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*Barrow's Goldeneye pair*  
*Santa Clara County, CA 11/24/10*

*Photo: Tom Grey*



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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Whoo-hoo! It's almost springtime again; time when most of us eagerly anticipate the first singing robin, the first migrant in our yard, and the first fledglings. So you may ask, who can I tell about what I find? Does my observation count? How do I contribute to the knowledge of South Dakota birds?

First, about that cool observation of an interesting bird or 'first of the year'. Please do tell someone. Even though you may not think it is of interest, someone else may really like to hear about your sighting. According to a 2006 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Survey, around 30% of South Dakota adults watch birds. So there will be someone out there who would be interested. Maybe someone would like to add the species to one of their lists - life list, year list, county list, etc. Maybe someone would like to compare your observation to what they are seeing. Maybe you have seen a record bird! Anyway, wouldn't you like to know if someone in your town had seen something interesting? So please extend the same courtesy to your fellow bird enthusiasts. Besides, sometimes the people around us (family, colleagues, neighbors) don't get as excited about our finds as they should. Tell a fellow bird enthusiast, who is as crazy about birds as you are, to share the fun!



How to communicate your finding? It could be as simple as picking up the telephone or sending an email or text message. To get the word out to a lot of people at once, post your sighting on the SDOU facebook page and the sd-birds listserv (see the SDOU web page, [www.sdou.org](http://www.sdou.org), or the mailing cover of this issue of *Bird Notes*, to find out how to sign up for the listserv). Enter your observation into the SDOU online database and to eBird. If you have an unusual sighting, write a short article about it for *South Dakota Bird Notes*.

Does your bird observation matter? Of course it does! As I just mentioned, it may matter to another bird-watcher. But it also 'matters' from a scientific point of view. The accumulation of individual observations creates a pattern, which is of interest to science and bird conservation. This has become much easier with the development of online databases, such as the SDOU bird observation database or eBird, which store millions of observations. Bird populations change and distributions shift over time. For example, here in South Dakota, birders' observations have documented the expansion of Eurasian Collared-doves and Great-tailed Grackles. This is why all observations are important - they allow us to track our bird populations. The more observations we have, the more fine-tuned our tracking efforts. So while you enjoy tracking the arrival date of your favorite migrant over the years, these same data can be used to examine the possible effects of climate change on birds. But we need to have your data stored in a database before we can analyze it, so please contribute!

One of the best ways to tell stories about your bird experiences is face to face. The upcoming SDOU spring meeting in Edgemont (1-3 June) is the perfect place to share your observations and stories. And, with all the great bird-watching in the Edgemont area, you will gain more observations, more stories, more friends, and more fun! See you in June!

*Nancy Drilling*

# SDOU SPRING 2012 MEETING

The South Dakota Ornithologists's Union 63rd Annual Spring Meeting will take place 1-3 June 2012 in Edgemont SD.

The meeting will be held at the Sunrise Guest Ranch which is located six miles north of Edgemont (see map), with rooms also available in town at the Cowboy

Inn, a newly renovated motel. For rates see registration form on inside mailing label.



*On the Sunrise Guest Ranch north of Edgemont SD*

Snacks, breakfasts and coffee are available at the 24-hour store, across from the motel, kept open by contract with the railroad. (Edgemont is a major rail center.) At the ranch, morning coffee and rolls will be provided. The banquet

will be at the ranch, and will be a full Ranch Chuck Wagon with lamb, pork and beef kabobs.

In South Dakota, sagebrush is a habitat represented by few acres. There are even fewer acres than were extant formerly due to “grasslands management”. The reasons are fascinating and will be addressed by our banquet speaker, Bob Hodorff, who is the Wildlife Biologist for the Fall River District, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.

There will be field trips on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday June 3. Depending on scouting the weekend before the meeting, these may include:

1. Dewey Road to Hell Canyon near Jewel Cave NM. Dave Swanson and Jeffrey Palmer will lead this trip with chances for Cassin's Kingbird and Broad-tailed Hummingbird, and perhaps a side trip for Lewis's Woodpecker.
2. The Sunrise Guest Ranch. The ranch owner, Mark, has agreed to lead a tour of the ranch, including many differing habitats, from Craven (Williamson's Sapsucker; July 2011) and Elbow canyons to caves in rock cliffs with evidence of ancient petroglyphs. Todd Jensen has volunteered to be the birding leader for this trip. Maybe our resident archaeologist, SDOU member Mick Zerr will

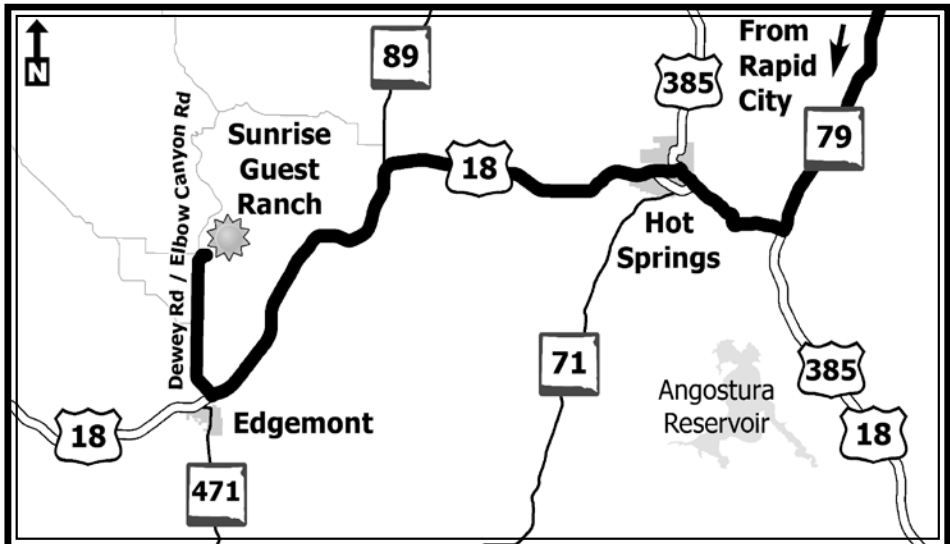
help us see into ancient South Dakota here.

3. The extensive sage country west of Edgemont which includes the traditional spot for Brewer's Sparrows and has yielded Cassin's Sparrows on more than one occasion. Jennifer Fowler and Nancy Drilling will be leading a trip targeting these birds in one of the Breeding Bird Survey tracts where Jennifer found them last year.
4. Cascade Springs and Angostura Reservoir are possible for Yellow-breasted Chat, any water birds present and views of a unique flora (including rare orchids) in South Dakota. The Whitney Preserve is nearby as well.
5. A trip over the nearby border into Wyoming for any who want to be sure to see Greater Sage Grouse, as the traditional spot seven miles from Edgemont has been without birds of late. Sage Thasher is more easily seen there as well.
6. The Newcastle, Wyoming, area which often yields Mountain Plover and McCown's Longspur, both singing and displaying on territory.

Registration and sign up forms will be found on the inside mailing cover of this issue of *SD Bird Notes* and on <<[www.sdou.org](http://www.sdou.org)>>.

~ See You There ~

*For more information call Douglas Chapman at 605-334-7115 or 605-940-7435.*



*Directions to the Sunrise Guest Ranch six (6) miles north of Edgemont SD. Accommodations are also available in Edgemont at the Cowboy Inn as well as in Hot Springs.*

*Map by SDOU member Chris Anderson, Sioux Falls.*

# BOOK REVIEW

DAN TALLMAN

**Field Guide to the Birds of North America. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition.** Jon L. Dunn and Jonathan Alderfer. 2011. National Geographic Society: Washington DC. 574 pp. Softcover.

The National Geographic Society has come out with a new, sixth edition of their *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*. At first glance, this book will appear to be similar to previous editions. A closer look will confirm that this conclusion is in error. This edition includes new illustrations and text, better identification tips, and features that make the book easier to use--amounting to a must-have volume for birders of all abilities.

Three hundred new illustrations appear in this edition. The number of extremely rare birds increases from 71 to 92. But rare birds are of little use to those of us who will never visit the Aleutian Islands and, in fact, may lead beginning birders astray, and so I would have preferred more illustrations of more common birds. As in previous editions, at least five artists have contributed to the plates in this book. This gives the illustrations more variability than the uniformly excellent artwork in *The Sibley Guide to Birds*. For example, I dislike the backgrounds behind many of the sparrow plates, backgrounds that distract from the species and add little or nothing to aid identification. I suspect having both books will give birders multiple impressions of different species, and this diversity will aid in identification.

Field mark text-labels along side most of the illustrations, often with pointers to key field marks, make this volume more effective for species identification than previous editions. The plates in this new work achieve parity with Sibley's work. Range maps have been updated and improved. Now the maps use six, rather than three colors, imparting more range information. For better or worse, extralimital distributions (shown as green dots in Sibley's book) are not included here. In an appendix, 59 range maps show the distribution of many field-identifiable subspecies. This feature, along with attention to subspecies throughout the book, brings birding to an almost full circle begun by early editions of Peterson's field guides that included subspecies. Subspecies information is essential in these days of flux in our understanding of avian taxonomy. You never know if a subspecies today will become a full species tomorrow.

The Geographic guide now includes 990 species (compared to 810 in Sibley). Despite these additions, this new book has smaller dimensions than Sibley's, making it hefty, but more portable in the field. One reason for the smaller size may be that the Geographic book averages about three illustrations per species compared to eight in Sibley. Exceptions, however, can be found for many species.

An illustrated index to bird families occurs inside the front and back covers (similar to family reviews found in Sibley). A new feature in this guide is inclusion of dictionary-like tab indentations along the book's outer edge as an aid in finding selected bird families. Unfortunately only seven families are tabbed, leaving the novice user to struggle to find untabbed families such as owls, woodpeckers and hummingbirds. The bottom line? This field guide is excellent. It stands alongside its strongest competitor, *The Sibley Guide to Birds*. Birders will want both. Owners of older editions of the Geographic guide will be happy with this upgrade.

# BOOK REVIEW

MICHAEL RETTER

**Birds of North America and Greenland.** Norman Arlott. 2011. Princeton University Press: Princeton, NJ. 239 pp. Perfect bind (soft).

I was excited to receive a copy of “Birds of North America and Greenland”. (It should be noted that, title notwithstanding, it does not include Mexico and Central America.) It’s one in a series of Princeton’s “Illustrated Checklists”. If you’re not familiar with them, they are slim volumes with little in the way of text, but chock full of illustrations. They vary greatly in quality of artwork, from the embarrassing Ber van Perlo volumes to the polished ones by Norman Arlott. Fortunately, this is one of the latter. I had greatly enjoyed my Eurasian (also Arlott) and South American versions, so I suppose I had great expectations. Unfortunately, they were not met.

On the positive side, Arlott is a remarkable artist. The technical skill necessary to execute such a comprehensive work in a short amount of time is impressive, to say the least. (He’s also the author—quite a feat.) But artistic talent does not make up for a lack of experience with the species at hand. At least, I hope that’s what’s to blame here. My go-to species to judge a level of artist experience is Buff-breasted Sandpiper. It has a distinctive look that’s not easily recreated without “knowing” the bird, and the odd, squinty-eyed depiction in the book told me that I was in for more disappointment. The inaccuracies in the artwork are simply appalling. Where do I begin?

The black immediately above and below the eye of the Black-crested and Tufted titmouse illustrations is missing, giving (in the case of the latter) a very familiar eastern species a very unfamiliar look. Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush is illustrated as having dull yellowish bare parts, when in reality, they are glowing, fiery red-orange. This made me wonder if the artist wasn’t working from skins; a simple Google image search would have shown him otherwise. Black-chinned Hummingbird is shown as having a red gorget instead of a purple one, and the text simply reads, “very similar to Ruby-throated”. Good luck identifying from that only!

Size and shape are routinely way off. For instance, Chipping Sparrow is illustrated as being larger than both American Tree Sparrow and Lark Sparrow—two of our larger sparrows—and nearly twice as massive as Brewer’s Sparrow, which is nearly the same size (barely longer) in life. Chipping Sparrow, along with many other seed-eating species, is illustrated with a weirdly long bill. Bonaparte’s Gull is shown as smaller than all the other gulls, including even Little Gull. Masked Tityra has a bizarrely grosbeak-like bill. Orchard Oriole is shown the same size as Baltimore Oriole, with a more massive bill. Indigo Bunting is shown scarcely smaller than Blue and Rose-breasted grosbeaks. Hoary Redpoll is shown having a relatively longer bill than Common Redpoll; the opposite of real life. The pose of our wood-warblers was recycled from the Old World warblers; the result is familiar species in very unfamiliar, unnatural-looking poses. Perhaps the worst illustration of all attempts (but fails miserably) to depict a Roseate Spoonbill. Instead, there is a creature which doesn’t exist in nature, complete with canary yellow head and carnation pink neck. A close second is the female Scarlet Tanager with a tiny, goldfinch-like, pointed beak. I could go on, but you get the point.

The author/artist seemed to be more interested in illustrating vagrants than plumages (of regularly-occurring birds) that would actually help the user of his book. For instance, there is only one illustration of a White-eye Vireo—an adult. Rather than illustrate the potentially confusing, dark-eyed juvenile, there are three illustrations of variation in Thick-billed Vireo, a vagrant from the Bahamas. Not even a speckle-breasted juvenile American Robin is depicted.

Some of the names used in this book will be confusing to most Americans. Arlott states that he uses the names that are “those used by most birders in the field”. He should have said “most birders in the field in Great Britain”. While this is undoubtedly an asset for European guides, this is supposed to be a book about North America. The book is full of Anglicisms such as Brent Goose, Eider, Willow Grouse, Great Northern Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Arctic Skua, Puffin, Brünnich’s Guillemot, Little Auk, Grey Plover, Rough-legged Buzzard, Cuckoo, Lapland Bunting, and Common Crossbill. Bizarrely, the British system of deleting modifiers (e.g., Knot, Wren) is sometimes even extended to “our” birds in these pages (e.g., Poorwill, Pauraque). In some cases (e.g., Common Raven), the official AOU name for the species appears nowhere in the book! If it weren’t obvious already, it seems more and more likely that the author has spent little time in North America. Phrases such as “vagrant north to Carolina” stick out as unintentional shibboleths. Have you ever been to Carolina? Or Dakota for that matter?

The more deeply I look into the book, the more errors I find. Did you know, for instance, that Bald Eagles are only 31–37 cm in length? That places them somewhere between Northern Flicker and Green-winged Teal.

As for the design of the book, the placement of the maps facing the illustrations is a major improvement over other volumes in the “Illustrated Checklist” series (which grouped them in the back), but their tiny size and placement inside the crease of the book makes them difficult to use.

Overall, I was greatly disappointed by this book. I cannot with good conscience recommend it to any students of North American ornithology. If anything, the several hours I spent looking it over made me wonder just how much is inaccurate in my Eurasian “Illustrated Checklist” by the same author. Not having seen most of the birds therein, it’s hard for me to say, but I’m not encouraged.

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## SNOWY OWL IRRUPTION AT THE LAKE ANDES NWR 2011-2012

By Ron Mabie

The winter of 2011-2012 saw an irruption migration of Snowy Owls (*Bubo scandiacus*) (hereafter SNOW) to the northern United States of epic proportions, the like of which has not been seen in South Dakota since 1949-1950 when 643 individuals were seen in 23 counties (Tallman et al. 2002). The most commonly accepted theory for this winter’s irruption is that the lemming population was very high, which caused a large number of young SNOWs to be driven south. Whatever the reason, this was a rare opportunity to view them in large numbers.

The roads surrounding the Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge (LANWR) were the general scene for an unprecedented concentration of SNOWs in December 2011 and January 2012. The highest number reported there in one day, including the neighboring Red Lake Game Production Area, was thirty-seven. This outbreak generally lasted from the initial reported sighting of fifteen on 21 December 2011, to 21 January 2012 when only one was reported. However, reports of varying quantities were made after that time. They had started to dissipate on 9 January 2012 with eight to ten being seen. Birders reported seeing SNOWs in most parts of South Dakota, with the next highest number in any county (Sully) in one day being seventeen.

It seemed like everybody in South Dakota had been seeing a Snowy Owl. While on our way home from Mitchell, SD, on 16 December 2011, my wife Marietta and I decided to return via the North Dike of the LANWR. It was a successful trip, making it the first SNOW I had seen in Charles Mix County since 1982. On 21 December 2011 we decided to drive out in the morning to see if that owl was still in the neighborhood, which it was. We then drove home via the South Dike of the LANWR and, en route, saw three more owls there.



I stopped at the LANWR Headquarters to discuss our findings with Mike Bryant, Project Leader. We had no sooner than arrived home when Rosemary Draeger called to tell me that she and Linda Johnson had seen a male adult SNOW by Armour, SD, and they were sitting on the road watching the three owls we had found earlier. After thinking about the male, we decided to try finding it. We never did find it that day, but saw eleven more Snowies on 390 Avenue from 292 Street to 287 Street. Fifteen SNOWs in a five-mile stretch of road, this was crazy! During the ensuing days, the “Snowy Owl Highway” was soon expanded to several miles to the north, south, east and then to an area west of the North Dike. Due to this expansion the numbers soon increased to thirty-seven. An ornithologist with the University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute stated that this number in one area was mind-numbing (Lammers. 2012).

Most of the SNOWs seen in the LANWR were young birds. Two dead SNOWs were found in this area; one appeared not to be emaciated or wounded and will be mounted for educational purposes; the other was not examined or reported to authorities by the finder and was not relocated. Over 500 birders and non-birders from seven states and England came to see these owls; to some of them it was a life and/or state bird. It is interesting to note that a couple from Boulder, CO, said they came up to the LANWR because there were forty to fifty people looking at the one SNOW they had down there. I was told by one of the top extreme birders in the US, who I accompanied one day that it wasn’t about the numbers but the experience. While this may be true, he was still counting! Of all my birding experiences over the years, observing these owls with my wife has to be at the top of the list.

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## BARROW’S GOLDENEYE AT CANYON LAKE, RAPID CITY, SD (1970-2009)

Jocelyn Lee Baker and Gene K. Hess, Rapid City, SD

### Introduction

Located on the extreme western edge of Rapid City, Pennington County, seventy-eight acre Canyon Lake Park includes a twenty-seven acre body of water. Canyon Lake was created by the damming of Rapid Creek which flows from Pactola Reservoir, located twenty-three miles upstream. The lake has a 0.86 acre island which includes a rocky peninsula and also a bridge, connecting the island to the park land. Cleghorn Springs Fish Hatchery, operated by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGF&P), is located immediately upstream from the lake. A constant supply of cold water from the hatchery flows into Rapid Creek. The SDGF&P stocks the lake with rainbow trout. Thus, the lake provides plentiful fishes for sport fishing and also for waterfowl, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron and other bird species. During the winter months, depending on temperatures, a major portion of the lake may freeze over with the exception of the area near the Chapel Lane bridge where the creek flows into the lake. Because the lake provides the area’s only open water when other water bodies freeze, Canada Goose, Mallard and other waterfowl tend to winter in significant numbers at the lake.

Waterfowl numbers build up at the lake beginning in October with numbers peaking from December to early March. Numbers decline during March as wintering birds migrate to breeding areas and resident birds find nesting sites away from the immediate area of the lake. Twenty-four species have been observed on the lake during fall migration, while thirteen have remained from November through March. One species, Barrow’s Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*), has occurred more or less annually from 1970 through the winter of 2008-2009.

Barrow's Goldeneye is regarded as accidental statewide in South Dakota, excepting Canyon Lake, where it is considered "rare but regular in winter" (Tallman et al. 2002). The nearest breeding populations are in "... western Montana, northwestern Wyoming and northern ... Colorado" and the nearest wintering grounds are "coastal and interior British Columbia, Idaho, and northern Montana south to southeastern California (Colorado River Valley), western Arizona, and northern New Mexico..." (AOU 1998). It is of casual occurrence "... in the interior of North America from southern Canada south to Texas..." (AOU 1998). These inland populations may be the source of birds wintering at Canyon Lake and elsewhere in South Dakota as their occurrence here fits this general pattern of vagrancy.

### **History of Barrow's Goldeneye at Canyon Lake**

The known occurrence of Barrow's Goldeneye at Canyon Lake began during the late fall of 1970. Les Baylor, a local Rapid City birder, reported observing an adult male on 29 November 1970. He called B.J. and Lois Rose who came to the lake and confirmed the sighting and took photographs. Baylor observed the bird at the lake on eleven different occasions, concluding on 21 March 1971. The following winter a male Barrow's Goldeneye was first reported on 7 November again by Baylor (1975), and was observed twenty-six times with the last observation on 10 March 1972.

On 9-10 June 1972 a 500-year flood (Carter et al. 2002, Burr and Korkow 1996) occurred in Rapid City with the loss of the dam and lake. The dam was not replaced until 1976 (HDR Engineering 2008), and that is the likely cause for the lack of Barrow's Goldeneye observations for the following five years. The next report was from the winter of 1978-79 when a male was reported on 17 December 1978 by Baker and Whitney (*in* Serr et al. 1979). The last reported date for this bird was an observation by Baker on 10 March 1979 (pers. obs.).

From that winter until January 2009 at least one male was seen each winter season. One female also was observed during fourteen different years, while two females were present during at least two winter periods (CBC reports, SDBN seasonal reports, Baker pers. obs., Baylor pers. obs.). A male and a female arrived on the same date in a minimum of two different years. Other years the male arrived earlier than the female (from four to twenty-four days) with the exception of 2006 when the female preceded the male's arrival by eight days.

Arrival dates vary from 1 November (2004 and 2007), the earliest, to generally mid-November. Arrival dates recorded in late November, December or January may not indicate first arrival dates but rather when observers first checked the lake for wintering Barrow's Goldeneye. If only arrival dates are considered from 1998 through 2007 when Baker made an effort to report the earliest arrival date, the median arrival date is 5 November.

Departure dates generally occurred from late February through early March. The latest departure date was 4 April 2002 (Baker pers. obs., Jensen pers. obs.) with other late dates occurring 21-24 March. If only departure dates are considered from 1998 through 2007 the median departure date is 9 March. During the first week of January 2009 a project to drain Canyon Lake and install a pipe by-pass structure was begun, ending on 30 March. Because of the disturbance related to this project, the Barrow's Goldeneye along with other diving ducks departed much earlier than in previous years. The last observation was on 3 January 2009 (Baker pers. obs., Hess pers. obs.). No Barrow's Goldeneyes returned during that winter period or in subsequent years.

### **Discussion**

Winter sightings of short duration in other counties are from October to early April in Brookings, Brown, Brule, Charles Mix, Douglas, Deuel, Grant Kingsbury, Meade, Minnehaha, and Stanley counties (Tallman et al. 2002, SDOU database). Sightings of more than a day or two outside Pennington County have been in Perkins County, 14 December 2000 - 19 February 2001 (Griffiths, *in* Schenck 2001); Gregory County, 13-21 January 2001 (Mabie, *in* Schenck 2001); Hughes County, 16-23 November 2008 (Backlund and

Stolz et al., SDOU database); Buffalo County, 27 November – 5 December 2010 (Olson et al., SDOU database). Statewide occurrence dates generally match those of Canyon Lake. In contrast, the following two observations are notably early and late: 15 Oct 2010, Grant County, Unzen (Olson, SDOU Rare Birds Records Committee pers. comm.) and 9 April 2011, Meade County, (Baker pers. obs., Prisbe pers. obs.).

Both sexes have been observed at Canyon Lake. Even though there have been male and female Barrow's Goldeneyes on the lake at the same time, there has been up to a three week difference in arrival dates of the sexes. This is likely due to the difference in the molt schedules of the sexes, with males leaving for the molting grounds before the females (Seaduckjv.org 2003). Males and females use different molting areas, but each usually returns to their same molting grounds each year and reunite on the wintering grounds (Seaduckjv.org 2003).

One plausible explanation for how Barrow's Goldeneyes found Canyon Lake is that these individuals may have nested near or at areas where Common Goldeneyes also nest and subsequently may have joined them in migration to molting grounds and then to Canyon Lake (Seaduckjv.org 2003). From 1998 until 2008 every first fall arrival of Barrow's Goldeneyes occurred on the same day as Common Goldeneyes or on a subsequent date but never prior to the arrival of Common Goldeneyes. This suggests that Barrow's Goldeneyes migrated with Common Goldeneyes to Canyon Lake.

Most Barrow's Goldeneyes winter in marine habitats including harbors and rocky shores and a few winter on ice-free inland lakes and rivers (Seaduckjv.org 2003). Perhaps birds migrating with Common Goldeneyes found Canyon Lake with its rock-edged island, partially ice-free lake, and reasonably fast in-flow from Rapid Creek to be an acceptable substitute for a marine coast. The presence of fishes undoubtedly supplemented their winter diet of mollusks, crustaceans and fish eggs (Seaduckjv.org 2003).

Since Barrow's Goldeneye was absent for five years after its first two winters of occupancy, and then reappeared in fall 1978 for an additional thirty seasons, it may again return after an absence of a few years. Observers should continue to look for Barrow's Goldeneyes at Canyon Lake in future fall and winter periods as it may be found among the many Common Goldeneyes that winter at the park.

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## SECOND SOUTH DAKOTA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS - DOWN TO THE FINAL YEAR!

By Nancy Drilling, SDBBA2 coordinator

During the first four years of the second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas, volunteers and paid staff have visited 413 blocks at least once (95% of all blocks), with a total of 1,798 visits. Observers have spent 5,828 hours on blocks and submitted 26,784 individual bird records. On 270 “finished” blocks, observers have found an average of 59 species (range 19-100 species). Blocks in the prairie pothole and coteau regions of the state have the highest number of species while southwestern grassland blocks have the lowest.

With four years of data collection, SDBBA2 (251 species, 224 confirmed breeding) already has 32 more species than recorded twenty years ago during the first atlas (219 species, 212 confirmed). Six additional species either are non-breeding summer residents or are currently awaiting verification from the state Rare Bird Committee. Mallard is the most frequently reported species (465 records), Brown-headed Cowbird and Mourning Dove have been reported within the highest percentage of blocks (93%), and 19 species have been reported from all 66 counties. Eighteen species have been recorded during SDBBA2 that were not reported during the first South Dakota Atlas and atlasers have confirmed breeding by thirteen of these: Common Loon, Sandhill Crane, Herring Gull, Snowy Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Black Rail, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Prothonotary Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Virginia’s Warbler, Great-tailed Grackle, Cassin’s Sparrow, and Lesser Goldfinch.

Breeding bird highlights of 2011 were scattered throughout the state as atlasers surveyed in areas where little bird survey work has been done. These areas included the West River tribal lands, extreme northeast South Dakota, and the northwestern counties of Perkins, Harding, Meade and northeast Pennington. From these surveys, we learned that many of these areas host some of the highest species richness in the state. Some volunteers made an effort to document and confirm breeding by rarer species, resulting in a jump of seven confirmed species since last year. These include confirmation of breeding by Northern Mockingbird, Scarlet Tanager, Great-tailed Grackle, Eastern Meadowlark, and Pygmy Nuthatch, among others. If accepted by the state Rare Bird Committee, observations of breeding American Black Duck and Common Loon will be first state records.

There are still plenty of opportunities for you to become involved. We still need confirmation of breeding by 24 species (Table 1). Submit observations of any confirmed breeding you observe or any observation of rare species. Forms and more information are available on the atlas web site ([www.rmbo.org/sdbba2](http://www.rmbo.org/sdbba2)) or contact the atlas coordinator ([sdatlascoordinator@rmbo.org](mailto:sdatlascoordinator@rmbo.org)).

Table 1. These twenty-four species still need to be confirmed as breeding species.

	NUMBER OF RECORDS	CURRENT BREEDING STATUS
Least Bittern	31	probable
Cinnamon Teal	6	probable
Little Blue Heron	3	possible
American Woodcock	10	probable
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	possible
Northern Bobwhite	11	probable
Whip-poor-will	5	probable
Chuck-will's Widow	1	probable
Pileated Woodpecker	5	probable
Cassin's Kingbird	6	probable
Pinyon Jay	2	probable
Sage Thrasher	4	probable
Brown Creeper	10	probable
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	probable
Winter/Pacific Wren	2	probable
Veery	6	probable
Hermit Thrush	1	possible
Blue-winged Warbler	2	probable
Nelson's Sparrow	61	probable
Henslow's Sparrow	7	probable
Baird's Sparrow	71	probable
McCown's Longspur	2	possible
Cassin's Finch	6	probable
White-winged Crossbill	1	probable

## MEET A SOUTH DAKOTA BIRDER:

**Jocelyn L. Baker • Rapid City**

For almost 40 years, Jocelyn L. (Jocie) Baker has been an active birder in our state, serving the birding community in many ways—from serving on the SDOU Board of Directors (BOD) to being SDOU president and also participating in various projects and surveys.

She joined SDOU in 1974, was elected to the BOD in 1978, and has been a board member ever since. She served as vice-president and then president and helped initiate the first Breeding Bird Atlas project which was coordinated by Richard A. Peterson from 1988-1993. She served on the Checklist Committee which published the 2nd edition of *The Birds of South Dakota* in 1991. Her contributions to SDOU also include coordinating state meetings, notably a joint meeting with the Inland Bird Banding Association in Rapid City, the 50th anniversary meeting in Hot Springs (1999) and the 60th in Custer (2009). Currently, she chairs the Scholarships and Awards Committee.

While living in Florida, she served a term on the BOD of the Florida Ornithological Society and was secretary of the Records Committee.

To say that Jocie has birded extensively is an understatement. In addition to participating in Christmas Bird Counts since the 1970s and doing Breeding Bird Survey routes in South Da-

kota and Florida, she has been involved in Breeding Bird Atlas projects in Florida and South Dakota. Jocie helped author the 1996 edition of the ABA *Birder's Guide to Florida*. She



Jocelyn L. (Jocie) Baker

atlated in northeastern South Dakota for the first atlas project and is currently atlasing in seven blocks in Pennington and Custer counties for the second project.

Jocie attributes her interest in birding to her 5th grade teacher in Danbury, CT who took her class on a field trip where a male Baltimore Oriole was observed. After that, she was a casual feeder watcher until a move to Rapid City in 1970. "We lived in a rustic cabin for two months in the Black Hills. One day a Red-naped Sapsucker flew to a tree in the yard and that bird sighting was the one that got me 'hooked'

into birding. I've been birding a whole lot ever since."

As an avid birder, she has birded in many states and Canadian provinces and several countries in South America, Europe and the South Pacific. Her memorable experiences include a June 1991 tour to St. Lawrence Island in Alaska, where she saw a Eurasian Dotterel on Mt. Sevukuk. "I hiked in deep snow for what seemed like miles to find that rarity. I not only saw the bird but also met B.J. Rose, an SDOU member formerly of Rapid City and Pierre, who was there to photograph the bird."

Chasing birds has not always been without risks. "In the Snowy Mountains of Wyoming in July, 2004," says Jocie, "I joined two other birders to look for Brown-capped Rosy-Finches. We observed one, first feeding on the ground and then as it flew with food to a crevice in a rock wall. The occasion was memorable because this was the first confirmed nesting sighting for this finch species in Wyoming. It also is remembered because a small avalanche occurred as we were standing near the crevice which caused us to run from the snow field and the cascading snow and ice to a nearby boulder field."

On another trip, this time in the Galapagos Islands in 1984, Jocie says, "I was standing at the water's edge on a sandy beach near a sea lion colony. One of the lions came up to the beach and rested its head on my foot. I remained still for about ten minutes but grew tired of standing so moved to back up. The sea lion took a nip of flesh out of my lower leg. Needless to say, I was worried about infection as the closest hospital was many air miles away. I still have a small scar which reminds me of the fantastic birds and animals we saw there."

Jocie grew up in southwest Connecticut and also has lived in Maine, Illinois, Florida and South Dakota. She earned graduate degrees in elementary education and informational technology at universities in CT and MN. She worked as a middle school media specialist and the Instructional Materials Center director at the Douglas School System, near Rapid City. She also was employed as a public librarian in Broward County, Florida.

Rapid City is Jocie's home base. She birds often on the prairie, in the Black Hills, or just about anywhere in the state. She participates in a weekly bird survey with two other birders at Canyon Lake Park. This spring and summer she'll be helping with the atlasing project which is in its final year. Says Jocie, "Birding has given me fascinating experiences with wonderful people and amazing birds and birdlife. I've enjoyed so many wonders of the natural world. What more could a person ask for in a lifetime?" *Linda Johnson, Sioux Falls.*

# BIRDING HOTSPOTS IN SD

*Winter of 2011-2012 Birds*

RICKY D. OLSON

**M**y winter predication that many boreal birds would wander south into South Dakota was certainly a good one. We had several reports in different locations of Pine Grosbeaks, White-winged Crossbills, Bohemian Waxwings, Common Redpolls and Purple Finches. A male Varied Thrush wintered in Huron, SD.

However, the Snowy Owl invasion was the big news of the winter. Although, by the scientific data, not the biggest invasion ever in the lower 48, it certainly seemed the most widespread with the highest count numbers in South Dakota that I personally have ever witnessed.

Waterfowl were late in coming, and numbers were down until later in the season. A Harlequin Duck was discovered in December at Canyon Lake in Rapid City and stayed through the winter. Fort Randall Dam was host to a single male Barrow's Goldeneye and several Long-tailed Ducks this winter. Long-tailed Ducks were also reported at Lake Yankton and Gavin's Point Dam.

In December a Great Black-backed Gull and a Black-legged Kittiwake were seen at Pierre. Including a few Glaucous and Thayer's Gulls seen this winter and the overwintering of a couple California and Franklin's Gulls (a little bit of a surprise!), and the two Iceland Gulls appearing at Pierre in February, the gulls this winter were well represented. However, the overall gull numbers were down this winter at Pierre, maybe an aftereffect of the flooding last summer/fall.



*Snowy Owl. Ft. Pierre National Grasslands, 1/4/09*

*Photo: Terry Sohl*

Gyr Falcon numbers also appeared to be down this winter. The late waterfowl migration and open winter probably contributed to this.

I am making no predications for the coming season. I am curiously waiting to see how last year's flooding affects this year's migration numbers and distribution of many species.

# FLEDGLING TRACTS

JASON THIELE

*Becoming “The Bird Guy” (or Gal)*

People have some unusual obsessions. For example, I once roomed with a journalism major who saved almost every newspaper he read—it made for a fairly cluttered dorm room. One of my sisters collects snow globes, and I doubt a single one of them has ever been turned over to unleash a blizzard on the miniature city inside. A former coworker of mine raised crickets—hundreds of them. Why? Well, to feed her pet frogs, of course. Then there are people like you and me. Let’s face it, birders are an odd crowd. Often we don’t realize that perhaps it’s a little bizarre to walk around with eyes to the sky and the treetops. Friends find it weird that I often keep my trusty binoculars within an arm’s reach, but all I can think is, “Well, where else would I keep them?” Many of my friends don’t go anywhere without their iDroidberry smart phones, so what is so different about me carrying around my 8x42s? I don’t understand other people either. I am always surprised when I’m walking or driving with someone else and a hawk or some other bird flies overhead and the other person does not notice it. I mean, what could possibly be so interesting as to keep someone from constantly watching for the next bird that flies by? Sometimes it takes someone else to help you realize that you are not quite like other people—you are a genuine, certified bird person.

I had such a moment during the summer of 2011. I was in the middle of my second field season for my master’s research on burrowing owls. While I was driving down a lonely stretch of broken blacktop in south-central South Dakota, my cell phone made a noise I had never heard before. Fearing that I may have inadvertently activated a self-destruct mode I did not know about, I quickly flipped open my phone, only to discover that someone had sent me a picture. Below the picture was a phone number I did not recognize. The picture itself was blurry and hard to see on a dirty phone screen just a bit over an inch across, but I could tell it was a bird. It had some pretty dark stripes on its face, and I thought to myself, “It looks like an American Kestrel, but why did a stranger send me this picture?” Since I was driving and could not see a good place to stop along the road, I snapped my phone shut and went on with my business.

I reached my destination a few minutes later and started unloading equipment from the truck. Suddenly my phone rang—I knew what to do in response to that sound. The caller ID said it was my dad. “Hello,” I said.

“Jason, hey, did you get a picture on your phone a few minutes ago?”

“Yeah, I did. What’s that all about?”

“Oh, the milk truck driver was telling me a story about some birds he has never seen before that are nesting by his garage. He said the mother is pretty aggressive.



I told him that one of my boys studies birds and might be able to help him out.”

“Well, it’s not a very good picture,” I said. “But as far as I can tell, I don’t think it could be anything but an American Kestrel.”

“A what? How do you spell that?”

“K-e-s-t-r-e-l,” I said. “It’s sort of like a small hawk. A lot of times they make their nests in old woodpecker holes.”

“Huh.” There was a pause, and I heard my dad say, “He says it’s a kestrel.” Then I heard another voice speaking but couldn’t make out any of the words.

My dad’s voice came back through the phone. “Well, he says he’s actually done some research on the internet, and he’s just pretty sure it’s a sparrow hawk.”

“Well, that pretty much seals the deal then. If it looks like the sparrow hawk pictures he found on the internet, it’s almost definitely an American Kestrel.”

After giving a quick, dumbed-down lesson in avian nomenclature to my dad, I said good-bye and went back to work. I decided that I could officially declare myself a “bird nerd” now that someone I had never met was seeking my help in matters of ornithology.

I have to admit, it was kind of a good feeling. It was another reassuring sign that I had entered the field where I really belonged. I imagine just about anyone would feel the same way after devoting a substantial amount of time to one subject. I’m no Roger Tory Peterson, but I wonder how long it took before he started to think, “*You know, I think I’m pretty good at this bird thing. Maybe I’ll write a book about birds.*”

Although it will take some time before I will become a true expert in the matters of ornithology, I’m going to try to ride this high for a while. During my final semester at South Dakota State University, I am on a mission to produce some new bird people. I am helping to instruct ornithology labs, and with some luck, I can pass on my enthusiasm for birds to some of my students. Hopefully, people will be able to ask them about mystery birds in their backyards someday. However, you don’t need to teach a class to turn someone into a bird person. I believe that sometimes it can be quite valuable to simply make someone feel like an expert. It can be something as simple as asking a novice birder, “What do you think?” when a bird presents itself in the field. Or if you meet a stranger carrying binoculars along a trail, stop and ask what he/she has seen. You’ve got nothing to lose—if it’s a seasoned birder you’ve met, maybe you’ll get a hot tip about where to go, and if you’ve asked a beginner, then that person gets the satisfaction of helping someone with a bird question. And that should be a pretty good feeling for both parties.

# SEASONAL REPORTS

## The 2011 Fall Season

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There were 312 species, including 3 rarities, reported during the 2011 Fall Season. The 10-year average (2001-2010) is 306. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (early/late dates as given in the online database 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** Early: 01 Sep Day BJU; 07 Oct Hand BJU; 07 Oct Miner JLB, LB, ND; 08 Oct Dewey BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 02 Nov Jones SS ... Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 10 Nov Hand SS

**Snow Goose** Early: 08 Aug Bennett DB; 01 Sep Day BJU; 08 Oct Dewey BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU ... Late: 29 Nov Douglas KP; 28 Nov McCook RSL; 28 Nov Lake JT; 28 Nov Charles Mix RM; 07 Nov Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 07 Nov Meade RSL

**Ross's Goose** Early: **08 Oct Dewey BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU** ... Late: 28 Nov Lake JT; 23 Nov Hughes RDO, DB; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**Cackling Goose** Early: **08 Oct Dewey BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 10 Oct Edmunds BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU**

**Trumpeter Swan** reported 10 Oct Brown BJU; 10 Nov Hughes SS; 11 Nov Hughes RDO, SS

**Tundra Swan** Early: 08 Oct Potter BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU; 10 Oct Edmunds BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 20 Oct Meade RSL ... Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 16 Nov Hand DB; 11 Nov Sully SS, RDO

**Wood Duck** Late: 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Hughes DB; 19 Nov Lake JSP

**Gadwall** Late: 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 24 Nov Sully DB; 24 Nov Hughes DB

**American Wigeon** Late: 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Stanley RDO

**American Black Duck** All Reports: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 26 Nov Hughes DB; 27 Nov Hughes DB

**Blue-winged Teal** Late: 17 Nov Grant BJU; 12 Nov Clay DS; 05 Nov Pennington RSL

**Northern Shoveler** Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Stanley RDO

**Northern Pintail** Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Brown GO; 18 Nov Bon Homme RM; 05 Nov Meade JLB, LB

**Green-winged Teal** Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Nov Brown GO; 07 Nov Pennington JLB, LB, GKH

**Canvasback** Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Pennington JLB, LB, GKH

**Redhead** Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 25 Nov Lake JSP

**Ring-necked Duck** Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 25 Nov Lake JSP

**Greater Scaup** Early: 02 Nov Stanley RDO; 17 Nov Grant BJU; 28 Nov Charles Mix RM ... Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**Lesser Scaup** Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 25 Nov Charles Mix KP; 10 Nov Meade JLB

**Surf Scoter** All Reports: **08 Oct Sully BJU**; 19 Nov Yankton DS

**White-winged Scoter** Only Report: 18 Nov Grant BJU

**Black Scoter** Only Report: 12 Nov Grant BJU

**Long-tailed Duck** All Reports: 16 Nov Hand DB; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**Bufflehead** Early: 29 Sep Meade RSL; 02 Oct Kingsbury KCJ; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 07 Oct Hand BJU; 08 Oct Hughes BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 08 Oct Sully BJU

**Common Goldeneye** Early: **08 Oct Hughes BJU**; 03 Nov Meade JLB; 08 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Grant BJU

**Hooded Merganser** Early: 03 Aug Deuel BJU; 09 Aug Codington BJU; 09 Aug Grant BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 17 Oct Pennington JLB, LB ... Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 26 Nov Hughes DB; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**Common Merganser** Early: 01 Aug Pennington JLB, GKH; 29 Aug Stanley RDO; 30 Oct Lyman RDO; 17 Nov Grant BJU

**Red-breasted Merganser** Early: 05 Nov Meade JLB, LB; 05 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Grant BJU ... Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 10 Nov Meade JLB

**Ruddy Duck** Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Brown GO; 13 Nov Tripp RDO; 13 Nov Meade JLB, JF; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP

**Pacific Loon** Only Report: **08 Oct Sully BJU**

**Common Loon** Early: 29 Aug Stanley RDO; 30 Aug Hughes DB; 24 Sep Lyman RDO; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 20 Oct Fall River JLB, LB ... Late: 24 Nov Sully DB; 17 Nov Grant BJU; 11 Nov Stanley SS; 11 Nov Hughes SS, RDO

**Pied-billed Grebe** Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Brown GO; 16 Nov Hand DB; 14 Nov Charles Mix RM; 13 Nov Tripp RDO

**Horned Grebe** Early: 28 Sep Codington BJU; 05 Oct Hand DB; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 08 Oct Dewey BJU; 10 Oct Haakon JLB, LB, ND ... Late: 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Sully RDO; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 13 Nov Meade JLB, JF

**Red-necked Grebe** Late: 25 Nov Sully RDO; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 07 Oct Faulk BJU

**Eared Grebe** Late: 11 Nov Hughes SS, RDO; 05 Nov Meade JLB, LB; 29 Oct Lake JSP

**Western Grebe** Late: 28 Nov Lyman RSL; 26 Nov Stanley DB; 25 Nov Sully RDO; 13 Nov Tripp RDO; 13 Nov Meade JLB, JF; 13 Nov Butte JLB, JF; 12 Nov Lake JSP

**Clark's Grebe** All Reports: 01 Sep Day BJU; 10 Sep Brule JSP; 08 Oct Sully BJU; 16 Oct Sully RDO

**American White Pelican** Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 12 Nov Stanley SS; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 10 Sep Bennett LB, JLB

**Double-crested Cormorant** Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 16 Nov Hand DB; 27 Oct Butte JLB

**American Bittern** Late: **22 Oct Brown MRZ**; 09 Oct Sully JLB, LB, ND; 09 Oct Hand DB; 08 Aug Bennett DB

**Least Bittern** All Reports: 06 Aug Brown RDO; 06 Aug Lake JSP; 09 Aug Codington BJU; 13 Aug Brookings JSP; **09 Oct Walworth BJU**

**Great Blue Heron** Late: 21 Nov Stanley DB; 21 Nov Charles Mix RM; 18 Nov Grant BJU; 29 Oct Meade JLB

**Great Egret** Late: **09 Nov Charles Mix KP**; **05 Nov Lake JSP**; 22 Oct Day JSP; 22 Oct Brown MRZ

**Snowy Egret** Late: 22 Oct Brown MRZ; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Hughes JLB, LB, ND; 08 Aug Bennett DB

**Tricolored Heron** Only Report: **06 Aug Brown RDO**

**Cattle Egret** Late: 11 Nov Hughes SS, RDO; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU

**Green Heron** Late: 09 Oct Brookings JLB; 01 Oct Lake JSP; 30 Sep Brown GO

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Late: 29 Oct Lake JSP; 20 Oct Hand DB; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU

**Glossy Ibis** All Reports: 02 Aug Hand DB; **16 Aug Hand DB**; **10 Oct Hand DB**; **07 Nov Hand DB**

**White-faced Ibis** Late: 20 Oct Hand DB; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU

**Turkey Vulture** Late: **06 Nov Pennington APB**; 18 Oct Douglas RM; 14 Oct Hand DB; 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Corson BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU

**Osprey** Early: 07 Aug Pennington JLB; 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 28 Aug Hughes DB ... Late: **27 Nov Pennington ND**; **11 Nov Hughes SS**; 22 Oct Roberts JSP

**Northern Harrier** Late: 30 Nov Hughes DB; 30 Nov Harding JLB; 30 Nov Butte JLB; 24 Nov Edmunds GO

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** Early: 05 Sep Brown GO; 08 Sep Lake JSP; 28 Sep Codington BJU; 08 Oct Sully BJU

**Northern Goshawk** Early: 08 Nov Hand DB; 20 Nov Brown GO; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**Broad-winged Hawk** Early: 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 22 Sep Hughes DB ... Late: 01 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Sep Hand DB; 22 Sep Brown MO

**Swainson's Hawk** Late: **06 Nov Charles Mix RM**; 11 Oct Grant BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU; 28 Sep Pennington ND

**Ferruginous Hawk** Late: 30 Nov Hughes DB; 29 Nov Stanley DB; 26 Nov Custer JLB, LB; 11 Nov Hand DB

**Rough-legged Hawk** Early: 23 Sep Jones MO; 08 Oct Hughes BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 17 Oct Hand DB

**Golden Eagle** Early: 17 Oct Hand DB; 30 Oct Hyde RDO; 02 Nov Lyman SS

**Merlin** Early: 08 Sep Hughes DB; 10 Sep Bennett JLB, LB; 18 Sep Jones DB; 24 Sep Clay DS

**Gyrfalcon** All Reports: 21 Oct Hand DB; 10 Nov Meade JLB; 16 Nov Hand DB; 26 Nov Stanley DB; 27 Nov Hughes RDO; 27 Nov Sully RDO

**Peregrine Falcon** Early: 09 Aug Codington BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 19 Sep Grant BJU; 25 Sep Potter MO ... Late: 10 Oct Edmunds BJU; 09 Oct Hand DB; 08 Oct Sully BJU

**Prairie Falcon** Early: 02 Oct Hand DB; 08 Oct Hughes BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 08 Oct Sully BJU

**Virginia Rail** Late: 01 Sep Day BJU; 09 Aug Grant BJU; 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 09 Aug Codington BJU; 08 Aug Bennett DB

**Sora** Late: 08 Oct Brookings JSP; 26 Sep Meade RSL; 23 Sep Stanley MO

**American Coot** Late: 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 28 Nov Charles Mix RM; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 25 Nov Brown GO

**Sandhill Crane** Early: 17 Sep Hughes EDS; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 07 Oct Hand BJU; 07 Oct Hyde BJU; 10 Oct Custer KH, MMM ... Late: 19 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 11 Nov Charles Mix RM; 29 Oct Butte JLB

**Whooping Crane** Only Report: 05 Nov Sully (9) RDO

**Black-bellied Plover** Early: 08 Aug Bennett DB; 09 Aug Codington BJU; 13 Aug Brookings JSP; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 08 Oct Sully BJU ... Late: **12 Nov Grant BJU**; 05 Nov Meade JLB, LB; 29 Oct Charles Mix RM

**American Golden-Plover** Early: 13 Aug Brookings JSP; 16 Aug Hand DB; 01 Sep Day BJU; 07 Oct Hyde BJU ... Late: 05 Nov Charles Mix KP; 20 Oct Hand DB; 14 Oct Deuel BJU

**Semipalmated Plover** Late: 26 Sep Brule RM; 17 Sep Lake JSP; 01 Sep Roberts BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 08 Aug Bennett DB

**Piping Plover** Only Report: 01 Aug Stanley RDO

**Killdeer** Late: 22 Nov Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 18 Nov Bon Homme RM; 17 Nov Grant BJU

**American Avocet** Late: 28 Oct Stanley RDO; 23 Oct Pennington JLB; 20 Oct Meade JLB; 19 Oct Hand DB

**Spotted Sandpiper** Late: 21 Sep Charles Mix RM; 14 Sep Hughes DB; 12 Sep Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 01 Sep Roberts BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Solitary Sandpiper** Late: 10 Sep Hughes DB; 01 Sep Roberts BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU; 14 Aug Tripp RDO

**Greater Yellowlegs** Late: 10 Nov Hyde SS; 07 Nov Hand DB; 06 Nov Edmunds GO; 17 Sep Pennington RSL

**Willet** Late: 16 Aug Hand DB; 13 Aug Day GO; 13 Aug Brown GO

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Late: 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 17 Sep Pennington RSL

**Upland Sandpiper** Late: 01 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Aug Custer MMM; 14 Aug Meade RSL; 03 Aug Yankton GJS

**Long-billed Curlew** All Reports: 08 Aug Bennett DB; 19 Aug Custer MMM

**Marbled Godwit** Late: 24 Aug Pennington JLB; 17 Aug Meade RSL; 16 Aug Hand DB

**Ruddy Turnstone** Only Report: 09 Aug Codington BJU

**Sanderling** Late: 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 01 Oct Kingsbury JSP

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Late: **11 Oct Marshall BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU;** 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 17 Sep Pennington RSL

**Least Sandpiper** Late: **05 Nov Charles Mix KP;** 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 17 Sep Pennington RSL

**White-rumped Sandpiper** Only Report: 11 Aug Brown GO

**Baird's Sandpiper** Late: 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 10 Oct Edmunds BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 10 Sep Bennett LB

**Pectoral Sandpiper** 06 Nov Meade JLB; 21 Oct Charles Mix RM; 14 Oct Deuel BJU

**Dunlin** All Reports: **05 Aug Brown GO;** 06 Aug Brown GO; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU

**Stilt Sandpiper** Late: **31 Oct Charles Mix RM; 29 Oct Edmunds GO;** 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU; 10 Sep Bennett LB, JLB

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Early: 01 Aug Hand DB; 03 Aug Yankton GJS; 09 Aug Codington BJU; 09 Aug Grant BJU ... Late: 01 Sep Roberts BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 28 Aug Stanley RDO

**Short-billed Dowitcher** Late: 01 Sep Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 16 Aug Hand DB

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Late: 05 Nov Meade JLB, LB; 03 Nov Charles Mix RM; 21 Oct Hand DB

**Wilson's Snipe** Late: 12 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 10 Nov Meade EEM; 21 Oct Charles Mix RM

**Wilson's Phalarope** Late: 01 Sep Roberts BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 24 Aug Pennington JLB

**Red-necked Phalarope** Late: **14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 08 Oct Hand DB**

**Black-legged Kittiwake** Early: **07 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Hughes BJU** ... Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO

**Sabine's Gull** Early: 16 Sep Stanley DB; 17 Sep Lake JSP; 19 Sep Grant BJU ... Late: 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 08 Oct Hughes BJU; 07 Oct Stanley RDO

**Bonaparte's Gull** Early: 31 Aug Charles Mix RM; 01 Sep Day BJU; 17 Sep Stanley DB ... Late: 28 Nov Charles Mix RM; 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Lake JSP

**Little Gull** Early: **16 Sep Stanley DB** ... Late: 24 Sep Stanley RDO

**Franklin's Gull** Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 12 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 28 Aug Meade RSL; 28 Aug Butte JLB

**Mew Gull** All Reports: 20 Oct Hughes RDO; 24 Oct Hughes RDO; 02 Nov Stanley RDO

**Ring-billed Gull** Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**California Gull** Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix RM; 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 19 Nov Hughes RDO; 11 Oct Day BJU; 28 Aug Butte JLB

**Herring Gull** Early: 18 Aug Stanley RDO; 29 Sep Spink RDO; 30 Sep Hand DB ... Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 10 Oct Brown BJU

**Thayer's Gull** Early: **09 Oct Walworth BJU;** 28 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Nov Hughes RDO

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** reported **11 Aug Stanley RDO;** 10 Oct Sully JLB, RDO, LB; 25 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Charles Mix RM

**Glaucous Gull** All Reports: 18 Nov Stanley RDO; 19 Nov Yankton DS; 30 Nov Stanley RDO

**Caspian Tern** Early: 09 Aug Codington BJU; 20 Aug Butte EK; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU ... Late: 19 Sep Grant BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Aug Butte JLB

**Black Tern** Late: 19 Sep Grant BJU; 03 Sep Brown GO; 01 Sep Day BJU; 28 Aug Stanley RDO; 08 Aug Bennett DB

**Common Tern** Late: **10 Oct Brown BJU;** 08 Oct Sully BJU; 19 Sep Grant BJU; 28 Aug Butte JLB

**Forster's Tern** Late: 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 20 Aug Butte EK

**Mourning Dove** Late: 25 Nov Hughes EDS; 19 Nov Lake JSP; 17 Nov Grant BJU; 14 Oct Custer MMM

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 24 Sep Pennington RSL

**Black-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 09 Aug Codington BJU; 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; **07 Sep Stanley RDO**

**Barn Owl** All Reports: 29 Aug Hanson SS; 13 Sep Lyman SS

**Eastern Screech-Owl** All Reports: 30 Aug Fall River ND; 05 Sep Pennington DS; 29 Oct Brown GO; 11 Nov Hughes RDO, SS; 27 Nov Stanley DB

**Snowy Owl** All Reports: 22 Nov Jerauld RM; 27 Nov Sully RDO; 30 Nov Hughes DB; 30 Nov Sully DB

**Burrowing Owl** Late: 07 Oct Hand BJU; 18 Sep Jones DB; 17 Sep Pennington RSL; 21 Aug Stanley DB

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Only Report: 27 Nov Stanley DB

**Common Nighthawk** Late: 09 Oct Brookings KCJ; 23 Sep Lake JSP; 18 Sep Charles Mix RM; 11 Sep Custer KH

**Common Poorwill** Late: **19 Sep Pennington JF**; 11 Sep Custer ND; 05 Sep Harding DB

**Whip-poor-will** Only Report: 30 Aug Charles Mix RM

**Chimney Swift** Late: 12 Sep Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Brown GO; 05 Aug Charles Mix RM

**White-throated Swift** All Reports: 01 Aug Pennington JLB, GKH; 05 Aug Pennington RSL; 11 Aug Custer DB; 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 21 Sep Pennington ND

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** Late: 21 Sep Lake JSP; 21 Sep Clay GJS; 17 Sep Charles Mix RM

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** All Reports: 07 Aug Pennington JLB, ND; 11 Aug Custer DB; **03 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP**

**Rufous Hummingbird** All Reports: 07 Aug Pennington JLB, ND; 11 Aug Custer DB

**Belted Kingfisher** Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Pennington JLB; 17 Nov Grant BJU

**Lewis's Woodpecker** All Reports: 11 Aug Custer DB; 20 Aug Pennington ND; 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 27 Oct Lawrence JLB; 29 Oct Lawrence JLB

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Late: 10 Sep Sully RDO; 10 Sep Lawrence SW; 10 Sep Jackson JLB, LB; 10 Sep Hughes DB; 20 Aug Lake JSP

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Late: 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Hughes *fide* DB; 10 Oct Stanley RDO, JLB

**Red-naped Sapsucker** All Reports: 21 Aug Custer KH; 05 Sep Pennington ND; 21 Sep Pennington JLB

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** All Reports: 04 Aug Custer JLB; 20 Aug Pennington ND; 17 Sep Custer JF

**Black-backed Woodpecker** Only Report: 11 Aug Custer DB

**Pileated Woodpecker** All Reports: 22 Oct Roberts JSP; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 22 Nov Grant BJU

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** Early: 09 Aug Codington BJU; 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 10 Sep Lyman JSP ... Late: 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Western Wood-Pewee** All Reports: 11 Aug Custer DB; 12 Aug Custer ND; 21 Aug Custer KH; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 04 Sep Meade RSL

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** Late: **24 Sep Brookings JSP**; 18 Sep Clay GJS; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** Only Report: 28 Aug Union DS

**Alder Flycatcher** Only Report: **30 Aug Clay DS**

**Willow Flycatcher** All Reports: 03 Aug Deuel BJU; 08 Aug Bennett DB; 09 Aug Codington BJU; 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 09 Aug Grant BJU

**Least Flycatcher** Late: **26 Sep Hand DB**; 08 Sep Lyman SS; 08 Sep Hughes DB; 05 Sep Harding DB

**Dusky Flycatcher** Only Report: 11 Aug Custer DB

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** Only Report: **04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP**

**Eastern Phoebe** Late: 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 09 Oct Brookings RDO, KCJ; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 01 Oct Clay DS; 17 Sep Pennington RSL

**Say's Phoebe** Late: **09 Oct Walworth BJU**; 23 Sep Stanley MO; 19 Sep Hughes DB; 06 Sep Meade EEM; 01 Sep Grant BJU

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Late: 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 27 Aug Stanley RDO

**Western Kingbird** Late: 17 Sep Pennington RSL; 13 Sep Lyman SS; 10 Sep Bennett LB, JLB; 01 Sep Grant BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Brown GO

**Eastern Kingbird** Late: 19 Sep Grant BJU; 14 Sep Hughes DB; 13 Sep Lyman SS; 10 Sep Bennett LB, JLB

**Loggerhead Shrike** Late: **24 Sep Pennington RSL**; 05 Sep Charles Mix RM; 01 Sep Grant BJU

**Northern Shrike** Early: 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 13 Oct Hand DB; 14 Oct Custer MMM; 29 Oct Charles Mix KP, RM

**Bell's Vireo** All Reports: 06 Aug Pennington JLB; 22 Aug Hughes DB; 28 Aug Stanley RDO; **10 Sep Bennett JLB, LB; 10 Sep Stanley DB; 10 Sep Sully RDO**

**Yellow-throated Vireo** All Reports: 20 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; **21 Sep Lake JSP**

**Plumbeous Vireo** All Reports: 11 Aug Custer DB; 09 Sep Custer ND; 13 Sep Custer KH; **25 Sep Pennington ND**

**Blue-headed Vireo** Early: 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU; 13 Sep Clay DS ... Late: **09 Oct Campbell BJU; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 08 Oct Hughes BJU**; 07 Oct Faulk BJU

**Warbling Vireo** Late: 24 Sep Lake JT; 23 Sep Brown GO; 22 Sep Stanley RDO; 17 Sep Pennington RSL

**Philadelphia Vireo** All Reports: 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU

**Red-eyed Vireo** Late: 23 Sep Brown GO; 18 Sep Pennington JLB; 15 Sep Clay GJS

**Pinyon Jay** All Reports: 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 10 Sep Custer ND; 11 Sep Meade AKB; 12 Nov Meade AKB; 19 Nov Meade AKB

**Clark's Nutcracker** All Reports: 07 Aug Pennington JLB; 20 Aug Custer ND; 03 Sep Pennington ND; 17 Sep Custer JF; 18 Sep Custer KH

**Black-billed Magpie** reported 09 Oct Corson BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 30 Oct Lyman RDO

**Purple Martin** Late: 13 Sep Lyman SS; 01 Sep Day BJU; 26 Aug Lake JSP

**Tree Swallow** Late: **14 Oct Deuel BJU**; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Grant BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Corson BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 16 Aug Meade EEM

**Violet-green Swallow** All Reports: 01 Aug Pennington JLB, GKH; 08 Aug Pennington JLB; 11 Aug Custer DB; 22 Aug Pennington JLB, LB, GKH

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Late: **19 Sep Grant BJU**; 05 Sep Brown GO; 04 Sep Meade RSL

**Bank Swallow** Late: 19 Sep Grant BJU; 10 Sep Aurora JSP; 05 Sep Brown GO

**Cliff Swallow** Late: **28 Sep Codington BJU; 19 Sep Grant BJU**; 17 Sep Lake JSP; 29 Aug Pennington JLB, GKH, LB; 18 Aug Stanley RDO

**Barn Swallow** Late: 11 Oct Pennington MMM; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Grant BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Early: 31 Aug Lake JSP; 01 Sep Codington BJU; 09 Sep Jones SS; 08 Oct Sully BJU

**Pygmy Nuthatch** All Reports: 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 16 Nov Custer KH; 27 Nov Fall River ND

**Brown Creeper** Early: 28 Sep Codington BJU; 30 Sep Brookings JT; 02 Oct Lake JSP; 08 Oct Potter BJU; 08 Oct Sully BJU

**Rock Wren** Late: 10 Oct Pennington MMM; 11 Sep Meade DB; 04 Sep Harding DB; 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP

**Canyon Wren** All Reports: 06 Aug Custer KH; 12 Aug Custer ND; 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 19 Nov Meade AKB

**House Wren** Late: 11 Oct Clay GJS; 09 Oct Brookings JLB; 02 Oct Kingsbury KCJ; 24 Sep Pennington RSL

**Winter Wren** Early: 17 Sep Stanley RDO; 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 08 Oct Brookings RDO; 08 Oct Potter BJU ... Late: 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Lake JSP; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU

**Sedge Wren** Late: 15 Oct Clay DS; 09 Oct Brookings JLB, KCJ; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Marsh Wren** Late: **21 Nov Charles Mix RM**; 10 Oct Stanley JLB; 09 Oct Brookings DS, JSP, JLB, KCJ; 10 Sep Bennett LB, JLB

**American Dipper** Only Report: 11 Sep Lawrence DB

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** Early: 28 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Sep Deuel BJU; 01 Oct Lake JSP; 07 Oct Hyde BJU

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early: 01 Sep Grant BJU; 06 Sep Lake JSP; 10 Sep Sully RDO ... Late: 29 Oct Brookings JT; 22 Oct Roberts JSP; 21 Oct Hand DB; 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 10 Oct Charles Mix RM; 02 Oct Tripp RDO

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** All Reports: 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 03 Sep Clay GJS; 09 Sep Custer ND; **12 Oct Hughes *vide* DB**

**Eastern Bluebird** Late: 18 Nov Hand DB; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 05 Nov Douglas KP; 02 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Oct Fall River JLB, LB

**Mountain Bluebird** Late: 22 Oct Pennington RSL; 18 Oct Hand DB; 15 Oct Custer KH

**Townsend's Solitaire** Early: 19 Sep Hughes DB, EDS; 08 Oct Sully BJU; 18 Oct Hand DB

**Veery** All Reports: 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** All Reports: **01 Sep Day BJU**; 13 Sep Clay DS

**Swainson's Thrush** Early: 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 02 Sep Stanley RDO ... Late: 24 Sep Union DS; 19 Sep Grant BJU; 15 Sep Clay GJS; 09 Sep Jones SS

**Hermit Thrush** Early: 28 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Sep Deuel BJU; 02 Oct Kingsbury KCJ; 07 Oct Hyde BJU ... Late: 18 Oct Hand DB; 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Corson BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU

**Wood Thrush** Only Report: **30 Aug Marshall BJU**

**Gray Catbird** Late: 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 01 Oct Lake JSP; 28 Sep Clay GJS; 24 Sep Pennington RSL

**Brown Thrasher** Late: 30 Nov Charles Mix RM; 02 Oct Pennington JLB, ND, LJ; 02 Oct Brown GO

**American Pipit** Early: 19 Sep Grant BJU; 25 Sep Potter MO; 26 Sep Meade RSL ... Late: **12 Nov Lake JSP**; 05 Nov Meade JLB, LB; 21 Oct Hand DB; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Corson BJU; 09 Oct Campbell BJU

**Sprague's Pipit** All Reports: 14 Sep Stanley RDO; 18 Sep Jones DB; 23 Sep Jones MO; 01 Oct Jones RSL

**Bohemian Waxwing** Only Report: 10 Nov Hand DB, SS

**Ovenbird** Late: 24 Sep Union DS; 01 Sep Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 30 Aug Codington BJU

**Northern Waterthrush** Early: 20 Aug Lake JSP; 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU ... Late: **19 Sep Grant BJU**; 16 Sep Brookings JT; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Golden-winged Warbler** All Reports: 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU

**Black-and-white Warbler** Early: 20 Aug Lake JSP; 22 Aug Hughes DB; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 09 Sep Jones SS ... Late: **02 Oct Tripp RDO**; 19 Sep Grant BJU; 17 Sep Lake JSP; 08 Sep Lyman SS

**Tennessee Warbler** Early: 09 Aug Codington BJU; 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 28 Aug Hughes DB; 09 Sep Jones SS ... Late: 30 Sep Brown GO; 01 Sep Grant BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Early: 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 07 Sep Hughes DB; 08 Sep Lyman SS; 18 Sep Marshall GO ... Late: 20 Oct Fall River JLB, LB; 16 Oct Clay GJS; 15 Oct Pennington RSL; 14 Oct Deuel BJU

**Nashville Warbler** Early: 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 12 Sep Clay GJS ... Late: 09 Oct Hand DB; 08 Oct Sully BJU; 08 Oct Brookings RDO

**Connecticut Warbler** Only Report: 30 Aug Marshall BJU

**MacGillivray's Warbler** All Reports: 11 Aug Custer DB; 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP

**Mourning Warbler** All Reports: 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 18 Sep Marshall GO

**Common Yellowthroat** Late: **15 Oct Lake JSP**; 09 Oct Brookings DS, JSP; 03 Oct Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 23 Sep Stanley MO

**American Redstart** Late: 22 Sep Brown MO; 18 Sep Marshall GO; 16 Sep Brookings JT; 09 Sep Jones SS; 08 Sep Lyman SS; 08 Sep Hughes DB



**Cape May Warbler** All Reports: **30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU**

**Northern Parula** All Reports: 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU

**Magnolia Warbler** All Reports: 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Grant BJU; 28 Sep Hand DB

**Bay-breasted Warbler** Early: **20 Aug Union DS**; 30 Aug Clay GJS; 30 Aug Marshall BJU ... Late: 28 Sep Hand DB; 01 Sep Day BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU

**Blackburnian Warbler** Early: 27 Aug Clay DS; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 28 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU ... Late: 24 Sep Lake JSP; 13 Sep Clay DS; 08 Sep Lyman SS

**Yellow Warbler** Late: 14 Sep Stanley RDO; 14 Sep Hughes DB; 13 Sep Lyman SS; 12 Sep Pennington JLB, LB, GKH; 05 Sep Brown GO

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** All Reports: 28 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 26 Sep Lake JSP

**Blackpoll Warbler** Only Report: 01 Sep Day BJU

**Palm Warbler** Early: 19 Sep Grant BJU; 19 Sep Hughes DB; 28 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Sep Deuel BJU ... Late: 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 11 Oct Hughes *fide* DB; 11 Oct Day BJU

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Early: 01 Sep Day BJU; 04 Sep Hughes EDS; 17 Sep Lake JSP ... Late: 12 Nov Grant BJU; 23 Oct Brookings JT; 22 Oct Roberts JSP; 16 Oct Clay GJS; 10 Oct Mellette KH

**Black-throated Green Warbler** All Reports: 28 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; 17 Sep Lake JSP

**Canada Warbler** All Reports: 28 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Day BJU; **24 Sep Lake JT**

**Wilson's Warbler** Early: 20 Aug Union DS; 27 Aug Clay GJS; 28 Aug Hughes DB; 30 Aug Codington BJU; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP ... Late: **16 Oct Pennington JF**; 06 Oct Stanley RDO; 29 Sep Spink RDO

**Yellow-breasted Chat** All Reports: 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 07 Sep Stanley RDO; 10 Sep Lyman JSP; 12 Sep Stanley RDO; **24 Sep Pennington RSL**

**Scarlet Tanager** All Reports: 20 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Day BJU; 30 Aug Marshall BJU; 01 Sep Codington BJU; 11 Sep Clay GJS

**Western Tanager** Late: 21 Sep Pennington JLB; 04 Sep Meade RSL; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP

**Spotted Towhee** Late: 12 Nov Meade AKB; 28 Oct Lake JSP; 15 Oct Pennington RSL; 14 Oct Stanley RDO

**Eastern Towhee** All Reports: 09 Oct Walworth BJU; **14 Oct Deuel BJU**

**American Tree Sparrow** Early: 15 Oct Lake JSP; 15 Oct Pennington RSL; 16 Oct Hughes RDO; 16 Oct Meade RSL

**Chipping Sparrow** Late: 22 Oct Brown MRZ; 21 Oct Lake JSP; 16 Oct Clay GJS; 09 Oct Meade RSL

**Clay-colored Sparrow** Late: 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 09 Oct Meade RSL; 27 Sep Stanley RDO

**Field Sparrow** Late: 22 Oct Roberts JSP; 11 Oct Marshall BJU; 10 Oct Charles Mix RM; 09 Oct Meade RSL

**Vesper Sparrow** Late: 21 Oct Hand DB; 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 12 Oct Meade JLB; 10 Oct Stanley RDO

**Lark Sparrow** Late: 18 Sep Jones DB; 17 Sep Pennington RSL; 12 Sep Custer MMM; 30 Aug Marshall BJU

**Lark Bunting** Late: 17 Sep Pennington RSL; 14 Sep Custer MMM; 13 Sep Lyman SS

**Savannah Sparrow** Late: 29 Oct Lake JSP; 21 Oct Hand DB; 14 Oct Deuel BJU; 10 Oct Sully JLB; 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 10 Oct Custer MMM

**Grasshopper Sparrow** Late: 05 Oct Hand DB; 26 Sep Meade RSL; 17 Sep Pennington RSL; 13 Sep Lyman SS

**Baird's Sparrow** Only Report: **09 Oct Walworth BJU**

**Le Conte's Sparrow** Early: 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 07 Oct Hyde BJU; 08 Oct Brookings KCJ, JLB, LB, ND ... Late: 15 Oct Clay DS; 11 Oct Day BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Brookings RDO, DS, JSP, KCJ

**Nelson's Sparrow** Late: **09 Oct Walworth BJU; 09 Oct Brookings RDO, KCJ**; 20 Aug McPherson GO  
**Fox Sparrow** Early: 07 Oct Faulk BJU; 07 Oct Hand BJU; 07 Oct Hyde BJU ... Late: 19 Nov Clay DS; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 10 Nov Charles Mix RM  
**Song Sparrow** Late: 29 Nov Pennington MMM; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 11 Nov Hand DB; 02 Nov Lyman SS  
**Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 05 Sep Harding DB; 19 Sep Grant BJU ... Late: 22 Oct Roberts JSP; 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 17 Oct Charles Mix RM; 02 Oct Tripp RDO  
**Swamp Sparrow** Late: 12 Nov Lake JSP; 21 Oct Hand DB  
13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 09 Sep Jones SS  
**White-throated Sparrow** Early: 01 Sep Day BJU; 10 Sep Sully RDO; 15 Sep Stanley RDO; 02 Oct Tripp RDO ... Late: 06 Nov Clay GJS; 30 Oct Douglas KP; 29 Oct Lake JSP; 29 Oct Brown GO  
**Harris's Sparrow** Early: 23 Sep Brown GO; 28 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Sep Deuel BJU; 01 Oct Jones RSL; 04 Oct Clay GJS ... Late: 30 Nov Clay GJS; 26 Nov Hughes EDS; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 19 Nov Pennington RSL  
**White-crowned Sparrow** Early: **04 Sep Custer DS, JSP**; 05 Sep Harding DB; 13 Sep Lyman SS; 16 Sep Brookings JT ... Late: 08 Nov Stanley RDO; 26 Oct Custer MMM; 23 Oct Pennington JLB; 14 Oct Deuel BJU  
**Dark-eyed Junco** Early: 15 Sep Stanley RDO; 21 Sep Hughes DB; 24 Sep Sully MO; 28 Sep Codington BJU; 28 Sep Deuel BJU  
**Lapland Longspur** Early: **09 Oct Walworth BJU**; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 02 Nov Lyman SS; 13 Nov Tripp RDO  
**Smith's Longspur** All Reports: **10 Oct McPherson BJU**; 14 Oct Deuel BJU  
**Chestnut-collared Longspur** Late: 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 09 Oct Walworth BJU; 10 Sep Aurora JSP  
**Snow Bunting** Early: 20 Oct Hand DB; 21 Oct Brown MRZ; 05 Nov Marshall GO; 26 Nov Charles Mix DB  
**Northern Cardinal** reported 03 Sep Pennington *fide* JLB  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Late: 07 Oct Brookings JT; 15 Sep Clay GJS; 08 Sep Lake JSP; 28 Aug Pennington RSL  
**Black-headed Grosbeak** All Reports: 07 Aug Pennington JLB; 09 Aug Stanley RDO; 11 Aug Custer DB; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 17 Sep Pennington RSL  
**Blue Grosbeak** Late: **23 Sep Stanley MO**; 17 Sep Pennington RSL; 13 Sep Clay GJS; 20 Aug Lake JSP  
**Lazuli Bunting** All Reports: 10 Aug Fall River ND; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP  
**Indigo Bunting** Late: **19 Oct Hand DB; 04 Oct Clay GJS**; 28 Sep Brookings JT; 10 Aug Fall River ND  
**Dickcissel** Late: 26 Sep Hand DB; 24 Sep Clay GJS; 23 Sep Stanley MO; 02 Aug Pennington JLB  
**Bobolink** Late: **08 Oct Hughes BJU**; 13 Sep Lyman SS; 10 Sep Aurora JSP; 28 Aug Meade RSL  
**Western Meadowlark** Late: 30 Nov Hughes DB; 24 Nov Stanley DB; 22 Nov Jones DB; 22 Nov Grant BJU  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Late: 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 05 Nov Marshall GO; 05 Nov Brown GO; 09 Oct Meade RSL  
**Rusty Blackbird** Early: 09 Oct Campbell BJU; 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 10 Oct McPherson BJU; 16 Oct Pennington JF ... Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Nov Grant BJU; 11 Nov Hughes SS, RDO  
**Brewer's Blackbird** Late: 27 Nov Douglas KP; 25 Nov Charles Mix KP; 11 Nov Hughes SS, RDO; 27 Oct Butte JLB  
**Common Grackle** Late: 22 Nov Grant BJU; 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 14 Nov Lake JSP; 29 Oct Meade JLB  
**Great-tailed Grackle** All Reports: 09 Aug Deuel BJU; 23 Aug Butte *fide* DB; 20 Oct Charles Mix KP; 21 Oct Charles Mix RM  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 12 Nov Grant BJU; 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 17 Sep Pennington RSL  
**Orchard Oriole** Late: **24 Sep Pennington RSL**; 04 Sep Meade RSL; 01 Sep Day BJU; 24 Aug Clay GJS  
**Baltimore Oriole** Late: **07 Oct Clay GJS**; 10 Sep Sully RDO; 07 Sep Stanley RDO; 06 Sep Minnehaha MRZ  
**Pine Grosbeak** All Reports: 11 Nov Hughes RDO, SS; 20 Nov Brown GO

**Purple Finch** Early: 22 Sep Brown MO; 24 Sep Sully MO; 07 Oct Faulk BJU  
**Cassin's Finch** All Reports: 05 Sep Harding DB; 08 Oct Pennington JF  
**Red Crossbill** Early: 21 Oct Brookings JT; 23 Oct Stanley RDO  
**Common Redpoll** All Reports: 28 Oct Lake JT; 22 Nov Grant BJU  
**Pine Siskin** Early: 17 Sep Lake JSP; 23 Sep Stanley MO; 07 Oct Faulk BJU  
**Lesser Goldfinch** All Reports: 10 Aug Fall River ND; **03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 04 Sep Fall River DS, JSP**  
**Evening Grosbeak** Only Report: 03 Sep Custer DS, JSP

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**Barrow's Goldeneye** 27 Nov Yankton MRZ  
**Neotropic Cormorant** 08 Oct Potter BJU  
**Great Black-backed Gull** 07-27 Nov Hughes and Stanley RDO  
**Rufous Hummingbird** 21 Sep Meade EEM  
**Lark Sparrow** 19 Nov Yankton DS

**Species Expected But Not Reported**

Cinnamon Teal, Barrow's Goldeneye, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Sage-Grouse, Northern Bobwhite, Little Blue Heron, Whimbrel (2), American Woodcock, Iceland Gull, Least Tern, Calliope Hummingbird (4), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Carolina Wren, Varied Thrush (2), Northern Mockingbird, Virginia's Warbler (2), Black-throated Blue Warbler, Townsend's Warbler (4), Brewer's Sparrow (2), Bullock's Oriole (2), Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (2), White-winged Crossbill (3)

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There were no correct answers submitted as of press time, so, I have decided to give a hint or two and extend the time for submissions. The first correct answer submitted will win. And the prize has been doubled (still a small thing). Please find the photo at: <<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/8110372@N06/6842022209/in/photostream>>>

Hint #1: I had to go EAST for a photo of the bird (Indiana). None available from SD.

Hint #2: Think "old" records as well as "modern" records.

Hint #3: Check tail length and primary projection as well as breast color.

Douglas Chapman



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