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Note from the Editor Nancy Drilling

In my opinion, one of the best endeavors of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union is the Scholarships and Grants program. This program has a variety of funds to support research and education expenses for biology researchers and students in the state. This is one of the primary methods the Union uses to fulfill its mission "to promote the study of wild birds and to encourage ornithological research". Over the years, tens of thousands of dollars have gone to students to continue their studies at a South Dakota university or college and to researchers of all kinds, from amateurs to students to professional researchers, to support their bird research projects. You can find information on the different funds and application procedures and deadlines on the SDOU web site (<http://www.sdou.org/SDOU/Grants>).

In this issue of Bird Notes, we highlight three of the 2017 recipients of SDOU scholarships. As you will read, we have some very talented young scientists in the state. If you wish to financially support SDOU's Scholarship and Grants program, go to 'Scholarships and Grants' under the "SDOU" tab on the SDOU web site home page to learn more.

ANNOUNCEMENT – MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Time to renew your SDOU membership or join SDOU. Dues have remained the same for 2018:

Sustaining membership	\$40
Regular membership	\$20
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You can renew online using PayPal under the "SDOU" tab at the top of the home page at www.sdou.org. Or you can send a check (payable to South Dakota Ornithologists' Union) to the SDOU Treasurer, Rosemary Draeger, 2520 E. Whisper Trail, Sioux Falls, SD, 57108. And, if you have already paid, thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – SPRING SDOU MEETING

The spring meeting of SDOU will be held the weekend of June 1 - 3, 2018 in Martin. Field trips will highlight the Lacreek National Wildlife area, northeast Bennett County, and eastern Oglala Lakota County. More information will be posted at a later date on the SDOU website, the sd-birds listserve, and the spring 2018 issue of South Dakota Bird Notes.

2017 SDOU Scholarship Awards

The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union administers several scholarships and grants for both graduate and undergraduate students in the biological sciences. See the SDOU web site for more information. The following are the recipients for the 2017 funding cycle.

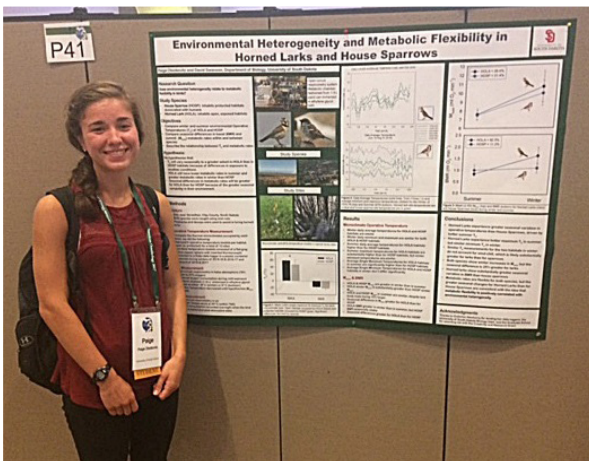
Kenneth H. Husmann Memorial Scholarship

A department of biology, zoology or wildlife management at a South Dakota college or university may nominate one student for the Kenneth H. Husmann Memorial Scholarship. The nominee must be a graduate student majoring in ornithology, ecology or wildlife management and must have a strong interest and ability in studying one or more of these natural science specialties.

The Husmann Scholarship for 2017, in the amount of \$1000, went to Paige Oboikovitz, a M.S. ornithology student at the University of South Dakota. Paige is part of Dr. David Swanson's research laboratory and plans to finish her degree in May 2018.

Her M.S. research addresses important fundamental questions regarding how birds respond to climatic variation, which is an important topic in this age of global climate change. Specifically, her project investigates the relationship between seasonal metabolic flexibility and seasonal variation in thermal conditions in two species of small birds inhabiting southeastern South Dakota. The species that Paige chose for her study, Horned Larks and House Sparrows, are both year-round resident in South Dakota, but inhabit very different habitats with markedly different thermal microclimates. Horned Larks are birds of open fields, which are the coldest microclimates in the area in winter and the warmest microclimates in the area in summer. In contrast, House Sparrows are associated with woodlands and closely allied with human habitation, so they occupy about the most protected microclimates in the area. Paige hypothesizes that the magnitude of seasonal flexibility in metabolic rates will be greater for Horned Larks than for House Sparrows because of the much more substantial seasonal variation in microclimates that they encounter. To test this hypothesis, she is measuring both the thermal microclimates within the two habitats, with operative temperature field thermometers, as well as seasonal variation in standardized metabolic rates (minimum and maximum) for the two study species. This allows a direct test of whether metabolic flexibility is related to environmental heterogeneity, which is a fundamental question in ecological and evolutionary physiology. Thus, Paige's study has the potential to have broad scientific appeal and strong scientific impact.

Following completion of her M.S. degree, Paige intends to pursue a Ph.D. in ornithology/ecological physiology, with the eventual intent to become a university professor in a teaching/research position



Paige Oboikovitz, 2017 recipient of the Husmann Scholarship from SDOU

Mary E. Baylor Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given to an undergraduate student in his/her junior year at a South Dakota college or university. The student must be pursuing a major in biology with particular interest, in order of priority, in ornithology, ecology, wildlife management, biological education, medical practice, or medical research.

The Baylor Memorial Scholarship for 2017, in the amount of \$1200, went to Tessa Durnin, an undergraduate environmental science/biology double-major at Northern State University. Besides excelling in science courses at NSU, Tessa has undertaken an impressive list of research projects. During the summer of 2015, Tessa was an intern for two NSU professors, working on an extensive mosquito surveillance study which had the overarching goal to identify local 'hot spots' for West Nile virus. She presented the results of this work at two national meetings - the Entomological Society of America and the Society for Freshwater Science, receiving a travel fellowship from the latter group to attend. Next, Tessa worked on two independent research projects. The first, in the realm of stream ecology, involved collecting chironomids (a type of aquatic insect) to assess the impacts of a controlled prairie burn on aquatic insects. The second study examined the behavior of Anolis lizards, the results of which she presented to the South Dakota Academy of Science. In addition to her academic pursuits, Tessa has been an elected officer for NSU's Environmental Club, was selected by faculty to be an Instructional Assistant for introductory-level biology courses, works in the campus greenhouse, and assists with curatorial duties for NSU's zoology collection.

After graduation, Tessa hopes to pursue graduate studies in ecology or animal behavior.

David J. Holden Scholarship Fund

The Holden scholarship is awarded annually to an undergraduate student attending South Dakota State University, majoring in natural or biological science, with an interest in the environment. Application is through the Department of Natural Sciences at SDSU.

The Holden Scholarship for 2017, in the amount of \$500, went to Matthew, a freshman undergraduate student from Rapid City majoring in environmental science.

2016 Report of the Rare Bird Records Committee

David L. Swanson

The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 15 October 2016 at Vermillion. There was no face-to-face spring meeting in 2016, as correspondence and rating of reports for the Spring of 2016 was conducted electronically. The members of the committee were David Swanson (secretary), Ricky Olson, Todd Jensen, J. David Williams, and Jeffrey Palmer. All members participated in the electronic discussion of the Spring 2016 records and either attended the fall meeting or voted in absentia.

Springer (1988. South Dakota Bird Notes 40:67-70) outlined the purpose and voting procedures of the RBRC. The RBRC strongly encourages observers of rare or unusual birds in South Dakota to report their observations to the secretary of the RBRC (David Swanson of Vermillion, SD), preferably via email at david.swanson@usd.edu. A Rare Bird Report Form is available in electronic format for this purpose from David Swanson, or a form can be downloaded from <http://www.sdou.org>, by clicking on the Seasonal Reporting link and then clicking on the link for the Rare Bird Report Form. A summary of the type of information desired by the RBRC in a rare bird report can be found in Swanson (2015. South Dakota Bird Notes 67:64-71).

The RBRC requests rare bird reports for species listed as hypothetical or accidental in the state, including species reported from a portion of the state or time of year where that species is listed as accidental. A listing of birds belonging to these categories in South Dakota is provided in the latest version of the checklist of South Dakota birds, accessible at <http://www.sdou.org> by clicking on the Seasonal Reporting link and then clicking on the link for the South Dakota State Checklist). Information regarding species listed as accidental for only a portion of the state can be found in Tallman et al. (2002. Birds of South Dakota, 3rd edition, SDOU, Aberdeen, SD). The RBRC regularly adds or removes species from the review list, based on current data, and these changes to the review list are reported in the annual reports of the RBRC in South Dakota Bird Notes. In addition, reports are requested for observations listed in the "Species Requiring Acceptance by the Rare Bird Records Committee" section in the Seasonal Reports of South Dakota Bird Notes. Observers whose records are accepted (Classes 1 and 2) are encouraged to publish these records in South Dakota Bird Notes, so details of the observation can be communicated to a wider audience.

Following are the results of the committee's action since the last report in the September 2016 issue of South Dakota Bird Notes (Swanson, 2016. South Dakota Bird Notes 68:53-56). The numbers included in parentheses along with some reports indicate the committee's vote. If no numbers are listed, the vote was unanimous (5-0) or 4-0 if a committee member submitted the report. The committee wishes to emphasize that a rating of Class 3 or 4 (non-accepted record) does not imply any personal criticism of the observer. Such a rating only means that the information provided in the report, in the opinion of the committee, did not conclusively eliminate other similar species.

CLASS 1 (Accepted - Specimen, photograph, or recording)

Brant. 28 February 2016. One adult at Cow Creek, Sully Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson. Casual migrant.

Neotropic Cormorant. 19 May 2016. One first-year bird at Grass Lake, Codington Co. Photographed. Daniel Casey. Casual spring and summer visitor.

Black-necked Stilt. 22 May 2016. One adult at Hecla, Brown Co. Photographed. Bobby Schat. Rare spring migrant and summer visitor.

Arctic Tern. 20 September 2016. One adult in alternate plumage at Pierre, Hughes Co. Photographed. Doug Backlund. 5th state record.

Gull-billed Tern. 4 June 2016. One adult in alternate plumage at Salt Lake, Deuel Co. Photographed. Kathy Java, John & Jan Menge. 1st state record.

Ancient Murrelet. 24 October 2015. One adult in alternate plumage at Lake Thompson, Kingsbury Co. Photographed. Jeffrey Palmer. 2nd state record. (3 Class 1P, 1 Class 2)

Anna's Hummingbird. 13 November 2015. One immature at Watertown, Codington Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson and Scott Stolz. 6th state record.

Black-chinned Hummingbird. 21 July – 12 August 2016. One adult male in Meade Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson, Randy Podoll, m.obs. 1st state record.

Black-chinned Hummingbird. 22 July. One adult female in Meade Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson, Randy Podoll. 2nd state record.

Great Kiskadee. 14 November 2015 – 01 January 2016. One adult near Volga, Brookings Co. Photographed. K.C. Jensen, m.obs. 1st state record. SDBN 67(4):81. This is the first accepted record with documentation for the species in South Dakota, so the record constitutes a first state record. A previous single-observer sight report rated as hypothetical (13 June 1994, Moody Co., Andrea Calderone, SDBN 48:95) will now also enter into the official records for the state as an approved record.

White-eyed Vireo. 26 May 2016. One adult at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co. Photographed. Chris Anderson. Casual spring migrant.

Common Raven. 30 October 2015. One north of Pierre, Sully Co. Photographed. Scott Stolz. Rare visitor.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet. 14 December 2015 – 15 February 2016. One-three individuals at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed. Jocelyn Baker, Ingrid Arlton, Gene Hess, Larry Palmer, Jackie Stucky-Strom. 4th post-December record for South Dakota.

Sage Thrasher. 1 June 2016. One adult at Lake Andes NWR, Charles Mix Co. Photographed. Kelly Preheim. Accidental east.

Vesper Sparrow. 19 December 2015. One near Fort Pierre, Stanley Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson and Scott Stolz. 5th winter record.

CLASS 2 (Accepted – Satisfactory written description)

Ross's Goose. 27 May 2015. One adult bird near Crocker, Clark Co. Barry Parkin. Latest spring record for South Dakota.

Hooded Merganser. 16 June 2015. One adult female with 10 young near Folsom, Custer County. Michael Melius. Accidental breeder west.

Red-throated Loon. 28 May 2001. One first-year bird at Clear Lake, Deuel Co. Bruce Harris. Record published in SDBN (54(2):42, 2002) which had never been acted on by the RBRC. Accidental spring migrant.

Glossy Ibis. 14 May 2016. One adult in alternate plumage at Lacreek NWR, Bennett Co. Peter Hill. Accidental visitor west.

Turkey Vulture. 18 December 2015. One adult at Pickstown, Charles Mix Co. Ron Mabie. 3rd December record.

Mississippi Kite. 11 May 2016. One first-year bird at Union Grove State Park, Union Co. David Swanson. 8th state record.

Red Knot. 13 May 2016. One adult in alternate plumage near White Lake, Aurora Co. Mary Braley and Mary Gertsma. Casual spring migrant. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3)

Hammond's Flycatcher. 5 September 2015. One in fresh plumage at Hell Canyon, Custer Co. David Swanson and Jeffrey Palmer. 1st state record; this is the first accepted multiple observer sight-record for the species in South Dakota, so the record constitutes a first state record. The two previous single-observer sight records rated as hypothetical for the state (11 September 2000, Pennington Co., Todd Jensen, SDBN 54:98; 1 September 2003, Custer Co., Jay Carlisle, SDBN 56:86) will now also enter into the official records for the state as approved records.

Cassin's Vireo. 4 September 2016. One adult in basic plumage in Roby Canyon, Custer Co. David Swanson and Jeffrey Palmer. 2nd state record.

Red-eyed Vireo. 1 November 2015. One immature bird at Aberdeen, Brown Co. Barry Parkin. Latest fall record for South Dakota. (4 Class 2, 1 Class 3)

Brown Creeper. 22 July 2015. One adult at Pickstown, Charles Mix Co. Ron Mabie. Accidental summer east.

Townsend's Warbler. 6 September 2015. One female/immature bird at Hell Canyon, Custer Co. Jeffrey Palmer and David Swanson. Accidental fall migrant.

Kentucky Warbler. 22 May 2016. One adult at Sica Hollow State Park, Roberts Co. Mark Otnes. Casual spring and summer visitor.

McCown's Longspur. 6 April 2016. One adult male in Harding Co. Nancy Drilling. Casual spring and summer visitor.

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

Yellow-billed Loon. 13 November 2015. One juvenile at South Shore Recreation Area, Gregory Co. The report was lacking some important details, including overall size, shape and coloration of the reported bird, and, in the opinion of the committee, did not conclusively eliminate Common or Red-throated loons.

Ash-throated Flycatcher. 18 August 2016. One at Cascade Springs, Fall River Co. Dissenting committee members felt that the description did not completely eliminate Great-crested Flycatcher, noting that the tail band on Ash-throated was not mentioned in the report. Also, since this report would represent a first state record, the dissenting members noted that a higher standard for acceptance should be met, and that the report details, in their opinion, did not meet that standard. (3 Class 2, 2 Class 3)

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

No reports were rated as Class 4.

The 2017 Spring Season

01 March 2017 to 31 May 2017

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There were only 308 species, including 6 rarities, reported during the season – this is the lowest total since 1996. The ten-year (2007-2016) average is 321. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (dates that are among the earliest/latest included in the online database 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 (28) 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 indicates the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season. Not reported during the Spring Season for the last 5 years, **Gyrfalcon, Varied Thrush, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, and Lesser Goldfinch**; these were removed from this list.

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 01 Mar Buffalo ND; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Brown GO; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM ... Late: 03 Apr Hughes KM; 01 Apr Roberts MO; 29 Mar Marshall GO

Snow Goose Early: 01 Mar Buffalo ND; 01 Mar Brown GO; 02 Mar Bon Homme and Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 26 May Harding KM

Ross's Goose Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Brown GO; 10 Mar Charles Mix RM ... Late: 01 Apr Yankton DS, RND; 25 Mar Douglas and Charles Mix RSL; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP

Cackling Goose Late: **24 Apr Pennington CLG**; 09 Apr Meade JLB; 29 Mar Marshall GO; 16 Mar Yankton RND

Canada Goose Confirmed Breeding: 26 Mar Oglala Lakota (ON) ND

Trumpeter Swan reported 02 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 02 May Faulk MMM

Tundra Swan Early: 01 Mar Pennington KM; 17 Mar Charles Mix RM; 25 Mar Roberts GO ... Late: **22 Apr Marshall GO**; 08 Apr Roberts MO; 07 Apr Yankton RND; 19 Mar Pennington RSL

Wood Duck Early: 04 Mar Butte ND; 05 Mar Stanley KM; 11 Mar Hughes RDO; 19 Mar Brown GO

Gadwall Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Mar Brown GO; 05 Mar Hughes KM; 09 Mar Pennington CLG

American Wigeon Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Butte ND; 05 Mar Brown GO

Blue-winged Teal Early: 17 Mar Charles Mix RM; 18 Mar Yankton RND; 20 Mar Gregory RM; 20 Mar Hughes KM; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 25 Mar Douglas RSL; 27 Mar Mellette ND

Cinnamon Teal All Reports: 01 Apr Butte ND; 10 Apr Brown (probable hybrid) GO

Northern Shoveler Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Mar Brown GO; 18 Mar Bennett ND

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Buffalo ND; 02 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 02 Mar Yankton RND; 04 Mar Butte ND; 05 Mar Brown GO

Green-winged Teal Early: 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Stanley KM; 05 Mar Sully KM; 16 Mar Pennington CLG; 22 Mar Douglas RND

Canvasback Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 02 Mar Bon Homme RM; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 15 Mar Pennington ND; 25 Mar Day and Roberts GO; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 25 Mar Aurora and Douglas RSL

Redhead Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Buffalo RDO, KM; 04 Mar Butte and Meade ND; 05 Mar Brown GO

Ring-necked Duck Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Butte ND; 05 Mar Brown GO

Greater Scaup Early: 09 Mar Hughes RDO; 11 Mar Gregory RM; 21 Mar Charles Mix RM; 23 Mar Brown GO ... Late: 01 Apr Yankton DS, RND; 01 Apr Roberts MO; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM

Lesser Scaup Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Mar Brown GO; 05 Mar Hughes KM; 19 Mar Pennington RSL

Long-tailed Duck Late: 23 Apr Charles Mix RM; 10 Apr Gregory RM; 01 Apr Yankton DS

Bufflehead Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Meade ND; 19 Mar Brown GO ... Late: 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 13 May Lake JSP; 06 May Charles Mix RND

Common Goldeneye Late: 18 Apr Hughes KM; 07 Apr Yankton RND; 06 Apr Fall River ND; 01 Apr Roberts MO

Hooded Merganser Early: 04 Mar Stanley KM; 04 Mar Charles Mix RM; 09 Mar Hughes RDO; 18 Mar Bennett ND; 19 Mar Brown GO ... Late: 20 May Brown GO; 11 May Lake JSP; 29 Apr Jackson ND; 14 Apr Stanley KM

Common Merganser Late: 29 May Pennington CLG; 12 May Stanley KM; 09 May Gregory RM; 14 Apr Roberts MO

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 02 Mar Yankton RND; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 15 Apr Meade JLB, ND ... Late: 22 May Yankton RND; 22 May Stanley KM; 04 May Hughes DB

Ruddy Duck Early: 10 Mar Charles Mix RM; 13 Mar Yankton DS; 18 Mar Oglala Lakota ND; 19 Mar Brown GO

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 17 Apr Charles Mix RM; 22 Apr Charles Mix KP; 05 May Gregory RM

Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 20 Apr Lawrence ND; 22 Apr Lawrence JLB; 15 May Lawrence ND; 23 May Pennington RDO, MO

Greater Sage-Grouse Only Report: 16 Apr Butte ND

Pied-billed Grebe Early: 19 Mar Charles Mix GJS; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 27 Mar Gregory RM; 27 Mar Clay ND; 06 Apr Fall River ND

Horned Grebe Early: **07 Mar Charles Mix RM**; 19 Mar Hughes RDO; 19 Mar Sully KM; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 01 Apr Meade ND ... Late: 13 May Lake JSP; 04 May Hughes DB; 02 May Kingsbury JSP; 23 Apr Haakon ND

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 14 Apr Roberts MO; 19 Apr Day RND; 24 Apr Marshall GO; 21 May McPherson ND

Eared Grebe Early: 21 Mar Charles Mix RM; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 10 Apr Gregory RM; 25 Apr Harding KM

Western Grebe Early: 08 Apr Roberts MO; 14 Apr Charles Mix KP; 17 Apr Stanley KM; 20 Apr Meade ND

Clark's Grebe Early: 19 Apr Hughes RDO; 19 Apr Stanley RDO, KM; 22 Apr Brown MO

Mourning Dove Early: 02 Mar Bon Homme RM; 03 Mar Pennington RSL; 09 Mar Douglas and Charles Mix RM

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 14 May Lincoln MO; 31 May Lincoln RND

Black-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 28 May Roberts ND

Common Nighthawk Early: 21 May Brown RSL, GO; 21 May Edmunds KM; 24 May Hand KM; 27 May Yankton RND; 31 May Meade and Perkins ND; 31 May Custer MMM

Common Poorwill All Reports: **23 Apr Harding KM**; 07 May Meade ND; 27 May Harding KM, MMM; 28 May Harding KM; 31 May Custer MMM

Eastern Whip-poor-will Early: 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 May Lincoln JSP

Chimney Swift Early: 05 May Charles Mix RM, KP; 08 May Douglas KP; 08 May Lake JSP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

White-throated Swift Early: 13 Apr Lawrence ND; 16 Apr Pennington JLB; 23 Apr Harding KM

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: 07 May Charles Mix RM; 08 May Clay GJS; 14 May Lincoln MO

Broad-tailed Hummingbird All Reports: 23 May Custer RDO, MO; 28 May Custer RSL

Virginia Rail Early: 25 Mar Fall River ND; 23 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Douglas KP

Sora Early: 22 Apr Lawrence ND, JLB; 02 May Clay DS; 03 May Douglas KP

American Coot Early: 02 Mar Yankton RND; 05 Mar Charles Mix KP; 09 Mar Pennington CLG; 19 Mar Brown GO

Sandhill Crane Early: 05 Mar Charles Mix KP; 16 Mar Douglas KP; 18 Mar Hughes KM; 19 Mar Butte EK ... Late: 07 May Butte ND; 05 May Brookings JSP; 23 Apr Hughes ND

Whooping Crane All Reports: **21 Mar Douglas KP; 25 Mar Douglas KP, RSL**

Black-necked Stilt Early: **18 Apr Brookings RND**; 20 Apr Brown RND; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND

American Avocet Early: 13 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Roberts MO; 16 Apr Sully RDO; 25 Apr Harding KM

Black-bellied Plover Early: 06 May Aurora RDO; 07 May Hughes DB; 10 May Hand KM; 11 May Bennett ND ... Late: 21 May Edmunds KM, RDO; 19 May Brown GO; 16 May Hughes KM

American Golden-Plover Early: 13 Apr Lake JSP; 05 May Faulk MMM; 06 May Charles Mix RND, RM, KP; 06 May Aurora RDO; 06 May Hughes KM ... Late: 21 May Aurora RND; 20 May Marshall GO; 19 May Brown GO; 11 May Hughes KM

Semipalmated Plover Early: 21 Apr Potter KM; 23 Apr Charles Mix KP, RM; 24 Apr Marshall GO; 24 Apr Douglas KP; 26 Apr Perkins KM ... Late: 25 May Butte ND; 20 May Marshall GO; 19 May Campbell KM; 19 May Edmunds RDO

Piping Plover Early: **11 Apr Stanley KM, RDO**; 21 Apr Charles Mix and Gregory RM; 06 May Aurora and Brown RDO

Killdeer Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix KP; 06 Mar Hughes KM; 08 Mar Clay DS; 15 Mar Douglas KP; 16 Mar Pennington ND, CLG

Upland Sandpiper Early: 19 Apr Custer MMM; 25 Apr Harding KM; 29 Apr Pennington ND; 01 May Faulk MMM; 05 May Charles Mix RND

Whimbrel All Reports: **07 May Hughes KM**; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND

Long-billed Curlew Early: 04 Apr Custer MMM; 06 Apr Fall River ND; 08 Apr Pennington JLB; 05 May Stanley MMM

Hudsonian Godwit Early: 13 Apr Lake JSP; 15 Apr Tripp RDO; 20 Apr Brown RND; 21 Apr Potter and Walworth KM ... Late: 21 May Marshall MO; 20 May Brown KP; 19 May McPherson KM; 07 May Hughes KM

Marbled Godwit Early: 11 Apr Stanley KM; 14 Apr Bon Homme RND; 15 Apr Tripp RDO; 15 Apr Custer MMM; 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP

Ruddy Turnstone Early: 10 May Hand KM; 13 May Lake JSP; 15 May Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 21 May Edmunds RDO; 21 May Marshall KM; 20 May Brown KM, KP

Stilt Sandpiper Early: **16 Apr Sully RDO**; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 06 May Brown RDO; 07 May Perkins ND ... Late: 31 May Hutchinson KP; 27 May Dewey ND; 24 May Hand KM; 17 May Butte ND

Sandering Early: 29 Apr Sully KM; 01 May Hughes KM; 02 May Kingsbury JSP; 14 May Harding KM ... Late: 30 May Stanley KM; 25 May Yankton RND; 21 May Edmunds MO

Dunlin Early: 13 Apr Lake JSP; 16 Apr Sully RDO; 19 Apr Brown RND ... Late: 21 May McPherson ND; 21 May Marshall KM, MO; 21 May Edmunds KM, RDO, MO; 19 May Campbell KM

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 19 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Apr Douglas and Minnehaha KP; 15 Apr Tripp RDO ... Late: 27 May Dewey ND; 26 May Charles Mix KP; 24 May Hand KM; 17 May Butte ND

Least Sandpiper Early: 09 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Charles Mix RM, KP; 24 Apr Douglas KP; 24 Apr Marshall GO; 26 Apr Perkins KM ... Late: 31 May Hutchinson KP; 22 May Yankton RND; 21 May Edmunds MO; 21 May Brown KP; 17 May Butte ND

White-rumped Sandpiper Early: 28 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Sully KM; 29 Apr Charles Mix KP; 02 May Douglas KP

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 03 Apr Hughes KM, RDO; 15 Apr Union DS; 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 13 May Pennington JLB ... Late: 31 May Hutchinson KP; 26 May Charles Mix KP; 25 May Butte ND

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 16 Apr Sully RDO; 17 Apr Brown GO; 26 Apr Perkins KM ... Late: 31 May Hutchinson KP; 28 May Douglas KP; 27 May Dewey ND; 17 May Butte ND

Short-billed Dowitcher All Reports: 05 May Hughes KM, RDO; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND; 18 May Marshall GO

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 25 Mar Douglas RSL, KP; 15 Apr Tripp and Hughes RDO ... Late: 25 May Butte ND; 21 May Sully RSL; 20 May Brown KM, KP; 20 May Marshall RSL; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 14 May Harding KM

Wilson's Snipe Early: 03 Apr Hughes KM; 09 Apr Meade EK; 13 Apr Lake JSP

American Woodcock All Reports: 26 Mar Clay ND; 27 Mar Union ND; 14 Apr Brookings JSP; 12 May Lincoln JSP

Spotted Sandpiper Early: 23 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Gregory RM; 26 Apr Pennington ND; 29 Apr Lake JSP

Solitary Sandpiper Early: **15 Apr Clay GJS**; 16 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Brookings RND; 24 Apr Pennington CLG; 24 Apr Harding KM ... Late: 18 May Marshall GO; 13 May Brown GO; 10 May Hughes RDO; 10 May Stanley DB; 29 Apr Jackson ND

Greater Yellowlegs Early: 19 Mar Hughes RDO; 19 Mar Charles Mix KP; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 25 Mar Sully RDO; 25 Mar Douglas KP, RSL; 15 Apr Butte ND; 15 Apr Tripp RDO ... Late: 16 May Hughes KM; 15 May Sully RDO; 13 May Fall River ND; 10 May Hand KM

Willet Early: 15 Apr Douglas KP; 19 Apr Stanley KM; 21 Apr Potter and Sully KM; 21 Apr Brown RND; 22 Apr Custer MMM

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 21 Mar Charles Mix RM; 26 Mar Bennett and Oglala Lakota ND; 03 Apr Brown GO ... Late: 26 May Charles Mix KP; 21 May Bon Homme RND; 21 May Marshall KM; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Wilson's Phalarope Early: 18 Apr Brookings RND; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Bennett RSL; 22 Apr Butte DS, JSP, ETL; 22 Apr Brown MO

Red-necked Phalarope Early: 13 May Harding KM; 15 May Sully RDO; 15 May Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 27 May Dewey ND; 25 May Butte ND; 21 May Lyman DB; 21 May McPherson ND; 21 May Marshall and Edmunds MO

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 20 Mar Charles Mix RM; 23 Mar Stanley KM; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 26 Apr Perkins KM ... Late: 30 Apr Stanley KM; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 24 Apr Day and Marshall GO

Franklin's Gull Early: 16 Mar Yankton RND; 22 Mar Bon Homme RND; 22 Mar Hughes KM; 23 Mar Douglas RM; 16 Apr Meade RSL

Ring-billed Gull Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Yankton RND; 02 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Mar Meade ND; 17 Mar Douglas KP

California Gull Early: 03 Mar Stanley RDO; 06 Mar Hughes KM; 11 Mar Charles Mix RM; 18 Mar Oglala Lakota ND; 28 Mar Brown GO

Herring Gull Early: 01 Mar Brule ND; 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 19 Mar Brown GO ... Late: 23 May Stanley KM; 01 May Hughes KM; 21 Apr Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Marshall GO

Thayer's Gull Late: 28 Mar Stanley RDO; 20 Mar Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Hughes KM

Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 09 Mar Hughes RDO; 19 Mar Sully RDO, KM; 22 Mar Stanley KM ... Late: 22 May Stanley MO; 06 Apr Hughes RDO; 20 Mar Sully KM

Glaucous Gull Late: 29 Mar Stanley RDO; 18 Mar Hughes KM; 11 Mar Charles Mix RM

Great Black-backed Gull Early: 09 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 11 Apr Stanley KM, RDO ... Late: **23 Apr Stanley ND**; 20 Apr Hughes KM

Least Tern Early: **02 May Charles Mix RM**; **07 May Gregory RM, KP**; 18 May Hughes DB

Caspian Tern Early: **11 Apr Stanley KM**; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Lawrence ND; 21 May McPherson ND ... Late: 31 May Hughes KM; 28 May Roberts ND; 27 May Charles Mix RM; 27 May Stanley RDO

Black Tern Early: 09 May Hand KM; 11 May Lake JSP; 12 May Hutchinson KP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 16 May Stanley KM

Common Tern Early: 10 May Stanley RDO; 14 May Douglas KP; 22 May Yankton RND

Forster's Tern Early: 14 Apr Roberts MO; 19 Apr Day RND; 19 Apr Stanley KM; 22 Apr Bennett RSL

Common Loon Early: 24 Mar Gregory RM; 25 Mar Charles Mix RSL, KP; 08 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 11 Apr Marshall GO; 15 Apr Meade ND ... Late: 31 May Hughes KM; 27 May Charles Mix RM; 22 May Stanley KM; 11 May Lake JSP; 01 May Pennington CLG

Double-crested Cormorant Early: 18 Mar Bennett ND; 19 Mar Charles Mix KP; 22 Mar Stanley RDO, KM; 25 May Day GO; 25 May Kingsbury JSP

American White Pelican Early: 18 Mar Bennett ND; 21 Mar Charles Mix RM; 26 Mar Oglala Lakota ND; 26 Mar Hughes KM; 10 Apr Brown GO

American Bittern Early: 18 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Bennett ND; 09 May Hand KM

Least Bittern Only Report: 31 May Charles Mix KP

Great Blue Heron Early: 01 Mar Pennington ND; 16 Mar Meade ND; 18 Mar Bennett ND; 19 Mar Stanley KM, RDO; 19 Mar Hughes RDO; 21 Mar Douglas KP

Great Egret Early: 05 Apr Union RND; 05 Apr Aurora KP; 11 Apr Stanley RDO, KM; 15 Apr Tripp RDO

Snowy Egret Early: 02 May Kingsbury JSP; 09 May McPherson GO; 16 May Brown GO; 17 May Stanley KM

Cattle Egret Early: **10 Apr Stanley KM**; 14 Apr Hughes KM; 17 Apr Bon Homme KP; 06 May Brown RDO

Green Heron All Reports: 08 May Lake JSP; 11 May Lake JSP; 13 May Brown GO; 20 May Brown GO; 30 May Brookings ND

Black-crowned Night-Heron Early: 15 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 29 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Bennett ND; 13 May Charles Mix RM

Glossy Ibis All Reports: **15 Apr Charles Mix KP; 15 Apr Hughes KM; 16 Apr Hughes KM, RDO; 22 Apr Brown MO**

White-faced Ibis Early: 12 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Charles Mix KP; 15 Apr Tripp RDO; 16 Apr Douglas KP

Turkey Vulture Early: 22 Mar Douglas KP; 22 Mar Stanley RDO; 24 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Apr Butte ND; 01 Apr Pennington JLB

Osprey Early: 30 Mar Gregory RM; 02 Apr Pennington JLB; 07 Apr Custer KP; 29 Apr Lake JSP

Bald Eagle Confirmed Breeding: **20 Apr Charles Mix (NY) KP**

Northern Harrier Early: 01 Mar Lyman ND; 03 Mar Sully KM; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Douglas KP; 18 Mar Oglala Lakota, Bennett, Custer, and Pennington ND

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 11 May Bennett ND; 09 May Hand KM; 19 Apr Stanley KM

Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: **12 Apr Stanley (NB) RDO**

Northern Goshawk All Reports: 01 Mar Brown GO; 19 Mar Brown GO; 30 Mar Edmunds GO; 13 Apr Lawrence ND

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 19 Apr Brown GO; 20 Apr Lake JSP; 22 Apr Harding DS, JSP, ETL; 22 Apr Charles Mix KP ... Late: 28 May Marshall ND; 28 May Yankton RND; 25 May Stanley RDO; 25 May Walworth MO; 15 May Harding KM

Swainson's Hawk Early: 16 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Custer MMM; 17 Apr Bon Homme and Douglas KP

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 18 Apr Charles Mix KP; 16 Apr Custer MMM; 26 Mar Oglala Lakota and Bennett ND; 26 Mar Douglas KP

Ferruginous Hawk Early: 11 Mar Meade ND, JLB; 13 Mar Pennington JLB; 21 Apr Butte DS, JSP, ETL; 09 May McPherson GO

Golden Eagle Late: 04 Mar Buffalo RDO, KM; 03 Mar Sully KM

Barn Owl All Reports: **19 Mar Sully RDO, KM**; 10 May Jones DB; 17 May Stanley RDO; 25 May Sully DB; 31 May Charles Mix KP

Burrowing Owl Early: 02 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 04 Apr Custer MMM; 06 Apr Fall River ND; 09 May McPherson GO

Long-eared Owl Only Report: 04 Mar Stanley KM

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 18 Mar Bennett ND; 31 Mar Custer ND; 23 Apr Stanley ND

Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 15 May Harding KM; 27 May Harding KM

Belted Kingfisher Early: 04 Mar Buffalo KM, RDO; 09 Mar Pennington CLG; 12 Mar Douglas KP

Lewis's Woodpecker Only Report: 28 May Custer RSL

Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 03 May Clay GJS; 06 May Charles Mix KP; 07 May Gregory KP, RM; 12 May Turner KP; 12 May Lincoln JSP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Red-bellied Woodpecker reported **14 May Oglala Lakota PH**

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: 08 Apr Lincoln JSP; 11 Apr Clay GJS; 14 Apr Roberts MO

Red-naped Sapsucker Early: **08 Apr Pennington ND**; 16 Apr Custer JLB; 22 Apr Lawrence JLB, ND

American Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 01 Apr Lawrence EK; 08 Apr Custer KP; 12 May Lawrence ND

Black-backed Woodpecker Only Report: 09 Apr Lawrence RSL

Northern Flicker Early: 02 Mar Pennington ND; 02 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Mar Yankton RND; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Douglas KP

Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 08 Apr Roberts MO; 19 May Roberts MO; 28 May Roberts ND

Merlin Late: 14 May Harding KM; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 29 Apr Lincoln DS; 19 Apr Stanley RDO

Peregrine Falcon Early: 24 Mar Pennington *vide* JLB; 25 Mar Fall River ND; 17 Apr Bon Homme KP; 10 May Hand KM ... Late: 23 May Brule MMM; 23 May Roberts KP; 20 May Marshall RSL, KM; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Prairie Falcon All Reports: 04 Mar Charles Mix KP; 25 Mar Jones RSL; 21 Apr Butte DS, JSP, ETL; 22 Apr Lawrence RDO; 27 May Harding KM; 28 May Harding MMM

Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 13 May Harding KM; 28 May Harding MMM; 30 May Brown GO; 31 May Hutchinson KP

Western Wood-Pewee All Reports: 14 May Pennington JLB; 27 May Harding KM; 28 May Harding KM, MMM; 28 May Custer RSL; 29 May Pennington RSL

Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 12 May Charles Mix RM; 14 May Lincoln MO; 15 May Brown GO

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 26 May Charles Mix KP; 27 May Lake JSP

Alder Flycatcher All Reports: 22 May Hughes KM; 24 May Hand KM; 26 May Charles Mix KP; 28 May Hutchinson KP; 31 May Lincoln RND

Willow Flycatcher Early: 13 May Charles Mix RM; 15 May Douglas KP; 20 May Brown KP; 29 May Pennington CLG

Least Flycatcher Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 07 May Clay DS; 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 07 May Stanley KM; 10 May Jones DB

Dusky Flycatcher All Reports: 16 May Pennington ND; 23 May Custer RDO, MO; 28 May Custer RSL

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: **14 May Pennington JLB**; 28 May Custer RSL; 30 May Lawrence MMM

Eastern Phoebe Early: 24 Mar Charles Mix RM; 27 Mar Gregory RM; 28 Mar Clay DS; 02 Apr Hutchinson KP; 02 Apr Jones KM, RDO

Say's Phoebe Early: 06 Apr Hughes KM; 07 Apr Gregory RM; 09 Apr Custer MMM; 13 Apr Lake JSP

Great Crested Flycatcher Early: 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 11 May Bennett ND; 12 May Stanley KM; 12 May Lincoln MO, JSP

Western Kingbird Early: 06 May Charles Mix KP; 06 May Brown RDO; 07 May Harding and Perkins ND; 07 May Hughes and Stanley KM

Eastern Kingbird Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 08 May Charles Mix RM; 08 May Lake JSP; 08 May Hughes KM; 10 May Pennington MMM

Loggerhead Shrike Early: 27 Mar Charles Mix and Clay ND; 08 Apr Roberts MO; 13 Apr Custer MMM

Northern Shrike Late: 02 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Mar Fall River ND; 25 Mar Roberts GO

Bell's Vireo Early: 11 May Gregory KP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 14 May Douglas KP

Yellow-throated Vireo Early: 11 May Gregory KP; 12 May Lincoln JSP, MO; 12 May Clay GJS

Blue-headed Vireo All Reports: 13 May Lincoln MO; 13 May Union DS; 19 May Brown GO

Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 13 May Harding KM; 14 May Lawrence ND; 23 May Custer MO, RDO; 23 May Pennington RDO; 31 May Pennington MMM

Philadelphia Vireo All Reports: **06 May Brown RDO**; 13 May Union DS; 13 May Lincoln MO; 16 May Stanley KM; 20 May Brown KM; 25 May Walworth MO

Warbling Vireo Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 08 May Stanley KM; 08 May Lake JSP; 08 May Clay GJS; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Red-eyed Vireo Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 10 May Union DS; 11 May Gregory KP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Gray Jay All Reports: 22 Apr Lawrence RDO; 06 May Lawrence ND

Blue Jay Confirmed Breeding: **24 Apr Pennington (NB) CLG**

Black-billed Magpie reported 02 Apr Stanley RDO, KM; 27 May Stanley RDO

American Crow Confirmed Breeding: 15 Mar Pennington (CN) ND

Purple Martin Early: 14 Apr Douglas KP; 19 Apr Day RND; 28 Apr Hughes KM

Tree Swallow Early: 05 Apr Custer MMM; 07 Apr Yankton RND; 08 Apr Union DS; 13 Apr Lake JSP

Violet-green Swallow Early: 20 Apr Pennington JLB; 20 Apr Lawrence ND; 13 May Fall River ND

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: 13 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr Stanley KM; 20 Apr Brown GO; 24 Apr Pennington CLG

Bank Swallow Early: **17 Apr Bon Homme KP**; 17 Apr Gregory RM; 19 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 06 May Brown RDO; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND

Cliff Swallow Early: 18 Apr Stanley KM; 19 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Bennett ND; 03 May Faulk MMM

Barn Swallow Early: 13 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Charles Mix RM, KP; 17 Apr Douglas KP; 18 Apr Custer MMM

Black-capped Chickadee Confirmed Breeding: **08 Apr Charles Mix (CN) RM**

Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: 12 May Union MO; 11 May Hand KM; 05 May Lake JSP

White-breasted Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding: **27 Mar Clay (NB) ND**

Brown Creeper Late: 02 May Brown GO; 29 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Mar Buffalo KM, RDO

Rock Wren Early: 22 Apr Harding DS, JSP, ETL; 29 Apr Pennington and Jackson ND; 27 May Stanley RDO

House Wren Early: 15 Apr Clay GJS; 15 Apr Union DS; 20 Apr Charles Mix and Gregory KP; 24 Apr Douglas KP; 07 May Harding ND

Winter Wren All Reports: 20 Apr Stanley KM; 24 Apr Day GO; 25 Apr Harding KM; 26 Apr Harding KM; **13 May Charles Mix RM**

Sedge Wren Early: 29 Apr Charles Mix KP; 06 May Brown RDO; 12 May Turner KP

Marsh Wren Early: 18 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Sully KM; 22 Apr Bennett RSL; 29 Apr Edmunds KM

Carolina Wren Only Report: **17 Apr Yankton KP**

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: **15 Apr Union DS**; 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 10 May Hand KM; 12 May Harding KM

American Dipper All Reports: 06 Apr Lawrence KP; 07 Apr Lawrence KP; 09 Apr Lawrence RSL; 13 Apr Lawrence ND; 22 Apr Lawrence RDO; 30 May Lawrence MMM

Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 21 Apr Brown GO; 19 Apr Roberts RND; 14 Apr Charles Mix KP

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 06 Apr Lawrence KP; 07 Apr Clay GJS; 08 Apr Lincoln JSP; 08 Apr Pennington ND ... Late: **28 May Yankton RND**; 12 May Charles Mix RM; 11 May Lake JSP

Eastern Bluebird Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix KP; 12 Mar Lawrence SW; 18 Mar Hughes RDO; 25 Mar Kingsbury JSP

Mountain Bluebird Early: 15 Mar Pennington JLB; 18 Mar Custer ND; 05 Apr Jackson KP

Townsend's Solitaire Late: 30 Mar Edmunds GO; 27 Mar Stanley KM; 26 Mar Hughes KM

Veery Early: 15 May Stanley RDO; 15 May Hughes DB; 19 May Roberts MO

Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 10 May Jones DB; 10 May Hand KM; 11 May Lake JSP; 11 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 27 May Stanley RDO; 24 May Hand KM; 21 May Walworth MO

Swainson's Thrush Early: 30 Apr Brown GO; 04 May Stanley KM; 05 May Faulk MMM; 07 May Harding ND

Hermit Thrush Early: 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Brown GO, RND; 24 Apr Marshall GO; 24 Apr Harding KM ... Late: 29 May Harding MMM; 21 Apr Brown GO

Wood Thrush All Reports: 10 May Union DS; 12 May Lincoln JSP; 19 May Lincoln MMM; 31 May Lincoln RND

American Robin Confirmed Breeding: **06 Apr Brown (NB) GO**

Gray Catbird Early: 26 Mar Hughes KM; 11 Apr Charles Mix RM; 02 May Douglas KP; 12 May Lawrence ND

Brown Thrasher Early: 10 Apr Clay GJS; 14 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Custer MMM; 23 Apr Douglas KP

Sage Thrasher Only Report: 25 May Butte ND

Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 08 May Stanley KM; 10 May Brown GO; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 15 May Clay DS

American Pipit Early: 10 Apr Hughes RDO, KM; 15 Apr Douglas KP; 15 Apr Tripp RDO ... Late: 14 May Hughes DB; 09 May Stanley DB; 06 May Charles Mix KP; 24 Apr Pennington CLG

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: **19 Apr Custer MMM**; **22 Apr Harding DS, JSP, ETL**; 05 May Faulk MMM; 07 May Butte ND; 29 May Harding MMM

House Finch Confirmed Breeding: **09 Apr Pennington (CN) ND**

Purple Finch Late: 14 Apr Roberts MO; 02 Apr Clay GJS; 28 Mar Stanley RDO

Cassin's Finch All Reports: 15 Apr Pennington JLB; 20 Apr Pennington JLB

Pine Siskin All Reports: 25 Mar Lake JSP; 08 May Lawrence ND; 30 May Lawrence MMM

Lapland Longspur Only Report: 03 Mar Charles Mix RM

Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 04 Apr Hand KM; 12 Apr Perkins MMM; 16 Apr Sully RDO; 16 Apr Butte EK

Ovenbird Early: 07 May Gregory KP, RM; 09 May Stanley KM; 11 May Clay DS; 12 May Lincoln MO, JSP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH; 14 May Harding KM

Worm-eating Warbler Only Report: 12 May Union MO

Northern Waterthrush Early: 04 May Stanley KM; 05 May Douglas KP; 08 May Hughes DB; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND ... Late: 24 May Hand KM; 21 May Brown GO; 19 May Walworth KM; 14 May Harding KM

Golden-winged Warbler Only Report: 12 May Lincoln MO, JSP

Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: 12 May Lincoln MO, JSP; **17 May Stanley RDO, KM, DB; 18 May Stanley KM**; 31 May Lincoln RND

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 29 Apr Lincoln DS; 05 May Charles Mix RM; 07 May Gregory RM, KP ... Late: 28 May Marshall ND; 21 May Minnehaha MMM; 20 May Brown GO; 16 May Charles Mix RM

Tennessee Warbler Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 10 May Union DS; 10 May Hughes DB; 10 May Hand KM

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 15 Apr Union DS; 17 Apr Yankton KP; 18 Apr Stanley KM; 18 Apr Brown GO; 24 Apr Harding KM; 24 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 29 May Pennington CLG; 21 May Day RDO, KM; 21 May Brown GO, KP; 10 May Stanley and Hughes DB

Nashville Warbler Early: **24 Apr Douglas KP**; 07 May Lake JSP; 10 May Union DS ... Late: 21 May Day KM; 19 May Brown GO; 16 May Douglas KP; 15 May Clay GJS

MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 23 May Custer MO, RDO; 28 May Custer RSL

Mourning Warbler All Reports: 14 May Lincoln MO; 21 May Brown RSL; 24 May Clay DS; 30 May Clay GJS

Common Yellowthroat Early: 27 Apr Pennington MMM; 05 May Brookings JSP; 06 May Stanley KM

American Redstart Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 08 May Hughes DB; 11 May Bennett ND

Cape May Warbler Only Report: 15 May Brown GO

Northern Parula All Reports: 10 May Hand KM; 25 May Union DS

Magnolia Warbler Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 10 May Lake JSP; 11 May Hand KM; 12 May Hughes KM ... Late: 24 May Clay DS; 22 May Brown GO; 21 May Day RDO

Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports: 17 May Hughes KM; 18 May Stanley KM, DB, RDO

Blackburnian Warbler All Reports: 16 May Union DS; 17 May Hughes RDO, DB; 18 May Stanley DB

Yellow Warbler Early: 02 May Gregory RM; 06 May Brown RDO; 07 May Clay DS; 07 May Stanley KM; 10 May Jones DB; 10 May Custer MMM

Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: 12 May Lincoln JSP, MO; 18 May Stanley DB, KM; 20 May Brown KP; 21 May Minnehaha MMM

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 05 May Douglas KP; 06 May Brown RDO; 08 May Stanley KM; 10 May Jones DB ... Late: 30 May Brown GO; 28 May Yankton RND; 27 May Stanley RDO

Palm Warbler Early: 04 May Lake JSP; 06 May Stanley KM; 08 May Clay GJS; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH ... Late: 20 May Brown GO; 15 May Kingsbury JSP; 15 May Stanley RDO

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 05 Mar Stanley KM; 19 Mar Yankton GJS; 01 Apr Charles Mix KP; 08 Apr Pennington KP; 16 Apr Douglas KP ... Late: 21 May Day RDO, KM; 21 May Brown MO; 20 May Edmunds KP; 19 May Hughes and Stanley DB; 19 May Walworth KM

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 12 May Lincoln JSP; 16 May Clay DS; 18 May Stanley RDO, KM, DB; 28 May Roberts ND

Wilson's Warbler Early: 10 May Jones DB; 11 May Hand KM; 12 May Lincoln JSP, MO; 13 May Union DS ... Late: 23 May Custer RDO; 21 May Brown MO, KP; 20 May Day RSL; 18 May Stanley DB

Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 11 May Oglala Lakota and Bennett ND; 12 May Harding KM; 14 May Hughes DB

Spotted Towhee Early: 01 Apr Charles Mix KP; 08 Apr Union DS; 15 Apr Stanley KM; 16 Apr Custer MMM; 29 Apr Douglas KP

Eastern Towhee All Reports: 14 Apr Clay GJS; 15 Apr Union DS; 20 Apr Charles Mix RM; 12 May Lincoln JSP; 20 May Lincoln MMM; 31 May Lincoln RND

American Tree Sparrow Late: 19 Apr Brown GO; 13 Apr Hughes KM; 11 Apr Day and Marshall GO; 26 Mar Bennett ND

Chipping Sparrow Early: 19 Mar Charles Mix KP; 08 Apr Lincoln JSP; 09 Apr Lake JSP; 24 Apr Pennington CLG

Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 23 Apr Charles Mix KP; 24 Apr Lake JSP; 24 Apr Marshall GO; 27 Apr Pennington MMM

Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: **22 Apr Harding DS, JSP, ETL; 25 Apr Harding KM**; 06 May Custer MMM; 13 May Harding KM; 13 May Fall River ND; 29 May Harding MMM

Field Sparrow Early: 08 Apr Lincoln JSP; 17 Apr Charles Mix RM; 18 Apr Stanley KM; 20 Apr Meade ND

Vesper Sparrow Early: 01 Apr Charles Mix KP; 12 Apr Custer MMM; 13 Apr Lake JSP

Lark Sparrow Early: **12 Apr Clay DS; 13 Apr Lake JSP**; 23 Apr Charles Mix KP; 29 Apr Jackson ND

Lark Bunting Early: **19 Apr Charles Mix RM**; 05 May Custer MMM; 07 May Pennington JLB; 07 May Butte, Harding, and Perkins ND

Savannah Sparrow Early: 01 Apr Charles Mix KP; 13 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Marshall MO; 18 Apr Custer MMM

Grasshopper Sparrow Early: **18 Apr Clay GJS**; 23 Apr Stanley ND; 29 Apr Pennington ND; 03 May Faulk MMM

Baird's Sparrow All Reports: 14 May Harding KM; 27 May Perkins MMM

Le Conte's Sparrow Only Report: 29 Apr Lake JSP

Fox Sparrow Early: 11 Mar Clay GJS; 21 Mar Hughes KM; 01 Apr Roberts MO ... Late: 24 Apr Day GO; 21 Apr Brown GO, RND; 19 Apr Roberts RND; 10 Apr Hughes KM

Song Sparrow Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix KP; 16 Mar Pennington CLG; 18 Mar Bennett ND; 19 Mar Brown GO

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 08 Apr Clay GJS; 10 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Douglas KP; 18 Apr Custer MMM ... Late: **30 May Stanley KM**; 24 May Hand KM; 20 May Lincoln MMM; 14 May Harding KM

Swamp Sparrow All Reports: 14 Apr Roberts MO; 20 Apr Brown RND; 06 May Stanley KM; 11 May Hand KM; 13 May Lake JSP; 30 May Hamlin ND

White-throated Sparrow Early: 17 Mar Charles Mix RM; 09 Apr Union DS; 14 Apr Clay GJS; 17 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 15 May Stanley KM; 15 May Brown GO; 12 May Lincoln JSP

Harris's Sparrow Early: 11 Mar Clay GJS; 14 Mar Charles Mix RM; 20 Apr Gregory KP; 23 Apr Douglas KP ... Late: 27 May Charles Mix RM; 23 May Clay DS; 20 May Brown KP

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 17 Mar Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr Stanley KM; 20 Apr Gregory KP; 20 Apr Custer MMM; 24 Apr Marshall GO ... Late: 31 May Hutchinson KP; 18 May Pennington RSL; 15 May Kingsbury JSP; 15 May Brown GO; 10 May Stanley RDO

Dark-eyed Junco Late: 11 May Hand KM; 05 May Faulk MMM; 01 May Brown GO; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Charles Mix RM

Summer Tanager All Reports: 07 May Stanley KM; 12 May Lincoln MO; **31 May Lincoln RND**

Scarlet Tanager Early: 10 May Union DS; 12 May Lincoln MO, JSP; 28 May Hutchinson KP

Western Tanager Early: 14 May Pennington JLB; 15 May Harding KM; 23 May Custer RDO

Northern Cardinal reported 04 Mar Butte ND; 20 Apr Pennington JLB

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 08 May Clay GJS; 20 May Charles Mix RM; 10 May Lake JSP; 10 May Union DS; 29 May Harding MMM

Black-headed Grosbeak Early: 06 May Stanley KM; 07 May Gregory KP, RM; 11 May Bennett ND; 11 May Pennington JLB

Blue Grosbeak Early: 13 May Pennington JLB; 15 May Custer MMM; 22 May Lyman MO; 28 May Hutchinson KP

Lazuli Bunting Early: **07 May Stanley KM**; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND; 13 May Fall River ND; 13 May Harding KM; 13 May Pennington JLB

Indigo Bunting Early: 12 May Lincoln JSP; 13 May Brown GO; 17 May Edmunds GO; 17 May Hughes RDO, DB, KM

Dickcissel Early: 07 May Charles Mix RM; 08 May Clay GJS; 20 May Lincoln MMM

Bobolink Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 09 May McPherson GO; 09 May Kingsbury JSP; 09 May Hand KM; 10 May Union DS; 11 May Custer ND

Red-winged Blackbird Early: 01 Mar Lyman ND; 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Gregory RM; 09 Mar Pennington CLG

Eastern Meadowlark Only Report: 22 Apr Bennett RSL

Western Meadowlark Early: 01 Mar Lyman ND; 03 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Buffalo RDO, KM; 04 Mar Butte ND; 04 Mar Douglas KP

Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 19 Mar Brown GO; 27 Mar Douglas KP; 05 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Butte ND; 15 Apr Tripp RDO

Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 11 Apr Marshall GO; 15 Apr Douglas KP

Brewer's Blackbird Early: 14 Apr Marshall MO; 16 Apr Sully RDO; 18 Apr Charles Mix and Douglas KP; 20 Apr Pennington ND

Common Grackle Early: 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 09 Mar Clay GJS; 16 Mar Douglas KP; 18 Mar Bennett ND

Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 23 Apr Charles Mix RM; 11 May Oglala Lakota ND; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 10 Mar Clay GJS; 22 Mar Bon Homme RND; 27 Mar Douglas KP; 15 Apr Tripp RDO

Orchard Oriole Early: 06 May Brown RDO; 09 May Clay DS; 10 May Douglas KP; 10 May Hand KM; 13 May Pennington JLB

Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 13 May Fall River ND; 15 May Lawrence ND; 15 May Custer MMM

Baltimore Oriole Early: 25 Apr Charles Mix RM; 07 May Gregory RM, KP; 07 May Stanley KM; 08 May Lake JSP; 14 May Oglala Lakota PH

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Snowy Plover 20 May Marshall KM

Ruff 21 Apr Gregory RM; 30 Apr Hughes KM

Curlew Sandpiper 19 May Marshall GO, DS

Western Sandpiper 26 Apr Perkins KM

Common Raven 29 May Harding KM

Prairie Warbler 08 May McPherson DST; 09 May McPherson GO

Green-tailed Towhee 15 May Stanley RDO; 16 May Stanley KM

Eastern Meadowlark 08 Apr Union DS

Species Expected But Not Reported

American Black Duck, Surf Scoter (2), White-winged Scoter (2), Black Scoter (4), Barrow's Goldeneye (4), Common Gallinule (2), Red Knot, Buff-breasted Sandpiper (3), Mew Gull (3), Iceland Gull, Little Blue Heron (2), Snowy Owl, Barred Owl, Pinyon Jay (2), Clark's Nutcracker, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill (4), Common Redpoll, Evening Grosbeak, Snow Bunting, Prothonotary Warbler (4), Virginia's Warbler (2), Connecticut Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler (4), Pine Warbler (4), Canada Warbler

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