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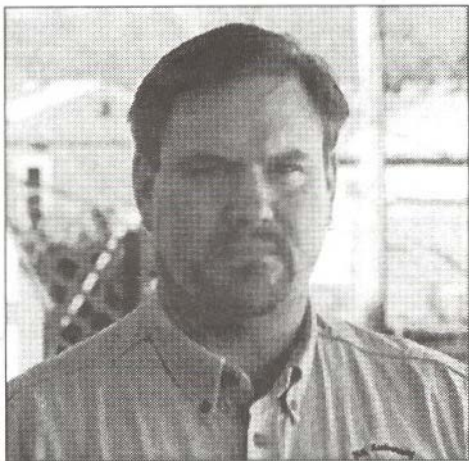
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The following article is a guest appearance by Doug Chapman. It is an account of a strange occurrence at last May's SDOU meeting in Pierre. I hope it inspires all of you to attend future meetings—Todd Jensen.

Mrs. Arizona's Bird. We all know the type—great, friendly, wide grin. "You look like bird people!" says the white-haired man dressed for camping. "You've got to tell me what bird my wife saw." Oh, boy. Here we go again. We must go into polite mode. No point trying to explain the intricacies of birding. No point in shying away. He saw our binoculars pointed *en masse* up at the treetops. And he's at least friendly, so just grin and bear a few minutes and we'll go on.



On 17 May, Kenny Miller was taking a caravan of South Dakota birders to Echo Point and other sites around Oahe Dam at the 2003 Spring SDOU meeting in Pierre. We had just stopped for a lavatory break in south Campground 3 to find that the bathrooms were still locked. Just up the road, in north Campground 3 the facilities were unlocked and we gratefully entered. As we gathered in the parking lot, we spotted three Warbling Vireos in a smallish tree. While we admired them and waited for the rest of our party, the aforementioned gentleman appeared out of nowhere and started his bird banter. Again, "here we go." we all were silently thinking. You know. The well-meaning friends who saw a bird, the relatives who are just sure that a Great Kiskadee was at their feeder in Bemidji at Christmas time and want you to agree. We've all been there. At length someone timidly queries, "What did it look like?" "Oh, a black head and was red, or something like that. She's driving me crazy." A typical non-birder description. "Maybe a Baltimore Oriole?" someone mumbles awkwardly at their shuffling feet. "Or an Orchard?" another posits. "Okay, thanks. She's nuts with this," as he hurriedly shuffles away. "That wasn't so bad." we all think as we wait for Kenny to tell us the next link in the schedule. We already had some great birds: a very good South Dakota birder got his life Caspian Tern just minutes before this, and on a field walk we had a Virginia Rail. We anticipated what was to come. Charging down the path comes a very determined woman, bosoms bouncing in her T-shirt, glasses askew, and a finger shaking in the air to get our attention. "Oh-oh! She's the wife!" we thought silently. Before she arrives, she's loudly proclaiming, "You've got to tell me what

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this bird was!!” “The wife won’t be so easy,” we fear, again silently. Birders ARE a polite lot. “I saw it behind the grounds where the road turns,” she says with great sweeping hand gestures. “It was bright red and had black wings! It was in the branches right over the road! What is it? What is it?”

Well, hold on a minute. The birding gene activated instantly—a real bird description. “A Scarlet Tanager,” people say in near unison.

As I assess her anew, I noticed her T-shirt had ARIZONA emblazoned across the front. (Thus, she will always be “Mrs. Arizona” to me.) All eyes go to Kenny. “Are Scarlet Tanagers found in the Pierre area, Kenny?” someone whispers. “In twenty years, I’ve seen just one,” he says hopefully, but very skeptically. As I saunter with the rest of the group back to our cars, I think: “Well, I hope she really did see a scarlet, even though, if she did, she probably will never know how rare a sight she saw for Pierre, South Dakota.” While Scarlet Tanagers are rare to locally uncommon at the edge of their range in the parks of far eastern South Dakota (i.e., Newton Hills, Union County, Big Stone and Sica Hollow), they are accidental to casual in Pierre, 250 miles west of these fringe areas. Pierre is more grassland country with some Missouri bottomland downstream from the Oahe Dam. No doubt flushed with excitement after her encounter with bird people, “Mrs. Arizona” started toward the facilities herself, still talking to us and gesturing profusely. As a friendly afterthought, nearly at our car doors, I ask, “When did you see this bird?” expecting an answer like “Oh, two or three days ago somewhere in Illinois,” or “I can’t remember, was it last August, Fred? Oh, I don’t know!” Imagine the surprise as she quickly blurts out, “Oh! Must have been about 45 minutes ago. Maybe half an hour.” “Do you know where she means?” and “Let’s go now!” all eyes tell Kenny.

We barreled over to a location that, for the life of me, I don’t know how Kenny got from her vague description, but kudos to Kenny. For as soon as we were parked, there it was: a brilliant, spring male Scarlet Tanager showing off and displaying in the sunlight. The spontaneous ooh’s and aaahh’s did not scare “Mrs. Arizona’s” bird. We watched entranced for probably 15 to 20 minutes. Kenny’s comment was, “This is special.” Later, many other birders would see this bird, as it stayed in the area the whole afternoon. Dan Tallman took a great picture, which appears on the cover of this issue.

We saw a bird recorded fewer than five times in the Pierre area because bathrooms were locked and “Mrs. Arizona” just HAD TO KNOW what it was, even if it meant risking conversation with bird people. Would this bird have been seen anyway? Perhaps. There were many very sharp birder eyes scoping the waters, skies and trees around Pierre that weekend, but “Mrs. Arizona” gets the credit. We had Bell’s Vireo, nine species of warblers including Yellow-breasted Chat, nesting Long-eared Owl, Virginia Rail, Green Heron, Black-headed Grosbeak and more. Still, the Scarlet Tanager was the bird of the day for many. But, the best part of the whole event? The grin that appeared on Kenny’s face and remained there for the rest of the day.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRASSLAND BIRDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA CORRECTED MAPS

Kristel K. Bakker, Julie R. DeJong, and Kenneth F. Higgins

In the last issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes*, the gray shading in the maps did not reproduce during printing of the paper by Bakker et al. These maps are reprinted below at no charge to SDOU. Please see the original paper in the last issue of this journal.

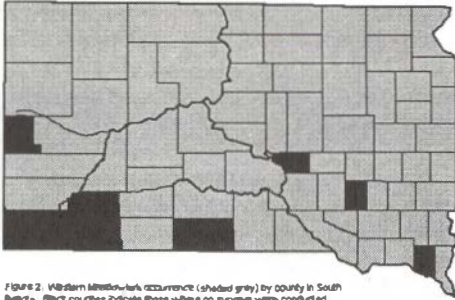


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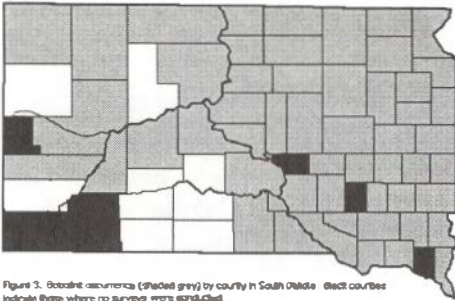


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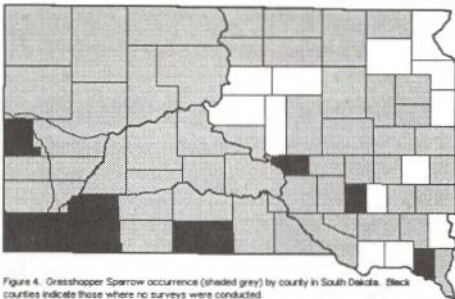


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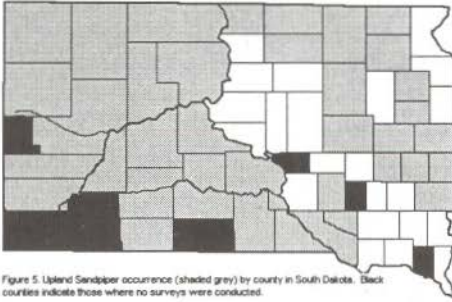


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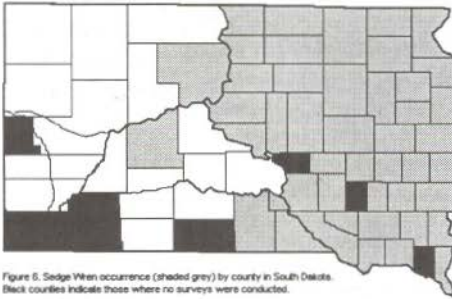


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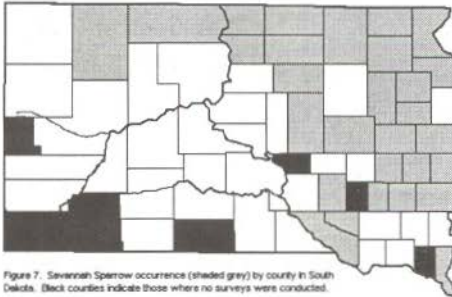


Fig 7. Savannah Sparrow occurrence (shaded gray) by county in South Dakota. Black counties indicate those where no surveys were conducted.

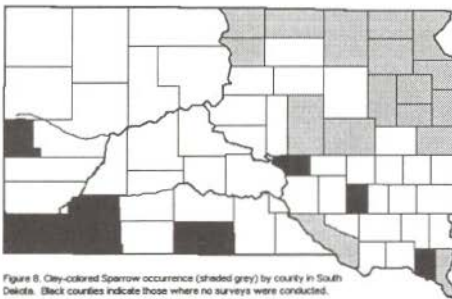


Fig. 8. Clay-colored Sparrow occurrence (shaded gray) by county in South Dakota. Black counties indicate those where no surveys were conducted.

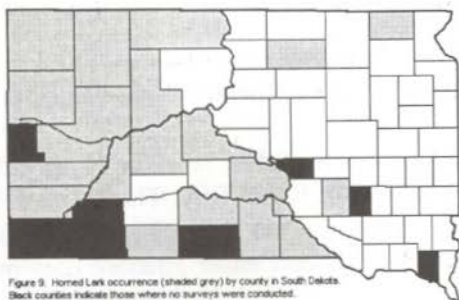


Figure 9. Horned Lark occurrence (shaded grey) by county in South Dakota. Black counties indicate those where no surveys were conducted.

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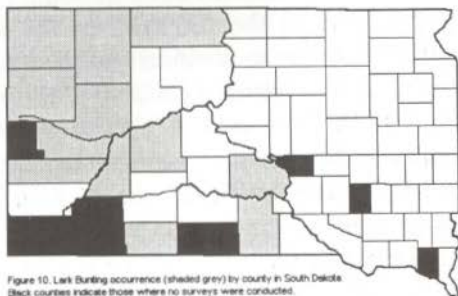


Figure 10. Lark Bunting occurrence (shaded grey) by county in South Dakota. Black counties indicate those where no surveys were conducted.

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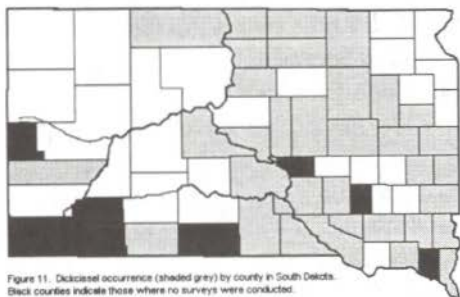


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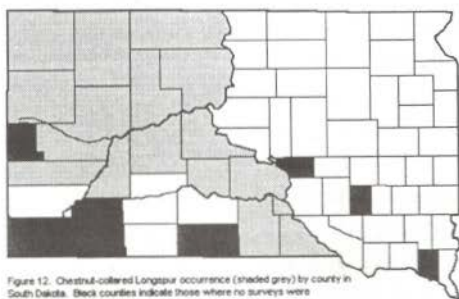


Figure 12. Chestnut-collared Longspur occurrence (shaded grey) by county in South Dakota. Black counties indicate those where no surveys were conducted.

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2002 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 19 May 2002 at Sand Lake NWR and on 20 October 2002 at Rapid City. 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*.

Springer (1988. SDBN 40:67-70) outlined the purpose and voting procedures of the committee. Observers of rare or unusual birds in South Dakota are encouraged to report their observations to the secretary of the RBRC (currently David Swanson of Vermillion, SD) or to compilers of the quarterly Seasonal Reports in *South Dakota Bird Notes* (Jeffrey Palmer of Madison, SD and Robb Schenck of Sioux Falls, SD). A *Rare Bird Observation Form* is available (in paper and electronic formats) for this purpose from the secretary of the RBRC. 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 review species, for which rare bird reports are requested, is provided on the latest version of the *Checklist of South Dakota Birds* (available from Dan Tallman, Aberdeen, SD). 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. This information can be found in Tallman et al. (2002. *Birds of South Dakota*, 3rd edition, SDOU, Aberdeen, SD). In addition, reports are requested for observations listed in the "Species Requiring Acceptance by the Rare Bird Records Committee" section in the Seasonal Reports of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. 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 December 2002 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.

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

Brown Pelican. 27 June 2002. On the Missouri River below Gavin's Point Dam, nominally Yankton Co. Photographed. Doug Backlund. Only four previous records for South Dakota.

Western Sandpiper. 29 April-4 May 2002. Three adults at Arikara Wetland, Hughes Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson and Kenny Miller. This species is listed as a casual migrant in South Dakota, but more information is needed to properly assess its distribution and abundance within the state.

Lesser Black-backed Gull. 1-2 April 2002. Two adults at Farm Island State Park, Hughes Co. Videotaped. Ricky Olson, Doug Backlund and Kenny Miller. Third state record.

Eurasian Collared-Dove. Two adults, first observed 30 May 2001, present throughout the summer, at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed. Todd Jensen. This species is rare, but increasing, in western South Dakota.

White-winged Dove. 3 May 2002. One adult near Madison, Lake Co. Kristel Bakker and DeLon Mork. Photographed. Third state record.

CLASS 2 (Accepted - Satisfactory written description).

Red-throated Loon. 28 October 2000. One in immature plumage at Angostura Reservoir, Fall River Co. Todd Jensen. Sixth state record.

Pacific Loon. 20 October 2001. One in immature plumage at Angostura Reservoir, Fall River Co. Todd Jensen. Seventh state record.

Surf Scoter. 21 October-4 November 2001. Two immatures at Bear Butte Lake, Meade Co. Todd Jensen and Jocelyn Baker. Fourth record for western South Dakota.

Surf Scoter. 3-12 December 2001. One adult male at Pierre, Hughes Co. Ricky Olson, Doug Backlund and Kenny Miller. Casual fall migrant east.

Black Scoter. 18 October 2001. Two adult females at Fort Pierre, Stanley Co. Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant east.

Red-shouldered Hawk. 18 May 2002. One at Sica Hollow State Park, Roberts Co. Jay Carlisle, Eric Liknes and David Swanson. Casual spring migrant east.

Snowy Plover. 14 May 2001. One adult in Hughes Co. Ricky Olson. Second state record.

Red Knot. 19 May 2001. Two adults in Hughes Co. Kenny Miller. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3). Casual spring migrant east.

Laughing Gull. 27 April 2002. One adult in Stanley Co. Ricky Olson and Doug Backlund. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3). Third state record.

Mew Gull. 22 December 2001. One in adult basic plumage at Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton Co. David Swanson. Third state record.

Mew Gull. 21 April 2002. One adult below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Kenny Miller, Ricky Olson and Doug Backlund. Fourth state record and first in spring.

- Iceland Gull. 17 December 2001-March 2002. One in first-winter plumage at Pierre, Hughes Co. Ricky Olson, Doug Backlund and Kenny Miller. Third state record.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove. 28 February 2002. Five or six individuals at Belle Fourche, Butte Co. Jocelyn Baker. This species is rare, but increasing, in western South Dakota.
- Flammulated Owl. 24 May 2002. One adult male (based on call) near Hanna, Lawrence Co. Bill Given. This species was previously listed as hypothetical for South Dakota, based on a single observer sight record of a bird caught by mist net in Custer Co., 24 August 1994. This record places this species on the official state list.
- White-eyed Vireo. 18 September 2001. One adult at Watertown, Codington Co. Jerry Stanford. Second fall record for the state.
- White-eyed Vireo. 12 October 2001. One adult at Sand Lake NWR, Brown Co. Ron Martin, Corey Ellingson and Clark Talkington. Third fall record for the state.
- Western Bluebird. 9 September 2001. One adult male in West Short Pine Hills, Harding Co. Charles Miller. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3). Third state record.
- Black-throated Blue Warbler. 22 August 2001. One adult male at Sica Hollow State Park, Marshall Co. Jerry Stanford. Second earliest fall record for this rare migrant.
- Townsend's Warbler. 3 September 2001. One immature female at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Todd Jensen. Casual fall migrant west.
- Black-and-White Warbler. 10 November 2001. One in Pierre, Hughes Co. Kenny Miller. Latest fall record for the state.
- Prothonotary Warbler. 12 May 2002. One adult male at Union Grove State Park, Union Co. Jay Carlisle. Casual spring migrant east.
- Prothonotary Warbler. 19 May 2002. One adult female at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln Co. Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Casual spring migrant east.
- Worm-eating Warbler. 21 May 2000. One adult male at Union Grove State Park, Union Co. Eric Liknes and David Swanson. Casual spring migrant east.
- Kentucky Warbler. 20 June 2001. One adult male at Myron Grove Recreation Area, Clay Co. Eric Liknes. Fourth summer record.
- Kentucky Warbler. 11 September 2001. One adult male at Pierre, Hughes Co. Ricky Olson. First fall record for the state.
- Kentucky Warbler. 22 May-11 June 2002. One adult male at Union Grove State Park, Union Co. Jay Carlisle and Eric Liknes. Fifth summer (mid June) record.
- Hooded Warbler. 19 August-22 September 2001. One adult female in Rapid City, Pennington Co. Todd Jensen and Jocelyn Baker. Accidental migrant and summer resident west.
- Summer Tanager. 14 May 2002. One immature male in Stanley Co. Ricky Ol-

son. Casual spring migrant.

Summer Tanager. 22 May 2002. One immature male at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co. Rosemary Draeger and Linda Johnson. Casual spring migrant.

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

Brant. 2 November 2001. One in Charles Mix Co. The description provided was incomplete and did not conclusively eliminate Richardson's race of Canada Goose.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird. 13 June 2002. Two adult males in Custer Co. The committee noted that the report was missing some important details and did not conclusively eliminate other similar hummingbirds. (2 Class 3, 3 Class 2)

Varied Thrush. 7 February 2002. One female in Sturgis, Meade Co. The committee felt that there were some troubling details in the report and that the description provided in the report was too incomplete for acceptance. (3 Class 3, 2 Class 2)

Pine Warbler. 13 September 2001. Five total (two males and three females/immatures) in Beadle Co. The description did not eliminate Blackpoll or Bay-breasted warblers. In addition, five Pine Warblers at one location at one time is unprecedented for South Dakota.

Prairie Warbler. 20 May 2002. One adult male in Aberdeen, Brown Co. The committee noted that some important details were omitted from the report, so that not all other *Dendroica* warblers were conclusively eliminated.

Connecticut Warbler. 22 August 2001. Five total (three males and two females/immatures) in Marshall Co. The description provided was rather vague and did not conclusively eliminate Nashville or fall Mourning warblers. In addition, five Connecticut Warblers at one location at one time is unprecedented for South Dakota.

Sage Sparrow. 24 May 2001. Two adult males in Butte Co. The committee believed that the description was too incomplete for acceptance and did not conclusively eliminate some other sparrows or female Lark Bunting. (3 Class 3, 2 Class 2)

Orchard Oriole. 5 March 2002. One adult male in Hughes Co. This date is almost two months earlier than the current earliest record (26 April) and the description provided did not conclusively eliminate Eastern or Spotted towhees.

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

No reports were rated as class 4.

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Pacific Loon. 18 October 2002. One immature at Shadehill Reservoir, Perkins Co.

Rough-legged Hawk. 22 July 2000. One immature near Buffalo, Harding Co.

Red Knot. 26 May 2001. One adult in breeding plumage in Miner Co.
 Long-tailed Jaeger. 13 September 2002. One dark-phase immature in Clay Co.
 Mew Gull. 22 October 2002. One adult below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co.
 Lesser Black-backed Gull. 6 April 2002. One adult at Lake Whitewood, Kingsbury Co.
 Lesser Black-backed Gull. 7 August-18 October 2002. One in second summer plumage below Oahe Dam and at Pierre, Stanley and Hughes counties.
 Lesser Black-backed Gull. 5 October 2002. One adult at Belle Fourche Land-fill, Butte Co.
 Sabine's Gull. 22 September 2001. One in first winter plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co.
 Sabine's Gull. 15 September 2002. One in first winter plumage below Oahe Dam and at Pierre, Stanley and Hughes counties.
 White-winged Dove. 25 May 1997. One at St. Onge, Buffalo Co.
 Calliope Hummingbird. 13 July 2002. One adult male in Hill City, Pennington Co.
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird. 13 July 2002. One adult male in Hill City, Pennington Co.
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird. 21 July 2002. One adult male in Custer Co.
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 8 November 2002. One in Warner, Brown Co.
 Cassin's Vireo. 17 September 2002. One adult at Fort Meade Recreation Area, Meade Co.
 Hermit Thrush. 18-20 September 2002. Two at Farm Island State Park, Hughes Co. One additional bird in Stanley Co.
 Blue-winged Warbler. 17 June 1998. One adult male in Sturgis, Meade Co.
 Yellow-throated Warbler. 17 September 2002. One adult male at Fort Meade Recreation Area, Meade Co.
 Pine Warbler. 26 September 2002. One at Fort Meade Recreation Area, Meade Co.
 Hooded Warbler. 29 June 2002. One adult male in Meade Co.
 Cassin's Sparrow. 5-21 July 2002. Two or three west of Edgemont, Fall River Co.

OTHER ACTION

In other action, the committee voted to remove Surf Scoter, Whimbrel, Thayer's Gull, Sabine's Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Rufous Hummingbird (in the Black Hills only), Cassin's Kingbird (Bennett and Shannon counties only), and Lesser Goldfinch (Fall River Co. only) from the review list.



GENERAL NOTES

My 2002 Big Year. A Big Year is the total count of all bird species seen within an area, such as a state, in one calendar year. In 2002, Kenny Miller and I set out to see 300 species in South Dakota in one year. We wanted to increase our state life list, and because I had come close to 300 in 2001 without trying to, we were pretty sure that we would accomplish our goal. When Jeff Palmer set the Big Year record in of 311 in 1997, he said that it was possible to get 300 species almost any year and that his record could be broken. At that time it was hard for me to believe that the record would ever be broken or that 300 was that obtainable in South Dakota, but Jeff was right.

I ended the year with 329 species; Kenny with 322. I broke 300 species the first week of July. In my opinion these are some of the reasons why we obtained the high totals. We live in the Pierre area, which gives us two advantages. We can see a large number of species within 60 miles of Pierre. In 2002 I saw 260 and Kenny saw 265 species within 60 miles of Pierre, which is typical for us. Pierre's central location in the state gives us a big advantage. We are, at the most, four hours from any rare bird sighting, and typically only three hours away. Being centrally located is a great advantage in chasing rare birds.

Another reason we achieved such a high total is information. The sharing of information by other birders was crucial. Technology, such as our Rare Bird Reports on the Internet and cell phones, let birders all over the state share information with us in real time. Without help from people all over the state, Kenny and I never would have reached such a high total. I would like to thank all those people who contributed to our Big Year. Birding and socializing with fellow birders was half the fun of a Big Year. I will try to list all those that helped and, if I leave anybody out, I apologize to them. Fellow contributors were: Jay Carlisle, Dave Swanson, Eric Liknes, Bruce Harris, Randy Podall, Jocie Baker, George Prisbe, Todd Jensen, Jeff Palmer, Robb Schenck, Mark Wetmore, RMBO, Dennis Skadsen, Bob Rogers, Anna Ball, Duane Weber, Doug Backlund, and Bob Emme.

The other important information link was the *Birds of South Dakota*. The compiled seasonal report information helped us greatly. Kenny and I would select a bird to target. Then we would look in the *Birds of South Dakota* to see when and where that bird species was most frequently found in South Dakota in spring or fall. We would then bird intensively in the appropriate time frame in the appropriate area or in a similar habitat. You would be surprised how well this works, especially for rare birds. This is definitely why I saw as many gull species as I did. Some people think collecting seasonal data is a waste of time. I will state that this trend data collected over a span of time can greatly enhance your chances of finding different species. It also tells you where to look for those habitat-specific species. I think birders who do not use this readily avail-

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able information are missing out.

Okay, so much for the boring stuff, here's the story. Kenny and I ended up in every part of the state at one time or another, a necessity for seeing the habitat-specific species or those species whose range only encompasses a corner of the state. I will not give you a blow-by-blow account of the year, but will mention the highlights.

In January we traveled to the northeast. There we saw the Red-shouldered Hawk and Pileated Woodpecker. At Pierre we had the good fortune to see Iceland, Thayer's and Glaucous gulls. In February and March we were inundated with Snowy Owls.

In April we went to the Black Hills and Belle Fourche. Highlight species were Sage Grouse, Three-toed Woodpecker and Pygmy Nuthatch. Also in April at Pierre we had the good fortune to see Laughing, Lesser-Black-backed and Mew gulls.

In May at the SDOU spring meeting in Aberdeen, we saw a Cape May Warbler, which was a lifer for Kenny and me. At Hecla we saw Little Blue Herons and many rookery species. We then went to Newton Hills and Union state parks, where we picked up many eastern species. The highlights were Prothonotary, Blue-winged and Connecticut warblers. Pierre area highlights in May were Golden-winged Warbler and Summer Tanager.

We were very lucky to see the species we did in May and June, as the winds were incredibly strong. In June we went to the Black Hills to pick up common birds, including Black-backed Woodpecker. We then went to LaCreek Refuge and saw Eastern Meadowlark and Trumpeter Swan. We tried for Sage Thrasher at Edgemont and Cassin's Kingbird on the Pine Ridge, but struck out on both. We went to Grand River Grasslands and saw Sprague's Pipit and Baird's Sparrow. We went back to Hecla and were ready to give up when we saw finally saw Glossy Ibis.

In July we were back in the Black Hills to see Cassin's Sparrows near Edgemont. We also saw Rufous, Calliope and Broad-tailed hummingbirds in Hill City. In July I was able to see the Brown Pelican found by Doug Backlund and a Sharp-tailed Sparrow thanks to Bob Rogers.

In August Jocie Baker and George Prisbe helped me find Clark's Nutcracker and Lewis' Woodpecker. In the Pierre area I saw a Red Knot and a large flock of Buff-breasted Sandpipers. Kenny was enjoying birding northern Washington State at this time.

October was a great month. We saw Surf Scoters in many places. Jeff Palmer and Robb Schenck found a Pacific Loon at Angostura Reservoir that we were able to see. I was astounded to have a Varied Thrush show up in my backyard. I was lucky enough to see a Little Gull near LaFramboise Island. Kenny Miller found a Red Phalarope for us at Stone Lake and a Pacific Loon at Cottonwood Lake.

In September at Pierre, I found a beautiful Sabine's Gull, another lifer for Kenny and me.

In November we traveled to the hills again. We saw Randy Podall's White-winged Scoter at Bear Butte State Park. We went to Yankton and had the great luck to see the Black Scoters, Long-tailed Duck and Black Duck found by Jay Carlisle the day before.

In December a trip to Vermillion netted a beautiful Carolina Wren.

A lot of people will look at this article and say that this is just a "lister" bragging about his totals. Well, in a way it might be, but you also have to look at what information is gained because of listers. I will wager that more rare bird reports were filed from 2002 than anytime recently, because there were many South Dakota birders (listers) doing a Big Year in 2002. Listers were in all parts of the state in 2002, thus giving us a more comprehensive overview of what bird species were present. Listers go into all types of habitats looking for that rare bird, into habitats the casual birder never looks in. Listers have documented many rare birds that come through our state. Some of these species later became nesting birds (egrets, herons, Great-tailed Grackles, etc.). These rare bird reports or reporting common species give our scientific community lots of data about migration, distribution, range expansion, etc. The Virginia's Warbler is an example of a lister finding a breeding population of a species in our state that had escaped detection for many years. No matter what your personal opinion of listers is, you must agree that they collect a lot of scientific data. If we didn't have listers our knowledge of birds would be lacking and much less data would be collected each year. The data collected by listers help state and federal agencies manage and protect the thing we all love—birds.

Also, most of us who are labeled listers are not just out to get a new bird. We also enjoy the common birds. Listing just makes birding a little more challenging.

Will I do another Big Year soon? No! The three things you really need for a Big Year are: be single, be rich and have all the free time you want. I'm married with children (if I had not had such a great, understanding wife, my Big Year never would have happened). I am not rich, so splitting the gas with Kenny also made it possible, and I never have enough free time.

I know someone is going to ask, "what did you miss, and do you think 329 can be beat?" The species I looked for and missed were: Le Conte's Sparrow, Least Bittern, Yellow-throated Vireo, Cassin's Finch, Sage Thrasher, Common Redpoll, Bobwhite, and Cassin's Kingbird. But 20 of the species I saw required a rare bird report from the original observer, or I was the original observer. Yes, 329 can be broken, but, in addition to the previously mentioned things, you also need a lot of luck, which I had in 2002. I didn't list all the species I saw in 2002 in this article, because of printing costs. If you want to see a list, just contact me and I will send you one. *Ricky D. Olson, PO Box 622, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532.*

MYSTERY WARBLER. The bird was foraging along a row of medium-sized cottonwoods in the Miller, South Dakota, city park at 2 PM on 16 May 2003.

The trees were 12 to 18 inches in diameter and adjacent to a trickling stream of (sewage?) water. The bird worked the trees methodically, starting at the base and winding its way up the trunk. It did not go above 15 feet high, before dropping down to the next tree in the line, similar to the behavior of a Brown Creeper. The bird took some food from the leaves as well as from the tree bark. I heard no calls or song.

The bird was about six inches long, with a slim build. The top of its head showed distinct black and tan or brown stripes, just like a Worm-eating Warbler. But, the back and wings were boldly marked with black and brown lines from the neck to the rump. There appeared to be a Y-shaped line that followed the upper back to the rump. Also unlike a Worm-eating Warbler, no colors appeared to be buffy—not even the stripes on the head alternating with the black. I could see little of the breast, which seemed to be a dirty white, but with thin streaks on the throat and possibly the upper breast.

Unfortunately I did not look closely at the bill, tail, or undertail coverts—the bird was in the shade most of the time and seldom showed the breast. I am quite sure the bill was a typical warbler shape, definitely not long or down-curved. The tail was square-cut and not spiny-tipped like that of a creeper or woodpecker.

Despite all the differences, I went back to the car thinking I had seen a Worm-eating Warbler. A quick look at the field guide indicated that I had seen another species, possibly a hybrid. I alerted other birders in the region, but none could check the bird out. After some research, I find my bird is most similar to the Aquatic Warbler of Europe. *Bruce Harris, Box 604, Clear Lake, SD 57226.*



SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2003 Spring Season

01 March 2003 to 31 May 2003

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There were 316 species reported (1995-2002 average is 312) during the season. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are earlier/later than listed in *Birds of South Dakota* by Tallman, Swanson, and Palmer 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 for the missing region also. 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 two of the

previous five years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to four) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

- Common Loon** Early: 24 Mar Yankton SVS; 30 Mar Stanley KM; 30 Mar Hughes DB; 13 Apr Day WS; 04 May Custer KH ... Late: 28 May Stanley DSC; 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 17 May Charles Mix NP; 12 May Pennington JLB
- Pied-billed Grebe** Early: 20 Mar Fall River JLB; 29 Mar Lake JSP; 30 Mar Jones KM; 05 Apr Hughes RDO; 05 Apr Yankton DS
- Horned Grebe** Early: 22 Mar Stanley RDO; 25 Mar Yankton SVS; 28 Mar Charles Mix RM ... Late: 12 May Brown DAT, RT; 11 May Kingsbury DSC; 03 May Charles Mix RM
- Red-necked Grebe** All Reports: 28 Apr Marshall WS; 09 May Day DC; 12 May Day DAT, RT; 31 May Roberts WS
- Eared Grebe** Early: 05 Apr Sully KM; 11 Apr Brown DAT; 13 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Pennington JLB
- Western Grebe** Early: 07 Apr Meade EEM, CEM; 10 Apr Day WS; 13 Apr Charles Mix RM
- Clark's Grebe** Early: 21 Apr Sully RDO; 03 May Stanley KM; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 20 May Meade JLB
- American White Pelican** Early: 08 Mar Minnehaha DC; 03 Apr Hughes RDO; 04 Apr Day WS; 15 Apr Meade AKB
- Double-crested Cormorant** Early: 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 31 Mar Yankton SVS; 02 Apr Day WS; 15 Apr Meade AKB
- American Bittern** Early: 29 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Day WS; 09 May Jones DSC
- Least Bittern** Only Report: 22 May Roberts WS
- Great Blue Heron** Early: 17 Mar Yankton SVS; 18 Mar Brown SLS; 22 Mar Charles Mix RM; 28 Mar Meade EEM
- Great Egret** Early: 10 Apr Clay SVS; 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 Apr Lake JSP; 26 May Meade KM
- Snowy Egret** All Reports: 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 May Marshall DC; 11 May Day WS; 17 May Brown DC; 31 May Brookings JSP
- Little Blue Heron** Only Report: 12 May Brown DAT, RT
- Cattle Egret** Early: 17 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 May Day WS; 03 May Sully KM; 19 May Bennett NP
- Green Heron** Early: 09 May Lake JSP; 11 May Hughes KM; 11 May Kingsbury DSC
- Black-crowned Night-Heron** Early: 18 Apr Day MKZ; 29 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 25 May Bennett AKB
- White-faced Ibis** Early: 15 Apr Brown SLS; 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 May Hughes KM, RDO; 09 May Yankton SVS; 25 May Bennett AKB
- Turkey Vulture** Early: 16 Mar Harding CEM; 31 Mar Pennington TBW; 01 Apr Day WS; 01 Apr Charles Mix RM
- Greater White-fronted Goose** Early: 01 Mar Lake JSP; 03 Mar Yankton SVS; 12 Mar Brown DAT ... Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 20 Apr Sully KM, CEM; 12 Apr Yankton SVS
- Snow Goose** Early: 01 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Mar Stanley KM; 13 Mar Yankton SVS ... Late: 31 May Kingsbury JSP; 23 May Codington WS; 17 May Marshall DC; 20 Apr Sully KM, CEM; 20 Apr Hughes CEM ... Peak Concentration: 23 Mar Brown (300,000) SLS
- Ross's Goose** Early: 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Miner JSP; 16 Mar Sully KM; 08 Apr Harding CEM ... Late: 20 Apr Sully KM; 20 Apr Hughes CEM; 29 Mar Clay DS
- Trumpeter Swan** Only Report: 25 May Bennett AKB
- Tundra Swan** All Reports: 28 Mar Day WS; 02 Apr Day WS; 06 Apr Day DAT
- Wood Duck** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Stanley KM; 10 Mar McCook DC
- Gadwall** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Miner JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 22 Apr Day (NE) WS
- American Wigeon** Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Stanley RDO, KM; 01 Mar Lake JSP

American Black Duck Only Report: 01-08 Mar Stanley KM, RDO

Blue-winged Teal Early: 15 Mar Lake JSP; 15 Mar Charles Mix DS; 16 Mar Day WS; 13 Apr Harding CEM

Cinnamon Teal Early: 19 Apr Sully KM, CEM; 28 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 May Harding DCS; 07 May Brown SLS

Northern Shoveler Early: 07 Mar Pennington DAT; 09 Mar Stanley KM; 12 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Day WS; 15 Mar Miner JSP

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Lake JSP; 01 Mar Stanley KM, RDO; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 07 Mar Pennington JLB, DAT

Green-winged Teal Early: 11 Mar Hughes KM; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 12 Mar Pennington JLB; 15 Mar Lake JSP

Canvasback Early: 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Miner JSP; 16 Mar Butte AKB; 16 Mar Sully KM; 16 Mar Charles Mix RM

Redhead Early: 01 Mar Lake JSP; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 12 Mar Pennington JLB

Ring-necked Duck Early: 09 Mar Stanley KM; 11 Mar Pennington JLB; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Miner JSP; 15 Mar Minnehaha MKZ

Greater Scaup All Reports: 01 Mar Stanley KM; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 13 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Charles Mix DS; 16 Mar Brown DAT; 29 Mar Sully KM

Lesser Scaup Early: 01 Mar Lake JSP; 01 Mar Stanley KM; 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 02 Mar Pennington JLB

White-winged Scoter Only Report: 28 Mar Meade AKB

Long-tailed Duck Only Report: 15 Mar Charles Mix DS

Bufflehead Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Miner JSP; 15 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 15 Mar Hughes KM ... Late: 20 May Meade JLB; 12 May Codington WS; 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 27 Apr Charles Mix RM

Common Goldeneye Late: 11 May Meade EEM; 29 Apr Day WS; 20 Apr Sully KM

Barrow's Goldeneye Late: 13 Mar Pennington JLB

Hooded Merganser Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 02 Mar Hughes KM, DSC; 11 Mar Yankton SVS; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 15 May Roberts WS; 14 May Lake JSP, RFS; 13 May Yankton SVS; 13 Mar Pennington JLB

Common Merganser Late: 21 May Meade AKB; 21 May Pennington JLB; 19 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 May Kingsbury DSC ... Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Custer (PY) RAP

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 02 Mar Yankton SVS; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 23 Mar Stanley RDO, DB ... Late: 14 May Stanley RFS, JSP; 25 Apr Yankton SVS; 29 Mar Lake JSP

Ruddy Duck Early: 16 Mar Charles Mix RM; 21 Mar Yankton SVS; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 21 Apr Harding CEM

Osprey Early: 05 Apr Pennington TBW; 13 Apr Hughes KM; 17 Apr Stanley RDO; 21 Apr Day WS ... Late: 31 May Gregory RM; 24 May Harding KM; 15 May Stanley JSP, RFS; 12 May Day WS

Northern Harrier Early: 09 Mar Stanley AKB; 09 Mar Lyman RDO; 14 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Miner JSP; 16 Mar Harding CEM

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 12 May Hughes KM; 10 May Roberts SG; 09 May Yankton SVS

Cooper's Hawk reported from Brown, Charles Mix, Harding, Hughes, Kingsbury, Lake, Lyman, Pennington, Perkins, Union, and Yankton counties

Northern Goshawk All Reports: 17 May Lawrence KH; 13 Apr Pennington TBW; 02 Apr Pennington TBW

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 17 Apr Brown DAT; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 24 May Harding CEM, KM ... Late: 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 07 May Yankton SVS; 04 May Stanley DB

Swainson's Hawk Early: 15 Apr Brown DAT; 16 Apr Stanley RDO; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Harding CEM; 21 Apr Meade AKB

Ferruginous Hawk Early: 09 Mar Stanley RDO; 14 Mar Harding CEM; 20 Mar Meade APB

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 09 Apr Harding CEM; 08 Apr Day WS; 01 Apr Meade AKB; 30 Mar Stanley KM

Golden Eagle Late: 09 Apr Clay DS; 22 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Mar Stanley RDO

Merlin Late: 16 Apr Stanley DSC; 06 Apr Yankton SVS; 09 Mar Lyman AKB

Gyr Falcon All Reports: **09 Apr Stanley DB**; 09 Mar Lyman AKB; 09 Mar Sully RDO; 04 Mar Stanley DAT; 02 Mar Hughes KM

Peregrine Falcon Early: 10 Apr Union SVS; 13 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Sully DB; 27 Apr Brown DAT; 27 Apr Edmunds JDW; 10 May Meade APB ... Late: 11 May Yankton SVS; 11 May Meade REP; 09 May Union DS; 04 May Spink AKB

Prairie Falcon Late: 21 Mar Stanley DB; 09 Mar Lyman RDO; 02 Mar Gregory DC

Gray Partridge reported from Harding, and Meade counties

Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 03 Mar Lawrence DCS; 15 Apr Lawrence DCS; 12 May Lawrence DB; 31 May Lawrence DB

Sage Grouse All Reports: 15 Mar Butte (7 males) JLB; 22 Mar Butte AKB; 11 Apr Butte (11 males) DB; 12 Apr Harding CEM, KM; 27 Apr Harding CEM; 30 May Harding CEM

Sharp-tailed Grouse reported 21 Mar Day WS; 04 May Hand AKB; 23 May Codrington WS

Greater Prairie-Chicken reported from Clark, Douglas, Jones, Lyman, and Stanley counties

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 12 Apr Minnehaha DC; 13 May Yankton SVS; 28 May Charles Mix RM

Virginia Rail All Reports: **30 Apr Stanley RDO**; 12 May Brown DAT, RT; 14 May Lincoln JSP, RFS; 17 May Hughes DC; 17 May Stanley KM

Sora Early: 29 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Day WS; 05 May Minnehaha DC; 10 May Harding CEM

Sandhill Crane Early: 23 Mar Day WS; 23 Mar Clay DS; 26 Mar Hyde NS; 26 Mar Yankton SVS; 03 Apr Meade EEM, APB; 03 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Meade APB; 14 Apr Stanley DSC; 11 Apr Brown DAT

Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 02 May Hughes KM; 10 May Pennington JLB; 11 May Hughes RDO; 16 May Edmunds JSW; 20 May Hughes KM; 31 May Kingsbury JSP

American Golden-Plover Early: 26 Apr Sully KM; 02 May Hughes KM; 05 May Union DS; 15 May Davison JSP, RFS ... Late: 21 May Marshall WS; 16 May Edmunds JDW; 13 May Yankton SVS

Semipalmated Plover Early: 17 Apr Minnehaha DC; 26 Apr Sully KM; 11 May Meade REP ... Late: 31 May Sully KM; 25 May Bennett AKB; 20 May Kingsbury JSP

Piping Plover Early: 27 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Sully RDO; 10 May Kingsbury JSP

Killdeer Early: 14 Mar Hyde NS; 14 Mar Clay DS; 15 Mar Brown DAT, SLS; 15 Mar Stanley KM, RDO; 15 Mar Miner JSP; 15 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 15 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Yankton SVS; 16 Mar Butte AKB

American Avocet Early: 13 Apr Harding CEM, KM; 17 Apr Brown DAT, SLS; 21 Apr Sully RDO; 21 Apr Charles Mix RM

Greater Yellowlegs Early: **15 Mar Minnehaha MKZ**; **15 Mar Bon Homme DS**; 16 Mar Yankton SVS; 08 Apr Meade DCS ... Late: 13 May Yankton SVS; 11 May Day SG; 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 20 Apr Meade AKB

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 29 Mar Brown SLS; 04 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 26 May Meade JLB; 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Day WS; 19 May Charles Mix RM

Solitary Sandpiper All Reports: 27 Apr Lyman DB; 29 Apr Pennington JLB; 03 May Stanley KM; 09 May Stanley RDO; 14 May Clark JSP, RFS; 20 May Kingsbury JSP

Willet Early: 17 Apr Brown SLS; 20 Apr Sully KM; 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Pennington JLB

Spotted Sandpiper Early: 28 Apr Brown DAT; 01 May Meade JLB; 03 May Sully JSP, RFS; 03 May Charles Mix RM

Upland Sandpiper Early: 27 Apr Stanley DB; 30 Apr Grant WS; 02 May Hughes RDO; 05 May Fall River JLB

Long-billed Curlew Early: 05 Apr Fall River JSP; 09 Apr Stanley DB; 12 Apr Meade EEM

Hudsonian Godwit Early: 20 Apr Sully KM, CEM; 09 May Minnehaha DC; 10 May Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 31 May Sully KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP

Marbled Godwit Early: 14 Apr Brown SLS; 18 Apr Sully KM; 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 May Bennett NP

Ruddy Turnstone All Reports: 14 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 31 May Kingsbury (160+) JSP

Sanderling Early: 02 May Sully RDO; 09 May Roberts SG; 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Bennett NP ... Late: 31 May Kingsbury (100+) JSP; 20 May Hughes KM

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 26 Apr Sully KM; 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 28 Apr Brown DAT ... Late: 31 May Perkins AKB; 31 May Sully KM; 31 May Kingsbury JSP

Least Sandpiper Early: 27 Apr Sully KM; 03 May Kingsbury JSP; 06 May Day WS; 08 May Harding CEM ... Late: 20 May Hughes KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Day WS

White-rumped Sandpiper Early: 03 May Sully KM; 03 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 06 May Day WS; 09 May Harding CEM ... Late: 31 May Sully KM; 31 May Kingsbury JSP; 30 May Brown SLS; 23 May Meade APB

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 16 Mar Codington JDW; 20 Mar Douglas RM; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 22 Mar Sully KM; 23 Apr Meade REP ... Late: 20 May Meade EEM, JLB; 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Bennett NP; 11 May Hughes KM

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 22 Mar Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Brown SLS ... Late: 31 May Charles Mix RM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 13 May Lincoln DC

Dunlin Early: 17 Apr Brown DAT; 18 Apr Sully KM; 02 May Hughes RDO ... Late: 31 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Day WS; 16 May Sully KM

Stilt Sandpiper Early: 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 03 May Sully KM; 14 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 18 May Tripp NP ... Late: 31 May Sully KM; 30 May Brown SLS; 25 May Charles Mix RM

Buff-breasted Sandpiper Only Report: 12 May Brown DAT, RT

Short-billed Dowitcher All Reports: 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 12 May Meade EEM; 14 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 19 Apr Charles Mix RM; 25 Apr Yankton SVS; 26 Apr Sully KM; 28 Apr Brown DAT; 03 May Harding CEM ... Late: 14 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 11 May Sully KM; 10 May Meade APB

Wilson's Snipe Early: 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 22 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Lake JSP; 16 Apr Meade APB

American Woodcock All Reports: 21 Mar Hughes KM; 22 Mar Hughes RDO; 08 Apr Hughes (3) DB; 13 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Hughes KM, CEM; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP

Wilson's Phalarope Early: 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 26 Apr Sully KM; 02 May Brown SLS; 02 May Brule AKB; 03 May Harding CEM

Red-necked Phalarope Early: 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 11 May Sully KM, RDO; 19 May Bennett NP ... Late: 31 May Sully KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP

Franklin's Gull Early: 15 Mar Bon Homme DS; 18 Mar Brown MKZ; 19 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Apr Meade AKB

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 18 Mar Day MKZ; 02 Apr Yankton SVS; 05 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 11 Apr Meade AKB ... Late: 31 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Bennett NP; 14 May Yankton SVS

Ring-billed Gull Early: 06 Mar Charles Mix RM; 09 Mar Hughes AKB; 13 Mar Fall River JLB; 15 Mar Miner JSP

California Gull Early: 15 Mar Hughes KM, RDO; 18 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Apr Brown DAT ... Late: 17 May Hughes DC; 17 May Stanley AKB; 20 Apr Sully CEM; 14 Apr Day WS

Herring Gull Early: 01 Mar Stanley KM; 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 16 Mar Yankton SVS; 22 Mar Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 17 May Stanley AKB; 17 May Hughes DC; 11 May Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Lake JSP

Glaucous Gull All Reports: 17 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Mar Stanley KM; 01 Mar Hughes RDO

Caspian Tern Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 09 May Day DC; 17 May Charles Mix NP ... Late: 19 May Stanley KM

Common Tern All Reports: 27 Apr Sully KM; 04 May Codington AKB; 09 May Brookings DC; 12 May Charles Mix DS; 12 May Hughes KM; 14 May Hughes RFS, JSP

Forster's Tern Early: 04 Apr Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Yankton SVS; 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 10 May Pennington JLB

Least Tern All Reports: 14 May Clay DS; 18 May Bon Homme NP

Black Tern Early: 02 May Minnehaha DC; 07 May Brown SLS; 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 11 May Charles Mix RM; 25 May Bennett AKB

Eurasian Collared Dove reported from Brule, Butte, Charles Mix, Hughes, Pennington, and Yankton counties

Mourning Dove Early: 20 Mar Brown DAT; 22 Mar Lake JSP; 26 Mar Stanley KM; 05 Apr Meade APB

Black-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 20 May Hughes KM; 28 May Perkins DCS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 17 May Hughes RDO; 21 May Fall River RBA; 31 May Gregory RM; 31 May Yankton SVS

Snowy Owl All Reports: 29 Mar Hyde NS; 21 Mar Brown SLS; 17 Mar Day WS

Burrowing Owl Early: 22 Mar Jones DB; 28 Mar Meade EEM; 30 Mar Stanley KM

Barred Owl Only Report: 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP

Long-eared Owl reported from Fall River, Harding, Meade, Stanley, Sully, and Union counties

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 02 Mar Charles Mix DC; 11 Apr Day WS; 13 Apr Harding CEM, KM; 17 May Harding CEM

Northern Saw-whet Owl Late: 13 Mar Hughes RDO ... also reported from Custer, Harding, and Lawrence counties

Common Nighthawk Early: 13 May Yankton SVS; 14 May Clay DS; 15 May Davison RFS, JSP; 17 May Harding CEM

Common Poorwill Early: 14 May Harding CEM; 14 May Stanley RFS, JSP; 14 May Meade APB; 14 May Fall River DS

Chuck-will's-widow Early: 05 May Stanley DB

Whip-poor-will Early: 01 May Stanley RDO; 11 May Yankton SVS; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP

Chimney Swift Early: 24 Apr Brown DAT; 24 Apr Yankton SVS; 04 May Stanley KM; 04 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Fall River JLB

White-throated Swift Early: 11 Apr Harding CEM, KM; 02 May Custer KH; 06 May Meade REP

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: 12 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Lake RFS, JSP; 17 May Hughes DB

Belted Kingfisher Early: 01 Mar Yankton SVS; 02 Mar Pennington JLB; 07 Mar Meade AKB; 29 Mar Lake JSP

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 15 Apr Meade AKB; 09 May Pennington JLB; 22 May Harding KM

Red-beaded Woodpecker Early: 16 Mar Hyde NS; 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 08 May Lake JSP; 10 May Pennington JLB

Red-bellied Woodpecker reported from Charles Mix, Clay, Gregory, Hughes, Lincoln, Stanley, and Yankton counties

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker All Reports: 27 Mar Lake JSP; 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 23 May Lincoln MKZ

Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 12 May Pennington JLB; 22 May Meade AKB; 27 May Lawrence DCS

Northern Flicker Early: 01 Mar Meade EEM; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Mar Pennington JLB; 20 Mar Minnehaha DC

Olive-sided Flycatcher Only Report: 23 May Harding CEM, KM

Western Wood-Pewee All Reports: 14 May Meade REP; 21 May Meade APB; 25 May Pennington JLB; 28 May Custer KH; 31 May Meade APB

Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 17 May Stanley AKB; 18 May Hughes KM; 26 May Charles Mix

RM; 27 May Day WS

- Alder Flycatcher** All Reports: 25 May Clay DS; 28 May Lake JSP; 31 May Brookings JSP
- Willow Flycatcher** Early: 12 May Charles Mix DS; 14 May Hughes DB; 17 May Stanley AKB; 20 May Pennington JLB; 23 May Codington WS
- Least Flycatcher** Early: 29 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Hughes RDO; 04 May Brown DAT; 14 May Meade REP
- Dusky Flycatcher** All Reports: 15 May Meade REP; 22 May Meade AKB, JLB; 26 May Pennington JLB
- Cordilleran Flycatcher** All Reports: 20 May Meade REP; 24 May Meade AKB; 26 May Pennington JLB; 27 May Meade AKB
- Eastern Phoebe** Early: 03 Apr Yankton SVS; 12 Apr Lake JSP; 16 Apr Edmunds JDW
- Say's Phoebe** Early: 12 Apr Harding CEM, KM; 13 Apr Stanley KM; 21 Apr Meade AKB; 11 May Edmunds JDW ... also reported 15 May Hand RFS, JSP
- Great Crested Flycatcher** All Reports: 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 14 May Union DS; 17 May Hughes KM, RDO; 28 May Lincoln DC; 31 May Gregory RM
- Western Kingbird** Early: 29 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 02 May Lincoln DC; 09 May Meade REP
- Eastern Kingbird** Early: 03 May Clay DS; 06 May Yankton SVS; 07 May Stanley KM; 09 May Meade REP; 09 May Brookings DC
- Northern Shrike** Late: 30 Mar Sully KM; 26 Mar Meade JLB; 23 Mar Charles Mix RM
- Loggerhead Shrike** Early: 21 Mar Meade APB; 26 Mar Turner SVS; 03 Apr Stanley RDO
- Bell's Vireo** Early: 02 May Charles Mix DC; 13 May Yankton SVS; 17 May Stanley KM, AKB; 25 May Bennett AKB
- Yellow-throated Vireo** All Reports: 06 May Yankton SVS; 12 May Clay DS; 13 May Yankton SVS; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP
- Plumbeous Vireo** All Reports: 14 May Meade REP; 20 May Meade AKB; 28 May Meade EEM
- Blue-headed Vireo** All Reports: 05 May Union DS; 08 May Brown DAT; 09 May Lake JSP; 11 May Minnehaha DC; 13 May Edmunds JDW; 14 May Lake RFS, JSP
- Warbling Vireo** Early: 06 May Yankton SVS; 09 May Lake JSP; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 15 May Meade REP
- Philadelphia Vireo** All Reports: 14 May Lake RFS, JSP; 16 May Hughes KM; 22 May Union BH
- Red-eyed Vireo** Early: 13 May Lincoln DC; 13 May Yankton SVS; 14 May Meade REP
- Gray Jay** reported from Custer, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties
- Pinyon Jay** All Reports: 02 Mar Meade AKB; 15 Apr Meade AKB; 16 Apr Meade AKB; 14 May Meade APB; 24 May Meade AKB; 31 May Meade APB
- Clark's Nutcracker** All Reports: 24 Mar Meade APB; 05 May Meade APB; 18 May Pennington SJD; 21 May Custer KH
- Black-billed Magpie** reported 31 May Sully KM; 12 May Stanley DSC
- Purple Martin** Early: 13 Apr Brown DAT; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 09 May Lake DC
- Tree Swallow** Early: 05 Apr Yankton DS; 11 Apr Meade AKB; 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 Apr Kingsbury DSC; 12 Apr Lake JSP
- Violet-green Swallow** Early: 29 Apr Pennington JLB; 02 May Custer KH; 07 May Meade APB
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Early: 13 Apr Charles Mix RM; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Yankton SVS; 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 29 Apr Pennington JLB
- Bank Swallow** Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 09 May Moody DC; 25 May Bennett AKB
- Cliff Swallow** Early: 24 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Harding CEM; 02 May Miner AKB
- Barn Swallow** Early: 15 Apr Meade AKB; 22 Apr Yankton SVS; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 30 Apr Brown DAT
- Red-breasted Nuthatch** Late: 12 Apr Lake JSP
- Pygmy Nuthatch** Only Report: Pennington TBW

Brown Creeper Late: 22 May Harding KM; 12 Apr Lake JSP; 08 Apr Hughes KM
Rock Wren Early: 08 May Meade REP; 15 May Jackson DB; 22 May Harding KM
Canyon Wren All Reports: 03 Mar Meade AKB; 12 Mar Custer KH; 20 May Meade AKB; 22 May Meade AKB, JLB; 26 May Pennington JLB
Carolina Wren Only Report: 08 May Brown DAT
House Wren Early: 26 Apr Minnehaha JSP; 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Stanley KM; 06 May Meade REP
Winter Wren All Reports: 08 Apr Hughes RDO; 19 Apr Union DS; 26 Apr Minnehaha RFS, JSP; 10 May Day DC
Sedge Wren All Reports: 12 May Brown DAT, RT; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 15 May Day WS; 17 May Lake JSP; 25 May Bennett AKB; 31 May Day WS
Marsh Wren Early: 21 Apr Hughes KM; 06 May Roberts WS; 08 May Lake JSP; 25 May Bennett AKB
American Dipper Confirmed Breeding: 28 Apr Lawrence (34 nests) DB ... also reported 07 Mar Lawrence JSP; 29 Apr Pennington DB; 21 May Pennington JLB; 25 May Lawrence DCS
Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 10 May Hughes KM; 24 Apr Day WS; 03 Apr Yankton SVS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 21 Mar Stanley RDO; 29 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Apr Hughes KM; 12 Apr Lawrence DCS ... Late: 15 May Hughes KM; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 10 May Day DC
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: 27 Apr Hughes KM; 05 May Union DS; 07 May Yankton SVS; 09 May Brookings DC; 09 May Lake JSP
Eastern Bluebird Early: 15 Mar Miner JSP; 16 Mar Hughes DB; 16 Mar Yankton SVS; 09 Apr Meade APB
Mountain Bluebird Early: 07 Mar Pennington DAT; 11 Mar Custer KH; 13 Mar Meade REP; 13 Mar Fall River JLB; 15 Mar Stanley DB
Townsend's Solitaire reported 15 May Stanley RDO; 27 Apr Harding CEM; 05 Mar Jackson JSP
Veery Only Report: 18 May Stanley RDO, KM
Gray-checked Thrush All Reports: 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 01 May Stanley KM; 03 May Brown DAT; 07 May Minnehaha DC; 07 May Hughes DB; 14 May Stanley KM; 17 May Stanley AKB
Swainson's Thrush Early: 29 Apr Meade APB; 29 Apr Stanley RDO, KM; 04 May Lake JSP ... Late: 27 May Stanley KM; 23 May Harding CEM; 22 May Hughes DB; 17 May Lake JSP
Hermit Thrush All Reports: 11 Apr Brown DAT; 12 Apr Lake JSP; 12 May Minnehaha (3) DC
Wood Thrush All Reports: 01 May Edmunds JDW; 12 May Minnehaha DC; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 29 May Yankton SVS
Gray Catbird Early: 12 Apr Minnehaha DC; 29 Apr Day WS; 03 May Clay DS; 08 May Harding CEM
Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 13 Apr Stanley RDO; 28 May Hughes KM
Brown Thrasher Early: 04 Apr Hyde NS; 19 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 08 May Harding CEM
American Pipit Only Report: 03 May Sully KM
Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 11-12 May Custer MMM; 22 May Custer MMM; 24 May Harding KM
Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: 07 May Lincoln DC; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 28 May Lincoln (3) DC
Golden-winged Warbler All Reports: 07 May Minnehaha DC; 11 May Day (3) SG
Tennessee Warbler Early: 06 May Yankton SVS; 07 May Minnehaha DC; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Harding CEM
Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 17 Apr Stanley RDO; 19 Apr Union DS; 23 Apr Brown DAT; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Meade APB; 29 Apr Pennington JLB; 04 May Hand

AKB ... Late: 21 May Harding CEM; 18 May Stanley KM; 14 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP
Virginia's Warbler Only Report: 15 May Custer DS
Nashville Warbler All Reports: 05 May Union DS; 09 May Brookings DC; 10 May Lake JSP; 14 May Minnehaha RFS, JSP
Northern Parula Early: 03 May Stanley KM; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 14 May Union DS ... Late: 22 May Hughes DB; 17 May Stanley AKB, DC
Yellow Warbler Early: 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 02 May Clay DS; 06 May Brown DAT; 06 May Yankton SVS; 12 May Pennington JLB
Chestnut-sided Warbler Early: 13 May Hughes KM; 14 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 18 May Stanley RDO, KM ... Late: 27 May Lake JSP; 21 May Clay DS
Magnolia Warbler Early: 09 May Brown DAT; 09 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Day DC ... Late: 20 May Hughes DB; 19 May Stanley KM; 17 May Lake JSP
Cape May Warbler Only Report: 21 May Clay DS
Black-throated Blue Warbler Only Report: 18 May Stanley KM, RDO, TJ
Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 08 Mar Hughes KM; 12 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Edmunds JDW; 21 Apr Meade REP ... Late: 17 May Minnehaha MKZ; 17 May Stanley DC; 17 May Lake JSP
Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 08 May Hughes KM; 09 May Brookings DC; 09 May Union DS; 25 May Charles Mix RM
Pine Warbler Only Report: 07 May Stanley RDO
Palm Warbler All Reports: 03 May Clay DS; 09 May Day DC; 12 May Clay DS; 14 May Meade REP; 14 May Kingsbury RFS, JSP; 18 May Stanley KM, RDO, AKB
Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports: 13 May Lake JSP; 19 May Stanley RDO
Blackpoll Warbler Early: 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 05 May Union DS; 08 May Hughes KM; 09 May Lake JSP; 19 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 23 May Harding CEM; 22 May Hughes DB; 17 May Stanley DC, AKB; 17 May Lake JSP
Black-and-white Warbler Early: 29 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 03 May Brown DAT; 05 May Meade REP ... Late: 23 May Meade AKB; 22 May Minnehaha MKZ; 18 May Stanley KM
American Redstart Early: 06 May Yankton SVS; 08 May Brown DAT; 08 May Hughes KM; 13 May Pennington TBW
Ovenbird Early: 30 Apr Stanley RDO; 04 May Brown DAT; 07 May Roberts WS; 14 May Meade REP
Northern Waterthrush Early: 29 Apr Edmunds JDW; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 30 Apr Brown DAT; 22 May Harding CEM, KM ... Late: 22 May Hughes DB; 20 May Kingsbury JSP; 18 May Stanley AKB
Mourning Warbler Early: 13 May Minnehaha DC; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 14 May Hughes KM ... Late: 22 May Hughes DB; 21 May Clay DS; 18 May Stanley RDO, AKB, TJ
MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 15 May Meade hREP; 15 May Custer DS; 22 May Meade AKB, JLB
Common Yellowthroat Early: 29 Apr Pennington JLB; 29 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Hughes RDO; 05 May Minnehaha DC
Wilson's Warbler Early: 29 Apr Pennington TBW; 29 Apr Stanley KM; 06 May Hughes DB, RDO; 09 May Brown DAT; 09 May Brookings DC ... Late: 20 May Hughes KM; 17 May Lake JSP; 09 May Yankton SVS
Canada Warbler Only Report: 28 May Lake JSP
Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 14 May Hughes KM; 17 May Stanley AKB, DC; 21 May Harding CEM
Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 05 May Union DS; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 17 May Stanley KM, DC; 18 May Stanley KM, RDO, AKB
Western Tanager Early: 15 May Meade REP; 19 May Pennington JLB; 23 May Harding CEM, KM
Eastern Towhee All Reports: 13 Mar Lake RNB; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 06 May Brown

SLS; 12 May Brown DAT, RT; 12 May Lincoln DC; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP
Spotted Towhee Early: 14 Apr Harding CEM; 17 Apr Stanley KM; 29 Apr Pennington TBW; 05 May Brown DAT
American Tree Sparrow Late: 12 Apr Lake JSP; 08 Apr Stanley KM; 08 Apr Day WS; 30 Mar Harding CEM
Chipping Sparrow Early: 06 Apr Hughes RDO; 12 Apr Gregory RM; 21 Apr Pennington TBW; 24 Apr Day WS
Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 27 Apr Clay DS; 29 Apr Stanley RDO, KM; 30 Apr Day WS; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 08 May Meade REP
Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: 23 May Harding DB; 24 May Fall River DB
Field Sparrow Early: 17 Apr Minnehaha DC; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Charles Mix RM; 23 Apr Meade REP
Vesper Sparrow Early: 07 Apr Clay DS; 11 Apr Brown DAT; 11 Apr Meade AKB
Lark Sparrow Early: 26 Apr Yankton SVS; 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Harding CEM
Lark Bunting Early: 02 May Stanley DB; 02 May Charles Mix DC; 06 May Meade REP
Savannah Sparrow Early: 31 Mar Hyde NS; 07 Apr Clay DS; 17 Apr Minnehaha DC; 12 May Pennington JLB
Grasshopper Sparrow Early: 09 May Yankton SVS; 10 May Roberts SG; 10 May Day DC; 23 May Meade AKB
Fox Sparrow Early: 22 Mar Turner SVS; 29 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Apr Day WS; 04 Apr Hughes KM; 01 May Meade EEM ... Late: 14 May Walworth RDO; 11 May Roberts SG; 12 Apr Lake JSP
Song Sparrow Early: 09 Mar Pennington JLB; 17 Mar Charles Mix RM; 19 Mar Stanley RDO; 22 Mar Lake JSP
Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 03 Apr Yankton SVS; 12 Apr Pennington TBW; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Brown DAT; 29 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Minnehaha DC ... Late: 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 14 May Stanley KM; 12 May Pennington JLB
Swamp Sparrow All Reports: 21 Apr Clay DS; 25 Apr Yankton SVS; 08 May Lake JSP; 31 May Brookings JSP
White-throated Sparrow Early: 26 Mar Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Minnehaha DC; 17 Apr Stanley RDO; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 08 May Harding CEM ... Late: 17 May Stanley DC; 15 May Hughes KM; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 10 May Harding CEM
Harris's Sparrow Early: 15 Mar Lake JSP; 16 Mar Clay DS; 18 Mar Charles Mix RM; 07 May Harding CEM ... Late: 17 May Harding CEM; 17 May Stanley KM, DC; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP
White-crowned Sparrow Early: 10 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 Apr Harding CEM, KM; 23 Apr Hyde NS; 29 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 29 May Pennington TBW; 19 May Day WS; 18 May Hughes KM; 18 May Harding CEM
Dark-eyed Junco Late: 17 May Lake JSP; 17 May Stanley DB, DSC; 19 Apr Hughes KM
Lapland Longspur All Reports: 07 Apr Clay (100+) DS; 05 Apr Sully KM; 10 Mar Minnehaha DC; 09 Mar Lyman AKB; 09 Mar Stanley RDO; 08 Mar Sully KM
Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 25 Mar Jones DB; 05 Apr Sully KM; 10 Apr Stanley RDO; 10 May Kingsbury JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 22 May Custer (NE 5) MMM
Northern Cardinal reported 12 Mar Pennington JLB; 18 May Meade REP ... also from Brookings, Charles Mix, Gregory, Hughes, Lake, Lincoln, Minnehaha, and Yankton counties
Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 05 May Union DS; 07 May Yankton SVS; 08 May Brown DAT, SLS; 08 May Hughes KM; 10 May Pennington TBW
Black-beaded Grosbeak Early: 28 Apr Meade EEM; 04 May Stanley KM; 08 May Harding CEM ... also reported 10-12 May Clay (1 male) DS ... Confirmed Breeding: 28 May Meade (NE) REP
Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 02 May Douglas DC; 14 May Stanley RFS, JSP; 25 May Jackson AKB; 25 May Pennington JLB; 26 May Stanley KM

Lazuli Bunting Early: 07 May Meade EEM; 14 May Pennington TBW; 14 May Stanley RDO; 14 May Lincoln JSP
Indigo Bunting All Reports: 17 May Stanley KM, DC; 27 May Yankton SVS; 31 May Minnehaha MKZ
Dickcissel All Reports: 31 May Kingsbury JSP; 31 May Charles Mix RM; 31 May Yankton SVS
Bobolink Early: 07 May Roberts WS; 09 May Lake DC; 09 May Yankton SVS; 12 May Meade EEM
Eastern Meadowlark All Reports: 19 May Bennett NP; 25 May Bennett AKB
Western Meadowlark Early: 06 Mar Haakon RDO; 12 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Meade and Butte JLB; 15 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Minnehaha MKZ; 15 Mar Stanley DB; 15 Mar Miner JSP
Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Sully KM; 21 Apr Day WS; 03 May Harding CEM
Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 04 Mar Stanley RDO, DAT; 15 Mar Day WS; 16 Mar Clay DS; 17 Apr Minnehaha DC
Brewer's Blackbird Early: 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 21 Apr Butte AKB; 05 May Fall River JLB; 13 May Miner DSC
Common Grackle Early: 13 Mar Custer JLB; 14 Mar Day WS; 15 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Yankton SVS
Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 15 Mar Charles Mix DS; 20 Apr Lincoln DS; 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 14 May Lincoln RFS, JSP; 23 May Douglas RM; 31 May Kingsbury JSP
Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 02 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Lincoln DC; 18 Apr Stanley RDO; 23 Apr Meade REP
Orchard Oriole Early: 28 Apr Day WS; 09 May Union DS; 11 May Stanley RDO; 23 May Harding CEM
Baltimore Oriole Early: 21 Apr Minnehaha MKZ; 03 May Clay DS; 04 May Stanley KM
Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 14 May Meade REP; 25 May Pennington JLB
Purple Finch All Reports: 08 Apr Brown DAT; 29 Mar Lake JSP; 05 Mar Hughes RDO; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 01 Mar Hughes KM
Cassin's Finch Only Report: 23 May Fall River RBA
Evening Grosbeak Only Report: 01 May Meade EEM

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Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 25 May Charles Mix RM
Barrow's Goldeneye 20 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar - 01 Apr Brown SLS
Mississippi Kite 18 May Davison RBA
Broad-winged Hawk 18 Mar Stanley DSC
Swainson's Hawk 16 Mar Stanley DSC
Whooping Crane 11 Apr Stanley (12) DSC; 19 Apr Stanley (29) DSC
Purple Sandpiper 20 May McPherson RBA
Red Knot 19 May Bennett (5) RBA
Mew Gull 26 Mar Hughes RDO; 09 Apr Hughes KM; 16 Apr Hughes KM
Lesser Black-backed Gull 03 Apr Hughes KM, RDO; 06 Apr Stanley KM
White-winged Dove 25 May Clay RBA
Boreal Owl 21 Apr Lawrence RBA
Common Nighthawk 20 Apr Minnehaha (5) MKZ
Eastern Wood-Pewee 29 Apr Union DC
Least Flycatcher 17 Apr Lincoln (5) DC
Great Kiskadee 03 May Davison RBA
Northern Shrike 01 May Custer KH
Common Raven 27 May Custer (3) RBA
Black-throated Blue Warbler 23 Apr Brown DAT
Blackburnian Warbler 21 May Fall River RBA

Bay-breasted Warbler 18 May Butte SJD; 19 May Pennington JLB, TJ
Prothonotary Warbler 12 May Kingsbury DSC
Kentucky Warbler 26 May Roberts RBA
Mourning Warbler 22 May Fall River RBA; 24 May Harding KM
Hooded Warbler 05 May Brown DAT
Summer Tanager 29 Apr Edmunds JDW; 03 May Stanley KM, RDO
Eastern Towhee 23 Apr Meade REP
Baird's Sparrow 25 Apr Yankton SVS
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 17 Apr Lincoln DC
Eastern Meadowlark 09 May Codington (12) SG; 12 May Roberts (4)
Pine Grosbeak 23 May Edmunds JDW

Species Expected But Not Reported

Black-necked Stilt, Barn Owl (3), Three-toed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Sage Thrasher (2), Bohemian Waxwing, Connecticut Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (3), Smith's Longspur, Snow Bunting, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (2), White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll

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