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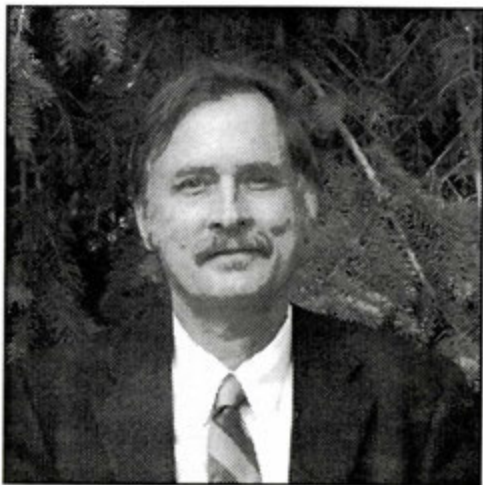
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Don't you hate it when the pilot announces, "fasten your seatbelt, we may have a little turbulence ahead"? So it may be for SDOU in the upcoming year—or perhaps I have an overblown opinion of my importance to the organization. After 26 years as editor or associate editor of *Bird Notes*, I am retiring and relocating out of state. My intention is to serve out my presidency, but both Erika and I are planning to hand over the reins of editorship beginning with the June 2006 issue.



Erika and I, fresh out of graduate school, arrived in South Dakota in 1979. We met Byron Harrell at a meeting in Omaha, and he alerted Everett Montgomery of our potential arrival in Aberdeen. Everett took us under his wing and introduced us to South Dakota birding and to the SDOU. As it happened, the SDOU was looking for a new editor for *Bird Notes* and I quickly volunteered. Despite my shiny, new Ph. D. and the fact that publication of the journal was several issues behind schedule, the board required letters of recommendation as to my suitability for the post. These letters arrived and my application for editorship was accepted.

Everett and I picked up the *Bird Notes* material from June Harter, the previous editor. I remember being nervous about my ability to actually produce a journal. My first issue, September 1979, was a mess. It was only 16 pages long (*Bird Notes* must be in multiples of four pages) and the black-and-white cover photo by Willis Hall was mangled by the Yankton printer. I am not sure Willis ever forgave me for accepting that blotchy, slipshod job; in any case, the final straw for him was a rather too heavily edited paper that appeared the following September—despite my efforts to apologize while he was alive, he never contributed to *Bird Notes* again. To this day I regret that situation. Over the years I have edited with a less heavy hand, although some authors may disagree. The cover quality was remedied by contracting with Quality Quick Print of Aberdeen—lesson number one was to always have your editor and printer in the same town. (Although, when Everett introduced me to Roger Feickert of Quality Quick Print, neither let me know that *Bird Notes* was Roger's first big job.)

I break my 26 years as editor of the journal into three eras. The first lasted from 1979 until June 1983. Luckily I was young and full of energy (and had a lot of help from Erika), because in those years, producing *Bird Notes* was a

pile of work. Authors' manuscripts were hand-typed, and the copy was sent to Bill Lemons, an English professor at Springfield State College in Yankton. The amended copy was then given to the printer for type-setting. This setting then had to be carefully proofed for printer's errors—and those corrections had to be again proofed for additional errors. Finally, the copy went to press. On the completion of each issue I felt like an epileptic who, having just had a seizure, does not imminently have to worry about another.

Beginning in June 1983 through June 1988, we modernized our process for publishing *Bird Notes*. We began using an Apple IIe computer attached to a large printer with exchangeable type wheels. The result was less esthetically pleasing than type setting, but a whole lot easier, because we no longer had to deal with type-setting errors. During this time, George Prisbe, then of Aberdeen, took over the job of pasting final copy to printer's boards. Toward the end of this period, we changed computer printers, although, try as I might, I do not remember what we used. The worst issue of *Bird Notes* that I ever produced, however, was in June 1988. I was told that, if you produced large dot matrix copy and reduced it significantly, the result would be beautiful font—wrong! The result was a bizarrely spaced, ugly issue that brought immediate and well deserved condemnation from Les Baylor.

Since September 1988, we have used laser printers, which produce professional-looking copy. During this time, printing color covers became financially feasible. The first color cover was Wayne Trimm's painting of our emblem, the Lark Bunting, subsidized by Nat Whitney in December 1990. A year later, Everett Montgomery subsidized the printing of his gorgeous Rufous Hummingbird taken in MyRon Zimmer's backyard in Bowdle. In June 1992, I decided to donate the printing of color covers to celebrate my birthdays, beginning with a Chestnut-collared Longspur by Melvin Bollinger. The next year I did the same, with Melvin's Red-headed Woodpecker. The SDOU Board of Directors approved financing future covers, and they have been all color since then. Recently, with the advent of digital photography, we added a photographer's page on the back cover.

I have been told by a number of past presidents that the hardest part of being SDOU president is producing quarterly President's Pages for *Bird Notes*. I maintain that writing a President's Page is not half as hard as editing one and hoping that the President doesn't resign or, more likely, fire the editor. The best part of being *Bird Notes* editor has been being involved with a dedicated group of people sharing a love of birds. *Bird Notes* plays an important role as South Dakota's state bird journal. Future editors will be tempted to make our journal more popular and less scientific. I have resisted this temptation. As a result we enjoy a national, indeed international, reputation for reporting ornithological trends and records from our state. *Bird Notes* is cited in professional journals and in books. Contributors to *Bird Notes* have represented South Dakota well. I thank you. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401*

LAKE HIDDENWOOD STATE RECREATION AREA

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Built in 1938 as a cooperative effort between Walworth County and the Works Progress Administration (WPA), Lake Hiddenwood State Recreation Area is the product of a dammed creek valley and the planting of trees along the valley walls. What makes Lake Hiddenwood interesting to birders is its status as the largest woodland, protected from the wind by valley walls, for many square miles in northcentral South Dakota. Lake Hiddenwood provides food and protection for migrating birds as they make their way to the boreal forest of North America. The number of birds that find this spot can be extraordinary and impress even the most seasoned birder.

A product of its time, when it was common to "improve" on nature, Lake Hiddenwood is formed by a 50-foot high and 1000-foot long dam. The lake winds through the valley floor for three-quarters of a mile and is up to a quarter of a mile wide. The south side valley walls have been planted with Ponderosa Pine, Green Ash, elm, and Box Elder trees. Many cottonwood trees grow near the lake. Planted in neat rows, as was the fashion of the 1930s, the trees over time have grown into a more random configuration. The understory is comprised mostly of Honey Locust, honeysuckle, Chokecherry, plum and Buckthorn. Typical of the WPA is the characteristic natural stonework. There is a stone stairway leading up the south valley wall, a stone wall bordering the picnic shelter, and tucked away along the east and north sides, are picnic sites bordered by stonewalls with stone fireplaces. Sadly, the stonework has been largely neglected and is in need of maintenance. Trails wind around the lake and stream and, for the most part, are easy to navigate.

I first visited the park on 17 May 2002 and was amazed to find warblers dripping off the trees. It seemed that every bush had at least three birds hopping from limb to limb, and every tree had ten. The vast majority of birds were Yellow-rumped Warblers, the most common spring warbler in South Dakota, but the sheer numbers were amazing. I returned on 18 May 2003 to find Lake Hiddenwood dripping with Yellow Warblers. My last trip to Lake Hiddenwood included camping for three days, 27-29 May 2005. Although I would not say that birds were dripping off the trees, I did find the largest concentration of birds I had found that spring. Yellow Warblers and Tennessee Warblers were present in numbers. Three of South Dakota's *Empidonax* flycatchers were present and could be heard singing throughout the day. Willow, Least and Alder flycatchers are most reliably identified by song, giving a birder the chance to compare all three of their songs in close proximity.

One of the best birding locations in the park is below the dam's spillway. The trail that circles the lake flanks both sides of the creek supplied by the spillway. I observed a Connecticut Warbler for three consecutive days by the creek. In the winter of 2004-2005 a Goshawk was utilizing this habitat.

Throughout the park, vireos were present, including a number of Philadelphia Vireos. A brilliant male Bay-breasted Warbler could be found in the campground for our entire stay. Other warblers encountered included a male Black-throated Blue along the stone stairway, Canada Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler and Mourning Warbler. A Cape May Warbler was found in 2003 in the pines along the south side. My warbler list for Hiddenwood has 20 species for just five days birding in May, and I have observed ninety-two species of birds within the park boundaries.

Table 1. Bird Species observed at Lake Hiddenwood State Recreation Area.

Canada Goose ✓	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Wood Duck ✓	Eastern Phoebe	Black-throated Green Warbler
Mallard ✓	Western Kingbird	Bay-breasted Warbler
Ruddy Duck ✓	Eastern Kingbird	Blackpoll Warbler
Ring-necked Pheasant	Warbling Vireo	Black-and-white Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe ✓	Philadelphia Vireo	American Redstart
Eared Grebe ✓	Red-eyed Vireo	Ovenbird
Double-crested Cormorant	Blue Jay	Northern Waterthrush
Great Blue Heron	American Crow	Connecticut Warbler
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Tree Swallow	Mourning Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Rough-winged Swallow	Common Yellowthroat
Osprey	Cliff Swallow	Wilson's Warbler
Northern Harrier	Barn Swallow	Canada Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Black-capped Chickadee	American Tree Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Chipping Sparrow
Northern Goshawk	White-breasted Nuthatch	Clay-colored Sparrow
Broad-winged Hawk	House Wren	Song Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Townsend's Solitaire	White-throated Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Swainson's Thrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Franklin's Gull	American Robin	Black-headed Grosbeak
Rock Pigeon	Gray Catbird	Red-winged Blackbird
Mourning Dove	Brown Thrasher	Western Meadowlark
Great Horned Owl	European Starling	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Common Nighthawk	Cedar Waxwing	Common Grackle
Belted Kingfisher	Tennessee Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Downy Woodpecker	Orange-crowned Warbler	Orchard Oriole
Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow Warbler	Baltimore Oriole
Northern Flicker	Chestnut-sided Warbler	House Finch
Alder Flycatcher	Magnolia Warbler	Pine Siskin
Willow Flycatcher	Cape May Warbler	American Goldfinch
Least Flycatcher	Black-throated Blue Warbler	

Lake Hiddenwood State Recreation Area is indeed a migrant bird trap. Along with being a great birding hotspot, its location at the northern boundary of our state provides a source for late spring migrants. A birder can extend spring migration for a few days by traveling to Lake Hiddenwood. I think those who planned and labored to build this park so that we may enjoy the great birding it now offers.

2004 REPORT OF THE RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 5 June 2004 at the Logging Camp Ranch, near Amidon, North Dakota, and on 10 October 2004 at Pierre. The members of the committee were David Swanson (secretary), Ricky Olson, 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 RBRC. 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 [spring and fall] and Robb Schenck [winter] and Doug Chapman [summer] of Sioux Falls, SD). A *Rare Bird Observation Form* is available in electronic format for this purpose at <http://www.sdou.org>.

One of the most difficult problems faced by the RBRC is dealing with reports having incomplete details. Rejection of these reports results in the potential loss of important information on the status and distribution of birds in the state. However, for an accurate picture of the status and distribution of birds within South Dakota, it is imperative that only reports with absolutely conclusive identifications be included in the official state records. For this reason, 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 (2004. SDBN 56:88-95). In addition, the RBRC would welcome submission of copies of actual field notes taken at the time of observation along with the rare bird report.

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 action since the last report in the December 2004 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 1 (Accepted - Specimen, photograph, or recording).

- Red-necked Grebe. 25 December 2003. Two in basic plumage at Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Photographed. Doug Backlund. Second winter record.
- Harlequin Duck. 8 November 2003-29 March 2004. One immature male below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Photographed. Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Second state record.
- Black Scoter. 4-6 November 2003. One adult male at Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson, Kenny Miller and Doug Backlund. Casual fall migrant.
- Mountain Plover. 13-16 July 2004. One adult at Conata Basin, Pennington Co. Photographed. Brad Bolduan and Eddie Childers. First report for South Dakota since 1977.
- Laughing Gull. 27-28 March 2004. One adult in breeding plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Photographed. Kenny Miller, Ricky Olson and Doug Backlund.
- Rufous Hummingbird. 4-7 August 2003. One adult female at Bowdle, Edmunds Co. Photographed. MyRon Zimmer. Casual migrant east.
- Rufous Hummingbird. 15-20 August 2003. One immature female at Bowdle, Edmunds Co. Photographed. MyRon Zimmer. Casual migrant east.
- Red-bellied Woodpecker. 16 November 2003. One adult male at Vale, Butte Co. Photographed. Monte Richards. Seventh record for western South Dakota.
- Summer Tanager. 8 May 2004. One adult male at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln Co. Photographed. Robb Schenck. Casual spring migrant east.
- Painted Bunting. 19 October 2003. One adult male at Tollgate Flats, Lawrence Co. Photographed. Bonnie Jones and Gale Shockey. Second state record.

CLASS 2 (Accepted – Satisfactory written description).

- Red-throated Loon. 16 November 2003. One adult in basic plumage at Shadehill Reservoir, Perkins Co. Ricky Olson and Kenny Miller. Sixth state record.
- Pacific Loon. 18 October 2002. One adult in alternate plumage at Big Bend Dam tailrace, Lyman Co. Jay Carlisle, Eric Liknes and David Swanson. Casual fall migrant.
- Pacific Loon. 9 November 2002. One in basic plumage at Lake Andes, Charles Mix Co. Jay Carlisle and Dave Hanson. Casual fall migrant.
- Pacific Loon. 22-26 April 2004. One in basic plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Third spring record.
- Black Scoter. 16 November 2002. Two juveniles on Missouri River, Yankton Co. Jay Carlisle. Casual fall migrant.
- Black Scoter. 28 October 2003. One adult female and one juvenile at Sand Lake NWR, Brown Co. Eric Liknes. Casual fall migrant.
- Black Scoter. 19-24 November 2003. One juvenile on Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton Co. Jay Carlisle, Khara Strum, and David Swanson. Casual fall migrant.
- Red-shouldered Hawk. 16 April 2004. One adult at Farm Island, Hughes Co. Kenny Miller. Casual migrant and winter visitor east.
- Virginia Rail. 4 January 2004. One near St. Onge, Meade Co. Alice and Bud Shaykett, Vic and Donna Fondy. Fourth winter record.
- Common Moorhen. 20 May 2004. One adult at Sand Lake NWR, Brown Co. Dan Tallman.

Casual migrant east.

- Whimbrel. 13 May 2004. One adult in Harding Co. Charles Miller. Casual spring migrant.
- Whimbrel. 17 May 2004. Three adults near Quinn, Pennington Co. Jocie Baker and Anna Ball.
Casual spring migrant.
- Mew Gull. 6 November 2002. One adult in basic plumage along Missouri River, Yankton Co.
Jay Carlisle. Casual fall migrant.
- Mew Gull. 19 October 2003. One adult in basic plumage below Big Bend Dam, Buffalo Co.
Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant.
- Mew Gull. 28-31 October 2003. One adult in basic plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co.
Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant.
- Mew Gull. 29 October 2003. One in transition between juvenile and first-winter plumage at
Oahe Dam tailrace, Stanley Co. Ricky Olson. Casual fall migrant.
- Mew Gull. 3-14 December 2003. One adult in basic plumage at Oahe Dam tailrace, Stanley Co.
Ricky Olson and Kenny Miller. Casual fall migrant.
- Mew Gull. 18 January-6 February 2004. One adult in basic plumage at Oahe Dam tailrace,
Stanley Co. Ricky Olson and Kenny Miller. Casual fall migrant and winter visitor.
- Mew Gull. 18 March 2004. One adult at Oahe Dam tailrace, Stanley Co. Paul Lehman. Third
spring record.
- Mew Gull. 21 March 2004. Two adults in basic plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Kenny
Miller and Ricky Olson. Fourth spring record.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull. 5 January 2003. One in third-winter plumage along Missouri River
below Ft. Randall Dam, Charles Mix Co. Steve Van Sickle. Casual migrant and winter
visitor.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull. 9 September-9 November 2003. One adult in basic plumage in Pierre
area, Stanley and Hughes cos. Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Casual migrant.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull. 9 April 2004. One in third-winter or adult basic plumage below Oahe
Dam, Stanley Co. Kenny Miller. Casual migrant.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull. 20 April 2004. One in second or third-winter plumage in marina area
below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Kenny Miller and Ricky Olson. Casual migrant.
- Sabine's Gull. 29 September 2003. One first-year bird at Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton Co.
Jay Carlisle. Casual fall migrant.
- White-winged Dove. 4 June 2002. One adult at Vermillion, Clay Co. Jay Carlisle. Seventh state
record.
- Calliope Hummingbird. 25-27 June 2004. One adult male at Hanna, Lawrence Co. D. George
Prisbe. Casual migrant in Black Hills. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3)
- Lewis's Woodpecker. 25 June 2004. One adult in Perkins Co. Jan and Gerald Sailer. Very few
records for northwestern South Dakota.
- Eastern Wood-Pewee. 8 June 2004. One adult male at Alkali Creek Campground, Meade Co.
Randy Podoll and Kent Jensen. Banded. Seventh record for western South Dakota.
- Alder Flycatcher. 28 June-8 July 2004. One territorial adult male at Englewood, Lawrence Co.
Todd Jensen. First record for western South Dakota.
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. 3 July 2004. One adult female near Fairburn, Custer Co. Todd Jensen.
Casual migrant and summer visitor.
- White-eyed Vireo. 21 May 2004. One adult at Madison, Lake Co. Dale Droge. Casual spring
migrant.
- Golden-winged Warbler. 28 May-13 June 2004. One adult male in Meade Co. Randy Podoll.
Casual migrant west.
- Virginia's Warbler. 13 May 2004. One adult male at Alkali Creek Campground, Meade Co.
Randy Podoll. First spring record away from breeding areas in Custer Co. (4 Class 2, 1
Class 3)
- Townsend's Warbler. 18 September 2004. One immature female at Rapid City, Pennington Co.
Todd Jensen. Casual fall migrant west.
- Yellow-throated Warbler. 6-7 June 2003. One adult male at Madison, Lake Co. Kristel Bakker
and Jeffrey Palmer. Fifth state record.
- Mourning Warbler. 25-26 May 2004. One adult male near Sturgis, Meade Co. Randy Podoll.

Fourth record for western South Dakota.

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

- Purple Sandpiper. 20 May 2003. One adult near Eureka, McPherson Co. The report was suggestive of a Purple Sandpiper, but dissenting committee members noted that a spring record in the mid-continent does not fit this species' typical pattern of vagrancy and that more documentation was necessary to establish a first state record. (3 Class 3, 2 Class 2H)
- Black-chinned Hummingbird. 31 August-2 September. One juvenile female at Hill City, Pennington Co. The description was suggestive of a Black-chinned Hummingbird, but the committee felt that the difficulty of separating this species from Ruby-throated hummingbird necessitated further documentation (e.g., photos or in-hand measurements) to establish a first state record for South Dakota. (3 Class 3, 2 Class 2H)
- Calliope Hummingbird. 6-8 September 2003. One female at Bowdle, Edmunds Co. The dissenting committee members felt that the report was missing some important details and did not conclusively eliminate *Selasphorus* hummingbirds. (2 Class 3, 3 Class 2).
- Hammond's Flycatcher. 28 June 2003. One adult at Englewood, Lawrence Co. The dissenting committee members felt that the report did not conclusively eliminate Dusky Flycatcher and that additional documentation (photographs, sound recording, in-hand measurements) was necessary to establish a first state record. (2 Class 3, 1 Class 2H, 2 Class 2).
- Fish Crow. 2-4 February 2004. One in Grant Co. The report and accompanying photographs did not eliminate American Crow and the date does not fit the expected vagrancy pattern for this species.
- Baird's Sparrow. 24 April 2001. One in breeding plumage in Yankton Co. The description did not conclusively eliminate Henslow's or Savannah sparrows.
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. 6-13 November 2003. One in juvenal plumage at Piedmont, Meade Co. Although the retention of juvenal plumage into Nov. suggests Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, the description did not conclusively eliminate the more common Red-naped Sapsucker.
- Connecticut Warbler. 21 May 2004. One adult male at Alkali Creek Campground, Meade Co. Dissenting committee members felt that the report did not conclusively eliminate Mourning Warbler. (2 Class 3, 3 Class 2)

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

No reports were rated as class 4.

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

- Pacific Loon. 26 May 2004. One in basic plumage below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co.
- American Golden-Plover. 29 May 2004. One adult in breeding plumage in Pennington Co.
- Hudsonian Godwit. 29 May 2004. One adult in breeding plumage in Pennington Co.
- Calliope Hummingbird. 19 July 2004. One adult male in Pennington Co.
- Rock Wren. 6 April 2004. One at Oahe Dam, Stanley Co.
- Townsend's Warbler. 6 September 2004. One adult male at Farm Island, Hughes Co.
- Townsend's Warbler. 15 September 2004. One adult male at Farm Island, Hughes Co.
- Townsend's Warbler. 6 September 2004. One adult female along Missouri River below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co.

OTHER ACTION The committee discussed problems associated with evaluating reports with scanty or incomplete details and decided to reprint Swanson's (1994) article on preparation of rare bird reports in an upcoming issue of *South Dakota Bird Notes* to make this information more available to current South Dakota birders. The committee also decided to remove Mew and Lesser Black-backed gulls (along the Missouri River only) and Pacific Loon from the review list.



GENERAL NOTES

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW—A NEW SPECIES FOR SOUTH DAKOTA. On 29 April 2005 near Huron, Beadle Co., South Dakota, Thompson cleared his Purple Martin houses of invasive House Sparrows, an unpleasant but necessary task to insure martin nesting success. Among the House Sparrows, he was surprised to find what he believed to be an Eurasian Tree Sparrow. Thompson contacted Tallman, who confirmed his identification, prepared the bird as a museum specimen, and reported the encounter to the SDOU Rare Birds Record Committee, which accepted the record.

The Eurasian Tree Sparrow was introduced from Europe and became established in the St. Louis, Missouri region (central Missouri and western Illinois). Vagrants have been reported in Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota, Wisconsin, southeastern Iowa, Indiana, and Kentucky (American Ornithologists' Union. 1983. Check-list of North American Birds. 7th Edition. AOU, Washington, DC). Occurrences of this species in the west (Oregon, Manitoba, and British Columbia) are thought either to be escaped cage birds or ship-aided vagrants from Asia or the Pacific islands (Wild Birds Unlimited website <http://www.wbu.com/chipperwoods/photos/eurtreesp.htm>). Since the first Iowa record, the species has been expanding in the southeastern part of that state (Jackson et al. 1996. The Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas, University of Iowa Press), as far west as Iowa City (Barlow and Leckie 2000. In The Birds of North America, Poole and Gill, eds. AOU, Philadelphia). The majority of other records are within a short distance from the Mississippi River or its tributaries (Barlow and Leckie, op. cit.). At least three records are known from Minnesota, the closest to South Dakota being Clay Co., where one was seen at a feeder from 1998 to 2000. The most recent of these Minnesota records was from Cook Co. on 16 April 2005 (Ekert. A Birder's Guide to Minnesota 2002. Gavian Guides; MOU website <http://moumn.org/recent.html>). No records are known for Nebraska (Ross Silcock, Nebraska Ornithologists' Union records committee, written communication, 6/08/2005) or North Dakota (Corey Ellingson, North Dakota Birding Society records committee, written communication, 7/5/2005).

The Eurasian Tree Sparrow that Thompson found was a male. Its solid rufous crown and black-spotted cheek made identification easy. The bird was not in breeding condition. Since Eurasian Tree Sparrows occasionally are known to flock with House Sparrows (Randy Korotev. Where to find a Eurasian Tree Sparrow in the St. Louis Area; <http://epsc.wustl.edu/~rlk/wgnss/ets/>), flocks of sparrows in eastern South Dakota should be examined carefully for additional records of this species. *Ryan Thompson, 111 Kansas Ave, Huron SD 57350, and Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*

2004 BURKE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT. The report on the 2004 Burke CBC was inadvertently omitted from last year's Christmas Bird Count report. The count was held on 18 Dec 2004, with Dan Snethern, Galen Steffen and Richard Peterson participating, and the following species counted: Bald Eagle 1, Red-tailed Hawk 7, Rough-legged Hawk 1, Golden Eagle 5, American Kestrel 1, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Greater Prairie-Chicken 5, Sharp-tailed Grouse 45, Wild Turkey 150, Rock Pigeon 11, Great Horned Owl 2, Downy Woodpecker 4, Hairy Woodpecker 3, Blue Jay 2, American Crow 78, Black-capped Chickadee 13, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, White-breasted Nuthatch 4, American Robin 54, Townsend's Solitaire 4, Cedar Waxwing 2, Northern Shrike 2, European Starling 115, Northern Cardinal 3, American Tree Sparrow 7, Slate-colored Junco 32, House Finch 6, Pine Siskin 6, American Goldfinch 8, House Sparrow 41. *Richard Peterson, Wewala SD 57578.*

MALE AND FEMALE CARDINALS IN RAPID CITY. For the fifth consecutive spring and summer, a male Northern Cardinal occupied the Red Dale Drive neighborhood in Rapid City. This year the male's daily singing was more vigorous, and my visual encounters with it were more frequent. More significantly, on 29 June 2005, a female Northern Cardinal lit in my yard. Thus, the facts from this season provide even more encouragement that a breeding population of this species may develop in western South Dakota. *L. M. Baylor, Rapid City SD 57702.*

ABERDEEN BANDED OVENBIRD RECOVERED IN SASKATCHEWAN. An Ovenbird that I banded in Aberdeen on 4 May 2003 was recovered in Davidson, Saskatchewan, on 16 May 2005. Davidson is a small town about midway between Regina and Saskatoon, and is about 527 miles northwest of Aberdeen. This record is my first foreign recovery for any warbler that I have banded. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD 57401.*



BOOK REVIEWS

SHOREBIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, The Photographic Guide. 2005. Dennis Paulson. Princeton University Press: Princeton. Softcover. 361 pp. \$29.95.

With over 530 superb photographs, this book is a great aid for shorebird identification. It rates a prominent place in your bird library and probably should be brought into the field whenever you have a chance of seeing shorebirds. The book is divided into chapters that cover 94 species of shorebirds (plovers, sandpipers and a few others) of North America. Included are rare and vagrant species for which serious birders should be on the lookout. Each chapter includes an introductory paragraph, along with notes on size, plumages, identification, flight field marks, voice, behavior, habitat and range (without maps).

The usefulness of the book quickly becomes apparent by investigating a few tricky species. Take dowitchers, for example. Sixteen Short-billed Dowitcher photographs review this species' various races and plumages. Long-billed Dowitchers are portrayed with nine photographs. One of the outstanding photographs in the book is of both species together, with both bills under water. Nevertheless, subtle differences in plumages between the two species are readily apparent. Paulson wryly writes, "field identification is facilitated by the very different calls of the two species."

For me, even more challenging are Asian stints that are similar to Least Sandpipers, and which conceivably could be passing unnoticed in our mudflats. Ten photos of Little Stints show that they can be distinguished from Least Sandpipers by the stint's black legs. More difficult would be a vagrant Long-toed Stint (seven photos here).

The examples that I have given are applicable for advanced birders. Novices will be equally delighted, and their shorebird identification abilities will surely improve with the use of this guide. Of interest to all birders is the short introduction, which covers a number of interesting topics, including expected variations and aberrant plumages.

To sum up, for birders of all abilities, this guide will aid shorebird identification. I only wish Jocie Baker and I had this book along with us on our last big day, when we came upon a peep with an oddly curved bill. The bird remains a mystery. *Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*



SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2005 Summer Season

1 June 2005 - 31 July 2005

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In the 2005 summer, 247 species from 59 counties were reported. This is two fewer than 2004, presumably because fewer observers reported. The 10-year (1995-2004) average is 249. This report includes all confirmed breeding records reported. Sightings are listed in bold face type in those instances where, according to *The Birds of South Dakota, 3rd Edition*, the sighting marks an early or late record and/or an out-of-range bird. Also included is a list of species (6) that were not reported this year and might be expected during the summer season.

If a county had a report(s) of confirmed breeding, I have not included that county in further observation(s) for that species, except where there are few total reports. It was good to have Nancy Drilling reporting on her extensive work this summer on the waterbirds of South Dakota. I encourage all bird lovers to examine her detailed and informative reports and those of other observers on the SDOU website: <http://www.sdou.org>. Also, I want to thank Jeff Palmer and his associates at Dakota State University for the SDOU On-line Reporting System. It makes reporting observations and searching for records easier.

If submitted reports are accepted by the Rare Bird Records Committee, this summer marks the re-emergence of Henslow's Sparrows to our area. No fewer than six singing males on territories were reported. The sighting of a female Magnificent Hummingbird at Randy Podoll's feeders (pending acceptance by the RBRC) was another great highlight of the summer, as was the continued increase in sightings of Rufous Hummingbirds in the Black Hills. Also of note, after many sightings of singing males for several seasons, was the first confirmed breeding report

for Blue-winged Warbler, if accepted by the RBC. Kenny Miller found the Barn Owls that nested in good numbers along the Missouri River again this year. Also keeping the RBC busy, Doug Backlund's exciting sighting of a Yellow Rail in Tripp County is another good addition to our yearly list. Kenn Kaufman calls Yellow Rail, the "hardest bird to see in North America."

Many thanks to the observers who took the time to submit their records for this report.

- Snow Goose** All Reports: 4 Jun Lake JSP; 16 Jun Meade DC; 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 1 Jul Minnehaha MKZ; 2 Jul Minnehaha, 16 Jul Lake JSP
- Canada Goose** Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun Pennington, 9 Jun Meade JLB
- Wood Duck** Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun Pennington (PY) JLB; 3 Jun Lake (PY) ND; 12 Jun Hughes (PY) DB; 14 Jun Pennington (PY) JLB; 25 Jun Kingsbury (PY) JSP; 1 Jul Minnehaha (PY) MKZ; 2 Jul Minnehaha (PY), 16 Jul Lake (PY) JSP; 23 Jul Minnehaha (PY) MKZ
- Mallard** Confirmed Breeding: 2, 14 Jun Pennington (PY) JLB; 12 Jun Hughes (PY) DB; 24 June Codington (ON) ND; 2 Jul Minnehaha (PY), 16 Jul Lake (PY) JSP; 23 Jul Minnehaha (PY) MKZ
- Blue-winged Teal** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Lake (PY) JSP
- Cinnamon Teal** All Reports: 8 Jun Meade JSB; 16 Jun Meade DC
- Northern Shoveler** Confirmed Breeding: 7 Jun Aurora (PY) ND
- Redhead** Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jun McPherson (ON) ND
- Ring-necked Duck** Only report: 8 Jun Hughes (KM)
- Lesser Scaup** All Reports: 4 Jun Lake JSP; 8 Jun Hughes KM; 15 Jun Stanley RDO; 16 Jun Hand BFW; 16 Jun Meade DC; 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP
- Hooded Merganser** All Reports: 4 Jun, 2 Jul Lake, 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP
- Common Merganser** Confirmed Breeding: 3, 14 Jun Pennington (PY) JLB; 5 Jun Pennington (PY) ND
- Ruddy Duck** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Lake (PY) JSP
- Gray Partridge** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jul (FL) Harding JLB, JF. All other reports: 4 Jun Lake JSP; 14 Jun Lincoln DC; 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 31 Jul Harding CEM
- Ring-necked Pheasant** Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jul, 23 Jul Minnehaha (PY) MKZ
- Ruffed Grouse** Only Report: 4 Jul Lawrence DGP
- Greater Sage-Grouse** Only report: 24 Jul Harding JLB, JF
- Sharp-tailed Grouse** Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jun, 24 Jul Meade (FL) JLB, JF
- Greater Prairie-Chicken** Confirmed Breeding: 5 Jun Sully (PY) DC; 15 Jun Hyde BFW. Only other report: 4 Jun Stanley DB
- Wild Turkey** Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jul (PY) Minnehaha JSP
- Northern Bobwhite** All Reports: 11 Jun Lincoln DC; 14 Jun Union MO; 17 Jun Tripp DB
- Common Loon** All Reports: 11 Jun Harding CEM; 21 Jun Sully KM; 28 Jun Hughes RDO; 15, 31 Jul Hughes KM
- Pied-billed Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 3 Jun (ON) Miner ND, 10 Jun (PY) Hamlin ND, 15 Jun (PY) Lincoln ND, 17 Jun (PY) Hamlin ND; 21 Jun (PY) Roberts ND; 22 Jun (ON) Deuel ND; 29 Jun (PY) Roberts ND; 1 Jul (ON) Clark ND; 9 Jul (PY) Lincoln DC; 11 Jul (PY) Hamlin, ND; 12 Jul (PY) Lake ND; 13 Jul (PY) Turner ND; 23 Jul (FL) JLB
- Red-necked Grebe** All Reports are of Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (ON) Marshall ND; 15 Jun (ON) Roberts MO; 16 Jun (PY) Marshall ND; 17 Jun (ON, PY) Roberts ND; 21 Jun (ON) Day ND; 21 Jun (PY) Marshall ND; 29 Jun (PY) Roberts ND
- Eared Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun (NB) Lake ND; 15 Jun (ON) Edmunds ND; 15 Jun (ON) Potter ND; 17 Jun (ON) McPherson ND; 29 Jun (NE) Day ND; 30 Jun (ON), 27 Jul (ON) Codington ND; 12 Jul (PY) Lake ND; 14 Jul (ON) Edmunds ND
- Western Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (NB) Marshall (ND); 17 Jun (PY) Roberts ND; 21 Jun (ON) Roberts ND; 28 Jun (ON) Brown ND; 29 Jun (ON) Day ND; 29 Jun (PY) Roberts ND; 30 Jun (ON) Codington (ND)
- Clark's Grebe** Only Report: 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP
- American White Pelican** Confirmed Breeding: 6 Jun (PY) Day ND
- Double-crested Cormorant** Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (NY) Marshall ND; 6 Jun (NY) Day ND; 12 Jun (ON) Clark ND; 15 Jun (NY) Walworth ND; 17 Jun (ON) & (NY) McPherson

ND; 18 Jun (NY) Roberts ND; 22 Jun (NY) Deuel ND; 22 Jun (ON) McPherson ND; 23 Jun (NY) Hughes ND; 28 Jun (NY) Brown ND; 30 Jun (ON) Perkins ND; 14 Jul (ON) McPherson ND; 23 Jul (FL) Minnehaha (MKZ)

Least Bittern All Reports: 2 Jun Hughes KM; 5 Jun Hughes DB; 11 Jun Lincoln DC; 12 Jun Hughes DB; 14 Jun Hughes KM; 20 Jun Brown ND; 21 Jun Roberts ND; 23 Jul Hughes DB; 24 Jul KM

Great Blue Heron Confirmed Breeding from Marshall (NY), Pennington (NY), Butte (NY, 123 nests), Day (NY), Charles Mix (NY), Perkins (NY), Jones (ON), Stanley (ON), Clark (ON), Roberts (NY), Brown (NY), Tripp (ON), Jackson (ON), Meade (ON), Hand (NY), & McPherson (NY) 2 Jun-14 Jul ND

Great Egret Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (NY) Marshall ND; 6 Jun (NY) Day ND; 9 Jun (ON) Brule ND; 12 Jun (ON) Clark ND; 16 Jun (ON) Brown ND; 24 Jun (NE), 27 Jun (NY) Codington ND

Snowy Egret Confirmed Breeding: 6 (NY) Day ND; 24 Jun (NE) Codington ND; 27 Jun (NY) Codington ND

Little Blue Heron Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun (NE) Codington ND. Only other report: 7 Jul Brown ND

Cattle Egret Confirmed Breeding: 6 Jun (ON) Day ND; 24 Jun (NE) Codington; 27 Jun (NY) Codington ND; 7 Jul (NB) Brown ND

Green Heron All Reports: 25 Jun Brookings JSP; 29 Jun Day ND; 1, 16 Jul Minnehaha MKZ; 2, 16 Jul Lake JSP; 27 Jul Brown ND; 28 Jul Hughes KM

Black-crowned Night-Heron Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (CN) Marshall ND; 12 Jun (NE) Hughes DB; 24 Jun (NB-125 nests) Codington ND; 27 Jun (NY) Codington ND

White-faced Ibis Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun (NB) Day ND; 7 Jul (NB) Brown ND

Osprey Confirmed Breeding: 8 Jun (NY) Pennington JLB; 11 Jun (NY) Custer JF; 2 Jul (NY) Pennington JF; 27 Jul (NY) Pennington JLB

Bald Eagle Confirmed Breeding: 6 Jun (NY) Brown ND; 8 Jun (CN) Gregory ND; 18 Jun (NY) Roberts ND. All other reports: 14 Jun Lincoln DC; 9 Jul Clark JSP

Northern Harrier Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul (NY) Hand BFW

Sharp-shinned Hawk Only reports: 9 Jun Lawrence DGP; 17 Jun Custer DC

Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: Jun/Jul (NB--FY) Brown DAT; 8 July (NY) Minnehaha DC

Northern Goshawk Only Report: 11 Jun Lawrence DGP

Broad-winged Hawk All Reports: 14 Jun Lincoln DC; 19 Jun Lawrence DC; 9 Jul Lincoln DC, MKZ

Swainson's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jun (ON) Meade JLB

Ferruginous Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 5 Jun (NY) Harding CEM; 13 Jun (NY) Butte EEM

Golden Eagle Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jun (NY) Meade JLB

American Kestrel Confirmed Breeding: 21 Jun (CF) Moody DC; 26 Jun (NY) Harding CEM

Merlin Only report: 10 Jun Pennington MS

Peregrine Falcon Only report: 13 Jul Meade EEM

Prairie Falcon All Reports: 24 Jul Butte JLB; 31 Jul Pennington DB; 31 Jul Harding CEM

Sora Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jun (PY) Roberts ND

American Coot Confirmed Breeding: 4 Jun (PY) Lake JSP; 7 Jun (ON) Lake ND; 10 Jun (NB) Lake BFH; 17 Jun (PY) Roberts ND; 2 Jul (PY) Minnehaha JSP; 5 Jul (PY) Lincoln MKZ; 12 Jul (PY) Minnehaha DC; 16 Jul (PY) Lake JSP; 23 Jul (FL) Pennington JLB; 28 Jul (FL) Fall River JLB

Semipalmated Plover All Reports: 9 Jul Clark JSP; 18 Jul Clay DS; 22 Jul Sully KM

Piping Plover All Reports: 10 Jun Hughes KM; 12 Jun Sully RDO; 26 Jun Sully KM; 25 Jul Stanley KM

Killdeer Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jun (PY) Meade EEM; 4 Jul (PY) Minnehaha DC; 5 Jul (PY) Minnehaha MKZ; 16 Jul (PY) Lake JSP

American Avocet Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (ON) Codington ND; 2 Jun (PY) Marshall ND; 9 Jun (ON) Brule ND; 11 Jun (ON) Brown ND; 16, 17 Jun (ON) Campbell ND; 15 Jul (PY) McPherson ND

Upland Sandpiper Confirm Breeding: 22 Jun (PY) McPherson ND; 27 Jun (PY) Meade JLB

Long-billed Curlew Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun (PY) Meade EEM; 30 Jun (PY) Butte ND; 30 Jun (DD) Butte ND

Marbled Godwit Confirmed Breeding: 7 Jun (DD) Aurora ND

White-rumped Sandpiper All Reports: 4 Jun Lake JSP; 10 Jun Miner BFH

Dunlin Only report: 4 Jun Lake JSP

Long-billed Dowitcher All Reports: 17 Jul Sully RDO; 18 Jul Clay DS; 24 Jul Sully DB

Wilson's Snipe All Reports: 1 Jun Grant ND; 11 Jun Brown ND; 22 Jun McPherson ND; 27 Jun Sully ND; 2 Jul Pennington JF; 14 Jul McPherson ND; 25 Jul Pennington JLB

American Woodcock Only reports: 18 Jun Lincoln MKZ; 15 Jul Hughes KM

Wilson's Phalarope Confirmed Breeding: 28 Jun (DD) Tripp ND; **15 Jul (DD) McPherson ND.**

California Gull Confirmed Breeding: 6 Jun (PY) Day ND; 7 Jun (PY) Butte ND; 3 Jul (PY) Hughes RDO

Caspian Tern All Reports: 1 Jun Stanley RDO; 12 Jun Sully RDO; 15 Jul Hughes KM; 27 Jul Yankton DS

Common Tern Confirmed Breeding: **7 Jun (NE) Butte ND**; 3 Jul (ON) Hughes RDO; **15 Jul (PY) McPherson ND.** Also reported from Sully (RDO); Roberts (ND); Stanley (KM)

Forster's Tern Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun (CF) Clark ND; 7 Jul (ON) Brown ND

Least Tern Confirmed Breeding: 3 Jul (CF) Hughes RDO. All other reports: 10 Jun Hughes KM; 12 Jun Sully RDO; 14 Jun Hughes RDO; 26 Jun Sully KM; 27 Jul Yankton DS

Black Tern Confirmed Breeding: 17, 18 Jun (NE) Roberts ND; 28 Jun (NE) Brown ND; 30 Jun (CF) Deuel ND; 11 Jul (NE) Hamlin ND

Eurasian Collared-Dove All Reports: 1 Jun Stanley RDO; 3 Jun Hughes KM; 5, 17 Jul Lake JSP; **17 Jun Fall River DC**; 6 Jul Hughes KM; 15 Jul Fall River RDO; 23 Jul Pennington JLB; Meade (EEM)

Mourning Dove Confirmed Breeding: 3 Jul (NY) Minnehaha MKZ; 10 Jul (FL) Minnehaha MKZ

Black-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 4 Jun Hughes DB; 10 Jun Lincoln BFH; 10 Jun Spink RDO; 21 Jun Sully KM

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 4 Jun Hughes DB; 14 Jun Hughes RDO; 21 Jun Sully KM; 29 Jun, 7 Jul Hughes KM; **9 Jul Lincoln DC**

Barn Owl Confirmed Breeding: 1 Jun (ON) Hughes KM; 3 Jun (ON) Sully KM; All other reports: 12 Jun Sully RDO; 27 Jun Sully KM; 7 Jul Hughes KM; 31 Jul Sully KM

Eastern Screech-Owl Confirmed Breeding: **21 Jul (FL) Stanley RDO.** All other reports: 29 Jun Marshall RDO; 18 Jul Lake JSP

Great Horned Owl Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jun (FL) Meade EEM

Burrowing Owl Confirmed Breeding: 31 Jul (FL) Harding CEM

Short-eared Owl reported from Harding, Hughes, Sully, Hand

Northern Saw-whet Owl Confirmed Breeding: **10 Jul (NY) Harding CEM.** Only other reports: 4, 19 Jun Harding CEM

Common Poorwill Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun (NE) Harding CEM. All other reports: 16 Jun Meade APB; **17 Jun Fall River (Whitney Preserve) DC**; 27 Jun, 25 Jul Meade APB

Chuck-will's-widow Only report: 4 Jun Stanley DB

White-throated Swift Confirmed Breeding: **26 Jul (ON) Custer JLB.** Also reported from Meade (EEM); Lawrence (JLB, DC); Fall River (JF, RDO); **Custer (JLB, DC, JSP, JF, RDO);** Pennington (RDO)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird All Reports: 6 Jun Lake JSP; 18 Jun Lincoln MKZ; 29 Jun Roberts RDO; **9 Jul Lincoln MKZ, DC**

Rufous Hummingbird All Reports: 9, 18 Jul Pennington JF; 19, 20 Jul Lawrence DGP; 22 Jul Pennington RDO; 23, 28, 30 Jul Lawrence DGP; 28 Jul Pennington JF

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 6 Jun Pennington JLB; **17 Jun Custer DC**; 23 Jun Pennington RDO; 3 Jul Custer JLB

Red-headed Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding **9 Jul Lincoln (FY) DC, MKZ**

Red-bellied Woodpecker All Reports: 30 Jun Union DC; 9 Jul Lincoln DC
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker All Reports: 14 Jun Lincoln DC; 2 Jul Minnehaha JSP
Red-naped Sapsucker Confirmed Breeding: 30 Jul (FL) Pennington JLB
Downy Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 8 Jul Meade (FY) APB; 11 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ
Hairy Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun (CF) Harding CEM
American Three-toed Woodpecker Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun (ON) Lawrence DC; 10 other reports: 6, 7, 10, 21, 23, 26, 27, 30, 25 Jun; 25 Jul Lawrence DGP; 23 Jun Lawrence RDO
Black-backed Woodpecker Only report: 18 Jun Pennington DC
Northern Flicker Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ
Olive-sided Flycatcher Only report: 5 Jun Union JC
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 2 Jun Lake JSP; Late: 10 Jun Lincoln BFH
Alder Flycatcher All Reports: 1 Jun Pennington TJ; Late: 18 Jun Lawrence (Englewood CG) DC; 27 Jun Lawrence DGP
Least Flycatcher All Reports: 15 Jun Buffalo BFW; 15 Jun Fall River JSP; 18 Jun Fall River DC; 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 26 Jun Lawrence DGP
Eastern Phoebe Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun (ON) Stanley RDO; 3 Jul (NY) Minnehaha MKZ
Say's Phoebe Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun (ON) Hughes KM, RDO; 3 Jul (ON) Lyman RDO; 3 Jul (ON) Stanley RDO
Western Kingbird Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jun (ON) Buffalo BFW; 14 Jul (NY) McPherson ND; 29 Jul (FY) Minnehaha DC
Eastern Kingbird Confirmed Breeding: 19 Jun (CF) Tripp RDO; 22 Jun (ON) McPherson ND; 2 Jul (CF) Minnehaha JSP
Bell's Vireo All Reports: 1 Jun Stanley RDO; 4 Jun Stanley DB; 5 Jun Hughes DB; 5 Jun Stanley DC; 10 Jun Hughes KM; 10 Jun Spink RDO; 17 Jun Tripp DB; 26 Jun Sully KM; 23 Jul Hughes DB
Yellow-throated Vireo All Reports: 29 Jun Roberts RDO; 30 Jun Clay DC; 2 Jul Minnehaha JSP
Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 8 Jun Meade JLB; 11 Jun Lawrence DGP; 15 Jun Custer JLB; 15 Jun Fall River JSP; 16 Jun Custer JSP; 18 Jun Custer DC; 18 Jun Custer JF; 19 Jun Fall River JF; 22 Jun Custer RDO
Philadelphia Vireo Only report: 1 Jun Clay JC
Pinyon Jay All Reports: 11 Jun, 3, 18, 31 Jul Meade APB
Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 6 Jun Custer JLB; 18 Jun Custer DC; 30 Jun Custer (JLB); 12 July Pennington RDO
Black-billed Magpie All Reports: 12 Jun Sully KM; 17 Jun Custer DC; 17 Jun Tripp DB; 19 Jun Hughes KM; 27 Jun Meade JLB, EEM
Horned Lark Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jun (CF) Stanley RDO; 23 Jul (CF) Pennington JLB
Purple Martin Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jul (ON) Brookings BFH
Tree Swallow Confirmed Breeding: 9, 27 Jun (ON) Meade JLB; 26 Jun (FY) Stanley RDO
Violet-green Swallow Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jul (CF) Pennington JF
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (CN) Pennington JLB
Cliff Swallow Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jun (CN) Pennington JLB; 19 Jun (NB) Fall River JF
Barn Swallow Confirmed Breeding: 3 Jul (ON) Lyman RDO; 3 Jul (ON) Stanley RDO; 14 Jul (NY) McPherson ND; 16 Jul (FL) Minnehaha MKZ
Black-capped Chickadee Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ; 16 Jul (FL) Minnehaha MKZ; 23 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ
Pygmy Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding 18 Jun (FY) Custer DC. All other reports: 6 Jun Pennington JLB; 18 Jun Custer JF; 22 Jun Custer RDO
Brown Creeper Only report: 17 Jun Pennington DC
House Wren Confirmed Breeding: 1 Jun (ON) Meade EEM; 2 Jul Minnehaha (CF) JSP; 22 Jul (FY) Pennington RDO
Winter Wren All Reports: 16, 23, Jun 14 Jul Lawrence DGP; 23 Jun Lawrence RDO
American Dipper reported from Lawrence (DGP, DC)

Golden-crowned Kinglet Reported from Lawrence and Custer
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Reported from Lawrence, Meade, Custer, and Pennington
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher All Reports: 4 Jun Custer TJ; 10 Jun Lincoln BFH; 17 Jun Custer DC; 18 Jun Custer JF; 18 Jun Fall River (Whitney Preserve) DC; 9 Jul Lincoln DC
Mountain Bluebird Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun (CF) Harding CEM; 27 Jun (NY) JLB; 13 Jul (NY) Meade EEM. Also reported from Lawrence (DGP); Pennington (JLB, JF, DB); Custer (JSP, DC, RDO, JLB); Fall River (JF, JSP)
Veery All Reports: 3 Jul, 9 Jul Lawrence DGP; 12 Jul Lawrence RDO
Wood Thrush All Reports: 2 Jul Minnehaha JSP; 9 Jul Lincoln DC; 17, 23 Jul Minnehaha MS
American Robin Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jun (CF) Meade JLB; 15 Jun (ON) Minnehaha ND; 30 Jun (FL) Custer JLB; 10, 23 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ; 24 Jul (CF) Harding JLB
Gray Catbird Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jul (DD), 14 Jul (CF) Minnehaha MKZ
Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 2 Jun Brookings KCJ; 15 Jul Fall River RDO
Tennessee Warbler Only report: 5 Jun Lake JSP
Virginia's Warbler All Reports: 4 Jun Custer TJ; 16 Jun Custer JSP; 17 Jun Custer DC; 18 Jun Custer JF; 22 Jun Custer RDO
Yellow Warbler Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jul (FY) Harding JLB
Yellow-rumped Warbler Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jul (FY) Harding JLB
Black-and-white Warbler Only reports: 8 Jun Meade JLB; 29 Jun Roberts RDO
Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 5 Jun Union JC; 14 Jun Lincoln DC; 18 Jun Lincoln MKZ; 18 Jun Lincoln MKZ; 9 Jul Lincoln DC
Chipping Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun (NB) Custer JSP; 15 Jul (FY) Pennington RDO
Clay-colored Sparrow All Reports: 4 Jun Lake JSP; 12 Jun Brookings BFH; 15 Jun Brule BFW; 9 Jul Clark JSP; 30 Jul Pennington JLB
Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: 17 Jun Fall River JSP; 23 Jun Fall River RDO; 15 Jul Fall River RDO
Lark Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jun (NY), 7 Jul (NY) Hughes KM
Grasshopper Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun (CF) Miner BFH
Song Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 11, 12 Jun (CF) Pennington JLB; 2 Jul (CF) JF
Swamp Sparrow All Reports: 21 Jun Beadle BFW; 25 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 9 Jul Clark JSP; 9 Jul Lincoln (DC)
Dark-eyed Junco Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun (FY) Meade (APB); 30 Jun (FY) Custer JLB
Chestnut-collared Longspur Reported from Harding (CEM); Hyde (KM, RDO); Fall River (JSP, RDO); Kingsbury (JSP); Sully (KM, DB); Meade (EEM)
Northern Cardinal Confirmed Breeding: 7 Jun (NB) Minnehaha DC; 14 Jul (DD) Minnehaha MKZ; 23 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ
Rose-breasted Grosbeak All Reports: 11 Jun Lincoln DC; 16 Jun Jerauld BFW; 27 Jun Sully KM; 2 Jul Minnehaha JSP; 17 Jul Minnehaha MS
Blue Grosbeak Confirmed Breeding: 21 Jun (CN) Sully KM
Lazuli Bunting All Reports: 9 Jun Lawrence JLB; 10 Jun Buffalo BFW; 15 Jun Custer JLB; 15 Jun Fall River JSP; 16 Jun Custer JSP; 17 Jun Fall River DC; 24 Jun Lawrence DGP; 24 Jul Harding CEM
Bobolink Confirmed Breeding: 9 Jul (FY) Lincoln DC
Red-winged Blackbird Confirmed Breeding: 2 Jul (FY) Pennington JF
Western Meadowlark Confirmed Breeding: 8 Jun (CF) Meade JLB; 3 Jul (CF) Lyman RDO
Yellow-headed Blackbird Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun (NY) Hughes DB
Common Grackle Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun (FS) Pennington JLB; 23 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ
Great-tailed Grackle Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun (CF) Lincoln DC
Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 1 Jun Meade EEM; 9 Jun Lawrence JLB; 15 Jun Fall River JSP; 18 Jun Fall River DC; 6 Jul Harding CEM; 15 Jul Fall River RDO
Baltimore Oriole Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jul (CF) Minnehaha MKZ; 18 Jul (FY) Stanley RDO
Cassin's Finch Only reports: Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jun (FY) Custer (Tepee Work Center)

DC. Also reported: 17 Jun Pennington (private ranch) DC
House Finch Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jun (FY), 16 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ
White-winged Crossbill All Reports: 5, 10, 12 Jul Lawrence DGP; 12 Jul Lawrence RDO
Evening Grosbeak Only report: 1 Jun Meade EEM
House Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jun (FY), 23 Jul (FY) Minnehaha MKZ

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Yellow Rail 17 Jun Tripp DB
Common Moorhen All Reports: 3 Jun Lake ND; 5 Jun Lake TJ, JSP; 7 Lake DC ✓
Whimbrel Only report: 16 Jun Meade (DC) ✓
Laughing Gull Only report: 27 Jul Yankton DS ✓
Least Tern 18 Jun Meade DC ✓
Magnificent Hummingbird Only report: 18 Jun Meade RP
Broad-tailed Hummingbird All Reports: 4 Jun Custer (Hell's Canyon) TJ; 6 Jun Lawrence DGP; 15 Jun Custer JLB; 17 Jun Custer (Boles Canyon) DC; 18 Jun Custer JF; 22 Jun Custer RDO; 2 Jul Lawrence DGP; 3 Jul Custer JLB; 7, 10 Jul Lawrence DGP ✓
Blue-winged Warbler Only report: Confirmed Breeding: 14 Jun (CF) Lincoln DC ✓
Magnolia Warbler Only report: 16 Jun Meade APB ✓
Scarlet Tanager 18 Jun Lyman MKZ ✓
Henslow's Sparrow All Reports: 4 Jun Miner KM; 5 Jun Miner TJ; 14 Jun Lincoln DC; 30 Jun Clay DC ✓
Lesser Goldfinch All Reports: 14 Jun Fall River JF; 15 Jun Fall River JSP; 18 Jun Fall River DC; 23 Jun, 15 Jul Fall River RDO ✓

Common Species reported but not recorded individually for the Season Report: Snow Goose, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, American Bittern, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Virginia Rail, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Willet, Spotted Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Western Wood-Pewee, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Gray Jay, Blue Jay, American Crow, Bank Swallow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Sedge Wren, Marsh Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, Swainson's Thrush, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, American Redstart, Ovenbird, MacGillivray's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-breasted Chat, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Bunting, Savannah Sparrow, Black-headed Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch.

Species Expected But Not Reported

Canvasback, Pileated Woodpecker, Sage Thrasher, Baird's Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark

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Confirmed Breeding Codes: CN Carrying nesting materials; NB Nest building by all except woodpeckers and wrens; PE Physiological evidence based on bird in hand; DD Distraction display; PY Flightless precocial young; FL Recently fledged young incapable of sustained flight; ON Occupied nest; CF Carrying food; FY Adult feeding recently fledged young; FS Adult carrying fecal sac; NE Nest with eggs; NY Nest with young seen or heard

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