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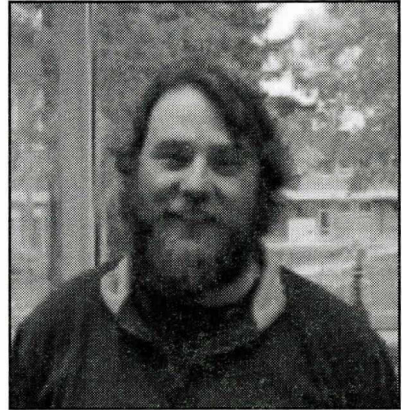
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Editor's Page

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In lieu of a president's page, I am taking liberties with this month's president's page to introduce myself and explain the situation with South Dakota Bird Notes. It was with equal amounts enthusiasm and fear that I agreed to be editor at the Fall 2006 meeting because I knew it would be a challenge. First, the publication was quickly to become three issues behind when I took the reigns. Second, I had no real idea what I was doing or even what the job entailed. Third, as a brand new faculty



member at Northern State University, I knew that I would have limited time to spend on Bird Notes. However, I had a bit of experience with publishing software, a great love of SDOU and Bird Notes, and I figured that being editor would be fun...

...and so far it has been fun - as well as frustrating and frightening. As I write this letter for the September 2006 issue, it is already 21 May 2007 - so things are obviously still a little behind. But I am learning the ropes and hope to get the Bird Notes back on track as soon as possible. Thank you all for your patience and support. Good birding!

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Book Reviews



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HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD. Vol 10. Cuckoo-shrikes to Thrushes. J. del Hoyo, A. Elliott, and D. A. Christie, eds. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. Hardbound. \$245.00. Volume 10 of the mighty Handbook of the Birds of the World continues the series' march through the Passeriformes, cuckoo-shrikes through the thrushes. Fourteen families are covered, including the North American silky-flycatchers, waxwings, dippers, wrens, mockingbirds and thrashers, and thrushes. The thrushes are projected to be the longest family text in the whole series, because of their world-wide distribution, diversity of species, and the plethora of studies dealing with the family's many well-known species.

The book begins with an interesting essay on introduced species. These species often out-compete native birds, and also harbor diseases and destroy crops. The essay ends with a list of solutions to the problem of avian invaders—research, monitoring, legislation, mitigation, and public education. Not mentioned, however, is the dynamic nature of bird distribution, like the Cattle Egret's spread into North America or the philosophical notion of humankind being part of the natural ecology of the planet (i.e., human-introduction of bird species being a natural event).

The bulk of this thick book follows a now-familiar format. Each family is introduced with a chapter including discussions on systematics, morphology, habitat, behavior, song, feeding, breeding, migration, economic impact, and conservation. Every page of this section is graced by at least one outstanding, color photograph of many of the species in the family.

Next is a summary of every species within the family, including stunning, field guide-quality portraits of all of the birds. The paintings were produced by a dozen different artists and are of uniformly excellent quality. The species accounts include distribution maps and concise paragraphs describing taxonomy, subspecies, descriptive notes, habitat, food, behavior, breeding, migration, conservation, and a bibliography. Also listed are alternate common names as well as French, German and Spanish names. It is somewhat odd that an account of the Japanese Accentor, to pick a random species, does not include a Japanese common name.

I find almost nothing in this book, or in the whole series, to criticize. Birders should invest in this handbook rather than buy separate books on various bird families of the world. Nowhere else can the diversity of the world's birds be fully appreciated. If I may be allowed just one tiny nitpick, I was a little disappointed in N. Arlott's thrush plates. The species look produced by a cookie-cutter, all the same shape and pose. His American Robins appear to me to be short-legged and fat-billed. The mastery of color on the plates, however, is superior.

Considering the wealth of information and the quality of the artwork included, these volumes are inexpensive! Purchase prices and special promotions can be found at <http://www.hbw.com>. Birders on a budget would be well-advised to recommend that their local libraries obtain the series. I had no trouble persuading the Northern State University library to subscribe to the series.

Seasonal Reports



The 2006 Spring Season

01 March 2006 to 31 May 2006

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There were 320 species, including 12 rarities, reported during the season. This is down about 10 species from the record highs of the last two years! The ten-year (1996-2005) average is 318. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are earlier/later than listed in *Birds of South Dakota* by Tallman, Swanson, and Palmer and species that are out of range). For early/late migration dates, I have listed the three earliest/latest dates (by county); however, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have given the earliest/latest reported date in the missing region also. Finally, included at the end is a list of species (12) that were not reported this year and might be expected during the Spring Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during spring in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

- Greater White-fronted Goose** Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RM; 04 Mar Beadle BFW; 04 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 05 Apr Charles Mix RM; 04 Apr Minnehaha DC
- Snow Goose** Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha MS ... Late: 27 May Charles Mix RM; 20 May Sully KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS
- Ross's Goose** Early: 04 Mar Lake JSP; 05 Mar Yankton DS; 07 Mar Stanley RDO ... Late: 15 Apr Sully RDO; 14 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP
- Cackling Goose** Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 07 Mar Minnehaha DC ... Late: 07 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 Apr Minnehaha DC; 26 Mar Hughes DB
- Trumpeter Swan** Only Report: 16 Apr Tripp RDO
- Tundra Swan** All Reports: 22 Mar Roberts WS; 23 Mar Minnehaha DC; 24 Mar Roberts MO; 01 Apr Minnehaha MRZ
- Wood Duck** Early: 04 Mar Hughes DB; 07 Mar Stanley RDO; 11 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Pennington JLB
- Gadwall** Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RM; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Pennington JLB
- American Wigeon** Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Pennington JLB
- American Black Duck** All Reports: 04 Mar Lake JSP; 08 Mar Grant BU
- Blue-winged Teal** Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 18 Mar Yankton RD; 20 Apr Pennington JLB; 20 Apr Harding CEM
- Cinnamon Teal** Early: 01 May Hughes KM; 06 May Bennett TJ; 13 May Fall River RAP, JLP

Northern Shoveler Early: 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Mar Minnehaha DC; 24 Mar Pennington JLB

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Sanborn BFW; 02 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Harding CEM

Green-winged Teal Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 24 Mar Pennington JLB

Canvasback Early: 03 Mar Bon Homme RM; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha MS; 26 Mar Pennington JLB

Redhead Early: 01 Mar Sanborn BFW; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RM; 22 Mar Pennington JLB

Ring-necked Duck Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RM; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha MS; 22 Mar Pennington JLB

Greater Scaup Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Yankton DS; 11 Mar Minnehaha DC ... Late: 17 Apr Roberts BU; 17 Apr Grant BU; 14 Apr Sully CEM

Lesser Scaup Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha MS; 22 Mar Pennington JLB

Long-tailed Duck All Reports: **17 Apr Grant BU**; 18 Mar Yankton RD

Bufflehead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha MS; 22 Mar Pennington JLB ... Late: 29 May Hughes KM; 15 May Minnehaha DC; 13 May Pennington JLB

Common Goldeneye Late: 25 Apr Hughes KM; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 17 Apr Grant BU; 01 Apr Meade AKB; 01 Apr Harding CEM

Hooded Merganser Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha DC; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 22 Mar Pennington JLB ... Late: 29 May Hughes KM; 15 May Pennington JLB; 02 May Stanley RDO; 22 Apr Lake JSP

Common Merganser Late: 25 May Pennington MMM; 11 May Meade EEM; 11 May Harding CEM; 02 May Stanley RDO; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 17 Apr Grant BU

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Mar Yankton DS; 07 Mar Hughes KM; 07 Mar Stanley RDO; **11 Mar Lake JSP** ... Late: 02 May Stanley RDO; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 17 Apr Grant BU

Ruddy Duck Early: 04 Mar Lake JSP; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 18 Mar McCook DC, MS; 18 Mar Minnehaha MS; 25 Mar Yankton RM; 21 Apr Harding CEM

Ruffed Grouse Only Report: 04 May Custer JLB

Greater Sage-Grouse All Reports: 08 Apr Harding EK; 11 May Harding KM, CEM; 14 May Harding KM; 20 May Butte MS, RDO; 20 May Harding RDO; 21 May Butte DC

Greater Prairie-Chicken All Reports: 07 Mar Stanley RDO; 02 Apr Stanley KM; 13 May Jones DB; 14 May Jones DB

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 29 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Pennington MMM

Common Loon Early: 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 31 Mar Hughes KM; 31 Mar Stanley RDO; 01 Apr Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 16 May Charles Mix RM; 08 May Stanley DB; 24 Apr Edmunds DAT

Pied-billed Grebe Early: 10 Mar Beadle BFW; 11 Mar Lake JSP; 18 Mar McCook DC, MS; 20 Mar Yankton DC; 15 Apr Fall River ND

Horned Grebe Early: **16 Mar Charles Mix RM**; **18 Mar Yankton RD**; 26 Mar Hughes DB; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 20 May Butte MS ... Late: 21 Apr Yankton ND; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 17 Apr Grant BU

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 07 Apr Day MO; 17 Apr Grant BU; 30 May Marshall WS

Eared Grebe Early: **18 Mar Yankton RD**; 08 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Fall River ND; 15 Apr Deuel BU; 15 Apr Moody JSP

Western Grebe Early: 14 Apr Sully KM, CEM; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 19 Apr Hughes KM; 11 May Harding KM; 11 May Meade EEM

Clark's Grebe All Reports: **17 Apr Roberts BU**; 19 Apr Hughes RDO; 21 Apr Stanley KM, RDO

American White Pelican Early: 29 Mar Day WS; 29 Mar Perkins DB; 31 Mar Hughes KM

Double-crested Cormorant Early: 29 Mar Day WS; 30 Mar Stanley KM; 01 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 20 Apr Pennington JLB

American Bittern Early: **08 Apr Hughes KM**; 22 Apr Minnehaha MS; 23 Apr Brookings BFH

Least Bittern All Reports: 29 May Hughes KM; 30 May Marshall WS

Great Blue Heron Early: 18 Mar McCook DC; 23 Mar Lawrence EK; 25 Mar Hughes DB; 25 Mar Moody JSP

Great Egret Early: **27 Mar Day WS**; **28 Mar Hughes KM**; 01 Apr Brown DAT; 01 Apr Lake JSP

Snowy Egret All Reports: 16 Apr Brown MRZ; 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Little Blue Heron All Reports: **16 Apr Hughes KM, CEM**; **17 Apr Hughes KM, RDO**; 26 May Marshall GO

Cattle Egret Early: 14 Apr Brown MO; 15 Apr Moody JSP; 15 Apr Charles Mix RM; 02 May Mellette ND

Green Heron All Reports: 05 May Marshall MO; 12 May Marshall ND; 18 May Gregory RM; 21 May Grant BU; 22 May Stanley KM; 27 May Moody JSP

Black-crowned Night-Heron Early: 21 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 22 Apr Aurora ND; 23 Apr Hughes KM

White-faced Ibis Early: **14 Apr Brown MO**; **15 Apr Sully RDO, TJ**; 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 May Pennington JLB

Turkey Vulture Early: 29 Mar Charles Mix RM; 31 Mar Lake JSP; 01 Apr Pennington JLB

Osprey Early: 01 Apr Lake JSP; 04 Apr Lawrence EK; 06 Apr Hughes DB ... Late: 12 May Marshall ND; 08 May Stanley DB; 07 May Minnehaha DC

Northern Harrier Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 07 Mar Minnehaha DC; 09 Mar Day WS; 26 Mar Harding CEM

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 05 May Hughes KM; 22 Apr Minnehaha MS; 02 Apr Stanley KM

Northern Goshawk All Reports: 08 Mar Roberts BU; 05 May Pennington RC; 17 May Custer RAP

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 17 Apr Roberts BU; 23 Apr Brookings BFH; 24 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 04 May Custer JLB; 04 May Pennington JLB

Swainson's Hawk Early: 24 Mar Harding CEM; 15 Apr Moody JSP; 15 Apr Sully RDO

Ferruginous Hawk Early: 11 Mar Butte EK; 11 Mar Harding CEM; 24 Mar Stanley DB; 17 Apr Grant BU

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 20 Apr Harding CEM; 09 Apr Custer MMM; 08 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Mar Minnehaha DC

Golden Eagle Late: 24 Mar Stanley DB; 10 Mar Sully KM

Merlin Late: 15 Apr Sully RDO, TJ; 08 Apr Clay DS; 07 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Perkins DB

Gyr Falcon All Reports: **24 Mar Stanley DB; 28 Apr Sully KM**

Peregrine Falcon Early: 01 Apr Pennington MMM; 08 Apr Hughes DB; 14 Apr Clay DS; 14 Apr Sully KM, CEM; 17 Apr Roberts BU ... Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 15 May Hughes KM; 14 May Sully RDO; 11 May Harding KM, CEM

Prairie Falcon Late: 09 Apr Sully RDO

Virginia Rail All Reports: **09 Apr Union BFH; 27 Apr Hughes KM**; 08 May Brown ND; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Sora Early: **14 Apr Fall River ND; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ**; 09 May Sully BFW

American Coot Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 22 Mar Pennington JLB

Sandhill Crane Early: 10 Mar Jerauld BFW; 12 Mar Beadle BFW; 15 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Meade APB ... Late: 22 Apr Sully KM; 09 Apr Harding CEM; 09 Apr Charles Mix RM

Whooping Crane Only Report: 09 Apr Harding CEM

Black-bellied Plover All Reports: **28 Apr Sully KM**; 14 May Sully RDO; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 26 May Sully RDO; 28 May Sully KM, RDO

American Golden-Plover Early: 17 Apr Roberts BU; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 06 May Sully KM, RDO ... Late: 26 May Sully RDO, KM; 26 May Hanson BFW; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Semipalmated Plover Early: 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 22 Apr Sully KM; 24 Apr Hughes RDO ... Late: 27 May Charles Mix RM; 20 May Sully KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Piping Plover Early: 19 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Stanley RDO; 03 May Mellette ND

Killdeer Early: 10 Mar Minnehaha DC; 10 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 24 Mar Pennington JLB

American Avocet Early: 07 Apr Day MO; 07 Apr Charles Mix RM; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 08 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 03 May Meade JLB

Greater Yellowlegs Early: 01 Apr Meade AKB; 03 Apr Minnehaha DC; 04 Apr Hand BFW; 14 Apr Charles Mix RM ... Late: 06 May Sully KM; 06 May Meade EEM; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 23 Apr Minnehaha MS

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 01 Apr Minnehaha DC, MRZ; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 08 Apr Sully KM; 03 May Meade JLB ... Late: 27 May Moody JSP; 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Sully KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 11 May Harding CEM

Solitary Sandpiper Early: 20 Apr Pennington JLB; 22 Apr Union BH; 24 Apr Stanley KM; 05 May Day MO ... Late: 21 May Grant BU; 13 May Pennington JLB; 11 May Harding CEM; 06 May Charles Mix RM

Willet Early: 07 Apr Beadle BFW; 21 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 24 Apr Brown DAT; 02 May Pennington JLB

Spotted Sandpiper Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 28 Apr Pennington JLB; 06 May Kingsbury JSP

Upland Sandpiper Early: 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 23 Apr Charles Mix RM; 26 Apr Hand BFW; 29 Apr Meade ND

- Long-billed Curlew** Early: 04 Apr Custer MMM; 14 Apr Fall River ND; 30 Apr Stanley KM
- Hudsonian Godwit** Early: 14 Apr Clay DS; 17 Apr Grant BU; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ ... Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 17 May Brown ND; 15 May Hand BFW; 14 May Sully RDO
- Marbled Godwit** Early: **31 Mar Hand BFW; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP**; 09 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 20 Apr Harding CEM
- Ruddy Turnstone** All Reports: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 14 May Edmunds JDW; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS
- Sanderling** Early: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 06 May Sully KM, RDO; 17 May Clay DS; 19 May Butte DC ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO, KM; 25 May Union BFH; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS
- Semipalmated Sandpiper** Early: 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 13 Apr Sully RDO; 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 13 May Jones DB ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO, KM; 27 May Moody JSP; 25 May Union BFH
- Least Sandpiper** Early: **08 Apr Kingsbury JSP**; 13 Apr Sully RDO; 03 May Clay DS; 03 May Jackson ND ... Late: 26 May Walworth KM; 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 13 May Pennington JLB
- White-rumped Sandpiper** Early: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 06 May Sully KM, RDO; 06 May Union DS ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO, KM; 27 May Moody JSP; 21 May Grant BU
- Baird's Sandpiper** Early: 01 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 05 Apr Clay DS; 08 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 13 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO, KM; 27 May Charles Mix RM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS
- Pectoral Sandpiper** Early: 05 Apr Clay DS; 07 Apr Beadle BFW; 22 Apr Union BFH ... Late: 26 May Walworth KM; 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Sully KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS
- Dunlin** Early: 13 Apr Sully RDO; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 03 May Clay DS ... Late: 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 11 May Beadle BFW
- Stilt Sandpiper** Early: **23 Apr Stanley RDO**; 28 Apr Sully KM; 06 May Kingsbury KM; 13 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO, KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 19 May McPherson DC
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper** All Reports: 17 May Miner DC; **26 May Sully KM, RDO**
- Short-billed Dowitcher** All Reports: 03 May Jackson ND; 04 May Grant BU; 05 May Charles Mix RM; 11 May Meade EEM; 16 May Charles Mix RM
- Long-billed Dowitcher** Early: 01 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 Apr Union BFH; 15 Apr Sully RDO; 04 May Grant BU; 11 May Harding CEM ... Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 14 May Sully RDO; 13 May Pennington JLB
- Wilson's Snipe** Early: 11 Apr Pennington MMM; 20 Apr Tripp ND; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 21 Apr Stanley KM, RDO
- American Woodcock** All Reports: 31 Mar Hughes KM; 01 Apr Hughes RDO; 11 Apr Hughes KM; 28 May Stanley KM
- Wilson's Phalarope** Early: 09 Apr Union BFH; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ; 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 30 Apr Harding CEM
- Red-necked Phalarope** Early: 06 May Sully KM, RDO; 11 May Harding CEM; 12 May Clay DS ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO, KM; 27 May Shannon ND; 19 May Campbell DC

Franklin's Gull Early: 07 Mar Hughes RDO; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 15 Mar Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Harding CEM

Bonaparte's Gull Early: **25 Mar Stanley DB**; 03 Apr Charles Mix RM; 08 Apr Hughes DB; 15 Apr Moody JSP ... Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 24 Apr Stanley KM; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ

Mew Gull Early: **23 Mar Stanley RDO** ... Late: **02 Apr Stanley RDO**

Ring-billed Gull Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 05 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 11 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 26 Mar Harding CEM

California Gull Early: **07 Mar Hughes RDO; 10 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Stanley RDO**; 27 May Butte JLB

Herring Gull Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Hughes DB; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 17 Apr Grant BU; 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 09 Apr Sully RDO

Thayer's Gull All Reports: 07 Mar Hughes KM, RDO; 03 Apr Stanley RDO

Lesser Black-backed Gull All Reports: 22 Mar Stanley RDO; 30 Mar Stanley KM; 09 Apr Sully KM, RDO

Glaucous Gull All Reports: 13 Mar Hughes RDO; 08 Apr Sully RDO; 09 Apr Sully RDO; 13 Apr Sully RDO; 15 Apr Sully TJ, RDO

Caspian Tern Early: **14 Apr Hughes KM**; 05 May Day MO; 08 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 23 May Stanley KM

Common Tern All Reports: 20 Apr Tripp ND; 03 May Stanley KM; 12 May Grant MO; 13 May Stanley RDO

Forster's Tern Early: **05 Apr Charles Mix RM**; 15 Apr Hughes KM, CEM; 15 Apr Moody JSP; 27 May Meade JLB

Least Tern All Reports: 18 May Union BFH; 25 May Union BFH; 29 May Hughes KM; 29 May Sully RDO

Black Tern Early: 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 08 May Brown ND; 12 May Grant MO; 12 May Bon Homme RM; 13 May Pennington JLB

Eurasian Collared-Dove reported from Brookings, Charles Mix, Douglas, Fall River, Hughes, Kingsbury, Lake, Meade, Pennington, and Stanley counties

Mourning Dove Early: 11 Mar Lake JSP; 23 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 25 Mar Day WS; 31 Mar Hughes KM; 31 Mar Stanley RDO; 07 Apr Harding CEM

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: **05 May Charles Mix RM**; 24 May Hughes KM; 29 May Sully KM; 31 May Stanley DB

Barn Owl All Reports: 06 May Bennett TJ; 08 May Stanley DB; 13 May Jones DB; 16 May Sully KM; 17 May Sully RDO; 20 May Stanley KM

Snowy Owl All Reports: 01 Mar Day WS; 20 Mar Yankton DC; 06 Apr Lyman DB

Burrowing Owl Early: 29 Mar Perkins DB; 04 Apr Custer MMM; 05 Apr Hughes RDO; **17 Apr Hamlin fide DB**

Long-eared Owl All Reports: 04 Mar Hughes DB; 31 Mar Jackson DB; 07 Apr Harding CEM; 12 Apr Harding CEM; 25 Apr Harding CEM; 29 May Sully RDO

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 15 Mar Marshall WS; 25 Mar Deuel BU; 04 Apr Custer MMM; 14 Apr Fall River ND; 03 May Edmunds JDW; 19 May Butte DC

Northern Saw-whet Owl Late: 25 Mar Sully KM

Common Nighthawk Early: 12 May Bon Homme RM; 19 May Union BFH; 23 May Beadle BFW; 26 May Harding CEM

Common Poorwill Early: **25 Apr Harding CEM**; 31 Apr Fall River RAP; 15 May Meade APB; 16 May Hughes RDO

Whip-poor-will All Reports: 01 May Charles Mix RM; 31 May Charles Mix RM

Chuck-will's-widow Only Report: 28 May Stanley RDO

Chimney Swift Early: 22 Apr Charles Mix RM; 01 May Hughes KM; 03 May Lake JSP; 18 May Meade EEM

White-throated Swift Early: **09 Apr Pennington RC**; 22 Apr Harding EK; 13 May Meade AKB

Ruby-throated Hummingbird All Reports: 06 May Charles Mix RM; 21 May Grant BU; 29 May Brookings BFH; 31 May Charles Mix RM

Broad-tailed Hummingbird All Reports: **21 May Lawrence DC**; **21 May Meade TJ**; **22 May Custer TJ, RDO**; **28 May Custer JLB**

Belted Kingfisher Early: 18 Mar Hughes DB; 18 Mar McCook DC; 22 Mar Pennington JLB

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 12 May Pennington TBW; 19 May Pennington JLB; 20 May Pennington MO, RDO

Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 02 May Kingsbury BFW; 03 May Charles Mix RM; 20 May Mellette BFW

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: **25 Mar Yankton RD**; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 14 Apr Minnehaha MS

Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 27 Apr Pennington RDO; 01 May Pennington JLB; 14 May Lawrence EK; 15 May Pennington JLB; 21 May Lawrence DC

American Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 04 May Custer JLB; 19 May Lawrence MO; 20 May Lawrence MO, RDO; **25 May Lawrence (NB) DS**; **26 May Lawrence (NB) DS**

Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 14 May Lawrence EK; 22 May Custer JLB, MO, RDO

Northern Flicker Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Mar Roberts RDO; 31 Mar Meade AKB

Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 06 Mar Roberts KM, RDO; 08 Mar Grant BU; 28 Apr Roberts MO

Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 21 May Grant BU; 22 May Meade TJ

Western Wood-Pewee Early: 14 May Lawrence MS; 18 May Pennington TJ, TBW; 28 May Meade APB

Eastern Wood-Pewee All Reports: 27 May Brookings BFH; 27 May Moody JSP

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 21 May Stanley RDO; 25 May Deuel BU

Alder Flycatcher All Reports: **13 May Pennington TJ**; 18 May Pennington TJ; 21 May Grant BU; 28 May Sully KM, RDO

Willow Flycatcher Early: 21 May Stanley RDO; 24 May Jerauld BFW; 28 May Sully KM, RDO; 29 May Pennington TJ

Least Flycatcher Early: 01 May Pennington TJ; 02 May Stanley RDO; 04 May Hughes EDS; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Dusky Flycatcher Early: 13 May Pennington TJ; 17 May Lawrence EK; 22 May Custer JLB, RDO; 22 May Fall River RAP

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 20 May Harding RDO; 22 May Custer RDO

Eastern Phoebe Early: 01 Apr Lake JSP; 01 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 05 Apr Clay DS; 13 May Pennington JLB; 13 May Fall River RAP, JLP

Say's Phoebe Early: 09 Apr Harding CEM; 14 Apr Marshall MO; 16 Apr Stanley KM

Great Crested Flycatcher Early: 13 May Pennington JLB; 15 May Roberts MO; 19 May Hughes EDS

Western Kingbird Early: **13 Apr Hughes RDO; 16 Apr Custer ND**; 02 May Charles Mix RM; 06 May Kingsbury JSP

Eastern Kingbird Early: 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 07 May Minnehaha DC; 13 May Jones DB

Loggerhead Shrike Early: 25 Mar Charles Mix RM; 31 Mar Harding CEM; 08 Apr Sully KM; 21 Apr Lincoln MRZ

Northern Shrike All Reports: 01 Mar Day WS; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 08 Mar Roberts BU

Bell's Vireo Early: 15 May Hughes KM; 21 May Moody DC; 24 May Stanley RDO; 29 May Pennington JLB

Yellow-throated Vireo Only Report: 07 May Clay DS

Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: **14 May Pennington JLB**; 22 May Custer RDO; 27 May Harding CEM

Blue-headed Vireo All Reports: 08 May Edmunds JDW; 19 May Stanley KM; 20 May Harding RDO; 21 May Grant BU

Warbling Vireo Early: 06 May Charles Mix RM; 09 May Brookings BFH; 12 May Roberts MO; 22 May Custer RDO

Philadelphia Vireo All Reports: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 21 May Edmunds JDW; 21 May Grant BU; 21 May Stanley KM; **31 May Hughes KM**

Red-eyed Vireo Early: 08 May Clay DS; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 21 May Stanley RDO; 27 May Pennington MMM; 27 May Harding CEM

Gray Jay All Reports: 13 May Custer RAP, JLP; 14 May Lawrence MS; 20 May Lawrence RDO

Pinyon Jay reported from Fall River and Meade counties

Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 13 May Custer RAP, JLP; 24 May Fall River MO

Black-billed Magpie reported from Harding, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties

Purple Martin Early: 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 22 Apr Minnehaha MS; 24 Apr Hughes RDO; 03 May Jackson ND

Tree Swallow Early: **31 Mar Pennington JLB**; 05 Apr Beadle BFW; 07 Apr Hughes KM

Violet-green Swallow Early: 20 Apr Pennington JLB; 11 May Harding KM, CEM; 28 May Custer JLB

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: **07 Apr Charles Mix RM**; 15 Apr Stanley KM; 17 Apr Grant BU; 26 Apr Pennington JLB

Bank Swallow Early: **18 Apr Charles Mix RM**; 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 10 May Union BFH; 11 May Harding CEM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Cliff Swallow Early: **19 Apr Hughes KM**; 28 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 May Kingsbury JSP; 11 May Harding CEM

Barn Swallow Early: 14 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Moody JSP; 17 Apr Meade EEM

Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: **20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS**; 03 May Lake JSP; 19 Apr Hughes KM

Pygmy Nuthatch reported from Custer and Pennington counties

Brown Creeper Late: 12 May Harding KM; 22 Apr Lake JSP; 16 Apr Hughes KM
Rock Wren Early: **15 Apr Fall River ND**; 02 May Stanley RDO; 03 May Custer MMM
Canyon Wren reported from Custer, Fall River, Meade, and Pennington counties
House Wren Early: 21 Apr Minnehaha MS; 23 Apr Hughes EDS; 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Pennington TJ
Winter Wren All Reports: 30 Mar Pennington AKB; 04 Apr Minnehaha MS; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 17 Apr Grant BU; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 18 Apr Minnehaha MS
Sedge Wren Early: **25 Apr Hughes KM**; 04 May Grant BU; 08 May Beadle BFW; 16 May Pennington TJ
Marsh Wren Early: 12 Apr Hughes KM; 04 May Grant BU; 05 May Hanson BFW; 16 May Pennington TJ
American Dipper Only Report: 21 May Lawrence MS
Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 17 Apr Roberts BU; 08 Apr Minnehaha MS; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 08 Apr Hughes EDS, DB
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 08 Apr Hughes DB; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 08 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 15 Apr Harding CEM ... Late: 21 May Stanley KM; 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: 05 May Roberts MO; 08 May Union DS; 13 May Lincoln GO; 13 May Fall River RAP, JLP
Eastern Bluebird Early: 06 Mar Yankton DC; 09 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 09 Mar Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Pennington TBW
Mountain Bluebird Early: 02 Mar Meade EEM; 06 Mar Custer TBW; 11 Mar Harding EK; 11 Mar Pennington RC; 15 Mar Stanley RDO
Townsend's Solitaire Late: 05 Apr Hughes KM; 11 Mar Beadle BFW
Veery All Reports: 12 May Stanley RDO; 13 May Douglas RM; 16 May Beadle BFW; 19 May Stanley KM
Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 05 May Stanley RDO; 07 May Hughes KM; 12 May Harding CEM; 21 May Grant BU ... Late: 27 May Pennington TJ; 21 May Stanley RDO
Swainson's Thrush Early: 29 Apr Pennington TJ; 04 May Clay DS; 05 May Hughes KM; 06 May Lake JSP ... Late: 31 May Hughes KM; 21 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Grant BU; 21 May Beadle BFW
Hermit Thrush Early: 06 Apr Brookings BU; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 13 Apr Pennington TJ ... Late: 30 Apr Minnehaha MS; 22 Apr Pennington TJ; 22 Apr Lake JSP
Wood Thrush All Reports: 20 May Brown GO; 21 May Grant BU
Gray Catbird Early: 05 May Hanson BFW; 05 May Pennington MMM; 12 May Roberts MO; 14 May Charles Mix RM
Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 15 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 May Stanley DB; 28 May Stanley KM, RDO; 29 May Stanley KM
Sage Thrasher All Reports: 14 May Butte EK; 20 May Butte DC, MS, RDO, RAP
Brown Thrasher Early: 17 Apr Clay DS; 22 Apr Minnehaha MS; 23 Apr Brookings BFH; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 13 May Pennington JLB
American Pipit Early: 09 Apr Sully KM, RDO; 17 Apr Grant BU; 17 Apr Roberts BU; **20 May Butte DC, MS**
Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 01 May Custer MMM; 14 May Custer MMM
Bohemian Waxwing All Reports: 08 Mar Grant BU; 18 Mar McCook DC

Golden-winged Warbler All Reports: 17 May Clay DS; 20 May Meade TJ; 21 May Lawrence DC

Tennessee Warbler Early: 07 May Hughes KM; 07 May Stanley RDO; 08 May Clay DS; 19 May Pennington JLB; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS ... Late: 26 May Walworth KM; 26 May Hughes EDS; 21 May Minnehaha MRZ; 20 May Harding RDO

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: **14 Apr Union DS; 15 Apr Hughes KM, CEM;** 17 Apr Pennington TJ; 18 Apr Edmunds JDW; 18 Apr Spink RDO ... Late: 21 May Walworth DAT; 21 May Beadle BFW; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 20 May Harding RDO

Nashville Warbler Only Report: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Virginia's Warbler All Reports: **22 May Custer TJ, MO, RDO;** 28 May Custer JLB

Northern Parula All Reports: 02 May Lake JSP; 21 May Grant BU

Yellow Warbler Early: 26 Apr Charles Mix RM; 02 May Pennington TJ; 04 May Clay DS; 12 May Roberts MO

Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: 19 May Walworth DC; 20 May Meade TJ; 21 May Hughes KM; 21 May Lawrence DC

Magnolia Warbler Early: 19 May Hughes EDS; 19 May Stanley KM; 19 May Walworth DC; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS ... Late: 21 May Walworth DAT; 21 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Hughes KM; 21 May Grant BU

Cape May Warbler All Reports: 19 May Walworth DC; 21 May Hughes KM; 21 May Walworth DAT

Black-throated Blue Warbler All Reports: **02 May Hughes EDS; 05 May Hughes DB, KM; 06 May Hughes KM, RDO**

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: **26 Mar Hughes KM;** 08 Apr Minnehaha MRZ; 11 Apr Clay DS; 11 Apr Pennington TJ ... Late: 21 May Walworth DAT; 21 May Hughes KM; 21 May Grant BU

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 15 May Roberts MO; 19 May Walworth DC; 21 May Edmunds JDW

Palm Warbler Early: 25 Apr Hughes KM; 30 Apr Pennington TJ; 06 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Lake GO ... Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 19 May Walworth DC; 15 May Hughes EDS

Bay-breasted Warbler Only Report: 20 May Hughes EDS

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 05 May Pennington TJ; 06 May Bennett TJ; 06 May Hughes KM, RDO; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS ... Late: 25 May Hughes EDS; 24 May Union BFH; 21 May Walworth DAT; 21 May Stanley RDO, KM; 21 May Minnehaha MRZ; 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Harding RDO

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 24 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Minnehaha MS; 03 May Hughes KM; 19 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 22 May Hughes EDS; 21 May Walworth DAT; 21 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Minnehaha MRZ; 21 May Meade DC

American Redstart Early: 14 May Lawrence MS; 18 May Stanley KM; 19 May Hughes EDS; 19 May Walworth DC; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Ovenbird Early: 02 May Hughes EDS; 08 May Union DS; 12 May Roberts MO; 15 May Pennington JLB

Northern Waterthrush Early: 04 May Grant BU; 05 May Hughes DB; 07 May Clay DS; 13 May Pennington TJ ... Late: 21 May Walworth DAT; 21 May Meade DC; 21 May Grant BU

Mourning Warbler All Reports: 18 May Stanley DB; 19 May Hughes EDS; 21 May Stanley RDO; 22 May Hughes EDS

MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 22 May Custer MO, RDO; 28 May Custer JLB

Common Yellowthroat Early: **21 Apr Stanley KM**; 28 Apr Pennington JLB; 05 May Hughes EDS; 13 May Beadle BFW

Wilson's Warbler All Reports: 04 May Hughes EDS; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 21 May Beadle BFW; 21 May Grant BU; 21 May Walworth DAT

Canada Warbler Only Report: 21 May Minnehaha PB

Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 20 May Stanley KM; 22 May Custer DC, RDO; 27 May Harding CEM

Scarlet Tanager Only Report: 21 May Grant BU

Western Tanager Early: **04 May Hughes EDS**; 14 May Pennington JLB; 22 May Custer JLB, RDO

Spotted Towhee Early: 15 Apr Hughes KM, CEM; 24 Apr Stanley RDO; 25 Apr Pennington RC; 06 May Brown GO; 06 May Lake JSP

Eastern Towhee All Reports: 12 May Beadle BFW; 13 May Lincoln GO

American Tree Sparrow Late: 06 May Harding CEM; 09 Apr Hughes KM; 06 Apr Brookings BU

Chipping Sparrow Early: **05 Mar Harding CEM**; **17 Mar Meade APB**; 08 Apr Charles Mix RM; 14 Apr Minnehaha MS, MRZ

Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 24 Apr Stanley RDO; 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 28 Apr Custer MMM; 02 May Beadle BFW

Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: **27 Apr Fall River RDO**; 11 May Harding KM, CEM; 20 May Butte DC, MS, RAP; 20 May Harding RDO; 22 May Fall River DC

Field Sparrow Early: 09 Apr Clay DS; 14 Apr Minnehaha MS; 15 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Pennington TJ

Vesper Sparrow Early: 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 10 Apr Custer MMM; 12 Apr Buffalo BFW; 12 Apr Hand BFW

Lark Sparrow Early: 15 Apr Deuel BU; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 30 Apr Harding CEM

Lark Bunting Early: 07 May Custer MMM; 08 May Stanley DB; 11 May Harding KM, CEM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Savannah Sparrow Early: 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 15 Apr Deuel BU; 16 Apr Brown MRZ; 18 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Pennington RC

Grasshopper Sparrow Early: **12 Apr Buffalo BFW**; 07 May Harding CEM; 12 May Custer MMM; 12 May Roberts MO

Baird's Sparrow All Reports: 12 May Harding CEM; 14 May Harding KM; 19 May Harding DC; 20 May Harding DC, MS, RDO

Le Conte's Sparrow All Reports: 25 Apr Hughes KM; 17 May Pennington TJ

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow Only Report: 24 May Walworth MO

Fox Sparrow All Reports: 01 Apr Minnehaha MS; 02 Apr Lake JSP; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 09 Apr Hughes KM; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM

Song Sparrow Early: 11 Mar Custer CS; 11 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 11 Mar Minnehaha MRZ; 14 Mar Stanley RDO

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 17 Apr Roberts BU; 20 Apr Hughes EDS; 21 Apr Minnehaha MS; 23 Apr Harding CEM ... Late: 21 May Stanley RDO, KM; 21 May Grant BU; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 11 May Harding CEM

Swamp Sparrow Early: 06 Apr Brookings BU; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 21 Apr Stanley KM

White-throated Sparrow Early: 15 Apr Hughes KM, CEM; 17 Apr Clay DS; 17 Apr Roberts BU ... Late: 28 May Sully RDO; 21 May Minnehaha MRZ; 21 May Grant BU

Harris's Sparrow Early: 12 Mar Charles Mix RM; 13 Mar Beadle BFW; 13 Mar Clay DS; 16 May Custer MMM ... Late: 21 May Stanley KM; 21 May Grant BU; 21 May Charles Mix RM

White-crowned Sparrow Early: **12 Mar Hughes DB**; 11 Apr Pennington TJ; 27 Apr Custer MMM; 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 28 May Sully KM; 23 May Charles Mix RM; 21 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Grant BU; 13 May Pennington JLB

Dark-eyed Junco Late: 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 26 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Lake JSP

Lapland Longspur Late: 06 Apr Brookings BU; 03 Apr Deuel BU; 01 Apr Minnehaha MRZ, DC; 20 Mar Yankton DC

Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 07 Apr Custer MMM; 09 Apr Sully RDO; 12 Apr Buffalo BFW; 21 Apr Day MO

Snow Bunting All Reports: 09 Mar Day WS; 15 Mar Day WS; 20 Mar Yankton DC; 24 Mar Marshall MO

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 04 May Clay DS; 12 May Roberts MO; 12 May Charles Mix RM; 18 May Pennington RC

Black-headed Grosbeak Early: **02 May Hughes EDS**; 06 May Stanley RDO; 09 May Fall River RAP; 21 May Edmunds JDW

Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 27 May Stanley KM; 28 May Stanley RDO; 29 May Stanley KM

Lazuli Bunting All Reports: 17 May Hughes KM; 21 May Stanley RDO; 22 May Custer JLB; 22 May Fall River MO; 28 May Custer JLB; 28 May Harding DB

Indigo Bunting All Reports: 13 May Lincoln GO; 21 May Hughes KM; 21 May Stanley RDO; 31 May Hughes KM

Dickcissel Early: 15 May Clay DS; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS; 24 May Jerauld BFW

Bobolink Early: 05 May Hanson BFW; 06 May Buffalo BFW; 08 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Jones DB

Western Meadowlark Early: 06 Mar Stanley RDO; 08 Mar Beadle BFW; 08 Mar Buffalo BFW; 08 Mar Charles Mix RM; 14 Mar Meade EEM

Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 09 Apr Hughes KM; 11 Apr Clay DS; 15 Apr Pennington MMM

Rusty Blackbird Early: 11 Mar Lake JSP; 18 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 01 Apr Grant BU ... Late: 17 Apr Roberts BU; 07 Apr Marshall MO; 06 Apr Brookings BU

Brewer's Blackbird Early: 12 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 17 Apr Roberts BU; 03 May Meade JLB

Common Grackle Early: 06 Mar Lake JSP; 11 Mar Clay DS; 18 Mar Minnehaha MS; 10 Apr Custer MMM

Great-tailed Grackle Early: **08 Mar Grant BU**; 09 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Brown MO

Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 08 Mar Grant BU; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 08 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 12 Apr Charles Mix RM; 26 Apr Pennington JLB

Orchard Oriole Early: 13 May Clay DS; 13 May Pennington JLB; 19 May Stanley KM; 20 May Kingsbury JSP, RFS

Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 20 May Harding RDO; 22 May Custer RDO; 29 May Pennington TJ
Baltimore Oriole Early: 02 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Clay DS; 06 May Lake JSP; 12 May Harding CEM
Purple Finch Late: 22 Apr Lake JSP; 06 Apr Brookings BU; 02 Apr Hughes KM, EDS
Cassin's Finch Only Report: 20 May Pennington MO, RDO
Red Crossbill All Reports: 26 Mar Pennington JLB; 27 Apr Custer RDO; 28 May Meade EEM
White-winged Crossbill All Reports: 19 May Lawrence MO; 20 May Lawrence MO, RDO
Pine Siskin Late: 31 May Minnehaha NS; 05 May Lake JSP; 19 Mar Charles Mix RM
Evening Grosbeak Only Report: 16 Mar Meade EEM

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Mute Swan 08 Mar Stanley RDO
Tundra Swan 11 May Meade EEM
Red-shouldered Hawk 25 Mar Moody JSP; 12 May Roberts MO
Sora 09 Apr Union BFH
Red Knot 20 May Kingsbury (2) JSP, RFS
Western Sandpiper 14 May Sully RDO
Stilt Sandpiper 09 Apr Union BFH
Great Black-backed Gull 08-09 Apr Sully RDO, KM
Iceland Gull 06-24 Mar Stanley RDO
Lesser Black-backed Gull 23 Mar Minnehaha DC, MRZ
Cliff Swallow 06 Mar Yankton DC
Townsend's Warbler 27 May Lawrence DS
Prothonotary Warbler 22 May Minnehaha PB
Worm-eating Warbler 19 May Walworth DC
Hooded Warbler 24 May Brown DAT
Green-tailed Towhee 11 May Harding KM, CEM
Eastern Meadowlark 04 Apr Minnehaha MS

Species Expected But Not Reported

Barrow's Goldeneye (3), White-winged Scoter (3), Black-necked Stilt, Black-billed Cuckoo, Carolina Wren, Blue-winged Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Smith's Longspur (2), Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Common Redpoll, Lesser Goldfinch (2)

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