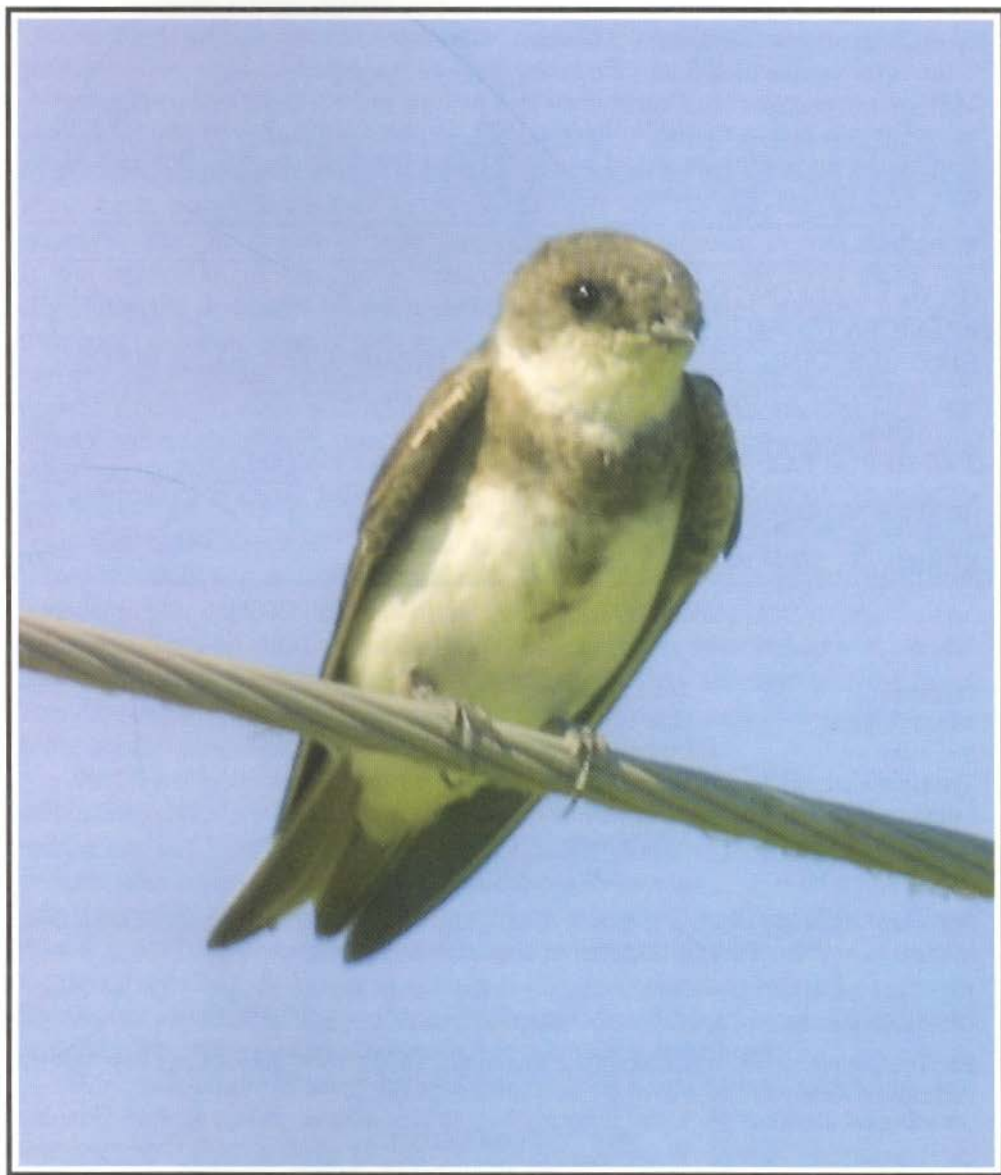

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Now that I have become president of the SDOU, you will have to grudgingly put up with my president's page. Hopefully, it won't be too hard on anybody.

I have two thoughts. First, for the last few years, our membership has remained pretty much constant. We are not stagnant. It would, nevertheless, be good to get new members to join SDOU, thus enabling us to gather more knowledge about birds within South Dakota. More members will facilitate the gathering of scientific data, the gaining of awareness of conservation issues, as well as sharing in the enjoyment of birding. Bringing in new members adds fresh ideas and stimulates the dynamics of the organization. There are many ways to get new members, including posters with sign up cards, word of mouth, pamphlets with registration slips and personal invitations. A more difficult task is to hold onto present members, while still adding new people. Organizations need to meet the desires and needs of both present and new members in order for growth to take place and be maintained.

Second, for those who missed the fall meeting, a panel discussed the status of birds seen below Gavin's Point Dam along the spillway. A Brown Pelican seen below the spillway brought about this forum. Briefly, prior to the dam, the boundary between Nebraska and South Dakota ran along the original river channel. After dam construction, however, water releases were moved to the south end of the dam. The problem is that individuals then assumed that the state boundary moved south, and folks started to report birds seen at the spillway as being observed in South Dakota. The boundary never moved.

Now things get even more complicated. The Army Corps of Engineers' lands within South Dakota are being transferred over to our state. These lands encompass areas on the east and north side of Lake Yankton, including two campgrounds now under SD Game, Fish and Parks administration. The west and south side sides of this area, however, are not being transferred to South Dakota. Signs posted in parking areas along the spillway state that, from the spillway and down the next 0.6 miles, people who are residents of states other than Nebraska or South Dakota are required to have a Nebraska nonresident fishing license. These signs, posted by the State of Nebraska, mean that this area is in Nebraska.

Some proponents of counting spillway birds on South Dakota lists argue that valuable biological data would be obtained, and that, after all, the state boundaries are in dispute. My opinion is that the spillway is wholly within Nebraska. The Nebraska Ornithologist's Union has collected data from the spillway for over 50 years. Counting birds seen on the spillway on a personal South Dakota list is up to the individual. Reports of unusual birds seen in the Nebraska area of Gavin's Point Dam, however, should be sent to the Nebraska Ornithologist's Union.

Hopefully, I will not ruffle any feathers by expressing my opinions. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the SDOU president. *Todd*

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BIRD BANDING ON FARM ISLAND, HUGHES COUNTY: BIRDS BANDED FROM 1993 TO 2002

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Since the fall of 1993, we have banded each spring and fall on Farm Island, located about 3 miles east of Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota. The banding site is located at the entrance to the nature area hiking trail. The USGS Bird Banding Lab 10-minute block is 442-1001. Our banding period ranges from 24 April to 3 June in the spring and from 27 August to 14 October in the fall. Spring banding is concentrated in May and fall banding in September. A typical banding day is from 8 AM to 12 noon, using ten 30 mm mesh, 12x2.6 m, 4-shelf mist nets. Nets are attended continuously and birds removed as quickly as possible. We collect a variety of data, including tarsus length, wing chord, exposed culmen, bill depth, tail length, weight, and a visual score of subcutaneous fat deposits. When possible, fall birds are aged by skulling. Common habitat generalists are not banded. Examples of species captured but not banded include Mourning Doves, American Robins and Red-winged Blackbirds. Seventy-nine species of birds have been banded, including 27 species of warblers.

Table 1 lists the bird species we have banded over this time period. All recaptures are birds that we banded. Table 2 gives capture of species by month. Figure 1 shows our net/hour effort for each banding season. Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the cumulative numbers of birds banded daily for the spring and fall. For more information, photographs of birds, and a comparison to earlier banding reports, see the South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks Wildlife Diversity webpage at:

<http://www.state.sd.us/gfp/Diversity/birdbanding/index.htm>

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Table 1. Birds banded on Farm Island from 1993 to 2002.

Species	Banded	Recaptures of our own banded birds	Total
Belted Kingfisher	1	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	4	2	6
Downy Woodpecker	11	3	14
Yellow-shafted Flicker	11	1	12
Eastern Kingbird	3	0	3
Trail's Flycatcher	166	0	166
Least Flycatcher	332	1	333
Blue Jay	5	0	5
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	0	1
Orchard Oriole	2	0	2
Baltimore Oriole	11	0	11
American Goldfinch	7	0	7
Pine Siskin	1	0	1
Le Conte's Sparrow	1	0	1
Harris's Sparrow	11	0	11
White-crowned Sparrow	19	0	19
White-throated Sparrow	62	0	62
American Tree Sparrow	9	0	9
Chipping Sparrow	6	0	6
Clay-colored Sparrow	31	0	31
Field Sparrow	14	0	14
Slate-colored Junco	38	3	38
Song Sparrow	48	4	52
Lincoln's Sparrow	43	0	43
Swamp Sparrow	7	0	7
Fox Sparrow	1	0	1
Spotted Towhee	45	0	45
Northern Cardinal	3	0	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9	1	10
Black-headed Grosbeak	33	6	39
Blue Grosbeak	1	0	1
Lazuli Bunting	4	0	4
Cedar Waxwing	17	0	17
Red-eyed Vireo	38	0	38
Philadelphia Vireo	3	1	4
Warbling Vireo	50	0	50
Blue-headed Vireo	2	0	2

Bell's Vireo	4	0	4
Black-and-white Warbler	36	1	37
Blue-winged Warbler	1	0	1
Golden-winged Warbler	1	0	1
Nashville Warbler	21	1	22
Orange-crowned Warbler	674	13	687
Tennessee Warbler	53	0	53
Northern Parula	1	0	1
Yellow Warbler	395	8	403
Black-throated Blue Warbler	3	0	3
Myrtle Warbler	373	2	375
Magnolia Warbler	17	0	17
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5	0	5
Bay-breasted Warbler	2	0	2
Blackpoll Warbler	85	4	89
Black-throated Green Warbler	3	0	3
Townsend's Warbler	1	0	1
Western Palm Warbler	5	0	5
Ovenbird	24	0	24
Northern Waterthrush	37	0	37
Mourning Warbler	19	0	19
MacGillivray's Warbler	2	0	2
Common Yellowthroat	251	31	282
Yellow-breasted Chat	22	0	22
Hooded Warbler	1	0	1
Wilson's Warbler	47	2	49
Canada Warbler	2	0	2
American Redstart	87	3	90
Gray Catbird	47	2	49
Brown Thrasher	23	2	25
House Wren	75	18	93
Marsh Wren	2	0	2
Brown Creeper	3	0	3
White-breasted Nuthatch	16	12	28
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	1	10
Black-capped Chickadee	88	61	149
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	0	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	116	3	119
Veery	3	0	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush	13	0	13
Swainson's Thrush	252	1	253

Eastern Bluebird	1	0	1
Total	3874	187	4061

Table 2. Species captured per month

Species	Spring				Fall		Total
	Apr	May	June	Aug	Sept	Oct	
Belted Kingfisher	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	5	0	0	0	0	6
Downy Woodpecker	2	7	0	1	3	1	14
Yellow-shafted Flicker	3	6	0	1	2	0	12
Eastern Kingbird	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Traill's Flycatcher	0	143	13	3	7	0	166
Least Flycatcher	0	327	0	2	4	0	333
Blue Jay	0	3	0	0	1	1	5
Brown-headed Cowbird	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Orchard Oriole	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Baltimore Oriole	0	10	0	1	0	0	11
American Goldfinch	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Pine Siskin	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Le Conte's Sparrow	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Harris's Sparrow	0	4	0	0	0	7	11
White-crowned Sparrow	0	8	0	0	5	6	19
White-throated Sparrow	1	24	0	0	6	31	62
American Tree Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Chipping Sparrow	0	4	0	0	0	2	6
Clay-colored Sparrow	0	28	0	0	3	0	31
Field Sparrow	1	4	0	0	6	3	14
Slate-colored Junco	0	0	0	0	24	17	41
Song Sparrow	0	12	0	3	19	18	52
Lincoln's Sparrow	5	10	0	1	15	12	43
Swamp Sparrow	0	0	0	0	2	5	7
Fox Sparrow	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Spotted Towhee	0	26	0	0	12	7	45
Northern Cardinal	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Black-headed Grosbeak	0	37	2	0	0	0	39
Blue Grosbeak	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Lazuli Bunting	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Cedar Waxwing	0	10	0	0	7	0	17
Red-eyed Vireo	0	31	1	1	5	0	38

Philadelphia Vireo	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Warbling Vireo	0	47	2	0	1	0	50
Blue-headed Vireo	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Bell's Vireo	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Black-and-white Warbler	0	31	0	0	6	0	37
Blue-winged Warbler	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Golden-winged Warbler	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nashville Warbler	0	2	0	0	13	7	22
Orange-crowned Warbler	9	165	0	0	398	115	687
Tennessee Warbler	0	47	0	0	6	0	53
Northern Parula	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Yellow Warbler	1	384	1	1	16	0	403
Black-throated Blue Warbler	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Myrtle Warbler	0	152	0	0	173	50	375
Magnolia Warbler	0	14	0	0	3	0	17
Chestnut-sided Warbler	0	3	0	0	2	0	5
Bay-breasted Warbler	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Blackpoll Warbler	0	87	0	0	2	0	89
Black-throated Green Warbler	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Townsend's Warbler	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Western Palm Warbler	0	3	0	0	2	0	5
Ovenbird	1	17	0	1	5	0	24
Northern Waterthrush	2	35	0	0	0	0	37
Mourning Warbler	0	19	0	0	0	0	19
MacGillivray's Warbler	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Common Yellowthroat	0	219	3	4	52	4	282
Yellow-breasted Chat	0	21	0	1	0	0	22
Hooded Warbler	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilson's Warbler	0	9	0	1	37	2	49
Canada Warbler	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
American Redstart	0	82	0	0	8	0	90
Gray Catbird	0	35	0	2	12	0	49
Brown Thrasher	0	22	0	1	2	0	25
House Wren	0	72	1	5	14	1	93
Marsh Wren	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Brown Creeper	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	18	1	0	6	0	28
Red-breasted Nuthatch	0	4	0	0	1	5	10
Black-capped Chickadee	7	57	0	3	63	19	149
Golden-crowned Kinglet	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	34	0	0	36	47	119
Veery	0	3	0	0	0	0	3

Gray-cheeked Thrush	0	13	0	0	0	0	13
Swainson's Thrush	0	229	0	1	22	1	253
Eastern Bluebird	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	39	2573	24	33	1018	374	4061

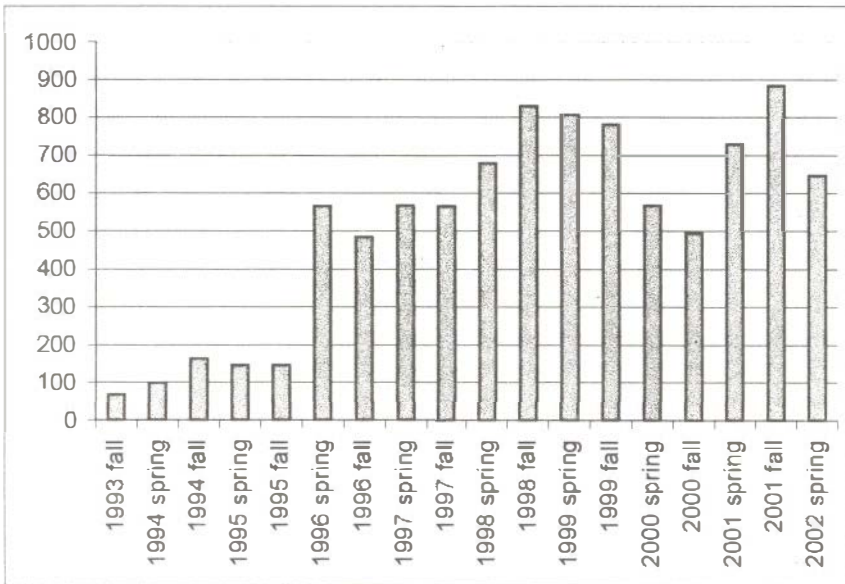


Figure 1. Net/hours of banding effort on Farm Island.

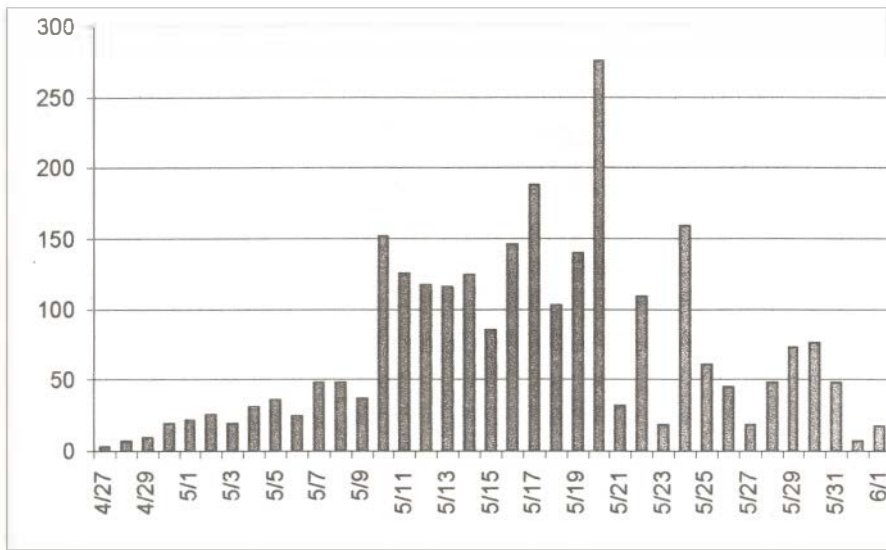


Figure 2. Cumulative number of spring birds banded daily from 1993-2002.

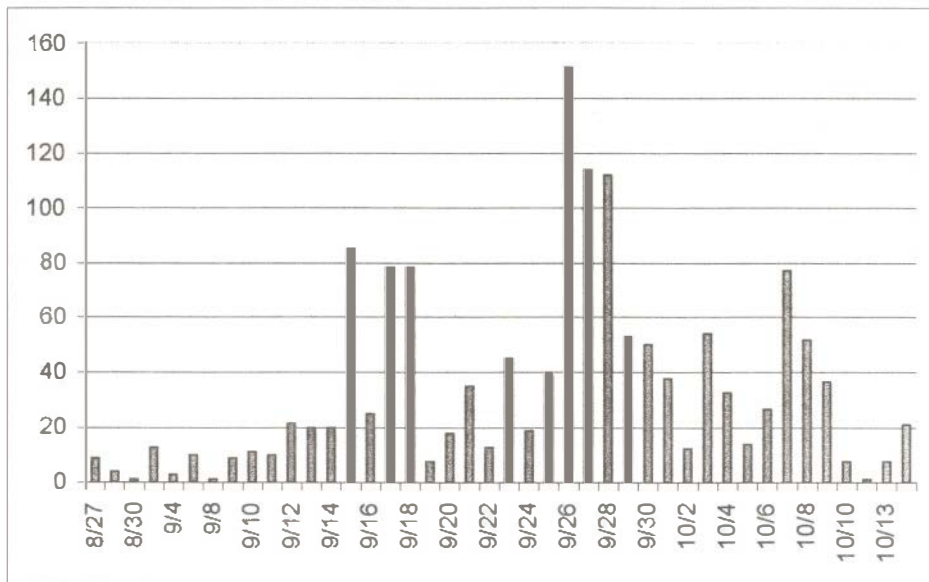


Figure 3. Cumulative number of fall birds banded daily from 1993-2002.

2001 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 20 May 2001 at Lacreek NWR and on 14 October 2001 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 (in paper and electronic formats) 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* Associate 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 action since the last report in the September 2001 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).

Rufous Hummingbird. 4-5 August 2001. One female/immature in Clay Co. Photographed. Keith Mast. Second record for eastern South Dakota.

Townsend's Warbler. 11 May 2001. One adult male at Farm Island Recreation Area, Hughes Co. Photographed. Doug Backlund and Ricky Olson. Fifth state record and first in spring.

Summer Tanager. 18 November 2000. One female/immature male at Aberdeen, Brown Co. Photographed. Dan Tallman.

CLASS 1H (Hypothetical - Specimen, photograph, or recording, but origin of bird uncertain).

Crested Caracara. 20 November 2000. One immature at Lacreek NWR. Photographed. Mike Artmann. The photographs confirmed the bird as an immature. Despite an increasing number of extralimital records of this species in recent years, suggesting a pattern of northward vagrancy in fall, the committee rated this bird as hypothetical, origin uncertain, (2 Class 1PH, 3 Class 1P). Dissenting committee members noted that the Minnesota Bird Records Committee, and the most recent AOU Checklist, treat extralimital caracara records as hypothetical because the possibility of an escaped captive cannot be conclusively eliminated. This record would constitute a first state record for the Crested Caracara. (SDBN 53:72-73)

CLASS 2 (Accepted - Satisfactory written description).

Tricolored Heron. 15 July 2000. One adult in Brown Co. Ricky Olson and Kenny Miller. Casual summer resident.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. 26 May 2000. One adult male in Brown Co. Ricky Olson. Casual summer visitor.

Eurasian Wigeon. 31 October 2000. One shot in Brown Co., specimen not available. Erling Podoll. Third state record.

Black Scoter. 18 March 2000. One female/first-winter male at Lake Thompson, Kingsbury Co. Jeffrey Palmer. Casual migrant.

White-tailed Kite. 4 April 2000. One in North Cave Hills, Harding Co. Shelly Deisch. Second state record.

Mississippi Kite. 15 May 2001. One at Hartford Beach State Park, Roberts Co. Dan Tallman. Third state record. A photograph of this bird was submitted along with the report, but was of such poor quality that it did not influence the committee's decision.

Whimbrel. 17 May 2001. One in Beadle Co. Jeffrey Palmer. Casual spring migrant.

- Whimbrel. 22 May 2001. Three in Clay Co. Jay Carlisle. Casual spring migrant.
- Red Knot. 10-16 September 2000. Three in basic plumage at Arikara Wetland, Hughes Co. Kenny Miller, Ricky Olson, and Doug Backlund.
- Ruff. 7 September 2000. 1 female/immature at Arikara Wetland, Hughes Co. Ricky Olson. Third state record.
- Red Phalarope. 18 September 2000. One at Bear Butte Reservoir, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Third state record.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull. 26 February 2000. One at Lewis and Clark Marina, Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton Co. Jeffrey Palmer. Casual migrant.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove. 30 April 2000. Two at Pierre, Hughes Co. Eileen Dowd Stukel. Casual, but increasing, in the state.
- White-winged Dove. 4-6 May 2001. One adult in Yankton, Yankton Co. Steve Van Sickle. Second state record.
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. 26 September 2000. One adult male at Ft. Meade Recreation Area, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Outside of normal range in the state – accidental in western South Dakota. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3)
- Cassin's Kingbird. 11 June 2001. One in Custer Co. Nicholas Block. Outside of normal range in state.
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 14 October 2000. One immature on Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Stanley Co. Casual migrant.
- White-eyed Vireo. 7 and 21 May 2001. One adult in Union Co. Jay Carlisle. Casual spring migrant.
- Blue-headed Vireo. 7 July 2001. One at Flandreau City Park, Moody Co. Jeffrey Palmer. First summer record for the state.
- Golden-winged Warbler. 27-29 July 2001. One adult female feeding two immatures in Meade Co. Randy Podoll. First nesting record for the state. At least one of the juvenile birds showed a yellowish-olive rump, atypical for Golden-winged Warbler, so the possibility of hybridization is not ruled out.
- Northern Parula. 28 June 2001. One adult male in Pennington Co. Randy Podoll. Accidental summer visitor.
- Black-throated Gray Warbler. 5 May 2001. One adult male at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln Co. David Swanson. Fifth state record.
- Townsend's Warbler. 29 August 2000. One adult at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Brenda Warren. Fourth state record.
- Townsend's Warbler. 21 August 2001. One adult female in Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Sixth state record.
- Townsend's Warbler. 5 September 2001. One adult male in Rapid City, Pennington Co. Brenda Warren. Seventh state record.
- Chestnut-sided Warbler. 15-17 August 2001. One adult female and one juvenile in Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Casual summer resident in Black Hills.
- Chestnut-sided Warbler. 24 June-18 July 2001. Two adult males in Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Casual summer resident in Black Hills.
- Chestnut-sided Warbler. 19 June 2001. One adult female in Meade Co. Randy

Podoll. Casual summer resident in Black Hills.
Chestnut-sided Warbler. 2 July 2001. One adult male in Lawrence Co. Randy Podoll. Casual summer resident in Black Hills.
Chestnut-sided Warbler. 27-29 July 2001. Two immature females in Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Casual summer resident in Black Hills.
Yellow-throated Warbler. 4 May 2000. One adult male at Pierre, Hughes Co. Kenny Miller. Fourth state record.
MacGillivray's Warbler. 3 May 2001. One adult male in Sturgis, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Earliest spring record.
MacGillivray's Warbler. 9 May 2000. One adult male in Sturgis, Meade Co. Randy Podoll. Second earliest spring record.
Summer Tanager. 17 May 2000. One first-year male at Pierre, Hughes Co. Kenny Miller. Casual migrant.

CLASS 2H (Hypothetical – Satisfactory written description, but a single observer sight record which would constitute a first state record).

Hammond's Flycatcher. 11 September 2000. One at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Todd Jensen. No accepted records for this species exist for South Dakota, but it is a casual fall migrant in western Nebraska (Sharpe et al. 2001. Birds of Nebraska. Univ. Nebraska Press, Lincoln). Hammond's Flycatchers molt into fresh, brightly colored plumage prior to fall migration, unlike other *Empidonax* occurring in the state, and the bird in the report was described as having fresh plumage. (3 Class 2H, 1 Class 3)

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

Mew Gull. 17 May 2001. One in first-year plumage at Bear Butte Reservoir, Meade Co. The description provided was not complete enough to conclusively eliminate Ring-billed Gull. (4 Class 3, 1 Class 2)
Broad-tailed Hummingbird. 5-10 June 2001. One adult male in Lead, Lawrence Co. The committee felt that the loud buzzing sound described in the report was suggestive of Broad-tailed Hummingbird, but noted that the report did not mention rufous on the flanks or tail, which would eliminate Ruby-throated Hummingbird. (2 Class 3, 3 Class 2)
Common Raven. 4 January 2001. One in Haakon Co. The view of the bird was relatively brief and from a moving vehicle, and no calls were heard. Thus, dissenting committee members felt that American Crow was not conclusively eliminated. (2 Class 3, 2 Class 2).

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

No reports were rated as class 4.

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Brant. 3 November 2001. One in Charles Mix Co.
Eurasian Collared-Dove. 9 July 2001. One in Rapid City, Pennington Co.

Eurasian Collared-Dove. 30 May 2001. One in Rapid City, Pennington Co.
White-eyed Vireo. 18 September 2001. One in Watertown, Codington Co.
Black-throated Blue Warbler. 22 August 2001. One adult male at Sica Hollow
State Park, Marshall Co.
Pine Warbler. 13 September 2001. Five total (two males and three females) at
Huron, Beadle Co.
Connecticut Warbler. 22 August 2001. Five total (three adult males and two
juvenile/females) at Sica Hollow State Park, Marshall Co.
Sage Sparrow. 24 May 2001. Two adult males in Butte Co.

OTHER ACTION

In other action, the committee voted to include the 11 Whimbrels at Lacreek NWR, the three Cassin's Kingbirds in Bennett Co., and the White-eyed Vireo in Bennett Co., all on 19-20 May 2001 at the SDOU spring meeting, as a part of the official state records without formally submitted rare bird reports. Many observers saw these birds over the weekend. The committee also voted to remove Tricolored Heron and Yellow-crowned Night-Herons (the latter for Brown Co. only) from the review list.



GENERAL NOTES

OBSERVATION OF A GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE IN BENNETT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. The Great-tailed Grackle is a common breeding bird of the southern United States. Beginning in the mid-1900s, the species' breeding range expanded rapidly to the north and west of its historic range (Dinsmore, J. J. and S. J. Dinsmore, 1993. *J. Iowa Acad. Sci.* 100:54-59). The Great-tailed Grackle appeared in South Dakota in the late 1980s and was first recorded nesting in the state in 1999 (Swanson, D. L. and E. T. Liknes. 2001. *Proc. South Dakota Acad. Sci.* 80:13-20). In South Dakota, the species is now considered to be a locally uncommon migrant and summer resident in southeastern counties and counties bordering the Missouri River (Tallman et al. 2002. *Birds of South Dakota*. The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union, Aberdeen, SD). There are few state records of Great-tailed Grackles from west of the Missouri River. On 27 June 2002 at 9:45AM MDT, while conducting point count surveys at Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge (N 43.099758, W 101.565596) in Bennett County, I observed an unusually large, grackle-like blackbird. The bird was perched atop a young willow (*Salix* spp.) at the northern edge of Pool 10, one of the refuge's large water impoundments. The bird remained perched for several minutes during the course of my survey. I identified it as a male Great-tailed Grackle based on the following characteristics: yellow eye, solid black body plumage with purple-blue

iridescence on the head, a tail that was nearly as long as its body, and its large size (crow size). It was 1.5 times the length of a Common Grackle, which was observed nearby. The Great-tailed Grackle's vocalization was a garbled, cranky, and metallic sound, similar to that described for the species in National Geographic's *Birds of North America* (1999. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.). This was the only Great-tailed Grackle recorded throughout a series of 654 point counts conducted on the refuge from 17 May to 1 July 2002. To my knowledge, there are no records of Great-tailed Grackles from Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge or Bennett County. *Silka L. Finkbeiner, U. S. Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, 8711 37th St. SE, Jamestown, ND 58401.*



SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2002 Summer Season
1 June 2002 to 31 July 2002

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By all accounts, the summer in South Dakota was dry and hot. All but the northeastern portion of the state experienced drought, with the west being more severely impacted than the east. The 94 species confirmed to be breeding in the state this summer compares with the 5-year average of 104. Two hundred and seventy species are included in this report, comparing to the 5-year average of 243. Highlights for birders included the large number of hummingbirds observed in the Black Hills and the Cassin's Sparrows discovered by Jeff Palmer, for only the second time in the state. Of note is the extremely short species expected but not reported list, reflecting how well observers searched for all regularly occurring species. Note the Greater Prairie-Chickens and Eastern Meadowlarks reported by Bob Rogers in Beadle County. One has to wonder what else could be discovered in the less birded counties of South Dakota. The new 3rd addition of *Birds of South Dakota* was a pleasure to use in compiling this report. I recommend that everyone obtains a copy. Included in the report are all confirmed breeding records reported. Early and late migrants are included; however, records for many shorebirds were not included when it is believed that the dates for late spring migrants overlap dates for early fall migrants, thus making it impossible to distinguish between early and late migrants. Birds observed outside of their normal breeding range are included. Those breeding records representing a first for the county according to *The South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas* and the 1995-01 Summer Season Reports of *Bird Notes* are highlighted. Sightings that would have been included in the 3rd

edition of *Birds of South Dakota* are highlighted. Many thanks to all contributing observers.

Common Loon All Reports: all period Charles Mix RM; 10 Jun Stanley KM; 15 Jun Charles Mix (2) JSP; 17 Jul Stanley RDO; 18 Jul Stanley (3) DGP, AB, JLB, RDO; 27 Jul Hughes (2) JSP

Horned Grebe Only Report: 03 Jul Brown MKZ

Red-necked Grebe Confirmed Breeding: **29 Jun Marshall (PY) JSP, RFS**

Western Grebe Reported: 21 Jul Stanley KM

Clark's Grebe Reported: 05 Jun Charles Mix (LANWR) RM; 29 Jun Day JSP, RFS; 13 Jul Sully (Oneida Wetlands) KM

Double-crested Cormorant Reported: 06, 29 Jul Meade AKB, DGP

Great Blue Heron Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Hughes (ON) KM; 08 Jun Mellette (NY) KH

Great Egret Reported: 29 Jun Clark JSP; 20 Jul Meade JLB; 21, 29 Jul Meade AKB, DGP; 21 Jul Meade EEM

Snowy Egret All Reports: 06 Jun Brown SLS; 15 Jun Brown RDO; 29 Jun Clark JSP, RFS; 11 Jul Codington JCS

Little Blue Heron All Reports: 15 Jun Brown RDO; 19 Jul Brown SLS

Cattle Egret Reported: 25 Jun Beadle (5) RGR; 29 Jun Clark JSP, RFS; 11 Jul Lake JSP

White-faced Ibis Confirmed Breeding: **10 Jun Brown (FL) RDO**...also 01 Jun Bennett JSP

Greater White-fronted Goose All Reports: 13 Jul Sully, 18 Jul Hughes KM

Snow Goose All Reports: 15 Jun Bon Homme, 29 Jun Clark JSP; 13 Jul Sully KM

Canada Goose Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (FL) JLB

Trumpeter Swan All reports: **01 Jun Bennett JSP; 02 Jun Bennett KM; 02 Jun Bennett RDO**

Wood Duck Confirmed Breeding: **01 Jun Pennington (FL) JLB; 07 Jun Hughes (PY) KM; 13 Jun Meade (PY) REP; 13 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (PY) RD, LJ; 15 Jun Bon Homme (PY), 29 Jun Codington (PY) JSP, RFS**...also reported 08 Jun Mellette KH

American Wigeon Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jul Meade (PY) REP

Mallard Confirmed Breeding: All Period Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; **01 Jun Pennington (FL) JLB & AKB; 05 Jun Meade (PY) REP; 06 Jul Custer (PY), 13 Jul Kingsbury (PY) JSP; 08 Jun Mellette (FL) KH; 06 Jul Meade (NY) AKB, DGP**

Blue-winged Teal Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jun Meade (PY) REP

Cinnamon Teal All Reports: 01 Jun Bennett JSP; 13 Jun Meade REP

Northern Shoveler All Reports: 01 Jun Bennett, 29 Jun Clark JSP, RFS; 05 Jun Stanley RDO...very few reports.

Northern Pintail Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jun Butte (PY) REP

Ringed-necked Duck Reported: 07 Jun Harding CEM

Bufflehead Only Report: 10 Jun Codington JCS

Common Goldeneye Only Report: **02, 05 Jun Pennington JLB**

Hooded Merganser Reported: 09 Jul Sully KM; 13 Jul Kingsbury JSP

Common Merganser Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Pennington (PY) AKB; 30 Jul Pennington (FL) JLB

Red-breasted Merganser Only Report: **08 Jun Sully (2) KM**

Ruddy Duck Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jul Brown (FL) MKZ

Osprey Confirmed Breeding: Jun, Jul Pennington (Pactola Lake) (NY-3) JLB & TBW; **31 Jul Lawrence (Pilot's Knob) (ON) JLB**

Bald Eagle All Reports: Jun, Jul Minnehaha RFS; 15 Jun Bon Homme JSP; 17 Jun Charles Mix RM; 20 Jul Clay (1 im.), Union (1 ad.) DS

Cooper's Hawk Reported: 08 Jun Union (Union Grove) (2) BFH

Broad-winged Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jul Meade (Vanocker Canyon) (NY) APB; 17 Jun-21 Jul Meade (ON, NY, FY) REP; 24 Jun Meade (NY) EEM

Swainson's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Meade (NY) EEM; **07 Jul Sully (ON) RDO; 18**

Jul Fall River (FL) RAP... also reported 14 Jun Meade (20 im.) REP
Red-tailed Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jun Custer (CF) AKB, JLB, DGP; 07 Jul Beadle (FL) RGR
Golden Eagle Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Mellette (NY) KH
Merlin Confirmed Breeding: 21 Jul Meade (CF) AKB
Ringed-necked Pheasant Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun Day (PY) JSP, RFS
Greater Sage-Grouse Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jul Harding (PY) REP; 06 Jul Harding (PY) CM, KM
Sharp-tailed Grouse Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Sully (PY) KM; 06 Jul Meade (FL) AKB
Greater Prairie-Chicken All Reports: 05 Jun Beadle (booming), 11 Jun Jerauld RGR; 14 Jun Charles Mix RM
Wild Turkey Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Meade (NY) EEM; 14 Jun Fall River (PY-12) RAP; 14 Jun Meade (PY) REP; 18 Jul Custer (FL) KH
Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 15 Jun Union JSP; 22 Jun Tripp RAP
Sandhill Crane Only Report: 11 Jun Gregory RM
Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 05 Jun (3), 14 Jun (1) Brown SLS
Semipalmated Plover Only Report: 28 Jul Hughes RDO
Piping Plover Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Hughes (PY) KM...also reported 09, 19 Jun, 20 Jul Sully KM; 19 Jun Hughes RDO; 20 Jul Clay (pr.) DS
Killdeer Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jul Kingsbury (PY) JSP
Black-necked Stilt Only Report: 03 Jun Brown (5 miles east of Hecla) SLS
American Avocet Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun Day (PY) JSP, RFS
Upland Sandpiper Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jul Sully (PY) JSP, RFS
Long-billed Curlew Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Meade (NY-3) EEM; 02 Jul Harding (PY) REP
Ruddy Turnstone Only Report: 05 Jun Brown (2) SLS
Sanderling Only Report: 27 Jul Sully JSP
Pectoral Sandpiper All Reports: 05 Jun Brown (2) SLS; 13 Jul Kingsbury JSP
Dunlin Only Report: 28 Jul Hughes RDO
Stilt Sandpiper All Reports: 09 Jul Brown (5) SLS; 28 Jul Hughes RDO
California Gull All Reports: 13 Jul Hughes RDO; 27 Jul Sully JSP
Herring Gull Only Report: 12 Jul Hughes KM
Caspian Tern All Reports: 29 Jun Day JSP, RFS; 12, 18 Jul Hughes KM; 30 Jul Hughes RDO
Common Tern All Reports: 18 Jul Hughes KM; 19 Jul Hughes RDO
Least Tern Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Sully (CF) Sully RDO...also reported 09, 13 Jun Sully, 20 Jul Sully (5) KM; 19 Jul Sully (3) RDO; 20 Jul Clay (2) DS
Eurasian Collared-Dove All Reports: 07, 16 Jul Hughes KM
Mourning Dove Confirmed Breeding: all period Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; 21 Jun Fall River (NE-2) RAP
Yellow-billed Cuckoo Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul Union (CF), 20 Jul Union (NY) DS
Eastern Screech-Owl Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Lake (FL) JSP
Burrowing Owl Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jul Meade (FL) AKB, DGP...also reported 15 Jul Brown (107 & 378 W. of Fredrick) SLS
Common Nighthawk Confirmed Breeding: Jun Minnehaha (NE) DC
Common Poorwill Only Report: 17 Jul Stanley (2) DGP, AKB, JLB
Chuck-will's-widow Only Report: 17 Jul Stanley DGP, AKB, JLB
Whip-poor-will Only Report: 15, 27 Jun, 13 Jul Charles Mix RM
Ruby-throated Hummingbird Reported: all period Charles Mix RM; 03 Jul Union DS; 14 Jul Lawrence RDO, DGP, KM
Rufous Hummingbird All Reports: 11, 13 Jul Pennington RDO; 13 Jul Pennington KM; 13 Jul Meade, 13 Jun, 31 Jul Lawrence DGP, AKB; 15-31 Jul Custer (1-4) KH; 20 Jul Pennington, 21 Jul Custer JSP, RFS
Lewis' Woodpecker Reported: 23 Jun Custer REP; 07 Jul Harding (8) CEM; 04 Jul Harding (8).

14 Jul Harding KM

Red-headed Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Custer (ON) AKB, JLB, DGP

Red-bellied Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (FY) RD, LJ

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jul Lincoln (Newton Hills) (FY) RD, LJ

Red-naped Sapsucker Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jul Meade (CF) AKB

Downy Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jul Lincoln (Newton Hills) (FY) RD, LJ

Hairy Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Hughes (NY) KM; 22 Jun Custer (NY) REP; 28 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW; 17 Jul Custer (FY) KH

Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 06 Jun Lawrence RDO; 14 Jun, 10, 21 Jul Lawrence DGP

Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 02 Jun Custer KM, RDO; 06 Jul Custer (2) JSP; 20 Jul Custer (1) JSP, RFS

Northern Flicker Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jun Stanley (NY) KM; 24 Jun Lawrence (NY) KH; 07 Jul Meade (NB) REP; 12 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

Olive-sided Flycatcher Only Report: 04 Jun Union DS

Eastern Wood-Pewee Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jun Lincoln (NB) REP

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 04 Jun Union DS; 05 Jun Brown DAT

Alder Flycatcher All Reports: 04 Jun Union DS; 04 Jun Brown DAT; 08 Jun Lincoln JSP

Willow Flycatcher All Reports: 01 Jun Bennett JSP; 05 Jun Stanley KM; 05 Jun Beadle (1). 06 Jun Jerauld (11) RGR; 07 Jun Sully RDO

Least Flycatcher All Reports: 04 Jun Union DS; 05 Jul Fall River JSP; 07 Jul Meade REP; 09 Jul Custer DGP

Dusky Flycatcher Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun Meade (NB) REP; 09 Jun Meade (NE) REP

Cordilleran Flycatcher Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jul Meade (CF) AKB

Eastern Phoebe Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jul Meade (NY) REP

Eastern Kingbird Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun Meade (NB) REP

Loggerhead Shrike Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun (ON) (NY) Meade (NY) **Butte REP; 01 Jul Minnehaha (ON) DC**

Yellow-throated Vireo Only Report: 29 Jun Clay DS

Plumbeous Vireo Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jun Meade (ON) REP

Warbling Vireo Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun (NB), 09 Jun (NE), 04 Jul (NY) Meade REP; 10 Jun Stanley (ON) KM; 26 Jun Lawrence (CF) AKB

Red-eyed Vireo Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Meade (NB) REP; 15 Jun Meade (CF) AKB...also reported 02 Jun Custer JLB

Blue Jay Reported 25 Jun Custer KH

Clark's Nutcracker Reported: 04 Jul Harding (west short pine) (1) CEM, KM

Black-billed Magpie Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Pennington (FY-5) TBW

American Crow Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jul Meade (CF) AKB

Violet-green Swallow Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Meade (NY) APB; 14 Jul Pennington (FY) RDO; 29 Jul Custer (NY) KH

Black-capped Chickadee Confirmed Breeding: All period Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 05 Jun Meade (NY), 15 Jun Pennington (NY) AKB; 07 Jun Hughes (CF) KM

Red-breasted Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding: 11 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

White-breasted Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

Pygmy Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding: 04 Jul Pennington (FY-3), 17 Jul Pennington (FY-6) TBW

Rock Wren Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Stanley (FL) KM; 12 Jul Pennington (FY) AKB

Winter Wren All Reports: 01 Jun-15 Jul Lawrence DGP

American Dipper Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Lawrence (CF), (NY) REP; 27 Jun Lawrence (NY) AKB

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun Pennington (CF, NY), 07 Jul Meade (ON) REP

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Lincoln (Oak Ridge GPA) (DD) DS; 13 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (DD) RD, LJ...also reported 09 Jul Custer (1) DGP, AKB, JLB

Eastern Bluebird Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Meade (CN) AKB; 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 05 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (FY) RD, LJ

Mountain Bluebird Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 09 Jun (CF), 13 Jun (ON) Custer AKB, JLB, DGP; 23 Jun Custer (ON) REP; 28 Jun Custer (NY) KH; **05 Jul Harding (NE) KM**

Swainson's Thrush Reported: 01 Jun Harding CEM; 03 Jun Clay DS

American Robin Confirmed Breeding: all period Minnehaha (FL) MKZ; 05 Jun Meade (CF), 15 Jun Pennington (NY) AKB; 07 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW; 19 Jun Lake (FL) JSP

Gray Catbird Confirmed Breeding: Jun Minnehaha (2) (NE) DC...also reported 02 Lawrence CEM

Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 01 Jun Custer RDO; 01 Jun Fall River KM; 09 Jun Brown DAT; 25 Jul Fall River RAP

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 15 Jun Perkins KM; 15 Jun Perkins RDO

Cedar Wax wing Confirmed Breeding: **07 Jul Meade (NB) REP**

Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: **08 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) JSP**

Tennessee Warbler All Reports: 03 Jun brown DAT; **07 Jun Lawrence (2 males singing) REP; 27 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (1 male singing) REP**

Virginia's Warbler All Reports: 01 Jun Custer KM, RDO

Northern Parula All Reports: 14 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) RD, LJ

Chestnut-sided Warbler Only Report: **22 Jun Lincoln KM, RDO**

Yellow-rumped Warbler Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Lawrence (CN) AKB

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: **03 Jun Brown DAT; 05 Jun Meade REP**

Black-and-white Warbler Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jul Meade (FY) REP...also reported 04 Jun Union DS

American Redstart Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Lawrence (CF) AKB

Ovenbird Confirmed Breeding: **16 Lawrence (CF) REP**

Mourning Warbler All Reports: 04 Jun Union DS

MacGillivray's Warbler Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jul Meade (FY) REP

Common Yellowthroat Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jul Meade (CF), **16 Jul Lawrence (FL, FY) REP**

Western Tanager Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Pennington (ON) TBW; 23 Jun Custer (ON, CF) REP

Spotted Towhee Confirmed Breeding: **5 Jun Stanley (NE) KM; 10 Jul Fall River (NE-5) RAP; 22 Jul Meade (FY) REP**

Chipping Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun Pennington (FL, FY) REP; 23 Jul Meade (FY) AKB

Clay-colored Sparrow All Reports: 07 Jun Minnehaha RFS; 15 Jun Walworth RDO; **25 Jun Beadle, 18 Jul Hand RGR; 29 Jun Codington JSP**

Brewer's Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jul Harding (FY) CM, KM...also reported from Fall River County.

Field Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: **05 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (PY) RD, LJ**

Lark Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: **13 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (PY) RD, LJ; 01 Jul Fall River (NE-5) (NE-4) (NE-3 + Cowbird-1) RAP; 06 Jul Meade (CF) AKB, DGP**

Lark Bunting Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun Fall River (NE-5) RAP...also reported from Bennett, Custer, Fall River, Harding, Jerauld, Lawrence, Meade, Stanley and Sully counties.

Baird's Sparrow Only Report: 15 Jun Perkins KM, RDO

Grasshopper Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jul (CF), 06 Jul (CF) Meade AKB

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow All Reports: 17 Jun Sanborn RGR; 01 Jul Sanborn RDO

Song Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Meade (FY) REP; 10 Jul Fall River (NE-3) RAP

Swamp Sparrow All Reports: 05 Jun Beadle, 30 Jul Jerauld RGR; 13 Jul Kingsbury JSP; 22 Jun

Sanborn RDO

Dark-eyed Junco Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

Northern Cardinal Confirmed Breeding: All period Minnehaha (CF) MKZ; **Jul Sanborn (Woonsocket) (FL) RGR**

Black-headed Grosbeak Confirmed Breeding: **28 Jun Perkins (CF) RDO**; 16 Jun Meade (ON) REP; 25 Jul Pennington (FY) TBW

Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 05 Jul Fall River JSP

Indigo Bunting Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jun Lincoln (Newton Hills) (PY) RD, LJ

Red-winged Blackbird Confirmed Breeding: All period Minnehaha (CF) MKZ; 13 Jun Butte (NY) REP

Eastern Meadowlark All Reports: 01 Jun Bennett JSP; 02 Jun Bennett KM. RDO

Western Meadowlark Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun (CF), 06 Jul (CF), 16 Jul (CN) Meade, 12 Jul Fall River (CF) AKB

Brewer's Blackbird Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (ON) TBW; 06 Jun Custer (CF) AKB

Great-Tailed Grackle All Reports: 01 Jun Charles Mix RM; **29 Jun Clay, Turner DGP**

Orchard Oriole Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun Meade (NB) REP

Baltimore Oriole Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jul Hughes (FY) Hughes KM

Bullock's Oriole Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jul Fall River RAP

House Finch Confirmed Breeding: All period Minnehaha (ON) MKZ

Red Crossbill Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW...also reported 19 Jun Charles Mix RM

White-winged Crossbill Only Report: **13 Jul Lawrence (1) DGP**

Pine Siskin Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun Pennington (FY) TBW; 22 Jun Pennington (FL, FY) REP

Lesser Goldfinch All reports: 01 Jun Fall River KM; 05 Jul Fall River JSP; 27 Jul Fall River (Cold Brook Canyon) AKB, DGP

Evening Grosbeak All Reports: all period Lawrence DGP; 30 Jul Meade REP

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Brown Pelican 01 Jul (Lewis & Clark Reservoir) RDO; 02 Jul Yankton (Lake Yankton) (1 ad.) BFH

Glossy Ibis 16 Jun Brown KM

Mute Swan all period Pennington (Canyon Lake) JLB

Calliope Hummingbird 13 Jul Pennington KM, RDO

Broad-tailed Hummingbird 13 Jul Pennington KM, RDO; 13 Jun-01 Jul Custer DGP, AKB, JLB; 18, 21 Jul Custer KH; 21 Jul Custer JSP, RFS

Philadelphia Vireo 06 Jul Meade (1) DGP

Sage Thrasher 30 Jul Bon Homme

Orange-crowned Warbler 27 Jul Meade APB

Virginia's Warbler 09 Jul Fall River DGP, AKB, JLB

Kentucky Warbler All Reports: 01-11 Jun Union DS; 08 Jun Union (Union Grove) BFH; 08 Jun Union JSP

Cassin's Sparrow 05, 21 Jul Fall River JSP; 12 Jul Fall River DGP, AKB, RDO; 14 Jul Fall River KM

Eastern Meadowlark 25 Jun, 07 Jul Beadle (1) RGR

Purple Finch 01 Jun Harding CEM

Species Observed But Not Included In This Report

Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, American Bittern, Least Bittern, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Northern Goshawk, Ferruginous Hawk, American Kestrel, Prairie Faloon, Gray Partridge, Ruffed Grouse, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Willet, Spotted

Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Long-billed Dowitcher, Common Snipe, American Woodcock, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Forster's Tern, Black Tern, Rock Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Northern Saw-Whet Owl, Chimney Swift, White-throated Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Western Wood-Pewee, Say's Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Bell's Vireo, Gray Jay, Pinyon Jay, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Brown Creeper, Canyon Wren, House Wren, Sedge Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Townsend's Solitaire, Veery, Wood Thrush, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Towhee, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Dickcissel, Bobolink, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

Species Expected But Not Reported

Tricolored Heron, Peregrine Falcon, Red-necked Phalarope, Barn Owl, Pileated Woodpecker (3), Cassin's Kingbird, Cerulean Warbler (3), Le Conte's Sparrow (2), McCown's Longspur (7), Cassin's Finch

Note: Number in parentheses indicates number of years not reported.

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Breeding Status Abbreviations

CN Carrying nesting materials
 NB Nest Building
 PE Physiological evidence
 DD Distraction display
 PY Flightless precocial young
 FL Recently fledged young
 ON Occupied nest
 CF Adult carrying food
 FY Adult feeding fledged young
 FS Adult carrying fecal sac
 NE Nest with eggs
 NY Nest with young

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