) through Barbets (Capitonidae).** 2000. Thomas S. Schulenberg, Curtis A. Marantz, and Peter H. English. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca. CD. 99 tracks. \$14.95

Welcome to the sounds of the Amazonian jungle! Birders visiting that far away ecosystem or those wishing to enjoy a totally unfamiliar auditory experience will appreciate this CD. The cuts are of extremely high quality and are not interrupted by distracting comments. The listener needs to consult the index to know which call is being played. Over half the recordings were made by the late Ted Parker, thus it is curious that he was not given a posthumous co-authorship of the disk.

This disk contains recordings of 99 Amazonian species. Ten tinamous, a grouse-like family more often heard than seen, are covered. Also included are ten hawks and falcons, the most astonishing of which is of a Laughing Falcon that must have been told an amazingly funny joke, since it laughs away for almost three minutes. Also well-represented are the parrots, with 19 cuts, though these seemed somewhat repetitious to me. Thus almost half the calls are from only three bird families, obviously many species have been omitted. Other standouts include other-worldly sounding guans, and musical Marbled Wood-Quails. Almost as interesting as the birds are the non-intrusive background noises of flies and other insects, reminding the jungle traveler of some of the travails of his sport. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*



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## SEASONAL REPORTS

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**The 2001 Spring Season**  
1 March 2001 to 31 May 2001

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Statewide temperature was about average for March and April. Precipitation was below average in March and much above average in April. The long winter persisted into spring, with snow cover over much of the eastern third of the state through March and even into April farther north. Climatic data for May was not available. There were 321 species reported, a new record high, eclipsing the previous mark of 318 set during the 1999 Spring Season! The six-year (1995-2000) average is 308. Highlights of the season (all pending approval of the Rare Bird Records Committee) include reports of Mississippi Kite, Snowy Plover, White-winged Dove, Black-throated Gray Warbler, and Townsend's Warbler. There were two reports of Red Knots, three reports of Whimbrels (including 10+ at Lacreek NWR during the SDOU Spring Meeting), and three reports of White-eyed Vireos (including 1 in Bennett County during the SDOU Spring Meeting). The Spring Meeting next year (scheduled for Sand Lake NWR) should be just as rewarding!

Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are earlier/later than listed in the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of *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 (1995-2000) 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 indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season. Finally, observers are reminded that Rare Bird Report Forms are needed for any species not included on the Seasonal Report Forms, for early/late dates in excess of one week of the earliest/latest ever, and for species significantly out of range.

**Common Loon** Early [23 Mar]: 25 Mar Gregory RM; 01 Apr Hughes RDO; 01 Apr Yankton SVS; 05 Apr Day WS; 07 Apr Meade EEM ... Late: 30 May Gregory RM; 24 May Pennington JLB; 17 May Hughes RFS, JSP; 01 May Day DRS ... Concentrations: 22 Apr Hughes/Stanley (30) RBA; 14 Apr Kingsbury (8) JSP

**Pied-billed Grebe** Early [12 Mar]: 01 Apr Yankton SVS; 06 Apr Brown DAT; 07 Apr Kingsbury

JSP; 07 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 14 Apr Melette KH  
**Horned Grebe** Early [28 Mar]: 15 Mar Gregory RM; 22 Mar Hughes RDO. KM; 01 Apr Yankton SVS; 07 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 26 Apr Day WS; 23 Apr Yankton SVS; 20 Apr Brown SLS  
**Red-necked Grebe** All Reports [22 Apr]: 24 Apr Hamlin RFS; 08-29 May Roberts WS; 15 May Brown (3) SLS  
**Eared Grebe** Early [29 Mar]: 31 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Apr Hughes JCS; 06 Apr Brown SLS; 12 Apr Meade JLB  
**Western Grebe** Early [04 Apr]: 05 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 06 Apr Brown JCS; 09 Apr Meade (150) REP  
**Clark's Grebe** All Reports [02 May]: 17 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 17 Apr Sully RDO; 04 May Harding (2) CEM; 04 May Gregory RM; 19 May Sully KM; 26 May Brookings JSP  
**American White Pelican** Early [27 Mar]: 20 Mar Yankton SVS; 24 Mar Gregory RM; 01 Apr Brown SLS; 01 Apr Day WS; 10 Apr Meade (20) JLB  
**Double-crested Cormorant** Early [25 Mar]: 18 Mar Gregory RM; 05 Apr Hughes RDO; 05 Apr Yankton SVS; 07 Apr Harding CEM; 07 Apr Meade EEM; 08 Apr Brown SLS; 08 Apr Lincoln RFS  
**American Bittern** Early [19 Apr]: 27 Apr Hughes RDO; 29 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Brown DAT; 12 May Tripp RAP  
**Least Bittern** Only Report [15 May]: 29 May Marshall WS  
**Great Blue Heron** Early [14 Mar]: 29 Mar Yankton SVS; 30 Mar Brown SLS; 31 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Apr Harding CEM; 01 Apr Meade EEM; 01 Apr Pennington JLB  
**Great Egret** Early [29 Mar]: 04 Apr Brown JCS; 11 Apr Yankton SVS; 13 Apr Day MKZ; 20 Apr Meade APB  
**Snowy Egret** Early [20 Apr]: 17 Apr Clay DAT; 23 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 02 May Charles Mix RM  
**Little Blue Heron** All Reports [10 May]: 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 11 May Douglas RBA  
**Cattle Egret** Early [14 Apr]: 14 Apr Hutchinson RM; 21 Apr Lincoln RFS; 25 Apr Brown DAT; 18 May Bennett RFS, JSP  
**Green Heron** Early [28 Apr]: 08 May Lake JSP; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Brown JCS  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Early [05 Apr]: 30 Mar Brown JCS; 10 Apr Sully KM; 16 Apr Hughes EDS; 12 May Tripp RAP  
**White-faced Ibis** All Reports [19 Apr]: 24 Apr Brown SLS; 12 May Tripp RAP; 14 May Sully RDO; 15 May Brown DAT; 17 May Beadle RFS, JSP  
**Turkey Vulture** Early: 03 Apr Meade APB; 03 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 08 Apr Hughes KM; 08 Apr Pennington TBW; 09 Apr Brown DAT  
**Greater White-fronted Goose** Early: 05 Mar Hughes RDO; 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 17 Mar Brookings JSP; 08 May Meade JLB ... Late: 11 May Hughes KM; 07 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 07 Apr Day WS  
**Snow Goose** Early: 10 Mar Lawrence CEM; 13 Mar Charles Mix RM; 14 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 14 Mar Yankton SVS ... Late: 13 May Codington JCS; 11 May Meade JLB; 14 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Charles Mix RM  
**Ross's Goose** All Reports: 14 Mar Yankton SVS; 18 Mar Hughes KM; 20 Mar Hughes RDO; 25 Mar Yankton SVS; 01 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 02 Apr Hughes RDO; 10 Apr Hughes KM  
**Trumpeter Swan** Only Report: 19 May Bennett DAT  
**Tundra Swan** All Reports: 24 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 25 Mar Brown SLS  
**Wood Duck** Early: 02 Mar Pennington SS; 10 Mar Lawrence CEM; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 25 Mar Minnehaha RFS  
**Gadwall** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 10 Mar Stanley KM; 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 17 Mar Lake JSP  
**American Wigeon** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 03 Mar Hughes RDO; 14 Mar Yankton SVS; 24 Mar Lake JSP  
**American Black Duck** Only Report: 10 Mar Charles Mix (2) RFS, JSP  
**Blue-winged Teal** Early: 29 Mar Brown JCS; 31 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Apr Hughes RDO,

KM; 08 Apr Butte JLB  
**Cinnamon Teal** Early: 09 Apr Meade JLB; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 08 May Faulk SLS ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 17 May Stanley RFS, JSP  
**Northern Shoveler** Early: 10 Mar Yankton RFS, JSP; 12 Mar Stanley RDO; 13 Mar Day MKZ; 23 Mar Meade REP  
**Northern Pintail** Early: 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 03 Mar Lawrence SS; 06 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB; 18 Mar Minnehaha RFS  
**Green-winged Teal** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 04 Mar Stanley KM; 01 Apr Minnehaha RFS  
**Canvasback** Early: 10 Mar Lawrence CEM; 10 Mar Yankton RFS, JSP; 18 Mar Sully KM; 24 Mar Lincoln RFS  
**Redhead** Early: 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 03 Mar Lawrence SS; 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 16 Mar Brown SLS  
**Ring-necked Duck** Early: 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 13 Mar Stanley RDO, KM; 16 Mar Brown SLS; 25 Mar Meade JLB  
**Greater Scaup** Early: 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Stanley RDO; 25 Mar Brown DAT; 07 Apr Meade EEM ... Late: 14 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 11 Apr Yankton SVS; 01 Apr Stanley KM  
**Lesser Scaup** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 13 Mar Day MKZ  
**Long-tailed Duck** Only Report: 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP  
**Bufflehead** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 07 Mar Yankton SVS; 24 Mar Lincoln RFS ... Late: 17 May Meade JLB; 28 Apr Sully KM; 24 Apr Yankton SVS; 24 Apr Gregory RM; 21 Apr Miner JSP  
**Common Goldeneye** Late: 26 May Miner JSP; 15 Apr Meade APB; 15 Apr Hughes CEM  
**Barrow's Goldeneye** All Reports: 06 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB; 01 Mar Pennington JLB  
**Hooded Merganser** Early: 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 24 Mar Hughes KM; 24 Mar Charles Mix RM; 24 Mar Lake JSP; 24 Mar Lincoln RFS ... Late: 24 Apr Yankton SVS; 14 Apr Lake JSP; 13 Apr Kingsbury BH  
**Common Merganser** Late: 27 May Pennington JLB; 13 May Stanley KM; 25 Apr Meade REP; 21 Apr Kingsbury JSP  
**Red-breasted Merganser** Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 10 Mar Stanley KM; 10 Mar Yankton RFS, JSP; 21 Mar Roberts WS ... Late: 23 Apr Yankton SVS; 23 Apr Gregory RM; 17 Apr Stanley KM; 14 Apr Lake JSP  
**Ruddy Duck** Early: 14 Mar Yankton SVS; 17 Mar Hughes KM; 18 Mar Gregory RM; 24 Mar Lincoln RFS; 07 Apr Meade EEM, APB  
**Osprey** Early: 05 Apr Gregory RM; 09 Apr Meade REP; 09 Apr Pennington TBW; 16 Apr Brown DAT ... Late: 31 May Pennington TBW; 19 May Custer RAP; 18 May Hughes KM, RFS, JSP; 21 Apr Lincoln RFS  
**Northern Harrier** Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Mar Sully KM; 17 Mar Jerauld RBA; 25 Mar Pennington JLB  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** Late: 08 May Hughes KM; 23 Apr Brookings KIE; 21 Apr Lincoln RFS; 21 Apr Lake JSP  
**Cooper's Hawk** reported from Brookings, Brown, Custer, Day, Gregory, Harding, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, and Stanley counties  
**Northern Goshawk** All Reports: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 31 Mar Hughes KM; 18 Mar Minnehaha; RFS; 16 Mar Deuel RBA; 13 Mar Stanley KM; 09 Mar Brown DAT  
**Broad-winged Hawk** Early: 17 Apr Yankton SVS; 19 Apr Day (6) DRS; 19 Apr Marshall DRS; 21 Apr Pennington RBA ... Late: 18 May Hughes RFS, JSP; 12 May Lake JSP; 08 May Stanley KM  
**Swainson's Hawk** Early: 04 Apr Brown JCS; 13 Apr Brule DJB; 14 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 14 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Harding CEM  
**Ferruginous Hawk** All Early: 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 06 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB; 17 Mar Harding CEM; 15 May Day DAT

**Rough-legged Hawk** Late: 21 Apr Harding CEM; 15 Apr Meade APB; 07 Apr Stanley KM; 01 Apr Minnehaha RFS

**Golden Eagle** Late: 19 May Sully DAT; 29 Apr Stanley KM; 27 Mar Spink JCS

**Merlin** Late: 24 Apr Yankton SVS; 15 Apr Stanley KM; 01 Apr Day DRS

**Gyr Falcon** Only Report: 10 Apr Jones DB; 01 Apr Hughes RBA; 03 Mar Stanley RDO

**Peregrine Falcon** Early: 03 Mar Sully KM; 14 Apr Mellette KH; 06 May Brown DAT ... Late: 21 May Brown SLS; 17 May Hughes KM; 15 May Meade JLB

**Prairie Falcon** Late: 18 Mar Sully KM; 10 Mar Yankton RFS, JSP; 04 Mar Stanley RDO

**Gray Partridge** reported from Day, Harding, Hughes, Meade, Stanley, and Yankton counties

**Ruffed Grouse** Only Report: 03 May Pennington RDO, KM

**Sage Grouse** All Reports: 30 Mar Butte (10) RFS, JSP; 05 Apr Harding (4) CEM; 08 Apr Butte (4) JLB; 10 May Harding (1) CEM

**Sharp-tailed Grouse** reported 01 Mar Beadle JCS; 13 Mar Day WS; 20 Mar Day DRS

**Greater Prairie-Chicken** reported 01 Apr Clark (2 leks) WS; 22 Apr Perkins DAT

**Northern Bobwhite** Only Report: 16 May Union DS

**Virginia Rail** Early: 08 May Brown (4+) RBA; 12 May Minnehaha RFS; 17 May Hughes RFS, JSP; 18 May Bennett RFS, JSP

**Sora** Early: 06 May Hughes RDO; 11 May Brown DAT; 12 May Lincoln RFS

**Sandhill Crane** Early: 19 Mar Yankton SVS; 29 Mar Day WS; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Apr Meade APB ... Late: 26 Apr Brown SLS; 18 Apr Jackson DJB; 17 Apr Hughes KM ... Concentrations: 07 Apr Meade (500) AKB

**Whooping Crane** All Reports: 21-27 Apr Hughes USFWS; 26 Apr Hughes (2) RDO

**Black-bellied Plover** Early [11-Apr-98, 05 May]: 08 May Pennington JLB; 11 May Sully RDO, KM; 12 May Tripp RAP; 17 May Codington WS ... Late: 27 May Pennington JLB; 26 May Kingsbury JSP; 26 May Meade APB; 19 May Hughes KM

**American Golden-Plover** Early [01-Apr-00, 19 Apr]: 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 11 May Sully KM; 25 May Meade JLB ... Late: 28 May Meade JLB; 17 May Kingsbury JSP; 17 May Clark WS ... Concentrations: 12 May McCook (400+) JSP

**Semipalmated Plover** Early [06-Apr-86, 19 Apr]: 17 Apr Gregory RM; 19 Apr Hughes KM; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 17 May Meade JLB; 17 May Bennett DAT ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 18 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 12 May Minnehaha RFS; 12 May McCook JSP; 11 May Sully KM

**Piping Plover** All Reports [11-Apr-89, 22 Apr]: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Sully (6) RDO; 14 May Charles Mix RM; 19 May Sully KM

**Killdeer** Early [10 Mar]: 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 13 Mar Meade APB; 14 Mar Brown MKZ

**Black-necked Stilt** Only Report [11-Apr-00, 27 Apr]: 08 May Brown RBA; 19 May Bennett JDW

**American Avocet** Early [21-Mar-86, 10 Apr]: 06 Apr Hughes RDO; 07 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 08 Apr Brown DAT; 09 Apr Meade JLB

**Greater Yellowlegs** Early [14-Mar-00, 22 Mar]: 11 Mar Stanley KM; 01 Apr Meade JLB; 04 Apr Brown JCS ... Late: 26 May Meade JLB, APB; 12 May McCook JSP; 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 24 Apr Yankton SVS

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Early [06-Mar-00, 26 Mar]: 07 Apr Meade APB; 07 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 11 Apr Stanley RDO ... Late: 28 May Meade JLB; 18 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 12 May Charles Mix RM; 12 May Minnehaha RFS

**Solitary Sandpiper** All Reports [15-Apr-71, 24 Apr]: 03 May Brown DAT; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 12 May Minnehaha RFS

**Willet** Early [07-Apr-78, 17 Apr]: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Sully RDO; 21 Apr McPherson JDW; 21 Apr Lawrence DAT

**Spotted Sandpiper** Early [02-Apr-91, 24 Apr]: 03 May Brown DAT; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 06 May Hughes KM; 11 May Meade JLB

**Upland Sandpiper** Early [27-Mar-93, 24 Apr]: 21 Apr Lincoln RFS; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 02 May Marshall WS; 02 May Harding CEM

**Long-billed Curlew** Early [16-Mar-96, 31 Mar]: 07 Apr Meade EEM; 09 Apr Pennington JLB; 18 Apr Jones RDO; 28 May Stanley KM

**Hudsonian Godwit** Early [10-Apr-89, 15 Apr]: 14 Apr Kingsbury (10) JSP; 19 Apr Sully KM; 20



Apr Minnehaha RBA; 17 May Bennett DAT ... Late: 20 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 17 May Brown JCS; 17 May Spink RFS, JSP; 27 Apr Hughes RDO

**Marbled Godwit** Early [05-Apr-78, 11 Apr]: 16 Apr Brown JCS; 16 Apr Hughes RDO; 19 Apr Faulk SLS; 08 May Meade JLB

**Ruddy Turnstone** All Reports [17-Apr-92, 09 May]: 11 May Sully RDO; 12 May Sully KM; 20 May Brown (8) SLS; **26 May Kingsbury (43+) JSP**

**Sanderling** Early [16-Apr-91, 04 May]: 08 May Sully RDO; 17 May Bennett DAT; 17 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP ... Late: 29 May Hughes KM; 27 May Pennington JLB; 26 May Kingsbury JSP

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Early [02-Apr-86, 21 Apr]: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 08 May Meade JLB; 11 May Brown DAT ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 29 May Hughes KM; 26 May Yankton SVS; 26 May Kingsbury JSP

**Least Sandpiper** Early [31-Mar-00, 19 Apr]: 04 May Minnehaha RFS; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 08 May Meade JLB; 19 May Hughes KM ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 26 May Yankton SVS; 26 May Kingsbury JSP

**White-rumped Sandpiper** Early [17-Apr-66, 04 May]: 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 12 May Hughes RDO, KM; 12 May Minnehaha RFS; 25 May Meade JLB ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 29 May Hughes KM; 27 May Spink RM

**Baird's Sandpiper** Early [12-Mar-00, 26 Mar]: 06 Apr Gregory RM; 07 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 08 Apr Stanley KM; 08 Apr Lincoln RFS ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 26 May Yankton SVS; 20 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 17 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Early [17-Mar-00, 05 Apr]: 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 15 Apr Gregory RM; 28 Apr Sully KM; 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 26 May Meade JLB ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 28 May Hughes RDO; 26 May Kingsbury JSP

**Dunlin** All Reports [11-Apr-00, 19 Apr]: **07 Apr Kingsbury (3) JSP**; 25 Apr Brown DAT; 27 Apr Brown SLS; 12 May Minnehaha RFS; 16 May Hughes RDO, KM; 17 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 20 May Hughes KM

**Stilt Sandpiper** Early [18-Apr-55, 04 May]: 11 May Brown DAT; 11 May Sully RDO, KM; 11 May Meade JLB ... Late: 30 May Meade JLB; 19 May Sully KM; 17 May Spink RFS, JSP

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Only Report [03-May-99, 14 May]: **26 May Kingsbury (3) JSP**

**Short-billed Dowitcher** All Reports [20-Apr-91, 29 Apr]: **20 Apr Meade APB; 22 Apr Hughes RDO, KM**; 12 May Minnehaha RFS; 12 May Charles Mix RM; 26 May Meade APB

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Early [20-Mar-00, 13 Apr]: 27 Apr Hughes RDO; 28 Apr Sully KM; 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 08 May Meade JLB ... Late: 26 May Meade JLB; 19 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 16 May Sully KM

**Common Snipe** Early [21 Mar]: 10 Apr Custer KH; 14 Apr Brown MKZ; 14 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Stanley RDO, KM

**American Woodcock** All Reports [12-Mar-97, 27 Mar]: 29 Mar Yankton SVS; **20 Apr Marshall (NE 4) WS; 14 May Hughes (4) RDO, KM; 16 May Hughes KM**

**Wilson's Phalarope** Early [06-Mar-70, 15 Apr]: **20 Apr Minnehaha RBA**; 21 Apr Miner JSP; 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 21 Apr Lincoln RFS; 03 May Harding CEM

**Red-necked Phalarope** All Reports [22-Apr-95, 05 May]: 11 May Meade JLB; 17 May Hughes RFS, JSP; 19 May Hughes KM; 26 May Meade APB; 30 May Meade APB

**Franklin's Gull** Early: 29 Mar Bon Homme SVS; 02 Apr Brown DAT, SLS; 05 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 15 Apr Meade JLB

**Bonaparte's Gull** Early: 29 Mar Bon Homme SVS; 01 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 03 Apr Stanley KM ... Late: 26 May Kingsbury JSP; 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 25 Apr Day WS; 24 Apr Charles Mix RM

**Ring-billed Gull** Early: 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 11 Mar Gregory RM; 21 Mar Roberts WS; 23 Mar Meade REP

**California Gull** Early: **21 Mar Roberts WS; 22 Mar Hughes RDO, KM**; 25 Mar Meade JLB ... also reported 02 Apr Brown DAT

**Herring Gull** Early: 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP; 29 Mar Bon Homme SVS; 29 Mar Gregory RM; 01 Apr Minnehaha RFS ... Late: 24 Apr Hamlin RFS; 23 Apr

Yankton SVS; 23 Apr Gregory RM

**Glaucous Gull** All Reports: 08 Apr Hughes KM; 06 Apr Hughes RDO; 22 Mar Hughes KM; 01 Mar Hughes RDO

**Caspian Tern** Early: **15 Apr Hughes KM, CEM; 23 Apr Yankton SVS**; 15 May Day DAT ...  
Late: 25 May Day (2) WS; 05 May Hughes KM

**Common Tern** Early: 24 Apr Gregory RM; 25 Apr Codington JCS; 29 Apr Stanley RDO

**Forster's Tern** Early: 10 Apr Hughes RDO; 13 Apr Kingsbury BH; 13 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 12 May Harding CEM

**Least Tern** All Reports: 24 May Yankton SVS; 29 May Yankton SVS

**Black Tern** Early: **25 Apr Codington JCS**; 07 May Sully RDO; 11 May Brown DAT; 17 May Meade JLB

**Mourning Dove** Early: 02 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 15 Mar Brookings KIE; 19 Mar Yankton SVS; 01 Apr Pennington JLB; 01 Apr Mellette KH

**Black-billed Cuckoo** Only Report: 15 May Lake KB

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** Only Report: 14 May Clay DS

**Eastern Screech-Owl** reported 27 May Pennington JLB; 27 May Mellette KH

**Barred Owl** Only Report: 25 Mar Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln County RFS

**Snowy Owl** All Reports: 21 Apr McPherson JDW; 16 Apr Brown (2) SLS; 10 Apr Sully RDO; 04 Mar Stanley KM

**Burrowing Owl** Early: 08 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Meade REP; 28 Apr Harding CEM; ... **not reported East in the last 7 Spring Seasons**

**Long-eared Owl** reported from Day, Hughes, Stanley, and Union counties

**Short-eared Owl** All Reports: 08 May Roberts JCS; 07 Apr Brown WS; 04 Apr Hughes KM; 10 Mar Charles Mix RFS, JSP

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** All Reports: 18 Mar Lake (dead) RBA; 17 Mar Meade REP; 09 Mar Meade REP

**Common Nighthawk** Early: 30 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 13 May Hughes RDO; 13 May Stanley KM; 24 May Meade APB

**Common Poorwill** Early: 04 May Pennington RBA; 06 May Meade APB; 25 May Harding CEM

**Chuck-will's-widow** All Reports: **09 May Hughes DB; 13 May Stanley RDO**

**Whip-poor-will** All Reports: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 13 May Day (calling) DRS; 16 May Charles Mix RM; 27 May Charles Mix RM

**Chimney Swift** Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 28 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Brown DAT; 29 Apr Hughes RDO; 15 May Pennington (6) JLB

**White-throated Swift** All Reports: 24 Apr Custer KH; 19 May Fall River DAT; 31 May Custer KH

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** Early: **01 May Brookings NH**; 15 May Day WS; 15 May Charles Mix RM; 18 May Yankton SVS

**Belted Kingfisher** Early: 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 01 Apr Hughes RDO; 01 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 14 Apr Lawrence SS

**Lewis's Woodpecker** reported from Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Early: **10 Mar Bon Homme RFS, JSP**; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 12 May Pennington JLB

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** reported from Bon Homme, Brown, Hughes, Lincoln, Minnehaha, and Yankton counties

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** All Reports: 01 May Codington JCS; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 12 May Lincoln RFS; 15 May Roberts DAT

**Red-naped Sapsucker** All Reports: 02 May Lawrence DJB; 03 May Custer RDO, KM

**Three-toed Woodpecker** All Reports: 13 May Lawrence SS; 03 May Custer RDO, KM

**Black-backed Woodpecker** Only Report: 18 May Custer RAP

**Northern Flicker** All Early: 02 Mar Brown JCS; 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 05 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Pennington JLB; 06 Mar Hughes RDO; 11 Mar Meade SS; 21 Mar Day WS; 22 Mar Custer KH; 24 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 18 Apr Brookings KIE; 20 May Hyde NS

**Pileated Woodpecker** Only Report: 15 May Sica Hollow State Park, Roberts County JCS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** All Reports: 07 May Union JC; 11 May Minnehaha RFS; 15 May Roberts JCS; 20 May Hughes KM; 31 May Hughes KM

**Western Wood-Pewee** All Reports: 19 May Fall River DAT; 24 May Pennington JLB

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** All Reports: 25 May Yankton SVS; 31 May Yankton SVS

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** All Reports: 29 May Brown (banded) DAT; 30 May Lake JSP

**Alder Flycatcher** Only Report: 26 May Minnehaha RFS

**Willow Flycatcher** All Reports: 17 May Bennett DAT; 27 May Minnehaha RFS

**Least Flycatcher** Early: 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Hughes RDO, KM; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 10 May Pennington JLB ... also reported 19 May Harding CEM

**Dusky Flycatcher** Only Report: 17 May Custer DS

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** Only Report: 28 May Meade JLB

**Eastern Phoebe** Early: 05 Apr Gregory RM; 08 Apr Codington JCS; 14 Apr Minnehaha RFS

**Say's Phoebe** Early: 10 Apr Meade AKB; 18 Apr Stanley RDO; 19 Apr Harding CEM

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Early: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 08 May Roberts JCS; 13 May Hughes KM; 19 May Bennett RFS, JSP

**Western Kingbird** Early: 28 Apr Sully KM; 29 Apr Edmunds JDW; 01 May Charles Mix RM; 09 May Pennington TBW

**Cassin's Kingbird** All Reports: 19 May Bennett DAT; 20 May Bennett RFS, JSP

**Eastern Kingbird** Early: 27 Apr Clay DAT; 29 Apr Edmunds JDW; 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 06 May Meade EEM

**Northern Shrike** Late: 09 Apr Meade JLB; 06 Apr Minnehaha RBA; 31 Mar Sully KM

**Loggerhead Shrike** Early: 09 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Harding CEM; 20 Apr Hughes RDO; 21 Apr Miner JSP

**Bell's Vireo** All Reports [08-May-98, 13 May]: 18 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 19 May Bennett DAT; 24 May Pennington (4) JLB; 27 May Pennington (8) JLB; 31 May Yankton SVS

**Yellow-throated Vireo** All Reports [26-Apr-94, 10 May]: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 25 May Roberts JCS

**Plumbeous Vireo** Only Report [29-Apr-78, 15 May]: 17 May Custer DS

**Blue-headed Vireo** Early [25-Apr-86, 06 May]: 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 10 May Minnehaha RFS ... Late: 28 May Brown DAT; 12 May Lincoln RFS; 12 May Lake JSP

**Warbling Vireo** Early [29-Apr-00, 06 May]: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 08 May Day WS; 08 May Hughes RDO; 28 May Meade JLB

**Philadelphia Vireo** All Reports [08 May-79, 15 May]: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 13 May Minnehaha RFS; 17 May Hughes KM

**Red-eyed Vireo** Early [01-May-79, 10 May]: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 08 May Hughes RDO; 09 May Brown JCS; 16 May Pennington JLB

**Gray Jay** reported from Custer and Lawrence counties

**Pinyon Jay** reported 27 May Harding CEM; 26 May Harding KM ... also from Custer and Meade counties

**Clark's Nutcracker** All Reports: 31 May Custer KH; 08 May Custer KH; 21 Apr Lawrence DAT; 31 Mar Custer RFS, JSP; 06 Mar Custer KH

**Black-billed Magpie** reported 31 May Yankton SVS

**Purple Martin** Early: 07 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 Apr Brookings BH; 14 Apr Minnehaha RFS

**Tree Swallow** Early: 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 10 Apr Meade JLB; 10 Apr Yankton SVS

**Violet-green Swallow** Early: 24 Apr Meade REP; 29 Apr Harding CEM; 06 May Pennington TBW

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Early: 06 Apr Charles Mix RM; 10 Apr Yankton SVS; 21 Apr Miner JSP; 21 May Meade EEM

**Bank Swallow** Early: 05 May Hughes KM; 09 May Brown DAT; 13 May Harding CEM

**Cliff Swallow** Early: 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 29 Apr Stanley RDO, KM; 09 May Brown DAT; 12 May Harding CEM; 12 May Pennington JLB

**Barn Swallow** Early: 10 Apr Yankton SVS; 20 Apr Hughes RDO; 21 Apr Miner JSP; 21 Apr Lincoln RFS; 27 Apr Meade EEM

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Late: 13 May Brookings KIE; 05 May Brown JCS; 05 May Hughes KM  
**Pygmy Nuthatch** All Reports: all period Pennington (2) TBW; 31 Mar Custer (3-4) RFS, JSP  
**Brown Creeper** Late: 28 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Day WS; 10 Apr Charles Mix RM  
**Rock Wren** Early: 17 May Custer KH; 17 May Jackson DAT; 27 May Harding CEM, KM  
**Canyon Wren** All Reports: 02 Mar Meade AKB; 04 Apr Custer KH; 30 Apr Custer KH; 23 May Custer KH  
**House Wren** Early: 13 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 25 Apr Brown JCS; 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 30 Apr Meade APB ... Confirmed Breeding: 30 May Brookings (NE) KIE  
**Winter Wren** All Reports: 19 Apr Roberts DRS; 09 May Hughes KM; 11 May Hughes RDO  
**Sedge Wren** All Reports: 15 May Brown DAT; 26 May Miner JSP  
**Marsh Wren** Early: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Roberts WS; 09 May Minnehaha RBA; 18 May Bennett RFS, JSP  
**American Dipper** All Reports: 15 May Lawrence JLB; 13 May Lawrence SS; 30 Mar Lawrence RFS, JSP  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** All Reports: 05 May Hughes KM; 04 May Hughes KM; 08 Apr Lincoln RFS  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early: 08 Apr Brown DAT; 08 Apr Codington JCS; 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 17 Apr Yankton SVS; 12 May Lawrence SS; 12 May Custer KH ... Late: 12 May McCook JSP; 07 May Hughes KM; 06 May Lincoln RFS  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** All Reports: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 07 May Union RBA; 11 May Minnehaha RFS  
**Eastern Bluebird** Early: 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 13 Mar Stanley KM; 31 Mar Day WS; 06 Apr Meade APB  
**Mountain Bluebird** Early: 01 Mar Custer TBW; 13 Mar Stanley (6) RDO; 23 Mar Butte CEM; 23 Mar Meade REP; 26 Mar McPherson DAT  
**Townsend's Solitaire** reported 04 Apr Hughes KM; 03 Mar Sully KM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO  
**Veery** All Reports: 05 May Brown JCS; 08 May Roberts JCS; 25 May Roberts JCS; 28 May Brown DAT  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush** Early: 25 Apr Codington JCS; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 05 May Hughes RDO; 05 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP ... Late: 25 May Roberts JCS; 25 May Brown DAT; 20 May Hughes KM  
**Swainson's Thrush** Early: 05 May Hughes RDO, KM; 05 May Brown DAT, JCS; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 10 May Pennington JLB  
**Hermit Thrush** All Reports: 09 Apr Brown DAT; 17 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Codington JCS; 10 May Day WS  
**Wood Thrush** All Reports: 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 12 May Lincoln RFS; 13 May Hughes RDO  
**Gray Catbird** Early: 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 30 Apr Day WS; 06 May Hughes RDO; 06 May Charles Mix RM; 09 May Pennington JLB  
**Northern Mockingbird** All Reports: 27 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Hughes RDO; 30 Apr Hughes KM; 19 May Sully KM  
**Sage Thrasher** Only Report: 19 May Fall River DAT; 20 May Bennett DS, JDW  
**Brown Thrasher** Early: 17 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 27 Apr Day WS; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 08 May Pennington JLB  
**American Pipit** Only Report: 22 Apr Hughes RDO, KM  
**Sprague's Pipit** Only Report: 28 Apr Jones (3) DB  
**Bohemian Waxwing** All Reports: 11 Mar Stanley KM; 11 Mar Hughes RDO; 03 Mar Sully KM  
**Golden-winged Warbler** Only Report [08-May-66, 14 May]: 06 May Hughes RDO  
**Tennessee Warbler** Early [27-Apr-94, 04 May]: 04 May Brown JCS; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 08 May Hughes RDO; 10 May Pennington JLB  
**Orange-crowned Warbler** Early [14-Apr-92, 21 Apr]: 22 Apr Stanley RDO; 25 Apr Brown DAT; 26 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 09 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 21 May Hughes KM; 19 May Brown JCS; 17 May Brookings RFS, JSP  
**Nashville Warbler** Early [23-Apr-90, 05 May]: 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 07 May Brown DAT;

07 May Union RBA ... Late: 12 May McCook JSP; 11 May Minnehaha RFS  
**Virginia's Warbler** Only Report [23-May-1999, 24 May]: 17 May Custer DS  
**Northern Parula** Only Report [02-Apr-65, 09 May]: 03 May Clay DS  
**Yellow Warbler** Early [21-Apr-98, 01 May]: 24 Apr Custer KH; 03 May Hughes FIB; 04 May Day WS  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler** Early [04-May-93, 15 May]: 09 May Hughes FIB; 10 May Minnehaha RFS; 12 May Lake JSP ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 30 May Brown JCS; 17 May Brookings RFS, JSP  
**Magnolia Warbler** Early [02 May-57, 10 May]: 06 May Lincoln RFS; 09 May Hughes KM; 10 May Codington JCS ... Late: 28 May Edmunds JDW; 26 May Minnehaha RFS; 26 May Brown JCS  
**Cape May Warbler** All Reports [05-May-52, 20 May]: 11 May Day WS; 14 May Lake JSP; 25 May Brown JCS  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler** Only Report [07-May-33, 14 May]: 13 May Hughes KM  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Early [18-Mar-00, 29 Mar]: 17 Apr Hughes KM; 17 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 17 Apr Yankton SVS; 23 Apr Meade APB ... Late: 20 May Minnehaha MKZ; 19 May Hughes KM; 19 May Brown JCS  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** Early [26-Apr-81, 11 May]: 05 May Stanley RDO; 06 May Brown DAT; 07 May Union RBA ... Late: 13 May Hughes KM; 12 May Lincoln RFS; 11 May Minnehaha RFS  
**Blackburnian Warbler** All Reports [01-May-52, 15 May]: 12 May Hughes RDO, KM; 13 May Minnehaha RFS; 14 May Lake JSP; 17 May Brookings RFS, JSP  
**Palm Warbler** All Reports [16-Apr-??, 29 Apr]: 27 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Hughes RDO, KM; 09 May Hughes FIB; 12 May Brown JCS  
**Bay-breasted Warbler** All Reports [03 May-81, 15 May]: 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 10 May Brookings NH; 25 May Brown DAT  
**Blackpoll Warbler** Early [15-Apr-98, 04 May]: 05 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Hughes RDO, KM; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 27 May Harding CEM ... Late: 31 May Edmunds JDW; 30 May Hughes KM; 28 May Lake JSP  
**Cerulean Warbler** Only Report [09-May-93, 16 May]: 12 May Lincoln RFS  
**Black-and-white Warbler** Early [05-Apr-00, 25 Apr]: 05 May Brown DAT; 05 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 06 May Hughes RDO; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 19 May Bennett RFS, JSP ... Late: 17 May Brookings RFS, JSP; 13 May Minnehaha RFS; 12 May Hughes KM  
**American Redstart** Early [14-Apr-98, 06 May]: 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Hughes RDO; 10 May Pennington JLB  
**Ovenbird** Early [26-Apr-74, 03 May]: 05 May Brown DAT; 05 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 06 May Hughes RDO; 06 May Stanley KM; 06 May Lincoln RFS; 15 May Lawrence JLB  
**Northern Waterthrush** Early [24-Apr-42, 01 May]: 05 May Brown DAT; 05 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 09 May Hughes KM; 10 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 29 May Brown JCS; 17 May Brookings RFS, JSP; 11 May Hughes FIB  
**Connecticut Warbler** Only Report [12-May-98, 20 May]: 25 May Brown (banded) DAT  
**Mourning Warbler** Early [03-May-81, 16 May]: 17 May Stanley RFS, JSP; 19 May Brown JCS; 25 May Hughes FIB ... Late: 30 May Edmunds JDW; 29 May Hughes KM; 26 May Minnehaha RFS  
**MacGillivray's Warbler** All Reports [09-May-87, 17 May]: 16 May Hughes FIB; 29 May Brown (banded) DAT  
**Common Yellowthroat** Early [20-Apr-00, 29 Apr]: 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 03 May Hughes FIB; 05 May Brown JCS; 09 May Pennington JLB  
**Wilson's Warbler** Early [18-Apr-71, 05 May]: 02 May Hughes RDO, EDS; 06 May Brown DAT; 11 May Minnehaha RFS ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 26 May Brown DAT; 17 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP  
**Canada Warbler** All Reports [06-May-83, 19 May]: 21 May Union RBA; 25 May Brown DAT; 27 May Minnehaha RFS; 28 May Edmunds JDW; 30 May Hughes KM  
**Yellow-breasted Chat** Early [02-May-68, 11 May]: 11 May Hughes FIB; 17 May Brown DAT; 19

May Bennett RFS, JSP  
**Scarlet Tanager** All Reports: 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 01 May Codington JCS; 15 May Roberts DAT  
**Western Tanager** Early: 18 May Pennington TBW; 20 May Meade EEM; 27 May Harding CEM, KM  
**Eastern Towhee** Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 06 May Brown JCS; 06 May Hughes RDO  
**Spotted Towhee** Early: 04 Apr Meade EEM; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 28 Apr Buffalo CEM; 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP  
**American Tree Sparrow** Late: 23 Apr Stanley KM; 12 Apr Buffalo CEM; 07 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 03 Apr Custer JLB  
**Chipping Sparrow** Early: 17 Apr Lake JSP; 17 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 28 Apr Pennington TBW  
**Clay-colored Sparrow** Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 27 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 28 Apr Sully KM; 28 Apr Buffalo CEM; 08 May Pennington JLB  
**Field Sparrow** Early: 21 Apr Lincoln RFS; 24 Apr Yankton SVS; 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 11 May Harding CEM  
**Vesper Sparrow** Early: 07 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 12 Apr Brown JCS; 18 Apr Stanley RDO; 23 Apr Meade APB  
**Lark Sparrow** Early: 18 Apr Stanley RDO; 20 Apr Harding CEM; 27 Apr Meade SS; 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 29 Apr Brown JCS ... also reported 15 May Brown DAT  
**Lark Bunting** Early: 29 Apr Brown JCS; 03 May Haakon RDO; 12 May Harding CEM; 12 May Pennington JLB; 17 May Stanley DAT, RFS, JSP  
**Savannah Sparrow** Early: 12 Apr Brown DAT; 14 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 19 Apr Stanley KM; 08 May Pennington JLB  
**Baird's Sparrow** Only Report: 24 Apr Yankton (1) SVS  
**Grasshopper Sparrow** Early: 29 Apr Harding CEM; 01 May Roberts WS; 12 May Pennington JLB; 28 May Charles Mix RM  
**Le Conte's Sparrow** Only Report: 15 May Day (dead bird) DAT  
**Fox Sparrow** All Reports: 24 Mar Lincoln RFS; 04 Apr Day WS; 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 11 Apr Custer CMW; 13 Apr Hughes CEM; 14 Apr Hughes KM  
**Song Sparrow** Early: 01 Mar Day WS; 01 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 06 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB; 05 Apr Yankton SVS  
**Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 21 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 22 Apr Stanley RDO; 25 Apr Brown DAT; 08 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 12 May Pennington JLB; 12 May Hughes KM; 06 May Lincoln RFS  
**Swamp Sparrow** All Reports: 08 Apr Lincoln RFS; 08 May Lake JSP; 26 May Kingsbury JSP  
**White-throated Sparrow** Early: 20 Apr Day WS; 22 Apr Stanley RDO; 25 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 27 May Minnehaha (2) MKZ; 08 May Lake JSP; 08 May Day WS  
**Harris's Sparrow** Early: 20 Mar Yankton SVS; 01 Apr Charles Mix RM; 28 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP, MKZ ... Late: 17 May Hyde NS; 12 May McCook JSP; 12 May Hughes KM; 12 May Day WS  
**White-crowned Sparrow** Early: 07 Apr Stanley RDO; 19 Apr Buffalo CEM; 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 28 Apr Meade EEM; 30 Apr Brown JCS ... Late: 17 May Stanley KM; 12 May Lincoln RFS; 12 May McCook JSP; 11 May Meade JLB  
**Dark-eyed Junco** Late: 16 May Minnehaha RBA; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 18 Apr Yankton SVS; 18 Apr Harding CEM  
**Lapland Longspur** Late: 27 Apr Sully RDO; 07 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 20 Mar Yankton SVS; 06 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB  
**Chestnut-collared Longspur** Early: 18 Apr Jones RDO; 21 Apr Harding CEM; 25 Apr Meade REP; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 28 Apr Day DRS  
**Snow Bunting** All Reports: 07 Mar Sully RDO; 06 Mar Pennington JLB, AKB; 03 Mar Butte REP; 03 Mar Sully KM  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Early: 30 Apr Charles Mix RM; 05 May Brown JCS; 05 May Minne-

haha RFS, JSP; 11 May Meade EEM  
**Black-headed Grosbeak** Early: **02 May Hughes EDS**; 03 May Meade RDO; 03 May Charles Mix RM ... also reported 17 May Hyde NS  
**Blue Grosbeak** All Reports: 24 May Pennington JLB; 26 May Stanley RDO; 27 May Pennington JLB; 28 May Stanley KM  
**Lazuli Bunting** Early: 08 May Meade EEM; 09 May Pennington TBW; **12 May Lincoln RFS**; 12 May Tripp RAP; 12 May Custer *vide* KH; 14 May Hughes RDO, KH ... also reported **16 May Union DS**; 19 May Brown JCS; 19 May Buffalo CEM  
**Indigo Bunting** Early: 03 May Brookings KIE; 10 May Hughes RDO; 12 May Lincoln RFS ... also reported 24 May Pennington (hybrid) JLB  
**Dickcissel** All Reports: 18 May Yankton SVS; 26 May Minnehaha RFS; 28 May Charles Mix RM; 31 May Yankton SVS  
**Bobolink** Early: 04 May Lincoln RBA; 05 May Moody RFS, JSP; 08 May Marshall WS; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 12 May Pennington JLB  
**Eastern Meadowlark** All Reports: 17 May Bennett DAT; 18 May Bennett RDO; **27 May Mellette KH**  
**Western Meadowlark** All Early: 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Brookings JSP; 04 Mar Hughes KM; 17 Mar Meade APB; 17 Mar Yankton SVS; 18 Mar Mellette KH; 18 Mar Minnehaha RFS; 18 Mar Gregory RM; 19 Mar Brown JCS; 25 Mar Pennington JLB; 26 Mar Day WS; 26 Mar Custer SS  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Early: **03 Mar Sully KM**; 07 Apr Meade EEM; 07 Apr Kingsbury JSP  
**Rusty Blackbird** All Reports: 11 Mar Sully RDO; 25 Mar Minnehaha RFS; 07 Apr Kingsbury JSP; **18 Apr Meade REP**  
**Brewer's Blackbird** Early: 20 Mar Yankton SVS; 16 Apr Meade AKB; 21 Apr Stanley RDO; 21 Apr Lincoln RFS  
**Common Grackle** Early: 17 Mar Charles Mix RM; 18 Mar Yankton SVS; 24 Mar Lincoln RFS; 06 Apr Meade REP  
**Great-tailed Grackle** All Reports: **29 Mar Bon Homme SVS**; **01 Apr Turner JC**; 14 Apr Lincoln RBA; 18 Apr Lincoln RBA; 26 May Kingsbury (2) JSP  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** Early: 24 Mar Lincoln RFS; 07 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Brown MKZ; 14 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Pennington TBW  
**Orchard Oriole** Early: 03 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Minnehaha RFS; 12 May Pennington JLB; 12 May Hughes KM; 12 May McCook JSP  
**Baltimore Oriole** Early: 29 Apr Minnehaha RFS; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 05 May Brookings RFS, JSP; 10 May Pennington JLB  
**Bullock's Oriole** All Reports: 17 May Meade JLB; **17 May Jackson DAT**; 24 May Pennington JLB  
**Gray-crowned Rosy Finch** All Reports: 03 Apr Custer KH; 30 Mar Lawrence RFS, JSP; 06 Mar Custer KH  
**Purple Finch** All Reports: 17 Mar Brookings JSP; 01 Mar Brown DAT  
**Red Crossbill** reported 22 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 17 Mar Brookings JSP  
**White-winged Crossbill** Only Report: 18 May Pennington JC, DS  
**Common Redpoll** Only Report: early Mar Meade RBA  
**Evening Grosbeak** All Reports: all season Meade EEM; 20 Apr Lawrence DAT

#### Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

**Tricolored Heron** late May Brown *vide* DAT  
**White-faced Ibis** 06 Apr Brown JCS  
**Brant** late Mar Union (5) *vide* BH  
**Mississippi Kite** 15 May Hartford Beach State Park, Roberts County DAT  
**Snowy Plover** 14 May Hughes RDO  
**Red Knot** 19 May Hughes (2) KM; 26 May Miner JSP  
**Whimbrel** 17 May Beadle RFS, JSP; 19 May Bennett (10+) DAT, RFS, JSP; 22 May Clay (3) JC  
**Western Sandpiper** 08 May Sully RDO

**White-rumped Sandpiper** 16 Apr Brown JCS  
**Eurasian Collared Dove** 29 May Rapid City, Pennington County TJ  
**White-winged Dove** 04-06 May Yankton SVS, DS  
**Western Wood-Pewee** 25 May Day JCS  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee** 12 Apr Fall River SS  
**Say's Phoebe** 25 May Roberts JCS  
**White-eyed Vireo** 07 May Union JC; 19 May Bennett RFS, JSP; 21 May Clay JC  
**Magnolia Warbler** 08 Apr Codington JCS  
**Black-throated Gray Warbler** 05 May Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln County DS  
**Townsend's Warbler** 11 May Hughes FIB

**Species Expected But Not Reported**

White-winged Scoter, Barn Owl, Blue-winged Warbler, Brewer's Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Smith's Longspur, Cassin's Finch (2), Lesser Goldfinch

**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 6 years.

Species	SE	NE	LR	UR	SW	NW	Avg.	Trend
Northern Pintail	3/18	3/20	3/10	3/1	3/6	3/3	09 Mar	-5
Killdeer	3/24	3/14	3/10	3/18	3/18	3/13	16 Mar	-2
Blue-winged Teal	4/7	3/29	3/31	4/1		4/8	02 Apr	+7
Sandhill Crane		3/29	3/19	4/8	4/7	4/4	01 Apr	+1
White Pelican	4/7	4/1	3/20	4/3	5/19	4/10	09 Apr	+4
Common Loon	4/13	4/5	3/25	4/1	5/24	4/7	12 Apr	+3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4/8	4/8	4/17	4/24	5/12	5/12	23 Apr	+8
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4/17	4/26	4/17	4/17	4/25	4/23	20 Apr	+2
Barn Swallow	4/21	4/25	4/10	4/20	5/18	4/27	25 Apr	+1
Brown Thrasher	4/17	4/27	5/4	4/28	5/8	5/9	30 Apr	+1
Upland Sandpiper	4/21	5/2	5/27	4/27	5/18	5/2	06 May	+5
Western Kingbird	5/12	4/29	5/1	4/28	5/9	5/11	05 May	+2
Bobolink	5/4	5/8	5/9	5/12	5/12		09 May	+1
Common Nighthawk	4/30	5/22	5/20	5/13	5/20	5/24	16 May	-2
Avg.	4/15	4/15	4/13	4/14	5/1	4/18		
Trend	+1	0	+3	0	+12	-1		

**Corrections/Additions from Past Reports**

American Woodcock delete report from 13 May 2000 Meade County



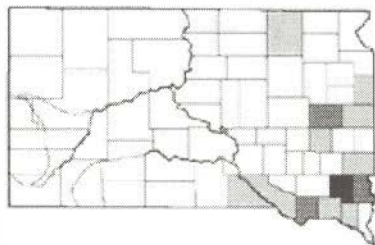
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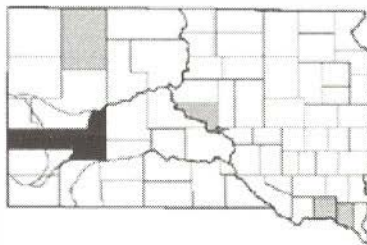
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## Bird Tracks

Let's try something new. Great-tailed Grackles and Eurasian Collared Doves are relatively recent additions to the South Dakota bird list. Both species are expanding their range and may become more widespread in the state in the near future. The maps below indicate counties where each species has been reported during any previous Spring Season (light gray) and during the current Spring Season (medium gray), and counties where reported for the first time this year (black).

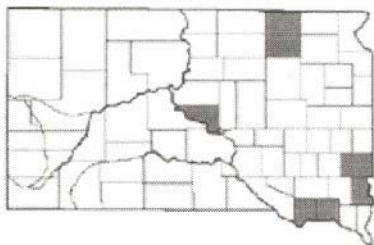


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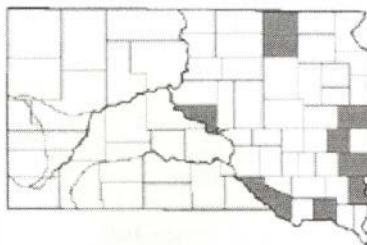


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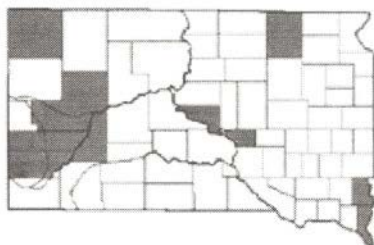
I am interested in the actual range of the following species. Red-bellied Woodpeckers and Northern Cardinals are typically permanent residents in the southeastern portion of the state. Both are, however, often reported from the northeast and from along the Missouri River at Pierre. Lazuli Buntings are regularly found in the Black Hills but often wander east during migration. Burrowing Owls have not been reported east of the Missouri River for the last seven Spring Seasons. How widespread are they out west? The following maps indicate the counties where each species was observed during the current Spring Season. Let's see how things fill in over the next several years.



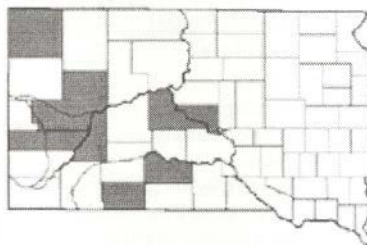
Red-bellied Woodpecker



Northern Cardinal



Lazuli Bunting



Burrowing Owl

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**Life 2000**

351	273	Jeffrey S. Palmer
348		Dave Swanson
346		Bruce K. Harris
340		Robb F. Schenck
340		Dan A. Tallman
329	267	Todd Jensen
327		Jerry C. Stanford
313		Ricky D. Olson
303		D. George Prisbe
300		Nathaniel. Whitney
298		Bob Rogers
288		Ron E. Martin
281		Jon Little
280		Eric T. Liknes
275		Bill Huser
272		Galen L. Steffen
269	233	Steve Van Sickle
262	175	Ernest Miller
246		Lee A. Schoenewe
238		Mark Mahnke
233		Bob Russell
233		Ron Mabie
230		Lowell Anderson
226	188	Kevin Payne
215		Gertrude Bachmann
175		Florence Kurtz
150		Lester R. Lauritzen
147		Mick K. Zerr

**SD County Lists (31 December 2000)**

**Beadle**

190		Bob Rogers
143		Bruce K. Harris

**Bennett**

176		Todd Jensen
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**Bon Homme**

146		Steve Van Sickle
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**Brookings**

184		Jeffrey S. Palmer
176		Bill Huser
138		Florence Kurtz
101		Ron Bauer

**Brown**

290		Dan A. Tallman
201		Jerry C. Stanford
191		Bob Russell
186		Jerry C. Stanford
160		Ron E. Martin

**Charles Mix**

210		Ron Mabie
106		Steve Van Sickle

**Clay**

223		Dave Swanson
169		Steve Van Sickle

**Codington**

236		Bruce K. Harris
221		Ron Bauer

**Custer**

100		Nathaniel R. Whitney
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**Davison**

185		Bob Rogers
148		Robb F. Schenck

**Deuel**

274		Bruce K. Harris
107		Lowell Anderson

**Grant**

225		Bruce K. Harris
174		Lowell Anderson

**Gregory**

231		Galen L. Steffen
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**Hamlin**

186		Bruce K. Harris
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**Hughes**

255	234	Ricky D. Olson
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**Hutchinson**

127		Steve Van Sickle
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**King**

211	148	Jeffrey S. Palmer
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**Lake**

242	157	Jeffrey S. Palmer
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**Lincoln**

219		Robb F. Schenck
156		Jon Little
106		Mark Mahnke

**Meade**

251	175	Ernest Miller
152		Nathaniel R. Whitney

**Minnehaha**

250		Robb F. Schenck
213		Mark Mahnke
209		Jon Little
189		Jeffrey S. Palmer
126		Mick K. Zerr

**Pennington**

218		Todd Jensen
209		Nathaniel R. Whitney
183		Todd Jensen

**Roberts**

275		Bruce K. Harris
152		Jeffrey S. Palmer

**Sanborn**

240		Bob Rogers
231		Bruce K. Harris

**Stanley**

202	192	Ricky D. Olson
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**Turner**

150		Lester R. Lauritzen
115		Jon Little
101		Steve Van Sickle

**Union**

197		Dave Swanson
143		Bill Huser
132		Steve Van Sickle

**Yankton**

237	210	Steve Van Sickle
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