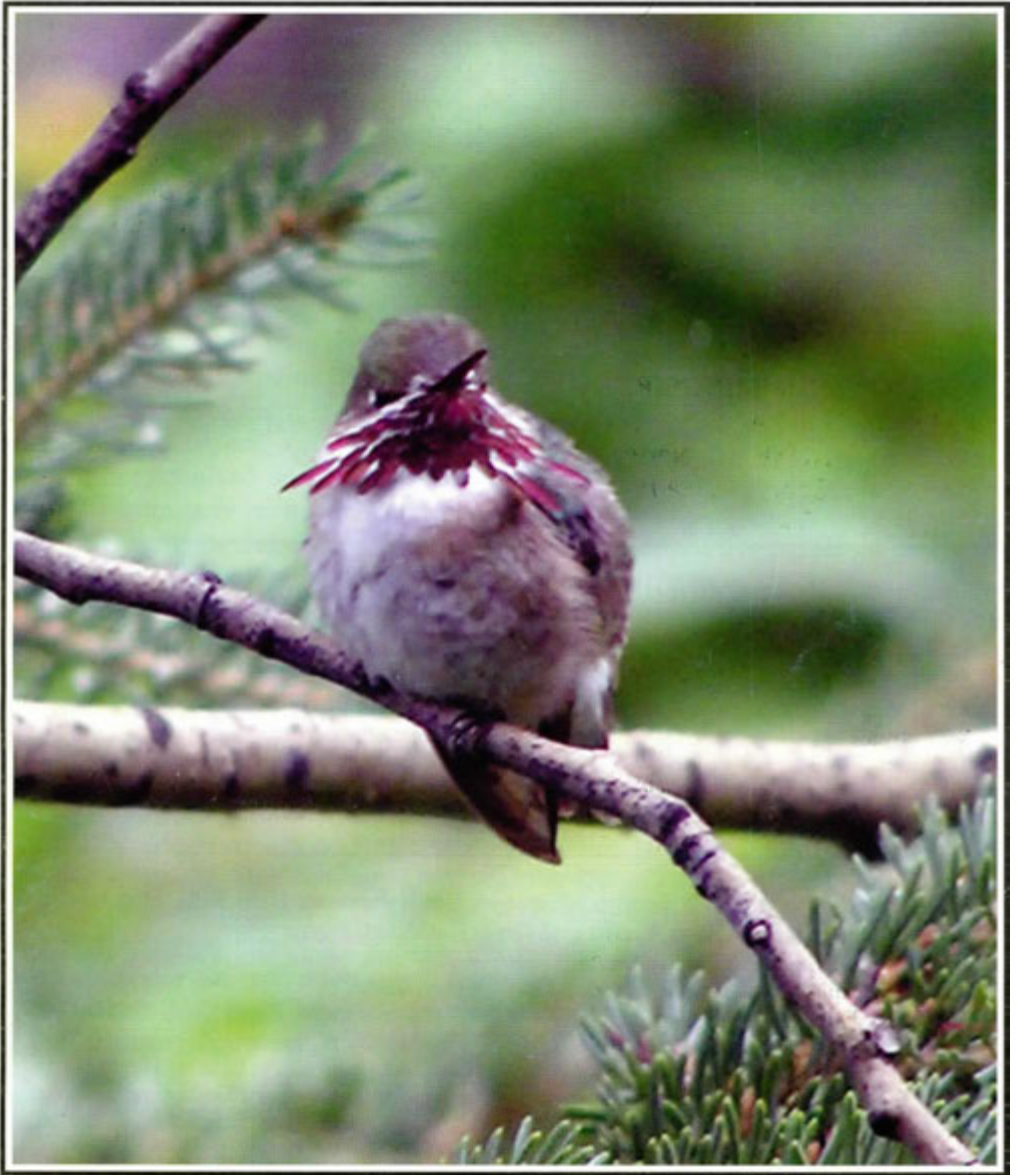

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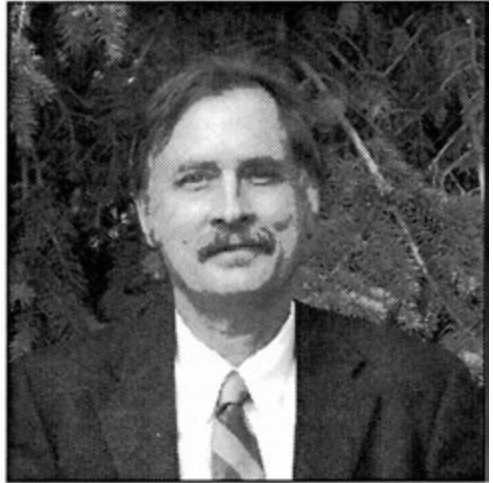
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This is not a President's Page but rather a Past-President's Page courtesy of Robb Schenck. With the advent of the SDOU listserv, sharing information about bird discoveries has become much faster and easier. Rare bird sightings, which were once communicated by phone, or not at all, are received by everyone within minutes or hours. Obviously, listserv technology is a great advance, but it is not without a loss. Listserv communications are not archived and are therefore lost from any permanent record.



Only the date and county of noteworthy observations are published in *South Dakota Bird Notes* and archived in the SDOU database.

My concern is not with the loss of bird observations. With few exceptions, noteworthy sightings are reported electronically to SDOU's database. My concern is with the loss of the process and methods used to record these observations. Recently I finished a checklist of Minnehaha birds. I searched past issues of *South Dakota Bird Notes* looking for records of birds observed in Minnehaha County. In looking through past issues, one cannot help but be struck by the number, size and the detail with which observations were reported. Members are no longer writing detailed accounts of bird observations. For example, in "Finding Horned Lark Nests" (SDBN 3:9), the author reported the discovery of the nests as well as the techniques used. This information is great and, without the technique being published, it would be lost. Today the technique would likely be told on the listserv and be forgotten within a few years. Most stories on the listserv tend to be told in pieces, a bit of the story one week, a bit later. The stories are not organized into a coherent article. Lately, Barn Owls have been found nesting with swallows. The strategy of looking for Barn Owls in swallow colonies needs to be published so interested parties can refer to the article now and for years to come. I remember Virginia Rails over-wintering in Fall River County. Where were they found? How were they found? How many were there? I need an article in *Bird Notes* to which I can refer. Northern Saw-whet Owl roosts, Snowy Owl invasions, Gyrfalcon sightings with maps, etc., need to be published in *South Dakota Bird Notes*. The inventory work being done in Slim Buttes demands an article. Please don't feel I'm singling out anyone; be flattered that I think your work deserves to be published. I'm guilty too. Recently I observed a

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Northern Harrier harassing, of all things, a Gyrfalcon. Unfortunately, I failed to take adequate notes, and I am not now comfortable writing an article. These would be great additions to *Bird Notes* but, currently, they are lost.

I would also like to see articles on birding locations. The Birds of Hanna Creek, The Birds of Hot Brook Canyon, Where to Find Lewis's Woodpeckers in the Black Hills, The Birds of Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, The Birds of Lake Herman State Park, and How to Find Black-backed Woodpeckers are a samples of the articles that come to mind. And, there are many more titles for the area you bird. We would benefit from professional ornithologists sharing with SDOU members the scope of their research activities.

South Dakota Bird Notes in many respects is the SDOU. Prospective members join SDOU to receive the publication. The articles they receive in *Bird Notes* make membership worthwhile. If the publication increases their interest in birding and helps them to find birds, they will continue their membership. Articles that give birding techniques and birding locations meet their expectations, and result in a renewal of their membership. It is the duty of the members of SDOU to write these articles so that others bitten by the bird bug can increase their enjoyment of birding and become members that contribute to the knowledge about birds.

When it occurred to me what was being lost, my first thought was to send a message on the listserv. Then it occurred to me I would be guilty of the same thing I was complaining about—the sending of a quick message rather than spending the time to write an article. Another problem with electronic communication is the reader doesn't always feel he or she has the choice of when to read it. If I'm busy and see a long message on my e-mail, I will not always spend the time to read it well. With *Bird Notes* I spend time with a paper at my choosing and I can refer back to it for years if I have questions.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not trying to chastise anyone and I'm not saying stop sending reports on the listserv. Save your messages, use them as notes, and then write an account for *Bird Notes*. I believe this is an unintended result of an otherwise fantastic technology, but it is time to recognize the shortcomings of electronic communications and find a pen. *Robert Schenck, 422 N Linwood Ct., Sioux Falls, SD 57103.*

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING **BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA, 1 October 2005**

President Tallman called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm following the afternoon paper session. The minutes of the 9 October 2004 annual meeting in Pierre were read and approved, as amended. The treasurer's report for the period 8 October 2004 – 29 September 2005 was presented and received. Highlights included: Income: \$12,086.60, Book Fund: \$14,983.82 (\$11,260.88 in Fall '04), Disbursements: \$6,166.7, Membership: 294, Net Worth: \$56,532.54, New Members: 19.

Committee Reports:

Rare Bird Records: David Swanson announced that the next meeting would occur at 12:30 pm on 2 October 2005. *Scholarship and Awards:* Nelda Holden reported that the Husmann and Holden scholarship announcements would be out soon.

Old Business:

Spring Meeting 2006: Vic Fondy reported that the spring meeting was scheduled for 19-21 May 2006, at Belle Fourche. Approval of these dates requires BOD action. *Book Sales:* Dan Tallman reviewed the sales of *Birds of South Dakota* and noted that 1,603 copies had been sold to date, and that 112 books were sold over the previous 13 months. Tallman also mentioned that Barnes & Noble had agreed to sell books through a distributor.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: A slate of candidates for the open BOD positions were presented by the Nominating Committee (Doug Backlund, Jocelyn Baker, and Addison Ball) and nominations from the floor were opened. The membership voted the following members to three-year terms on the BOD: Addison Ball, Jennifer Fowler, Kent Jensen, Ron Mabie and Erika Tallman. *Fall Meeting 2006:* Doug Backlund offered to host the Fall 2006 meeting in Pierre, South Dakota on the first or second weekend in October. The membership undertook a discussion of whether the fall meeting should be held in Pierre every year. Doug Backlund agreed to reserve the Ramkota Inn in Pierre for the fall meeting for the next several years on weekends in early October. The reservations can be canceled should the membership desire to move the meeting to other locations. *Adopt a Louisiana Birder:* Dan Tallman mentioned that some SDOU members had floated the idea of participation of SDOU in the *Adopt a Louisiana Birder program*, which is designed to replace optics, books and other birding equipment for Louisiana birders that had their equipment destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. Draeger/T. Jensen moved/seconded that SDOU members interested in participating in this program should contact Rosemary Draeger and she will coordinate individual efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING **BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA, 1 October 2005**

President Tallman called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Elected Directors Present: D. Backlund, A. Ball, M. Curtin, R. Draeger, V. Fondy, K. Jensen, L. Johnson, E. Liknes, R. Martin, R. Olson, D. Tallman, and D. Weber. Elected Directors Absent: R. Mabie, K. Miller, and E. Tallman. Past President Directors present: B. Harris, N. Holden, T. Jensen, J. Palmer, R. Schenck, and D. Swanson. Past President Directors absent: J. Baker, L. Baylor, G. Blankespoor, K. Graupmann, C. Haight, B. Harrell, R. Riis, D. Skadsen and D. Williams.

The minutes of the 21 May 2005 BOD meeting in Vernillion were read and approved, as amended.

Old Business:

- 1) *Whitney Small Grants Fund Purchasing Power:* Rosemary Draeger discussed payouts from the Whitney Small Grants fund and suggested that no more than 4% of the overall fund amount should be spent in any given year. She will look into ways of increasing the purchasing power in this fund and report back to the BOD at the Spring 2006 meeting.
- 2) *SDOU Archives:* Rosemary reported that SDOU does not know how many complete copies of back issues of *Bird Notes* are currently available. She agreed to inventory *Bird Notes* at the Center for Western Studies and look into getting 2-3 complete sets bound for the archives. One complete set will remain unbound in the archives in case copies need to be made in the future. In addition, the BOD discussed centralizing back issues of *Bird Notes* in one location. Kent Jensen agreed to collect back issues from those individuals who have them.
- 3) *Summer Seasons Compiler:* Jeff Palmer noted that Doug Chapman has agreed to replace Rosemary Draeger as the Summer Seasons compiler for *Bird Notes*.
- 4) *SDOU Web Site:* President Tallman reported that the sdo.org web address was now up and running.

New Business:

- 1) *Nominating Committee:* Doug Backlund, on behalf of the Nomination Committee (Backlund, Baker, Ball), presented a slate of officers for approval by the BOD. These included: President, Dan Tallman; Vice President, Rosemary Draeger; Secretary, David Swanson; Treasurer, Nelda Holden; Editor, Erika Tallman; Librarian, Jeff Palmer. The BOD unanimously approved these candidates.
- 2) *Tallman Retirement:* Dan Tallman announced that he had officially tendered his resignation from Northern State University, effective at the end of this academic year in May 2006. The Editorship of *Bird Notes* (functionally shared by Dan and Erika Tallman) will need to be transferred with the March 2006 issue. Jeff Palmer tentatively agreed to assume the Editor duties when Dan leaves, pending resolution of a number of details.
- 3) *SDOU Field Trips:* Vic Fondy noted that several SDOU members had mentioned to him that many of the experienced birders in SDOU did not participate in the regularly scheduled field trips at the

SDOU meetings. Discussion followed.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.



GENERAL NOTES

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS IN CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA.

The latest edition of *Birds of South Dakota* lists the status of the Northern Saw-whet Owl in central South Dakota as a casual migrant and winter visitor. Prior to 1999, the only documented record of this species in the area was a roosting bird found by Doug Backlund on Farm Island in January 1995. In December 1999, on the Pierre Christmas Bird Count, Charles Sisk and I discovered another Saw-whet Owl on Farm Island. This discovery cemented my interest in this species and its status within our state. I began purposefully searching for roosting owls, but it would be several years before I began to have any success.

It was two years later, in January 2002, that the next owl was found; a roosting bird found by Doug, again on Farm Island. Later that same year a second owl was found by Ricky Olson, just above Oahe Dam in Stanley County, at an area known locally as Billy Goat Jump. The following winter, 2002-2003, we upped our total to four owls. Doug found an owl again at Billy Goat Jump, and I located another across the reservoir in Hughes County, just above the dam at an area known as California Beach. I also had owls at De-Grey Lakeside Use Area and Joe Creek Lakeside Use Area, both east of Pierre. We were also finding evidence of owls at other locations, which led us to believe that saw-whets were regular winter residents in the area.

The winter of 2003-2004 proved to be our best year yet for locating owls. We again had saw-whets at Billy Goat Jump, California Beach, and Joe Creek. In December 2003, while hiking the river bluffs, I located my first Saw-whet Owl at Little Bend Lakeside Use Area in Sully County. Prior to this time I had been focusing my search efforts primarily in shelterbelts. This owl was in one of the cedar draws, which are so prevalent along some stretches of the river in central South Dakota. I spent the remaining weekends of the winter searching all of the suitable draws at Little Bend for additional birds. I ended up locating ten different owls including a very memorable day in March when I found four roosting birds on the same day. Surprisingly, three of these birds were roosting in the same stand of cedar within 40 yards of one another. Saw-whets are definitely more common winter residents than we had thought, but just how many of them might be out there?

I looked forward to the 2004-2005 season with great anticipation, hoping to get an answer to this question. On 11 November, I found five owls at Little Bend. This discovery was followed two days later with ten owls. On 11 December this single day total was surpassed when I found 11 more owls at Little Bend. Again I was finding owls roosting surprisingly close together and on

one occasion I even had owls in adjacent trees. I originally assumed that all of these birds were wintering at Little Bend, but as the winter progressed I began finding fewer owls there. I believe now that, although some of these owls did in fact winter at Little Bend, most of the birds dispersed.

In addition to Little Bend, which is located about 30 miles north of Pierre, I searched as much of the suitable habitat as was accessible down to West Bend Recreation Area, which is located approximately 30 miles southeast of Pierre. Over the course of the winter, I located roosting owls on 141 occasions, representing what I believe to be 52 different birds. The fact that in many cases multiple owls inhabited the same area made it impossible to determine with absolute certainty the number of unique birds. In a few cases I was able to differentiate owls by comparing the pattern of the spots on the wings, which varies considerably between birds. But I was able to do this only in those cases when I was able to obtain a good photograph, which was not usually possible given the owls' choice of roost sites. For counting purposes I chose to be conservative and have included only the highest number of owls seen at a given location on the same day. It is likely that more than 52 different birds are represented in the 141 total sightings. Table 1 shows a breakdown of the number of owls found by area.

Table 1. Breakdown of owls by area.

Little Bend Lakeside Use Area	27
Peoria Flats Lakeside Use Area	1
East Shore Lakeside Use Area	4
California Beach	2
Oahe Downstream	1
Billy Goat Jump	4
Farm Island Recreation Area	2
Antelope Creek Lakeside Use Area	6
DeGrey Lakeside Use Area	1
Joe Creek Lakeside Use Area	1
West Bend Recreation Area	3

The owls showed definite preferences in their choice of roost sites. In a number of cases, owls were even found roosting in the same tree as birds from previous years. I gained a "feel" for what constitutes a good saw-whet roost site, although it is difficult to describe. Tree size, density, and especially tree structure, all seem to be important. The owls typically avoided larger trees and generally preferred younger, denser stands of cedar. Depending on the structure of the tree, the owls might roost near the trunk or conceal themselves in the boughs near the perimeter. I found owls roosting from one to 15 feet above the ground, but typically they roosted in the four to eight-foot range. In general, the owls seemed to prefer sites toward the bottom of draws. Additionally, they showed a strong preference for draws that also contained deciduous growth, particularly dense chokecherry thickets.

Fidelity to roost sites varied considerably among birds. Some owls used a

primary roost site for weeks or even months, while others used a site for a few days and then never returned. Other birds returned sporadically to a roost site over the course of the winter. My most reliable owl appeared to use a single roost site for nearly the entire winter at Little Bend. Although I could not visit the site daily, I never failed to locate the bird on weekends when I did check. At the end of the season a quick count yielded 72 pellets at the base of the roost tree.

The owls also showed considerable variation in temperament. Typically an owl did not flush unless the branches in the tree in which it was roosting were disturbed. Some owls were extremely tame and, after an initial period of alertness, relaxed and began to close their eyes; some were approachable, literally face-to-face, within a foot. Others remained wide-eyed and alert as long as they were observed. Some exhibited head-bobbing behavior if approached too closely. A few owls behaved unlike saw-whets at all, flushing if a person simply stopped next to their roost tree. The wildest owl I encountered was a bird at Little Bend that flushed if I stopped within 10 or 12 feet of its roost tree.

Many times dead prey species can be found on the ground or resting in the limbs of trees where saw-whets are present. In fact, this is a good indicator that a saw-whet is in the area. I often found roosting owls clutching a dead, sometimes partially eaten, mouse. The birds, at least sometimes, consumed prey while on the day roost. On several occasions I returned to a roosting bird later in the day to find that prey had been eaten. On one occasion I actually was able to watch the owl on the day roost feeding on a mouse.

Based on the few years of data we have thus far, it appears that the owls begin leaving the area in early to mid-March, with the latest birds staying into the fourth week of the month. What we don't know is where they are going when they leave us. The answer to this and many other questions remain unknown. We have learned that saw-whets are more common winter residents in central South Dakota than we realized, but most of the details concerning these birds remain a mystery. *Kenny Miller, 812 Harney Ct., Pierre 57501.*

SOUTH DAKOTA BALD EAGLE NESTING 2004-2005. In 1992, Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge hosted the first documented Bald Eagle nest in more than a century in South Dakota. That nest was not successful, but the following year, Karl Mundt National Wildlife Refuge hosted a nest that fledged two young. Fast forward to 2004, when SDGFP organized the first statewide nesting eagle surveys. Twenty-nine active Bald Eagle nests and 34 fledglings were located.

The 2005 results suggest that South Dakota's nesting Bald Eagle population is continuing to thrive. In 2005, we documented 41 active nests in South Dakota, 30 of which successfully fledged young. A startling four of these nests produced three fledglings each, and 11 nests produced two fledglings, leading to a total of 49 fledged eagles. While this looks like a huge increase over 2004, the survey effort was greater in 2005 (18 additional nests were lo-

cated, but most of these were probably not new nests), so the numbers cannot be directly compared.

Most of the nests were concentrated in the northeast near Sand Lake and along the Missouri Recreational River stretches in the southeast. A breakdown by county is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: 2004-2005 nest success in South Dakota

County	2004		2005	
	# Active Nests	# Fledged	# Active Nests	# Fledged
Bennett	1	1	1	2
Bon Homme	1	3	2	2
Brown	5	8	8	11
Brule	0	0	1	0
Butte	0	0	1	1
Charles Mix	0	0	2	0
Custer	1	0	1	0
Day	0	0	1	1
Fall River	1	Unknown	0	0
Grant	1	2	1	2
Gregory	1	2	4	5
Hughes	2	2	2	1
Hutchinson	1	0	1	1
Lyman	3	3	2	5
Marshall	2	4	2	3
Meade	3	1	5	5
Minnehaha	1	1	2	0
Perkins	0	0	1	Unknown
Roberts	3	4	3	7
Sanborn	1	0	0	0
Union	1	Unknown	0	0
Yankton	1	2	1	3
Ziebach	1	1	0	0
Total	30	34	41	49

While Bald Eagles are traditionally tied to water, this is not always the case. Two successful nests in Lyman County were more than five miles from the Missouri River, the nearest substantial water body. People should be on the lookout for Bald Eagle nests anywhere in the state, even in nontraditional locations.

With so many Bald Eagles fledging in the state, we are expecting more adults to build nests here. We are always on the lookout for new nests, so if you see a Bald Eagle nest, please contact Carol Aron at 605-773-2745, or by e-mail at carol.aron@state.sd.us.

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BOOK REVIEWS

BIRDS OF WESTERN GHATS, KOKAN AND MALABAR (Including Birds of Goa). 2003. Satish Pande, Saleel Tambe, Clement Francis M., and Niranjan Sant. Oxford University Press: New York. Hardcover. 377 pp. \$29.95.

I took some time to decipher the region covered by this quirky book (basically western India). The book jacket claims “Every aspect of bird life illustrated. 1700 colour photographs. Diagnostic features emphasized. Cultural & Ecological notes. 580 bird species around a HotSpot. Information updated till 2003. BirdLife International conservation status. *Birdwatching to conservation...*”

The book’s basic format consists of species accounts preceded by a series of icons indicating habitat, food, habits, flight patterns, and nest type. The text covers distribution, nests, parental care, eggs, calls, ecological notes, cultural notes, status, and related species. Each page is illustrated with a number of color photographs, both of the bird in question and of related species. The organization of the photographs is occasionally jumbled. The Spotted Owlet account, for example, includes photos of other owls not mentioned anywhere in the text. A Red-necked Phalarope is included with the Spot-billed Duck account.

The quirkiness of the book slowly becomes apparent. Postage stamps from around the world are sporadically included in the accounts. The Scarlet Minivet is described as appearing “...like embers. Unlike the true embers which cause destructive forest fires they please the eye through soothing beauty!” Accompanying this statement is a photo of a forest fire. The Indian Swiftlet account includes a photograph of two cans of Bird’s Nest drink, made from this species’ nests. The cultural notes vary greatly in quality and informational content. I have no idea what the dust jacket means by “580 bird species around a HotSpot.”

The book culminates with short essays on the geography and ecology of the region, as well as an essay on birds (with an inexplicable photo of a Duck-billed Platypus skeleton) and ethology. There is a description of “Important Bird Areas Programs,” which neglects to mention where they are located in the

region, a history of Indian ornithology, and an essay on birds of Indian archeology. Finally there is an essay on birds in Sanskrit.

The book is not a serviceable field guide and, in any case, better field guides to the subcontinent are available. Thus, the market for this book in South Dakota is probably for those looking for esoteric library acquisitions.

Dan Tallman, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 57401



SEASONAL REPORTS

The 2005 Fall Season

1 August 2005 to 30 November 2005

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There were 305 species reported during the 2005 Fall Season. The 10-year average (1995-2004) is 299. 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 significantly 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 included the earliest/latest reported date from the missing region also. Included at the end of this report is a list of species that were not reported this year but might be expected during the Fall Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during fall in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

Greater White-fronted Goose All Reports: 15 Oct Miner JSP; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 22 Oct Sully RDO; 26 Oct Charles Mix RM; 06 Nov Stanley DB; 19 Nov Lake JSP

Snow Goose Early: 20 Aug Sully RDO; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 23 Oct Hand BFW ... Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Charles Mix RM; 21 Nov Minnehaha DC; 17 Nov Tripp RAP

Ross's Goose All Reports: 16 Nov Hughes RDO; 21 Nov Hughes RDO

Cackling Goose Early: 20 Oct Roberts MO; 04 Nov Stanley RDO; 10 Nov Minnehaha DC

Trumpeter Swan All Reports: 11 Aug Tripp DB; 04 Oct Tripp RDO

Tundra Swan All Reports: 14 Oct Brown RDO, MO; 18 Oct Beadle BFW; 20 Oct Beadle BFW; 29 Oct Lake JSP

Wood Duck Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 10 Nov Minnehaha DC; 10 Oct Charles Mix RM

Gadwall Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 10 Nov Minnehaha DC; 05 Nov Buffalo JSP

American Wigeon Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 23 Oct Lyman RDO

Blue-winged Teal Late: 09 Nov Minnehaha DC; 22 Oct Sully RDO; 15 Oct Miner JSP; 04 Aug Pennington JLB

Northern Shoveler Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 05 Nov Buffalo JSP; 14 Oct Pennington JLB

Northern Pintail Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Charles Mix RM; 10 Nov Minnehaha DC; 22 Oct Butte APB

Green-winged Teal Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 10 Nov Minnehaha DC; 09 Nov Pennington JLB; 04 Nov Stanley RDO

Canvasback Late: 19 Nov Lake JSP; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Oct Butte APB

Redhead Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 04 Nov

Stanley RDO

Ring-necked Duck Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 23 Oct Lyman RDO

Greater Scaup All Reports: 22 Oct Sully RDO; 23 Oct Lyman RDO; 28 Oct Day MO; 04 Nov Stanley RDO

Lesser Scaup Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 23 Oct Lyman RDO

Surf Scoter All Reports: 04 Nov Day MO; 05 Nov Lake JSP

White-winged Scoter All Reports: **22 Oct Butte APB, VDF; 22 Oct Stanley DB**

Long-tailed Duck All Reports: 19 Nov Hughes DB, RDO; 21 Nov Hughes RDO; 26 Nov Hughes RDO

Bufflehead Early: 09 Oct Harding CEM; 14 Oct Pennington JLB; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 15 Oct Stanley RDO

Common Goldeneye Early: 09 Nov Pennington JLB; 14 Nov Sully RDO; 19 Nov Hughes DB; 19 Nov Lake JSP

Barrow's Goldeneye Early: 13 Nov Pennington JLB

Hooded Merganser Early: 11 Aug Deuel BJU; 15 Aug Grant BJU; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 22 Oct Butte APB ... Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Lake JSP; 19 Nov Hughes DB

Common Merganser Early: 05 Aug Pennington JLB; 23 Oct Hand BFW; 12 Nov Stanley RDO

Red-breasted Merganser Only Report: 12 Nov Moody JSP

Ruddy Duck Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 19 Nov Hughes DB; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 22 Oct Butte APB

Gray Partridge All Reports: 03 Aug Harding CEM; 02 Sep Grant WS; 09 Oct Harding CEM; 27 Oct Harding CEM

Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 01 Aug Pennington JLB; 11 Sep Lawrence DGP; 15 Sep Lawrence DGP; 10 Nov Custer JLB

Northern Bobwhite Only Report: 02 Aug Gregory RM

Common Loon Early: 06 Aug Hughes DB; 13 Aug Lyman JSP; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 16 Sep Day MO; 29 Oct Butte JLB ... Late: 30 Oct Sully RDO; 22 Oct Lyman JSP; 22 Oct Hughes RDO

Pied-billed Grebe Late: 19 Nov Lake JSP; 17 Nov Stanley RDO; 13 Nov Pennington JLB

Horned Grebe Early: 01 Oct Kingsbury DS; 08 Oct Sully RDO; 11 Oct Minnehaha DC ... Late: 17 Nov Stanley RDO; 04 Nov Day MO; 22 Oct Sully RDO

Red-necked Grebe Only Report: **04 Nov Stanley RDO**

Eared Grebe All Reports: 16 Oct Harding CEM; 08 Oct Sully RDO; 04 Sep Harding EEM; 21 Aug Harding CEM; 15 Aug Grant BJU

Western Grebe Late: 19 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Stanley RDO; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Clark's Grebe All Reports: 08 Oct Sully RDO; 22 Oct Butte APB; **17 Nov Stanley RDO**

American White Pelican Late: 19 Nov Lake JSP; 19 Nov Hughes DB; 13 Nov Pennington JLB

Double-crested Cormorant Late: 22 Nov Charles Mix RM; 17 Nov Minnehaha DC; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 09 Nov Pennington JLB

American Bittern Late: 18 Oct Beadle BFW; 14 Oct Marshall MO; 04 Oct Hand BFW; 25 Sep Hughes DB

Least Bittern All Reports: 26 Aug Roberts MO; 15 Aug Grant BJU

Great Blue Heron Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 30 Aug Pennington JLB

Great Egret Late: **04 Nov Roberts MO**; 15 Oct Miner JSP; 14 Oct Brown RDO; 25 Sep Lyman RDO; 25 Sep Hughes RDO

Snowy Egret Late: 14 Oct Brown MO; 08 Oct Buffalo JSP; 26 Oct Day WS

Cattle Egret Late: 30 Oct Pennington JLB; 14 Oct Marshall MO; 03 Oct Charles Mix RM

Green Heron All Reports: 10 Sep Miner JSP; 27 Aug Minnehaha MS; 26 Aug Roberts MO; 20 Aug Lake JSP

Black-crowned Night-Heron Late: 05 Nov Spink RM; 14 Oct Brown RDO; 01 Oct Kingsbury DS; 21 Aug Hughes RDO

White-faced Ibis All Reports: 14 Oct Brown DAT; 29 Sep Day WS; 04 Sep Spink RM; 20 Aug Lake JSP

Turkey Vulture Late: 30 Oct Hughes RDO; 22 Oct Meade EEM; 18 Oct Minnehaha DC

Osprey Late: 05 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Oct Fall River RAP; 23 Oct Yankton DS; 16 Sep Day MO

Northern Harrier Late: 26 Nov Harding CEM; 26 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Minnehaha DC; 13 Nov Hughes DB

Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: 28 Aug Stanley RDO; 24 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 25 Sep Brookings BFH

Northern Goshawk All Reports: 04 Sep Custer DB; 03 Oct Brookings MRZ; 13 Nov Hughes DB; 13 Nov Sully RDO; 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 29 Nov Minnehaha DC

Broad-winged Hawk Only Report: 07 Aug Grant BJU

Swainson's Hawk Late: 11 Oct Minnehaha DC; 06 Oct Meade EEM; 03 Oct Brookings MRZ; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM ... also reported 26 Sep Tripp (flock of 74) RAP

Ferruginous Hawk Late: 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 24 Nov Harding CEM; 29 Oct Butte JLB

Rough-legged Hawk Early: 30 Sep Beadle DB; 03 Oct Brookings MRZ; 04 Oct Lyman RDO; 22 Oct Butte APB; 22 Oct Harding CEM

Golden Eagle Early: 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 13 Nov Hughes DB

Merlin Early: 27 Aug Lake JSP; 17 Sep Jones DB; 19 Sep Stanley DB

Gyr Falcon All Reports: 13 Nov Hughes DB, RDO; 18 Nov Stanley DGP; 24 Nov Dewey DGP; 26 Nov Stanley RDO

Peregrine Falcon All Reports: 03 Sep Harding EEM; 13 Sep Charles Mix RM; 17 Sep Hughes RDO; 17 Sep Stanley DB; 24 Sep Brookings BFH; 16 Oct Sully RDO

Prairie Falcon Early: 06 Aug Stanley DB; 08 Aug Sully RDO; 12 Sep Charles Mix RM; 24 Sep Lake JSP

Virginia Rail All Reports: 29 Oct Lawrence JLB; 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 25 Sep Hughes DB; 15 Aug Grant BJU

Sora All Reports: 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 03 Sep Clay (1 dead juvenile) DS; 21 Aug Hughes RDO; 15 Aug Grant BJU

American Coot Late: 29 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 22 Oct Lyman JSP

Sandhill Crane Early: 28 Sep Marshall WS; 03 Oct Hughes EDS; 03 Oct Stanley DB; 10 Oct Meade EEM ... Late: 17 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov Meade EEM; 22 Oct Sully RDO; 16 Oct Beadle BFW

Whooping Crane All Reports: 11 Oct Meade (3) *fide* DS; 16 Oct Sully RDO

Black-bellied Plover Early: 07 Aug Sully RDO; 10 Aug Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Lyman RDO; 01 Oct Kingsbury DS; 17 Oct Meade JLB ... Late: 05 Nov Perkins JLB; 28 Oct Day MO; 16 Oct Sully RDO

American Golden-Plover All Reports: 21 Aug Kingsbury DC; 14 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Lyman RDO; 14 Oct Deuel (68) BJU; 28 Oct Day MO

Semipalmated Plover All Reports: 06 Aug McCook JSP; 13 Aug Stanley JSP; 15 Aug Grant BJU; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 20 Aug Sully RDO; 10 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 11 Sep Stanley DB

Piping Plover All Reports: 13 Aug Stanley JSP; 10 Aug Stanley RDO; 07 Aug Stanley DB

Killdeer Late: 05 Nov Minnehaha DC; 05 Nov Buffalo JSP; 30 Oct Pennington JLB

American Avocet Late: 05 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Oct Sully RDO; 14 Oct Brown MO; 18 Aug Meade JLB

Greater Yellowlegs Late: 05 Nov Miner JSP; 04 Nov Roberts MO; 29 Oct Lake JSP; 22 Oct Butte APB; 16 Oct Sully RDO

Lesser Yellowlegs Late: 29 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 15 Oct Lake JSP; 08 Oct Sully RDO; 08 Oct Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Meade JLB

Solitary Sandpiper Late: 24 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 13 Sep Brown DAT; 09 Sep Roberts MO; 21 Aug Hughes RDO; 02 Aug Lawrence DGP

Willet All Reports: 27 Aug Charles Mix RM; 21 Aug Kingsbury DC; 15 Aug Grant BJU; 10 Aug Sully RDO

Spotted Sandpiper Late: 19 Sep Stanley DB; 12 Sep Jerauld BFW; 10 Sep Miner JSP; 30 Aug

Pennington JLB

Upland Sandpiper All Reports: 21 Aug Kingsbury DC; 10 Aug Sully RDO; 06 Aug Sully RDO; 06 Aug Stanley DB; 06 Aug McCook JSP

Marbled Godwit Only Report: 20 Aug Lake JSP

Ruddy Turnstone Only Report: 18 Aug Meade JLB

Sanderling Early: 10 Aug Sully RDO; 18 Aug Meade JLB; 20 Aug Lake JSP ... Late: 28 Oct Day MO; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Semipalmated Sandpiper Late: 21 Aug Kingsbury DC; 20 Aug Sully RDO; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 18 Aug Meade JLB

Least Sandpiper Late: 15 Oct Lake JSP; 30 Sep Day MO; 10 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 03 Sep Meade JLB; 20 Aug Sully RDO

White-rumped Sandpiper Only Report: 21 Aug Kingsbury DC

Baird's Sandpiper Late: 16 Oct Sully RDO; 10 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 03 Sep Meade JLB

Pectoral Sandpiper Late: 22 Oct Butte APB; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Dunlin All Reports: 10 Aug Sully RDO; 15 Oct Lake JSP; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 05 Nov Miner JSP

Stilt Sandpiper Late: 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Marshall MO; 09 Oct Lyman RDO; 18 Aug Meade JLB

Buff-breasted Sandpiper All Reports: 15 Aug Grant BJU; 31 Aug Meade JLB; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 10 Sep Kingsbury JSP

Short-billed Dowitcher Only Report: 19 Aug Marshall MO

Long-billed Dowitcher Late: 29 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 17 Oct Meade JLB; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 10 Aug Sully RDO

Wilson's Snipe Late: 26 Nov Lake JSP; 11 Nov Minnehaha DC; 30 Oct Lawrence DGP; 28 Sep Hughes BFW

American Woodcock Only Report: 07 Nov Hughes DB

Wilson's Phalarope Late: 12 Sep Charles Mix RM; 03 Sep Meade JLB; 03 Sep Lake JSP

Red-necked Phalarope Only Report: 07 Oct Minnehaha DC

Franklin's Gull Late: 29 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Oct Roberts MO; 22 Oct Buffalo JSP; 03 Sep Meade JLB

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 11 Aug Stanley RDO; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM; 24 Sep Lyman RDO; 07 Oct Minnehaha DC ... Late: 30 Nov Charles Mix RM; 19 Nov Stanley RDO; 05 Nov Lyman JSP

Mew Gull All Reports: 25 Oct Stanley RDO; 17 Nov Stanley RDO; 19 Nov Stanley RDO

California Gull Late: 14 Nov Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Lyman RDO; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM

Herring Gull Early: 07 Sep Stanley RDO; 24 Sep Lyman RDO; 18 Nov Minnehaha DC

Thayer's Gull All Reports: 30 Oct Sully RDO; 19 Nov Stanley RDO

Glaucous Gull Only Report: 19 Nov Stanley RDO

Sabine's Gull All Reports: 13 Sep Hughes DB; 19 Sep Minnehaha DC

Caspian Tern All Reports: 06 Aug Grant BJU; 21 Aug Kingsbury DC; 26 Aug Roberts MO; 10 Sep Miner JSP

Common Tern All Reports: 24 Sep Lyman RDO; 11 Sep Stanley DB; 12 Aug Stanley JSP; 07 Aug Stanley RDO; 06 Aug Grant BJU

Forster's Tern Late: 28 Oct Day MO; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 11 Oct Minnehaha DC; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Lyman RDO

Black Tern Late: 10 Sep Miner JSP; 03 Sep Meade JLB; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 22 Aug Charles Mix RM

Eurasian Collared-Dove reported from Butte, Charles Mix, Gregory, Lake, Meade, Pennington, Stanley, and Yankton counties

Mourning Dove Late: 13 Nov Minnehaha MS; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 15 Oct Miner JSP; 15 Oct Charles Mix RM; 10 Oct Meade APB

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 21 Aug Beadle BFW

Snowy Owl All Reports: 24 Nov Dewey DGP; 24 Nov Meade DGP; 24 Nov Sully DB

Burrowing Owl Late: 08 Oct Jones DB; 01 Oct Meade EEM; 28 Aug Stanley DB; 15 Aug

Beadle (5) *fide* BFW
Long-eared Owl Only Report: 13 Nov Stanley RDO
Short-eared Owl All Reports: 06 Oct Hand BFW; 14 Oct Hand BFW
Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 04 Sep Custer DB; 10 Sep Harding CEM; 13 Oct Brown DAT
Common Nighthawk Late: 25 Sep Pennington TJ; 24 Sep Minnehaha DC; 04 Sep Brookings BFH; 12 Aug Stanley JSP
Common Poorwill All Reports: 13 Sep Meade APB; 04 Sep Harding CEM; 04 Sep Custer DB; 02 Sep Meade APB; 31 Aug Meade APB
Whip-poor-will All Reports: 05 Oct Hughes RDO; 10 Aug Charles Mix RM; 05 Aug Charles Mix RM
Chimney Swift Late: 24 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 10 Sep Miner JSP; 25 Aug Charles Mix RM; 23 Aug Pennington TJ
White-throated Swift Only Report: 23 Sep Meade APB
Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 27 Sep Lake JSP; 20 Sep Clay DS; 17 Sep Charles Mix RM; 04 Sep Meade AKB
Rufous Hummingbird Late: 08 Sep Meade AKB; 18 Aug Pennington JLB; 08 Aug Lawrence DGP
Belted Kingfisher Late: 13 Nov Pennington JLB; 06 Nov Custer RC; 13 Oct Minnehaha DC; 19 Sep Stanley DB
Lewis's Woodpecker Only Report: 21 Aug Meade AKB
Red-headed Woodpecker Late: 11 Sep Stanley DB; 05 Sep Harding CEM; 04 Sep Custer DB; 21 Aug Minnehaha DC
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker All Reports: 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov Charles Mix RM; 06 Oct Hughes RDO
Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 25 Sep Lawrence VDF; 21 Aug Meade AKB; 10 Aug Lawrence DGP
Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 12 Aug Lawrence DGP; 24 Aug Pennington RDO; 24 Nov Pennington DS; 26 Nov Pennington DS
Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 26 Aug Roberts MO; 16 Sep Roberts MO
Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: 12 Aug Stanley JSP; 22 Aug Brown DAT; 26 Aug Roberts MO; 18 Sep Lawrence DGP ... Late: 03 Sep Lake JSP; 27 Aug Stanley RDO
Western Wood-Pewee All Reports: 27 Aug Harding CEM; 14 Aug Fall River JLB; 14 Aug Pennington RDO
Eastern Wood-Pewee All Reports: 10 Sep Miner JSP; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 27 Aug Minnehaha MS; 21 Aug Stanley RDO; 21 Aug Minnehaha TJ; 20 Aug Lake JSP
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 16 Aug Brown DAT; 09 Sep Hughes EDS; 10 Sep Miner JSP
Least Flycatcher All Reports: 25 Sep Minnehaha MS; 09 Sep Hughes EDS; 07 Sep Stanley DB; 06 Sep Hughes EDS; 21 Aug Stanley RDO; 14 Aug Pennington TJ
Dusky Flycatcher Only Report: 14 Aug Pennington TJ
Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 03 Aug Meade JLB; 01 Aug Lawrence DGP
Eastern Phoebe All Reports: 11 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 01 Oct Brookings JSP; 30 Sep Roberts MO; 27 Aug Stanley RDO
Say's Phoebe Only Report: 11 Sep Jones DB
Great Crested Flycatcher All Reports: 10 Sep Miner JSP; 07 Sep Stanley DB; 06 Sep Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 23 Aug Stanley RDO; 11 Aug Stanley RDO
Western Kingbird Late: 12 Sep Jerauld BFW; 11 Sep Stanley DB; 11 Sep Jones DB
Eastern Kingbird Late: 12 Sep Jerauld BFW; 11 Sep Stanley DB; 11 Sep Jones DB
Loggerhead Shrike Late: 11 Sep Jones DB; 21 Aug Harding CEM; 14 Aug Fall River JLB; 13 Aug Lincoln DC; 10 Aug Hughes RDO
Northern Shrike Early: 20 Oct Roberts MO; 22 Oct Butte APB; 29 Oct Yankton DS
Bell's Vireo All Reports: 28 Aug Harding CEM; 21 Aug Stanley RDO; 13 Aug Charles Mix RM
Yellow-throated Vireo Only Report: 19 Aug Roberts MO

Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 04 Sep Custer DB; 31 Aug Pennington JLB; 10 Aug Pennington JLB

Blue-headed Vireo All Reports: 25 Aug Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 16 Sep Roberts MO; 08 Oct Minnehaha DC

Warbling Vireo Late: 24 Sep Lake JSP; 10 Sep Miner JSP; 08 Sep Hughes EDS; 04 Sep Custer DB

Philadelphia Vireo All Reports: 08 Sep Union DS; 12 Sep Minnehaha DC; 19 Sep Stanley DB; 22 Sep Stanley RDO

Red-eyed Vireo Late: 10 Sep Miner JSP; 07 Sep Stanley DB; 03 Sep Pennington TJ; 03 Sep Lake JSP

Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 04 Sep Custer DB; 15 Oct Custer RC

Purple Martin All Reports: 24 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 03 Sep Lake JSP; 21 Aug Kingsbury DC; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 06 Aug McCook JSP; 04 Aug Brookings BJU

Tree Swallow All Reports: 30 Sep Day WS; 24 Sep Lake JSP; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 15 Aug Grant BJU; 06 Aug McCook JSP

Violet-green Swallow All Reports: 14 Aug Fall River JLB; 08 Aug Lawrence DGP

Northern Rough-winged Swallow All Reports: 12 Aug Pennington JLB; 11 Aug Stanley RDO; 06 Aug Sully RDO; 05 Aug Pennington JLB; 01 Aug Charles Mix RM

Bank Swallow All Reports: 20 Aug Lake JSP; 06 Aug Sully RDO; 06 Aug McCook JSP

Cliff Swallow Late: 03 Sep Lake JSP; 13 Aug Buffalo JSP; 11 Aug Tripp DB; 11 Aug Stanley RDO

Barn Swallow Late: 14 Oct Brown MO; 11 Oct Minnehaha MRZ, DC; 10 Oct Lake JSP; 11 Sep Jones DB; 06 Sep Pennington TJ

Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: 05 Aug Brown DAT; 24 Sep Lake JSP; 26 Sep Minnehaha MS; 28 Sep Stanley DB

Pygmy Nuthatch All Reports: 11 Nov Pennington RC; 26 Nov Pennington RC; 04 Sep Fall River RAP

Brown Creeper Early: 24 Sep Lake JSP; 13 Oct Minnehaha MS; 29 Oct Hughes DB

Rock Wren All Reports: 11 Sep Lawrence DGP; 27 Aug Meade APB; 24 Aug Pennington RDO

Canyon Wren All Reports: 14 Aug Lawrence DGP; 21 Aug Meade AKB; 29 Sep Lawrence DGP; 06 Nov Custer RC; 26 Nov Pennington RC

Carolina Wren All Reports: 11 Oct Brown DAT; 09 Nov Brown DAT; 29-30 Nov Brown DAT

House Wren Late: 10 Oct Lake JSP; 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 17 Sep Stanley DB

Winter Wren All Reports: 12 Aug Lawrence DGP; 14 Sep Lawrence DGP; 26 Sep Brown DAT; 27 Sep Hughes RDO; 30 Oct Brown DAT

Sedge Wren Late: 12 Oct Lincoln MRZ; 04 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 25 Sep Hughes DB

Marsh Wren Late: 29 Oct Lawrence JLB; 11 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 25 Sep Hughes DB

American Dipper All Reports: 21 Aug Lawrence DGP; 29 Aug Lawrence DGP; 16 Sep Lawrence DGP; 29 Sep Lawrence DGP

Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 24 Sep Lake JSP; 07 Oct Hughes EDS; 07 Oct Minnehaha DC

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 05 Sep Clay DS; 07 Sep Lake JSP; 07 Sep Stanley RDO ...
Late: 22 Oct Buffalo JSP; 15 Oct Miner JSP; 10 Oct Lake JSP; 10 Oct Charles Mix RM; 08 Oct Harding CEM

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Only Report: 08 Sep Union DS

Eastern Bluebird Late: 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Oct Jerauld JSP; 02 Oct Moody JSP; 17 Sep Harding CEM

Mountain Bluebird All Reports: 28 Oct Pennington RC; 11 Sep Pennington RDO; 04 Sep Harding CEM; 04 Sep Custer DB; 27 Aug Harding CEM; 14 Aug Fall River JLB

Townsend's Solitaire Early: 27 Sep Hughes RDO; 26 Oct Sully RDO; 29 Oct Yankton DS

Veery All Reports: 06 Sep Stanley RDO; 21 Aug Stanley RDO; 06 Aug Roberts BJU

Gray-cheeked Thrush All Reports: 06 Sep Pennington TJ; 06 Sep Stanley RDO; 12 Sep Hughes EDS; 27 Sep Hughes EDS; 04 Oct Hughes EDS; 08 Oct Harding CEM

Swainson's Thrush Early: 22 Aug Brown DAT; 28 Aug Stanley RDO; 06 Sep Hughes EDS ...
 Late: 07 Oct Hughes EDS; 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 28 Sep Stanley DB; 05 Sep Pennington TJ
Hermit Thrush All Reports: 27 Sep Pennington TJ; 10 Oct Lake JSP; 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 15
 Oct Miner JSP; 26 Oct Minnehaha DC
Varied Thrush Only Report: 29 Nov Hughes RDO
Gray Catbird Late: 15 Nov Clay DS; 10 Oct Lake JSP; 30 Sep Hughes EDS; 27 Sep Pen-
 nington TJ
Brown Thrasher Late: 10 Oct Lake JSP; 25 Sep Hughes DB; 25 Sep Harding CEM
American Pipit Early: 03 Sep Meade JLB; 20 Sep Brown DAT; 01 Oct Kingsbury DS; 07 Oct
 Lyman RDO ... Late: 04 Nov Day MO; 29 Oct Lake JSP; 22 Oct Butte APB
Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 16 Sep Jones DB; 11 Sep Jones DB; 04 Sep Sully RDO
Bohemian Waxwing Only Report: 13 Nov Hughes DB
Tennessee Warbler All Reports: 02 Sep Stanley RDO; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 28 Sep Stanley
 DB; 04 Oct Minnehaha MRZ
Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 28 Aug Pennington TJ; 28 Aug Stanley RDO; 28 Aug
 Harding CEM; 10 Sep Brown DAT ... Late: 16 Oct Charles Mix RM; 15 Oct Miner JSP; 11
 Oct Minnehaha MS; 29 Sep Harding CEM
Nashville Warbler Early: 03 Sep Lake JSP; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Pennington JSP ...
 Late: 10 Oct Lake JSP; 02 Oct Moody JSP; 22 Sep Stanley RDO
Virginia's Warbler Only Report: 04 Sep Custer DB
Yellow Warbler Late: 12 Oct Charles Mix RM; 17 Sep Stanley DB; 12 Sep Hughes EDS; 06
 Sep Pennington TJ; 20 Aug Lake JSP
Black-throated Blue Warbler All Reports: 08 Sep Brown DAT; 09 Sep Brown DAT
Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 06 Sep Hughes EDS; 19 Sep Stanley DB; 24 Sep Lake JSP ...
 Late: 23 Oct Lincoln MRZ; 23 Oct Tripp RAP; 22 Oct Lyman JSP
Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 08 Sep Union DS; 28 Sep Hughes EDS; 08 Oct
 Minnehaha DC
Blackburnian Warbler All Reports: 19 Aug Roberts MO; 08 Oct Minnehaha DC
Bay-breasted Warbler Only Report: 08 Sep Union DS
Blackpoll Warbler Only Report: 20 Sep Lawrence DGP
Black-and-white Warbler Early: 10 Aug Pennington TJ; 15 Aug Brown DAT; 20 Aug Lake
 JSP; 23 Aug Stanley RDO, TJ ... Late: 23 Sep Minnehaha MRZ; 19 Sep Stanley DB; 05 Sep
 Pennington TJ
American Redstart Late: 08 Oct Minnehaha DC; 17 Sep Pennington JSP; 10 Sep Miner JSP;
 07 Sep Stanley RDO, DB
Ovenbird Late: 08 Oct Minnehaha DC; 04 Oct Hughes EDS; 10 Sep Miner JSP; 05 Sep Pen-
 nington TJ
Northern Waterthrush Early: 22 Aug Minnehaha DC, TJ; 23 Aug Pennington JLB; 28 Aug
 Stanley DB ... Late: 02 Oct Moody JSP; 17 Sep Pennington JSP
Connecticut Warbler Only Report: 08 Oct Minnehaha DC
Mourning Warbler All Reports: 07 Sep Hughes EDS; 08 Oct Minnehaha DC
MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 27 Aug Pennington JLB; 09 Aug Lawrence DGP
Common Yellowthroat Late: 10 Oct Lake JSP; 08 Oct Minnehaha DC; 30 Sep Day WS; 27
 Sep Pennington TJ; 25 Sep Hughes DB
Wilson's Warbler Early: 19 Aug Roberts MO; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 24 Aug Pennington TJ; 25
 Aug Stanley RDO ... Late: 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Minnehaha DC; 27 Sep Pennington
 TJ
Canada Warbler All Reports: 17 Aug Brown DAT; 19 Aug Roberts MO; 20 Aug Lake JSP
Yellow-breasted Chat All Reports: 25 Sep Harding CEM; 12 Sep Hughes EDS; 09 Sep
 Stanley RDO; 29 Aug Lawrence DGP; 14 Aug Fall River JLB
Western Tanager Late: 26 Sep Pennington TJ; 14 Sep Meade APB; 04 Sep Custer DB
Spotted Towhee Late: 11 Oct Lawrence VDF; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Harding CEM; 05
 Oct Minnehaha MRZ
Eastern Towhee Only Report: 11 Oct Minnehaha DC

American Tree Sparrow Early: 07 Oct Hughes EDS; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 15 Oct Miner JSP; 15 Oct Pennington JLB

Chipping Sparrow Late: 30 Nov Lawrence VDF; 16 Oct Charles Mix RM; 12 Oct Minnehaha MRZ

Clay-colored Sparrow Late: 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 06 Oct Harding CEM; 26 Sep Hughes EDS; 26 Sep Charles Mix RM; 01 Sep Day WS

Brewer's Sparrow Only Report: 11 Sep Lawrence DGP

Field Sparrow Late: 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Buffalo JSP; 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 27 Aug Harding CEM

Vesper Sparrow Late: 18 Oct Minnehaha DC; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Lyman JSP; 11 Sep Jones DB

Lark Sparrow Late: 11 Oct Minnehaha DC; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 11 Sep Jones DB

Lark Bunting Late: 13 Sep Harding CEM; 11 Sep Jones DB; 18 Aug Meade JLB; 12 Aug Stanley JSP

Savannah Sparrow Late: 29 Oct Lincoln MRZ; 29 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Oct Day MO; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 11 Sep Jones DB

Grasshopper Sparrow Late: 07 Oct Minnehaha DC; 28 Aug Stanley DB; 20 Aug Sully RDO; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 11 Aug Tripp DB

Baird's Sparrow All Reports: 12 Oct Hand BFW; 07 Oct Hand BFW

Le Conte's Sparrow Late: 29 Oct Lincoln MRZ; 22 Oct Clay DS; 14 Oct Brown MO

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow All Reports: 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 25 Sep Hughes DB; 24 Sep Hughes RDO

Fox Sparrow Early: 02 Oct Moody JSP; 05 Oct Lincoln DC; 08 Oct Clay DS ... Late: 11 Nov Brown DAT; 29 Oct Hughes DB; 26 Oct Sully RDO

Song Sparrow Late: 09 Nov Pennington JLB; 31 Oct Brown DAT; 29 Oct Lincoln MRZ; 26 Oct Sully RDO

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 20 Aug Lawrence DGP; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 04 Sep Pennington TJ; 24 Sep Lake JSP ... Late: 05 Nov Clay DS; 29 Oct Lincoln MRZ; 23 Oct Lyman RDO; 17 Sep Pennington JSP

Swamp Sparrow Late: 14 Oct Brown MO; 10 Oct Lake JSP; 09 Oct Minnehaha MS; 25 Sep Hughes DB

White-throated Sparrow Early: 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 14 Sep Brown DAT; 14 Sep Hughes EDS; 10 Oct Pennington JLB ... Late: 29 Oct Lake JSP; 29 Oct Hughes DB; 15 Oct Miner JSP

Harris's Sparrow Early: 24 Sep Stanley RDO; 25 Sep Minnehaha MS; 25 Sep Harding CEM ... Late: 19 Nov Charles Mix RM; 13 Nov Hughes DB; 12 Nov Stanley RDO; 09 Nov Minnehaha DC; 09 Oct Harding CEM

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 13 Sep Lawrence DGP; 17 Sep Harding CEM; 20 Sep Pennington RC; 22 Sep Hughes; 25 Sep Minnehaha MS ... Late: 29 Oct Lawrence JLB; 23 Oct Lyman RDO; 15 Oct Lake JSP

Dark-eyed Junco Early: 24 Sep Stanley RDO; 26 Sep Hughes EDS; 28 Sep Charles Mix RM; 01 Oct Brookings JSP; 01 Oct Kingsbury DS

Lapland Longspur Early: 08 Oct Jones DB; 16 Oct Sully RDO; 02 Nov Minnehaha DC

Chestnut-collared Longspur All Reports: 11 Sep Jones DB; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 28 Aug Stanley DB; 06 Aug Sully RDO

Snow Bunting All Reports: 09 Oct Lyman RDO; 25 Oct Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Butte VDF

Rose-breasted Grosbeak All Reports: 28 Sep Stanley DB; 13 Sep Hughes EDS; 07 Sep Stanley RDO

Black-headed Grosbeak Late: 13 Sep Hughes EDS; 23 Aug Stanley TJ; 20 Aug Meade EEM

Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 21 Aug Minnehaha DC; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 14 Aug Fall River JLB; 13 Aug Lincoln DC; 13 Aug Jerauld JSP; 07 Aug Stanley RDO

Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 14 Aug Fall River JLB

Indigo Bunting All Reports: 07 Aug Hughes RDO; 06 Aug McCook JSP

Dickcissel All Reports: 28 Aug Stanley DB; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 13 Aug Lincoln DC; 06 Aug McCook JSP

Bobolink All Reports: 20 Aug Sully RDO; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 13 Aug Jerauld JSP; 11 Aug Tripp DB
Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 12 Nov Davison RM; 09 Nov Minnehaha DC; 29 Oct Lake JSP; 10 Oct Stanley RDO
Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 16 Oct Sully RDO; 22 Oct Hughes DB; 12 Nov Moody JSP; 21 Nov Lawrence DGP
Brewer's Blackbird All Reports: 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 08 Nov Charles Mix RM; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 30 Sep Roberts MO; 14 Sep Pennington RC; 06 Sep Pennington TJ
Common Grackle Late: 09 Nov Butte VDF; 29 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Oct Minnehaha MRZ; 20 Oct Charles Mix RM
Great-tailed Grackle Only Report: 05 Oct Lincoln DC
Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 18 Oct Minnehaha DC; 15 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Sep Day WS; 04 Sep Harding EEM; 28 Aug Stanley DB
Orchard Oriole All Reports: 26 Aug Charles Mix RM; 21 Aug Stanley RDO; 11 Aug Tripp DB; 11 Aug Charles Mix RM; 06 Aug McCook JSP
Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 28 Aug Stanley DB; 27 Aug Harding CEM
Baltimore Oriole Late: 05 Sep Charles Mix RM; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Lake JSP
Purple Finch Early: 24 Sep Stanley RDO; 30 Sep Day MO; 11 Oct Lake JSP
Pine Siskin Early: 07 Nov Brown DAT; 11 Nov Charles Mix RM; 27 Nov Lake JSP
American Goldfinch reported
Evening Grosbeak All Reports: 23 Oct Lawrence DGP; 30 Oct Lawrence DGP; 30 Nov Lawrence VDF

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Harlequin Duck 14 Oct Brown MO
Black Vulture 25-26 Aug Hughes and Stanley RDO
Red-shouldered Hawk 15 Aug Grant BJU
Laughing Gull 15 Aug Stanley RDO
Little Gull 17 Sep Lyman RDO; 24-25 Sep Lyman RDO; 11 Oct Minnehaha DC
Lesser Black-backed Gull 01 Oct Kingsbury DS
White-winged Dove 11 Jul – 08 Aug Beadle *fide* DAT
Calliope Hummingbird 06-07 Aug Lawrence DGP; 14 Aug Pennington RDO
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 14 Aug Pennington RDO
Rufous Hummingbird 16 Oct Meade (2) EEM
Costa's Hummingbird 09-17 Sep Lawrence DGP, TJ, JSP
Red-bellied Woodpecker 09 Nov Butte VDF; 12 Nov Butte JLB
Bewick's Wren 29 Aug Lawrence DGP
House Wren 26 Nov Pennington DS
McCown's Longspur 22 Oct Butte VDF
Smith's Longspur 07 Oct Lyman RDO
Purple Finch 03 Nov Lawrence DGP; 18 Nov Lawrence VDF

Species Expected But Not Reported

Little Blue Heron, American Black Duck, Greater Sage-Grouse, Long-billed Curlew, Hudsonian Godwit (2), Black-legged Kittiwake (3), Least Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Willow Flycatcher, Wood Thrush (2), Northern Mockingbird, Blue-winged Warbler (4), Golden-winged Warbler, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler (3), Pine Warbler (4), Palm Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Pine Grosbeak, Cassin's Finch, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll

Corrections/Additions to Past Reports

Northern Bobwhite delete 25 Feb 2000 Grant DAT; **Whooping Crane** delete 16 Oct 2003 Stanley RDO; **Evening Grosbeak** delete 19 Jul 2003 Stanley RDO

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