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## Note from the Editor

Nancy Drilling

In this issue we present a conservation success story here in South Dakota. The Peregrine Falcon had not nested in the state for over 50 years and is a state Endangered Species. The North American population was decimated by the use of pesticides in the mid-20th century. And Peregrines have a relatively low reproductive rate, raising 1 – 3 young falcons per year, making recovery more difficult. The species has been nesting at Devils Tower in Wyoming for several years, so perhaps it was just a matter of time before they would set up shop here in South Dakota. In this part of its range, the Peregrine requires cliffs for nesting, habitat only found in the Black Hills. Thus South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks have focused their reintroduction, survey and monitoring efforts in this part of the state. Read the article by SDGFP biologist Casey Heimerl and falcon specialist Bob Oakleaf for their results of their efforts. Here's to more conservation success stories in upcoming years!

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### **Upcoming meetings:**

Register now for the Fall 2018 meeting of SDOU! The meeting will be held November 2 - 4, at Dakota State University in Madison. The Fall meeting features a day of presentations on current ornithology in South Dakota, field trips on Saturday and Sunday morning, SDOU General Membership meeting, and an evening banquet (\$20 per person) and program. Field trips are planned to Lake Herman State Park and to the Lake Thompson area. Registration is \$12 per person. You do not need to be a SDOU member to attend. See the inside of this issue's mailing cover or the SDOU web site (<http://sdou.org/SDOU/Meetings.aspx>) for more information and registration.

The Spring 2019 SDOU meeting will be held in the Sioux Falls area. Details will be posted on the web site and in future issues of South Dakota Bird Notes as they become available.

### **New Publication:**

The Second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas book is now available! Published by the SDGFP, the cost is \$35. You should call the following number to make a purchase: 605-223-7662. You can leave a message on that line if the individual is not available.

# Peregrine Falcons Return to Nest in the Black Hills

Casey Heimerl and Robert Oakleaf

The Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) as a migrant may occur throughout South Dakota during spring and fall (Tallman et. al. 2002). Peregrines have been confirmed nesting only at two separate locations in western South Dakota, in 1925 and 1948-1960 (Patton 1926, Pettingill and Whitney 1965). Historically, systematic surveys of wildlife were rare and these two locations likely represent only a portion of the total number of nesting territories. Due to national conservation efforts spurred by the decline of peregrines in the 1960's and past protection under the Endangered Species Act (USFWS 1999, Cade et al. 2003), surrounding states have seen a sharp increase in the number of breeding peregrines. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) also contributed to peregrine conservation by releasing 57 captive reared birds at hack sites in Rapid City from 2011-2013 (Dowd Stukel 2014). With increasing peregrine populations outside the state and the SDGFP reintroduction efforts, it was likely that nesting peregrines would return to South Dakota.

The Peregrine Falcon is currently listed as state endangered in South Dakota. The state Endangered Species Law requires that SDGFP perform the necessary actions for the conservation, protection and management of state listed species. Before the Peregrine Falcon can be considered for delisting, information is required on nest occupancy, productivity and suitable habitat availability in the state.

A concerted effort to survey for nesting peregrines in the Black Hills began in April of 2017 (Oakleaf 2017). The SDGFP contracted with a biologist from Wyoming (coauthor Bob Oakleaf) involved with peregrine conservation to identify and prioritize suitable nest sites in the Black Hills. Aerial surveys were followed by ground surveys in an attempt to document active and potential nest locations.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, a pair of peregrines was observed at a site near Rapid City. Both adults were observed actively hunting, indicating that egg laying or incubation had not yet begun. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the adults were observed feeding three young that were estimated to be approximately 27 days old.

A second nesting pair was identified in Spearfish Canyon on April 13<sup>th</sup>, when the adults were observed making a prey exchange and an incubation switch.

The site was again monitored from June 28–30<sup>th</sup> during the fledging of three young consisting of one male and two females. Two adults were also observed at an additional site in Spearfish Canyon on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, but nesting was not confirmed.

Leg bands were not visible on the adult males. Neither nesting female was banded indicating they were not from the Rapid City release effort, although it is possible they are the progeny of released birds. It may also suggest that recruitment has been occurring from adjacent states. SDGFP plans to continue monitoring the known nest locations and surveying suitable cliff sites to document additional nesting pairs.

Potential threats to nesting peregrines in the Black Hills include predation, primarily from Great Horned Owls, exposure to environmental toxins, and disturbance. Nest site disturbance may be the most significant threat. The Black Hills are a popular tourist destination and many of the cliffs that were identified as suitable peregrine nesting habitat are also popular spots for rock climbers. Excessive climbing activity in the vicinity of a nest could result in nest failure and the presence of climbers could prevent pairs from establishing new nest sites.

Because peregrines can be sensitive to disturbance when nesting, the specific 2017 nest locations were shared with the appropriate landowners but will not be otherwise publicized to protect these sites. If you happen to observe nesting peregrines, do not attempt to access the cliff for a better look; instead use binoculars or a spotting scope to view from a safe distance (see Photo). If birders have any observations of peregrines within and outside of the Black Hills during the breeding season, please notify SDGFP biologists. These reports will add to the effort to gain information on the occupancy and productivity of peregrines in South Dakota and are important resources for consideration during agency reviews of proposed development and land management projects.

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***SDGFP biologist Casey Heimerl monitors a falcon nest. PHOTO CREDIT: Casey Heimerl***

# Fledgling Tracts: Why Didn't Someone Just Tell Me That?!

Jason Thiele

*This is the third article in a series about birding tips and tricks that I have learned since I started birding in college. Many of these might seem like common sense to veteran birders, but I know I could have avoided a lot of frustration in my first few years as a birder had someone told me these things from the start. This series is meant to help those who are just starting out as birders and to remind those who have been at this for a long time that what seems obvious to you may not be obvious at all to a rookie. All you experts out there, please share your knowledge with the next generation of birders!*

## **#3. Pay Attention to the Weather to Find More Birds**

It's really hard to believe that 2018 marks the 10-year anniversary of my becoming a birder. I'd been interested in birds long before that point. As a kid, I enjoyed seeing birds on my family's farm in Nebraska. Any time I'd see a bird that I didn't know, I'd pull out my books and figure out what it was. The first bird I ever learned to identify by song was the Western Meadowlark, one of which could often be heard singing away from the barbed-wire fence around our pasture. My interest in birds continued as I went through college studying wildlife biology and management and strengthened when I started doing bird surveys as part of an undergraduate research project. But it wasn't until I graduated from college and started working alongside some real "bird nerds" at my first couple of jobs that I really became a birder. I went from merely casually noticing birds to seeking them out. That being said, I was pretty clueless about the best way to go about it.

For probably my first year or so as a birder, it is likely that I missed out on some great days of birding for one simple reason: I didn't ever consider how weather affects birds. Oh, I certainly thought about how it affected me. I knew I loved the outdoors, but I generally chose to spend my time outside when the conditions were to my liking.

Get up early on a September morning when the temperatures are near freezing? Nah. The forecast says it will be in the 60s later today. I'll go birding then.

Go on a walk through the woods after an early morning May thunderstorm? Maybe I'll wait until things dry up a little so my socks don't get wet.

Take a drive down some side roads after a January snowfall? Sounds pretty treacherous. And it seems like a better day to stay inside and read a book anyway.

I guess I just assumed that so long as I was comfortable, the birds would be around. Birds like nice weather too, right? Maybe so, but little did I know that by ignoring how birds' lives are impacted by weather conditions, I was sabotaging my birding success. But I eventually started to learn to use the weather to my advantage through a combination of trial-and-error, reading, and good mentorship from seasoned birders (like most of what I know now about birding). And every year I continue to learn more.

One of my greatest realizations was just how much weather patterns impact avian migration. Certainly some of my fellow graduate students at South Dakota State University knew this. As waterfowl hunters, they were always watching the forecast for those fall cold snaps that would freeze up the lakes in Canada and send big numbers of Mallards and other ducks down into South Dakota. Likewise, I could generally use the Weather Channel to predict which mornings I would have the lab to myself...

But I really started to tune in to local and regional weather patterns when I got to spend several spring and fall seasons doing raptor migration counts along the Mississippi River in southwest Wisconsin. My boss always had the uncanny ability to guess which days would produce the best flights of birds, and over time, it really began to make sense to me. For example, during the spring, there was no better time to be out watching for migrating Bald Eagles than a warm March day with a south wind that was preceded by some very cold weather dominated by northerly winds. What happens is that the eagles start to slowly work their way back to their northern breeding territories as the day length increases, but fighting a north wind makes progress slow, and a lack of open water up north makes feeding more difficult. But with a south wind "pushing" them and the promise of a spring thaw, Bald Eagles waste no time continuing on their journeys. On multiple occasions, I got to witness spectacular flights of over a hundred eagles per hour passing by my observation point. And because I also got to be involved with placing satellite transmitters on a number of Bald Eagles during my time in Wisconsin, I got to watch how their



travels were impacted by weather conditions all along their migration routes.

Likewise, in the fall, I learned how weather patterns over the course of the season – and even the course of the day – affect raptor migration. My boss taught me that westerly winds always produced better flights than easterly winds, at least at that location. A northwest wind following the passage of a cold front is ideal for a migrating hawk, falcon, vulture, or eagle in the fall since it minimizes that amount of energy needed to spend on flapping flight, so days with northwest winds did often produce the biggest numbers of raptors. However, from a birder's perspective, I always looked forward to September and October days with southwest winds, because it would force migrating Sharp-shinned Hawks to fly at a much lower altitude, sometimes just a few feet above the treetops, which made for spectacular viewing! It was also interesting to see how different species responded to weather changes. Peregrine Falcons, for example, seem to be affected by wet conditions less than other species. Broad-winged Hawks favor sunny, warm days for migration because those conditions produce the thermals they need to form the spectacular "kettles" of hundreds of soaring birds. However, selfish birders like myself secretly wish for overcast days to make them easier to count. During a "blue-bird" September day, Broad-winged Hawks soar so high that they are basically beyond the range of human sight by early afternoon, even with binoculars!

Much like us, birds do get stressed to some extent by harsh weather conditions, whether it's a scorcher in mid-July or a sub-zero blizzard in January. Therefore, I have little doubt that birds do "prefer" weather conditions that are somewhere in the middle. That being said, I think it is really hard for new birders to grasp that, contrary to what we might expect, oftentimes good birding occurs in not-so-good weather. As a matter of fact, sometimes it's really "bad" weather that produces the most memorable days of birding. I can't think of how many spring Saturdays I've set my alarm clock to get up early for a morning walk in search of warblers, vireos, tanagers, and other brightly colored Neotropical migrants, only to wake up to flashes of lightning and the sound of raindrops hitting my window. But many times when I've waited out the storm and stepped out into the woods knowing I'm going to come home with wet socks, the rewards have been amazing! Often these early morning storms force nocturnally-migrating birds to the ground, so a place that had very few birds one day can be dripping with birds the next morning! Birders always look forward to these "fallout" events, which can be particularly dramatic when they are combined with other migration challenges, such as a flight across the Gulf of Mexico or the Great Lakes. Because songbirds

obviously can't land on the surface of the water, they must continue through the wind and rain, often touching down completely exhausted at the first land they encounter, even if the habitat isn't ideal. Chasers of rare birds also pay close attention to extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, which can blow migrating birds far off course or force pelagic birds that are seldom seen by land observers onto the mainland.

And while birders can and do watch the weather to determine the best times to go out in the field, the truth is that many of us often find ourselves in birding in less-than-ideal weather conditions. Maybe it's because you had to plan a trip far in advance of any reliable extended weather forecast or because the Christmas Bird Count you signed up for happened to fall on the day after a heavy snow. You can still use your knowledge of the life histories of birds to predict how the conditions might impact where they can be found. For example, while a heavy snowfall makes accessing your favorite birding areas difficult, it does have the effect of concentrating birds. You might not be able to hike your favorite wooded trail, but you may actually have more success simply focusing on a few areas that you know will have available food: bird feeders, fruiting tree and shrubs, juniper groves, and more. Sitting at a location with abundant food for a while can produce many birds of different species competing for a rare resource. After a snow, I especially enjoy seeking out freshly cleared roads to find large flocks of Horned Larks, Lapland Longspurs, and Snow Buntings picking up grit and seeds exposed by the snowplows.

This article was but a *very* brief and simplified overview of how to use the weather to your advantage as a birder, but there are many, many resources such as books, articles in scholarly journals, and websites available to help you learn more about the subject. I am particularly fascinated by the migration forecasts put out weekly by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology during the spring and fall months, which are developed in part using weather forecasts. See [birdcast.info](http://birdcast.info) to learn more. But nothing beats talking to some veteran birders about their experiences and getting out in the field yourself to note how your sightings of birds correlate with the weather conditions. The more you learn to "read" the weather, the more successful you will be as a birder!

# Book Review: *Birding without Borders* by Noah Strycker

Dan Tallman

***Birding Without Borders.*** Noah Strycker. 2017. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing: New York. 326 pp. Hardcover and digital formats. \$27.00 Hardcover.

The book begins with a foreword by Kenn Kaufmann and continues with an attempt to justify extreme birding, i.e., breaking the world record for seeing more birds than anyone else in one year. No such justification of expense and consumption of fossil fuel (contributions to a carbon-offset program or not) can be made. This story is really a description of a man on a personal, obsessive quest. Such quests, however, make for good reading—especially for anyone interested in birding. Strycker quit his job, broke up with his girlfriend, and depleted his savings. Strycker enjoyed an advance from his publisher, corporate sponsorships and the hospitality of hundreds of birders around the world—he spent “about \$60,000 on travel, lodging, food guiding, [and] gear”—a cost of about ten dollars per bird.

His gear list is actually one of the more interesting features of his book. Also fascinating is his itinerary. He begins in Antarctica—an odd choice given the relative paucity of bird life there. He then works his way up most of South America, stops in Jamaica, and continues through Central America and Mexico. He only visits five US states (taking about ten days)—Texas, Arizona, California, Oregon, and New York. Then it’s off to Iceland and Norway. He goes to Spain by way of Turkey. Single species are added in France and Germany. Strycker must be bored by European birds, because they are almost completely left out of the book. He then crisscrosses Africa, Arabia and India, followed by Southeast Asia and China. He then does Australia and New Zealand, finally returning to India.

He checks off 6,042 bird species. Only a fraction of these are discussed in his book. The book is surprisingly sparsely illustrated. A photo section only includes nine birds! The most interesting photo is a selfie of Strycker standing next to the bird identification guides that he digitized to download to his laptop. One assumes such an endeavor is compliant with copyright laws.

Strycker writes well (although I am surprised by a trend by his editors to incorrectly use the words “I” and “me.”) His prose does, however, occasionally wander. He takes almost ten pages to get to his first bird sighting. Do we real-

ly need to know the American Birding Association's birding rules or that some birders cheat? (I wonder if Strycker's capturing a Common Poorwill qualifies as a bird seen under ABA rules.) I can't say that I needed to read so much about Strycker's angst over birding as a competitive sport. Strycker might have quoted Pete Dunn that beginners may occasionally misidentify birds, but experts have misidentified thousands. Can you count species you only hear? Strycker counted just over 5% of his birds by sound alone. What constitutes a bird species, anyway? Can you list species that someone else sees and identifies?

Strycker relied on local birders as guides. Locals often know a region better than professional international guides and can protect birders from bandits or corrupt officials. Local guides usually come free of charge. We are told tidbits about these people, but we learn very little about them. We also get glimpses of some of the environmental problems in places Strycker visits. One chapter covers a very brief history of American birding and Big Years. These subjects are all well and good, but I was left feeling they took the place of more discourse about or images of the birds Strycker saw.

Overall, *Birding Without Borders* is well-written and one of the best books of this genre. High points include his account of seeing a Harpy Eagle—the raptor and its ecology are entertainingly described. I wish he devoted more to other species he listed. I could have lived without as much minutia as he sometimes writes about nonbirding topics such as two pages on the dangers of driving in Peru. A photograph or drawing of a Marvelous Spatuletail would have been a nice addition. Perhaps it is a good thing that the book does not devolve into an annotated list of birds. Enjoyment of the book does require that the reader develops some sympathy for Strycker's frenzied running around the world listing birds. I enjoyed reading Strycker's account and, unlike with some similar books, I was never bored. His account was much less of "I had a good day today, these are the birds that I saw" book and, for better or worse, much more like a typical travel book, covering snapshots of countryside and human encounters.

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# The 2017 Fall Seasonal Report

01 August 2017 to 30 November 2017

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An impressive 328 species, including 10 rarities, were reported during the 2017 Fall Season. The 10-year average (2007-2016) is 312. 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: 04 Oct Sully KM; 04 Oct Day WS; 05 Oct Hughes DS, JSP; 20 Oct Pennington RDO ... Late: 29 Nov Brookings CV; 24 Nov Charles Mix KP; 18 Nov Lake JSP

**Snow Goose** Early: 01 Aug Charles Mix KP, RM; 30 Sep Roberts CV; 07 Oct Corson ND; 05 Nov Custer MMM

**Ross's Goose** Early: 02 Nov Edmunds MO; 06 Nov Potter KM; 07 Nov Stanley KM, RDO ... Late: 29 Nov Brookings CV; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 17 Nov Douglas KP; 12 Nov Buffalo KM, RDO

**Cackling Goose** Early: 16 Oct Pennington CLG; 25 Oct Douglas KP; 31 Oct Yankton RND

**Trumpeter Swan** All Reports: 10 Sep Oglala Lakota ND; 09 Oct Sully RDO; 20 Oct Butte ND

**Tundra Swan** Early: 09 Oct Brown GO; 15 Oct Day WS; 22 Oct Butte RDO; 25 Oct Bon Homme RND ... Late: 11 Nov Lawrence ND; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 09 Nov Brown GO; 08 Nov Hughes KM

**Wood Duck** Late: 13 Nov Brown GO; 11 Nov Minnehaha CA, MKZ; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 11 Nov Lawrence ND; 05 Nov Stanley KM

**Gadwall** Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Hughes KM; 21 Nov Charles Mix RM; 21 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Lake JSP

**American Wigeon** Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 24 Nov Charles Mix KP; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 21 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Lake JSP

**Blue-winged Teal** Late: 13 Nov Douglas KP; 19 Oct Minnehaha CA; 16 Oct Roberts CV; 15 Oct Charles Mix KP; 09 Oct Pennington KP

**Northern Shoveler** Late: 29 Nov Brookings CV; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 22 Nov Stanley RDO

**Northern Pintail** Late: 25 Nov Haakon ND; 24 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Minnehaha MKZ

**Green-winged Teal** Late: 24 Nov Charles Mix KP; 23 Nov Minnehaha MKZ; 22 Nov Stanley RDO; 05 Nov Butte ND

**Canvasback** Late: 27 Nov Yankton RND; 24 Nov Pennington ND; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Minnehaha CA, MKZ

**Redhead** Late: 27 Nov Yankton RND; 24 Nov Pennington ND; 24 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Hutchinson KP

**Ring-necked Duck** Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Yankton ND; 26 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Deuel CA

**Greater Scaup** Early: 20 Oct Pennington RDO; 27 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Nov Yankton DS; 08 Nov Hamlin CV ... Late: 22 Nov Stanley RDO

**Lesser Scaup** Late: 27 Nov Yankton RND; 24 Nov Stanley RDO; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 18 Nov Turner KP; 18 Nov Pennington ND

**Surf Scoter** All Reports: 22 Oct Butte RDO, CV; 01 Nov Stanley RDO; 06 Nov Stanley KM; 11 Nov Yankton DS

**White-winged Scoter** All Reports: 07 Nov Stanley RDO, KM; 11 Nov Yankton DS; 16 Nov Fall River ND

**Black Scoter** Only Report: 11 Nov Yankton DS

**Long-tailed Duck** Early: **22 Oct Butte RDO, CV**; 16 Nov Fall River ND; 21 Nov Yankton RND; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 27 Nov Yankton RND

**Bufflehead** Early: 05 Sep Brown CV; 01 Oct Harding ND; 07 Oct Lyman RDO

**Common Goldeneye** Early: 02 Nov Walworth MO; 05 Nov Day MO; 06 Nov Fall River ND; 06 Nov Sully KM

**Hooded Merganser** Early: 02 Aug Charles Mix KP; 20 Aug Stanley RDO; 10 Sep Oglala Lakota ND; 14 Oct Roberts CV ... Late: 30 Nov Stanley KM; 26 Nov Yankton ND; 23 Nov Minnehaha MKZ; 16 Nov Fall River ND

**Common Merganser** Early: 11 Aug Stanley RDO; 28 Aug Pennington CLG; 05 Nov Roberts CV

**Red-breasted Merganser** Early: 03 Nov Yankton DS; 06 Nov Sully KM; 09 Nov Stanley KM ... Late: 26 Nov Yankton ND; 13 Nov Hughes KM

**Ruddy Duck** Late: 24 Nov Pennington ND; 21 Nov Charles Mix RM; 19 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 11 Nov Minnehaha and McCook CA, MKZ

**Northern Bobwhite** Only Report: 15 Oct Charles Mix KP

**Gray Partridge** reported 08 Oct Jerauld CA; 19 Nov Deuel CA

**Ruffed Grouse** All Reports: 09 Sep Lawrence EK; 20 Oct Lawrence SW

**Greater Prairie-Chicken** All Reports: 03 Sep Marshall ND; 23 Sep Stanley RDO; 05 Oct Hughes DS, JSP; 25 Nov Haakon ND

**Pied-billed Grebe** Late: 24 Nov Pennington ND; 18 Nov Charles Mix RM; 16 Nov Fall River ND; 11 Nov Minnehaha and McCook MKZ, CA

**Horned Grebe** Early: 01 Oct Harding ND; 09 Oct Sully RDO; 14 Oct Hutchinson KP ... Late: 25 Nov Charles Mix RM; 16 Nov Fall River ND; 11 Nov Minnehaha MKZ, CA; 11 Nov Yankton DS

**Red-necked Grebe** Late: 25 Nov Sully KM; 11 Nov Yankton DS; 02 Sep Douglas KP

**Eared Grebe** Late: 18 Nov Pennington ND; 16 Nov Fall River ND; 12 Nov Butte ND; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 06 Nov Sully KM

**Western Grebe** Late: 20 Nov Hughes KM; 16 Nov Fall River ND; 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 09 Nov Sully KM; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP

**Clark's Grebe** Late: 09 Oct Potter RDO; 01 Oct Buffalo RDO; 15 Sep Fall River DB; 06 Sep Brown CV

**Mourning Dove** Late: 30 Nov Hutchinson RM; 30 Nov Clay GJS; 18 Nov Pennington RSL

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 01 Aug Charles Mix RM; 08 Aug Charles Mix KP; 26 Aug Gregory KP

**Black-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 01 Aug Charles Mix RM; 07 Aug Roberts CV

**Common Nighthawk** Late: 05 Oct Charles Mix RM; 30 Sep Lake JSP; 15 Sep Douglas KP; 12 Sep Lawrence ND

**Common Poorwill** All Reports: 02 Sep Custer MMM; 13 Sep Pennington JF; 01 Oct Harding ND

**Eastern Whip-poor-will** Only Report: 02 Aug Charles Mix RM

**Chimney Swift** Late: 22 Sep Brown GO; 14 Sep Douglas KP; 13 Sep Minnehaha CA; 10 Sep Hughes KM; 21 Aug Pennington CLG

**White-throated Swift** All Reports: 02 Aug Custer DB; 09 Aug Pennington ND; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** Late: 06 Oct Charles Mix RM; 02 Oct Douglas KP; 01 Oct Minnehaha CA; 12 Sep Lawrence ND

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** Late: 29 Aug Lawrence VDF; 03 Aug Pennington RDO; 02 Aug Custer DB, RDO

**Rufous Hummingbird** Late: **14 Sep Pennington RSL**

**Calliope Hummingbird** Only Report: 08 Aug Custer DB

**Virginia Rail** All Reports: 01 Aug Charles Mix RM; 03 Aug Minnehaha MKZ; 26 Aug Brown CV

**Sora** Late: 13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 07 Oct Hughes KM; 22 Sep Sully KM; 14 Sep Hand KM; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP

**American Coot** Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Yankton RND; 26 Nov Hughes KM; 23 Nov Minnehaha MKZ

**Sandhill Crane** Early: 03 Sep Charles Mix KP; 28 Sep Harding KM; 02 Oct Pennington MMM; 05 Nov Douglas KP; 05 Nov Roberts CV ... Late: 11 Nov Charles Mix KP; 29 Oct Perkins ND; 23 Oct Lawrence CV

**Whooping Crane** All Reports: **04 Aug Day CV**; 13 Aug Day ND; 14 Aug Day CV

**Black-necked Stilt** Only Report: 09 Aug Douglas KP

**American Avocet** Late: 04 Nov Jerauld CA; 31 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Butte ND; 08 Oct Aurora CA

**Black-bellied Plover** All Reports: 13 Aug Kingsbury ND; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 15 Sep Fall River DB; 16 Sep Fall River ND; **06 Nov Sully KM**

**American Golden-Plover** All Reports: 23 Sep Douglas KP; 30 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 09 Oct Sully RDO; 20 Oct Butte ND

**Semipalmated Plover** Late: 08 Oct Jerauld CA; 26 Aug Butte ND; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM

**Piping Plover** Only Report: 19 Aug Charles Mix RM

**Killdeer** Late: 13 Nov Pennington CLG; 11 Nov Douglas KP; 09 Nov Lincoln CA; 06 Nov Sully KM

**Upland Sandpiper** Late: **14 Sep Custer MMM**; 17 Aug Sully KM; 13 Aug Edmunds RDO, KM; 13 Aug Kingsbury ND

**Hudsonian Godwit** All Reports: 03 Sep Charles Mix KP; 25 Oct Douglas KP; **28 Oct Douglas KP**

**Marbled Godwit** Late: 30 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 10 Sep Bennett ND; 29 Aug Brown GO; 13 Aug Potter RDO, KM

**Stilt Sandpiper** Late: 15 Oct Douglas KP; 30 Sep Lake JSP; 10 Sep Bennett ND; 29 Aug Stanley RDO

**Sanderling** Late: **12 Nov Butte ND**; **04 Nov Kingsbury JSP**; 09 Oct Sully RDO

**Dunlin** All Reports: 11 Aug Aurora CA; 14 Aug Douglas KP; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 05 Nov Day MO

**Baird's Sandpiper** Late: 21 Oct Marshall MO; 05 Sep Brown CV; 03 Sep Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Douglas KP; 27 Aug Perkins ND

**Least Sandpiper** Late: 21 Oct Marshall MO; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 08 Oct Jerauld CA; 10 Sep Bennett ND; 04 Sep Stanley RDO

**White-rumped Sandpiper** All Reports: 17 Aug Marshall CV; 29 Aug Brown GO

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Late: 16 Oct Roberts CV; 08 Oct Jerauld CA; 23 Sep Butte ND; 23 Sep Douglas KP; 10 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Late: 23 Sep Butte JLB; 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 05 Sep Brown CV; 03 Sep Stanley RDO

**Short-billed Dowitcher** Only Report: 12 Aug Brookings CV

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Late: 02 Nov Charles Mix RND; 25 Oct Douglas KP; 16 Oct Roberts CV

**Wilson's Snipe** Late: 06 Nov Charles Mix RM; 05 Nov Day MO; 04 Nov Douglas KP; 28 Oct Meade JLB

**American Woodcock** All Reports: 26 Aug Hughes KM; 27 Aug Hughes KM; 17 Sep Hughes KM; 21 Oct Roberts MO

**Spotted Sandpiper** Late: 16 Oct Minnehaha MKZ; 30 Sep Douglas KP; 18 Sep Pennington CLG; 03 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Solitary Sandpiper** Late: 02 Oct Brown GO; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 27 Aug Perkins ND; 20 Aug Stanley RDO

**Greater Yellowlegs** Late: **14 Nov Douglas KP**; 05 Nov Day MO; 18 Oct Marshall CV; 13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 26 Aug Butte ND

**Willet** Late: 25 Sep Charles Mix RM; 03 Sep Roberts CV; 17 Aug Stanley RDO

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Late: **14 Nov Douglas KP**; 16 Oct Roberts CV; 08 Oct Jerauld and Brule CA; 10 Sep Oglala Lakota ND

**Wilson's Phalarope** Late: **05 Oct Charles Mix RM**; 13 Aug Sully, Potter, Campbell, and Edmunds RDO; 13 Aug Campbell and Potter KM; 12 Aug Jackson ND

**Red-necked Phalarope** All Reports: 13 Aug Sully and Campbell RDO; 13 Aug Campbell KM; 03 Sep Deuel ND

**Sabine's Gull** Only Report: 10 Sep Bennett ND

**Bonaparte's Gull** Early: 16 Sep Lyman RDO; 28 Sep Stanley RDO; 01 Oct Buffalo RDO; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 22 Oct Butte RDO ... Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix RM; 26 Nov Gregory ND; 18 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Lake JSP; 05 Nov Butte ND

**Little Gull** Only Report: 23 Sep Lyman RDO

**Franklin's Gull** Late: 18 Nov Lake JSP; 11 Nov Minnehaha CA, MKZ; 08 Nov Brookings CV; 03 Nov Stanley KM; 08 Oct Butte ND

**Mew Gull** All Reports: **19 Sep Yankton DS**; 14 Nov Stanley RDO, KM; 16 Nov Stanley RDO

**Ring-billed Gull** Late: 30 Nov Charles Mix KP; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 26 Nov Gregory ND; 23 Nov Minnehaha MKZ; 12 Nov Meade ND

**California Gull** Late: 29 Nov Sully KM; 24 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Nov Hughes KM; 12 Nov Butte ND

**Herring Gull** Early: 21 Sep Stanley RDO; 23 Sep Lyman RDO; 05 Oct Hughes DS, JSP; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 12 Nov Butte ND ... Late: 29 Nov Sully KM; 27 Nov Charles Mix RM; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP

**Thayer's Gull** All Reports: 10 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Stanley RDO

**Iceland Gull** All Reports: **05 Nov Stanley RDO**; 16 Nov Stanley RDO

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** Early: 17 Aug Stanley RDO; 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 16 Sep Buffalo JSP ... Late: 29 Nov Sully KM; 24 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Nov Hughes KM

**Least Tern** Late: **31 Aug Sully KM**; 27 Aug Charles Mix RM

**Caspian Tern** All Reports: 13 Aug Day ND; 18 Aug Stanley RDO; 31 Aug Sully KM; 01 Sep Sully KM; 03 Sep Stanley RDO

**Black Tern** Late: 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 09 Sep Charles Mix KP; 05 Sep Brown CV; 12 Aug Jackson ND

**Common Tern** All Reports: 13 Aug Day ND; 26 Aug Butte ND; 15 Sep Fall River DB; 23 Sep Lyman RDO; 24 Sep Stanley RDO

**Forster's Tern** Late: 11 Oct Brookings CV; 07 Oct Hamlin JSP; 01 Oct Lyman RDO; 16 Sep Fall River ND

**Pacific Loon** All Reports: 22 Oct Butte RDO; 24 Oct Hughes CV; 29 Oct Perkins ND; 12 Nov Butte ND; 12 Nov Gregory RM

**Common Loon** Early: 02 Aug Stanley KM; 02 Sep Hughes DB; 03 Sep Marshall ND; 15 Sep Fall River DB ... Late: 26 Nov Yankton ND; 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 20 Nov Hughes KM; 06 Nov Fall River ND; 28 Oct Marshall CV

**Double-crested Cormorant** Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix RM; 21 Nov Gregory RM; 20 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Minnehaha and McCook MKZ, CA; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP

**American White Pelican** Late: 29 Nov Brookings CV; 26 Nov Charles Mix RM; 11 Nov McCook CA, MKZ; 28 Oct Butte ND

**American Bittern** Only Report: 04 Sep Hughes ND

**Great Blue Heron** Late: 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 23 Nov Turner KP

**Great Egret** Late: 21 Oct Roberts MO; 14 Oct Hutchinson KP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 30 Sep Charles Mix KP; 10 Sep Bennett ND

**Snowy Egret** Late: 14 Oct Roberts CV; 04 Oct Marshall CV; 24 Sep Day GO; 12 Aug Lyman ND

**Little Blue Heron** Only Report: **26 Aug Brown CV**

**Cattle Egret** Late: 15 Oct Charles Mix KP; 14 Oct Hutchinson KP; 22 Sep Stanley RDO

**Green Heron** Late: 02 Oct Brown GO; 09 Sep Minnehaha CA, ND, MKZ; 03 Sep Marshall ND; 12 Aug Charles Mix KP

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Late: 14 Oct Hutchinson KP; 02 Oct Brown GO; 03 Sep Pennington JLB; 30 Aug Walworth KM

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** Only Report: 24 Aug Douglas KP

**White-faced Ibis** Late: 18 Sep Butte RDO; 15 Sep Douglas KP; 10 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Turkey Vulture** Late: **20 Nov Oglala Lakota (injured) ME**; 21 Oct Lawrence CV; 15 Oct Charles Mix RM; 13 Oct Lincoln MKZ

**Osprey** Late: 15 Nov Gregory and Charles Mix RM; 31 Oct Yankton RND; 23 Oct Pennington CLG; 01 Oct Douglas KP

**Northern Harrier** Late: 29 Nov Gregory RM; 27 Nov Pennington MMM; 26 Nov Bon Homme ND; 19 Nov Roberts and Grant CA

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** Early: 09 Sep Lincoln ND; 09 Sep Hughes KM; 10 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Northern Goshawk** All Reports: **19 Aug Stanley RDO**; 24 Nov Stanley RDO

**Broad-winged Hawk** Early: 09 Aug Brookings CV; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM; 26 Aug Roberts JSP; 30 Sep Harding KM ... Late: **24 Oct Charles Mix RM**; **22 Oct Lawrence CA et al**; 07 Oct Hughes KM;



02 Oct Brown GO

**Swainson's Hawk** Late: 13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 08 Oct Brule CA; 02 Oct Douglas KP; 29 Sep Harding KM

**Rough-legged Hawk** Early: 27 Oct Butte ND; 28 Oct Marshall CV; 28 Oct Meade JLB; 31 Oct Hughes KM

**Ferruginous Hawk** Late: 29 Nov Sully KM; 27 Nov Pennington MMM; 04 Nov Lyman MO; 04 Nov Jerauld and Hyde CA

**Golden Eagle** Early: 28 Oct Marshall CV; 02 Nov Walworth MO; 04 Nov Buffalo CA

**Snowy Owl** Early: **16 Oct Day WS**; 06 Nov Custer TH; 22 Nov Yankton RND

**Burrowing Owl** Late: 28 Sep Pennington MMM; 27 Sep Custer MMM; 26 Sep Jones KM; 05 Sep Sully KM; 12 Aug Hand ND

**Barred Owl** All Reports: 09 Sep Lincoln ND; 28 Sep Lincoln CA; 09 Nov Lincoln CA; 30 Nov Lincoln CA

**Long-eared Owl** All Reports: 31 Oct Stanley KM; 11 Nov Lawrence ND; 14 Nov Sully KM; 29 Nov Sully KM; 30 Nov Stanley KM

**Short-eared Owl** All Reports: 04 Aug Marshall CV; 17 Aug Sully KM

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Early: 01 Oct Brown GO; 11 Oct Brookings CV, CA; 04 Nov Sully KM; 04 Nov Aurora CA; 04 Nov Charles Mix RM

**Belted Kingfisher** Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Day CA

**Lewis's Woodpecker** All Reports: 02 Aug Custer DB; 21 Aug Lawrence CA; 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 18 Sep Meade ND; 22 Oct Lawrence MKZ, CA

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Late: 03 Oct Douglas KP; 26 Sep Jones KM; 25 Sep Minnehaha CA; 10 Sep Charles Mix KP; 10 Sep Hughes KM

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Late: 27 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov McCook MKZ, CA; 05 Oct Buffalo DS, JSP

**Red-naped Sapsucker** All Reports: 04 Aug Lawrence KM; 19 Aug Lawrence ND; 03 Sep Lawrence VDF; **14 Oct Lawrence VDF**

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** All Reports: 21 Aug Lawrence CA; 18 Oct Lawrence SW; 21 Oct Lawrence GO; 23 Oct Lawrence CV

**Merlin** Early: 19 Aug Meade ND; 03 Sep Deuel ND; 03 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Gyr Falcon** Only Report: 25 Nov Stanley RDO

**Peregrine Falcon** Early: 02 Aug Pennington ND; 12 Aug Jackson ND; 13 Aug Sully KM, RDO; 26 Aug Roberts JSP ... Late: 21 Oct Roberts MO; 07 Oct Stanley RDO; 05 Oct Sully KM; 18 Sep Butte RDO

**Prairie Falcon** Early: 02 Sep Dewey ND; 03 Sep Charles Mix KP; 05 Oct Sully KM; 10 Oct Davison RM

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** Early: **01 Aug Hughes KM**; 08 Aug Lincoln JSP; 17 Aug Clay GJS ... Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM; 07 Sep Marshall GO; 03 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Western Wood-Pewee** Late: **10 Sep Bennett ND**; 04 Sep Pennington CLG; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** Late: **29 Sep Lincoln CA**; 20 Sep Roberts CV; 20 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** Early: **04 Aug Marshall CV**; 05 Aug Roberts CV; 26 Aug Charles Mix KP ... Late: 04 Sep Hughes ND; 30 Aug Lincoln MKZ; 07 Aug Marshall CV

**Willow Flycatcher** Late: 02 Sep Douglas KP; 26 Aug Charles Mix KP; 21 Aug Fall River ND

**Least Flycatcher** Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM; 07 Sep Day GO; 04 Sep Stanley RDO; 27 Aug Perkins ND

**Dusky Flycatcher** All Reports: 02 Aug Custer RDO, DB; 12 Aug Custer RSL

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** All Reports: 02 Aug Custer DB; 09 Aug Pennington ND; 12 Aug Custer RSL

**Eastern Phoebe** Late: 14 Oct Roberts CV; 02 Oct Brown GO; 01 Oct Clay DS; 02 Sep Fall River DS, JSP

**Say's Phoebe** Late: 27 Sep Custer MMM; 18 Sep Meade ND; 16 Sep Fall River ND; 06 Aug Hughes RDO

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Late: 13 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Hughes KM; 08 Sep Gregory and Charles Mix RM; 02 Sep Haakon ND

**Western Kingbird** Late: 13 Sep Minnehaha MKZ; 03 Sep Hughes KM; 02 Sep Butte EK

**Eastern Kingbird** Late: 16 Sep Meade JLB; 13 Sep Stanley RDO; 13 Sep Minnehaha MKZ

**Loggerhead Shrike** Late: 10 Sep Bennett ND; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 02 Sep Haakon ND

**Northern Shrike** Early: 16 Oct Roberts CV; 28 Oct Meade ND; 28 Oct Lake JSP; 31 Oct Sully RDO

**Bell's Vireo** Late: 04 Sep Hughes ND, KM; 03 Sep Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Charles Mix KP; 02 Sep Haakon ND

**Yellow-throated Vireo** Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM; 04 Sep Lincoln CA; 03 Sep Grant ND

**Blue-headed Vireo** Early: 27 Aug Union CA, KP; 31 Aug Brown GO; 03 Sep Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Charles Mix KP; 03 Sep Roberts ND ... Late: 22 Sep Lake JSP; 16 Sep Union DS; 15 Sep Hughes KM

**Plumbeous Vireo** All Reports: 02 Aug Custer DB; 21 Aug Lawrence CA; 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP

**Philadelphia Vireo** Early: 24 Aug Charles Mix RM; 27 Aug Union CA, KP; 03 Sep Marshall ND; 03 Sep Stanley RDO ... Late: 14 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Hughes KM; 10 Sep Stanley RDO

**Warbling Vireo** Late: **30 Sep Clay GJS**; 16 Sep Hughes KM; 13 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Bennett ND

**Red-eyed Vireo** Late: 25 Sep Hughes KM; 14 Sep Hand KM; 09 Sep Lake JSP; 09 Sep Lincoln CA; 06 Sep Pennington ND

**Pinyon Jay** All Reports: 11 Nov Butte ND; 16 Nov Fall River ND

**Clark's Nutcracker** All Reports: 06 Aug Custer DB; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 24 Sep Custer RND; 17 Oct Lawrence SW; 18 Oct Lawrence SW; 20 Oct Lawrence KM

**Black-billed Magpie** reported 07 Oct Corson ND; 07 Oct Lyman RDO; 04 Nov Lyman RDO, MO; 17 Nov Sully KM

**Purple Martin** Late: 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 02 Sep Douglas KP; 21 Aug Hughes KM

**Tree Swallow** Late: 30 Sep Charles Mix KP; 28 Sep Roberts CV; 15 Sep Deuel CV; 26 Aug Lawrence ND

**Violet-green Swallow** Late: 12 Aug Custer RSL; 11 Aug Pennington and Jackson CA

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Late: 18 Sep Butte RDO; 03 Sep Marshall ND; 18 Aug Brookings CV; 01 Aug Charles Mix RM

**Bank Swallow** Late: 14 Sep Hand KM; 03 Sep Stanley RDO; 26 Aug Charles Mix KP; 21 Aug Fall River ND

**Cliff Swallow** Late: 23 Sep Charles Mix KP; 09 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 08 Sep Gregory RM; 12 Aug Custer RSL

**Barn Swallow** Late: 15 Oct Charles Mix KP; 09 Oct Brown GO; 07 Oct Minnehaha MKZ, CA; 07 Oct Roberts JSP; 23 Sep Pennington RSL

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Early: 01 Aug Roberts CV; 21 Aug Hughes KM; 29 Aug Walworth KM

**Brown Creeper** Early: 07 Oct Roberts JSP; 14 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Lake JSP

**Rock Wren** All Reports: 02 Aug Custer RDO; 12 Aug Custer RSL; 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 16 Sep Fall River ND; 29 Sep Harding KM; 30 Sep Harding KM

**House Wren** Late: 10 Oct Lincoln MKZ; 06 Oct Hughes KM; 30 Sep Charles Mix KP; 27 Sep Custer MMM

**Winter Wren** All Reports: 28 Sep Marshall CV; 14 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Oct Marshall MO; 08 Nov Charles Mix RM

**Sedge Wren** Late: 13 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Minnehaha CA; 29 Sep Lincoln CA

**Marsh Wren** Late: 26 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Lawrence ND; 13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 11 Oct Brookings CA

**Carolina Wren** All Reports: 11 Aug Minnehaha KP, CA; 12 Aug Minnehaha CV; 15 Aug Lake JSP; 26 Aug Union DS; 04 Sep Lincoln CA; 08 Sep Lake JSP

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** All Reports: 11 Aug Jackson CA; 26 Aug Roberts JSP; 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 03 Sep Marshall CV; 20 Sep Roberts CV; 28 Sep Roberts CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** Early: 30 Sep Stanley RDO; 07 Oct Minnehaha MKZ; 07 Oct McCook CA, MKZ

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early: **07 Aug Roberts CV**; 27 Aug Hughes KM; 09 Sep Lake JSP ... Late: 30 Nov Clay GJS; 16 Oct Minnehaha CA; 15 Oct Douglas KP; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 26 Sep Jones KM

**Eastern Bluebird** Late: 25 Nov Hughes KM; 22 Nov Charles Mix RM; 21 Nov Yankton RND; 14 Nov Brown GO; 22 Oct Pennington MKZ, CA

**Mountain Bluebird** Late: 20 Oct Fall River RDO; 17 Oct Pennington KM; 18 Sep Meade ND; 09 Sep Hughes KM

**Townsend's Solitaire** Early: 05 Oct Sully KM; 09 Oct Hughes KM; 11 Oct Stanley KM; 02 Nov Brown MO

**Veery** Only Report: 29 Aug Walworth KM

**Swainson's Thrush** Early: 25 Aug Hughes KM; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 03 Sep Brown GO ... Late: 28 Sep Marshall CV; 15 Sep Hughes KM; 14 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Pennington RSL; 10 Sep Bennett ND

**Hermit Thrush** All Reports: 10 Oct Lincoln MKZ; 14 Oct Lake JSP; 05 Nov Brown GO; 30 Nov Stanley KM

**Wood Thrush** Only Report: 08 Aug Lincoln JSP

**Gray Catbird** Late: 19 Nov Hughes KM; 17 Oct Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Sully RDO; 04 Oct Lawrence VDF; 02 Oct Minnehaha CA

**Brown Thrasher** Late: 04 Oct Lawrence VDF; 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 30 Sep Charles Mix KP; 23 Sep Lake JSP

**Northern Mockingbird** All Reports: 18 Nov Hughes KM, RDO; 19 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Nov Hughes KM; 26 Nov Hughes KM

**Bohemian Waxwing** Early: **28 Oct Sully RDO**; 02 Nov Brown MO; 04 Nov Lyman MO, RDO

**American Pipit** Early: 23 Sep Butte ND, JLB; 30 Sep Kingsbury JSP; 01 Oct Harding ND; 07 Oct Corson ND ... Late: 06 Nov Sully KM; 04 Nov Buffalo CA; 22 Oct Butte CA, CV, MKZ; 14 Oct Turner KP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP

**Sprague's Pipit** All Reports: 26 Sep Jones KM; 01 Oct Hughes RDO

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** Only Report: 31 Oct Meade ND

**Pine Grosbeak** Only Report: 01 Nov Hughes KM

**Purple Finch** Early: 24 Sep Roberts CV; 14 Oct Lake JSP; 21 Oct Marshall MO; 28 Oct Charles Mix RM; 09 Nov Pennington ND

**Cassin's Finch** Only Report: 20 Oct Lawrence GO

**Red Crossbill** Early: 14 Aug Stanley KM; 24 Aug Hughes KM; 30 Aug Walworth KM; 02 Sep Minnehaha MKZ

**Common Redpoll** Early: 23 Oct Lake JSP; 24 Oct Hughes KM; 25 Oct Clay DS; 28 Oct Harding ND

**Pine Siskin** Early: 05 Aug Roberts CV; 06 Sep Douglas KP; 07 Sep Charles Mix RM

**Lesser Goldfinch** All Reports: 21 Aug Fall River ND; 02 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; **16 Sep Fall River ND**

**Evening Grosbeak** All Reports: 16-17 Sep Pennington JF; 20 Oct Lawrence SW; 22 Oct Lawrence JSP; 23 Oct Lawrence CV

**Lapland Longspur** Early: 21 Oct Marshall and Roberts MO; 04 Nov Buffalo, Hyde, and Jerauld CA; 05 Nov Day MMM

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** All Reports: 12 Aug Hyde ND; 26 Aug Butte ND; 27 Aug Perkins ND; 17 Sep Jones KM; 26 Sep Jones KM; 03 Oct Custer MMM

**Smith's Longspur** Only Report: 21 Oct Marshall MO

**Snow Bunting** Early: 03 Nov Stanley MO; 03 Nov Yankton DS; 03 Nov Roberts CV

**Ovenbird** Late: 14 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Hughes KM; 04 Sep Custer JSP

**Northern Waterthrush** Early: 24 Aug Hughes KM; 27 Aug Union KP, CA ... Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM

**Black-and-white Warbler** Early: 15 Aug Hughes KM; 19 Aug Roberts MO; 21 Aug Fall River ND ... Late: 26 Sep Clay GJS; 26 Sep Douglas KP; 25 Sep Hughes KM; 27 Aug Perkins ND

**Tennessee Warbler** Early: 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 27 Aug Hughes KM; 31 Aug Walworth KM; 10 Sep Bennett ND; 11 Sep Lake JSP ... Late: 29 Sep Yankton RND; 26 Sep Douglas KP; 21 Sep Brown GO

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Early: 31 Aug Charles Mix KP; 03 Sep Hughes KM; 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP; 09 Sep Roberts MO ... Late: 15 Oct Charles Mix KP, RM; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Lake JSP; 09 Oct Pennington KP

**Nashville Warbler** Early: 24 Aug Hughes KM; 26 Aug Roberts JSP; 31 Aug Walworth KM; 31 Aug Charles Mix KP ... Late: 06 Oct Roberts CV; 02 Oct Brown GO; 29 Sep Yankton RND

**Virginia's Warbler** All Reports: 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP; **04 Sep Custer DS, JSP**

**MacGillivray's Warbler** Only Report: 04 Sep Custer DS, JSP

**Mourning Warbler** Early: 25 Aug Hughes KM; 26 Aug Roberts JSP; 26 Aug Union DS ... Late: 10 Sep Hughes KM; 09 Sep Lincoln CA; 04 Sep Stanley RDO

**Common Yellowthroat** Late: 29 Sep Lincoln CA; 28 Sep Custer MMM; 26 Sep Minnehaha CA; 26 Sep Douglas KP; 26 Sep Hughes KM

**American Redstart** Late: 16 Sep Hughes KM; 15 Sep Clay GJS; 14 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Bennett ND

**Northern Parula** All Reports: 03 Sep Hughes KM; 04 Sep Hughes DB; 13 Sep Hand KM; 15 Sep Hughes

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- Magnolia Warbler** All Reports: 27 Aug Union KP, CA; 03 Sep Hughes KM; 13 Sep Hand KM; 15 Sep Hughes KM; 26 Sep Douglas KP
- Bay-breasted Warbler** All Reports: 13 Sep Hand KM; 15 Sep Hughes KM
- Blackburnian Warbler** Early: 26 Aug Roberts JSP; 26 Aug Union DS; 31 Aug Walworth KM ... Late: 09 Sep Lake JSP; 03 Sep Hughes KM; 27 Aug Union KP
- Yellow Warbler** Late: 17 Sep Hughes KM; 14 Sep Yankton RND; 13 Sep Hand KM; 12 Sep Lawrence ND
- Chestnut-sided Warbler** Early: 26 Aug Union DS; 30 Aug Walworth KM; 03 Sep Hughes KM; 03 Sep Stanley RDO; 06 Sep Pennington ND ... Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM; 27 Aug Union KP, CA
- Blackpoll Warbler** Early: 03 Sep Hughes KM; 12 Sep Hand KM ... Late: 15 Sep Hughes KM; 13 Sep Hand KM
- Black-throated Blue Warbler** All Reports: 14 Sep Hand KM; 20 Sep Marshall CV
- Palm Warbler** All Reports: 13 Sep Hughes EDS; 13 Sep Hand KM; 18 Sep Potter RDO
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** Early: 04 Sep Hughes KM; 07 Sep Day GO; 13 Sep Hand KM ... Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 28 Nov Stanley KM; 26 Nov Hughes KM; 16 Nov Fall River ND; 05 Nov Douglas KP; 05 Nov Day MO
- Black-throated Green Warbler** All Reports: 25 Aug Hughes KM; 30 Sep Lake JSP
- Canada Warbler** Early: 19 Aug Marshall MO; 20 Aug Lake JSP; 26 Aug Roberts JSP; 26 Aug Union DS ... Late: 12 Sep Lake JSP; 12 Sep Hughes KM; 31 Aug Walworth KM
- Wilson's Warbler** Early: 21 Aug Fall River ND; 25 Aug Hughes KM; 25 Aug Lake JSP ... Late: 05 Oct Roberts CV; 02 Oct Hughes EDS; 28 Sep Lake JSP; 18 Sep Meade ND
- Yellow-breasted Chat** Late: 13 Sep Hand KM; 10 Sep Hughes KM; 03 Sep Stanley RDO; 02 Sep Fall River DS, JSP
- Spotted Towhee** Late: 13 Nov Hughes KM; 17 Oct Stanley RDO; 10 Oct Sully KM; 08 Oct Jerauld CA; 06 Oct Pennington RSL
- Eastern Towhee** Late: 29 Sep Lincoln CA; 21 Sep Charles Mix RM; 27 Aug Union CA, KP
- American Tree Sparrow** Early: 12 Oct Stanley KM; 13 Oct Hughes KM; 17 Oct Pennington KM; 21 Oct Marshall MO
- Chipping Sparrow** Late: 03 Nov Roberts CV; 02 Nov Lake JSP; 31 Oct Charles Mix RM; 18 Sep Pennington ND
- Clay-colored Sparrow** Late: 14 Oct Hutchinson KP; 12 Oct Charles Mix RM; 10 Oct Sully KM; 04 Oct Lawrence VDF
- Brewer's Sparrow** Only Report: 12 Aug Custer RSL
- Field Sparrow** Late: 11 Oct Stanley KM; 09 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Oct Brule CA; 07 Oct Roberts JSP, CV; 04 Oct Lawrence VDF
- Vesper Sparrow** Late: 18 Oct Roberts CV; 14 Oct Hutchinson KP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Charles Mix RM; 01 Oct Harding KM, ND; 01 Oct Meade JLB
- Lark Sparrow** Late: 01 Oct Hughes and Stanley RDO; 30 Sep Charles Mix KP; 15 Sep Fall River DB; 12 Aug Douglas KP
- Lark Bunting** Late: 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 03 Sep Roberts CV; 21 Aug Meade CA; 01 Aug Charles Mix RM
- Savannah Sparrow** Late: 28 Oct Charles Mix KP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Hughes KM; 26 Sep Jones KM
- Grasshopper Sparrow** Late: 27 Aug Perkins ND; 24 Aug Charles Mix RM; 17 Aug Day CV
- Baird's Sparrow** Only Report: 27 Aug Perkins ND
- LeConte's Sparrow** Early: 26 Sep Hughes KM; 26 Sep Minnehaha CA; 29 Sep Lincoln CA ... Late: **04 Nov Clay DS**; 07 Oct Minnehaha MKZ, CA; 05 Oct Hughes DS, JSP
- Nelson's Sparrow** Late: 05 Oct Hughes DS, JSP
- Fox Sparrow** Early: 22 Sep Stanley RDO; 29 Sep Lincoln CA; 04 Oct Minnehaha CA; 04 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 13 Nov Hughes KM; 12 Nov Roberts CV; 05 Nov Clay GJS
- Song Sparrow** Late: 27 Nov Pennington ND; 04 Nov Aurora CA; 04 Nov Lyman MO, RDO
- Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 25 Aug Brown GO; 01 Sep Pennington ND; 02 Sep Haakon ND; 02 Sep

Hughes DB; 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP ... Late: 29 Oct Douglas KP; 15 Oct Charles Mix KP; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 07 Oct Ziebach ND

**Swamp Sparrow** Late: 14 Oct Lake JSP; 13 Oct Hughes EDS, KM; 12 Oct Stanley KM

**White-throated Sparrow** Early: 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 07 Sep Hughes KM; 10 Sep Stanley RDO; 13 Sep Hand KM ... Late: 04 Nov Clay DS; 04 Nov Brown GO; 27 Oct Lincoln MKZ; 13 Oct Pennington ND

**Harris's Sparrow** Early: 14 Sep Hand KM; 16 Sep Hughes KM; 22 Sep Sully KM; 23 Sep Butte ND ... Late: 30 Nov Clay GJS; 26 Nov Charles Mix RM; 22 Nov Lincoln MKZ; 09 Nov Pennington ND

**White-crowned Sparrow** Early: 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP; 14 Sep Hand KM; 14 Sep Pennington RSL; 15 Sep Hughes KM ... Late: 20 Nov Pennington CLG; 19 Nov Charles Mix KP; 02 Nov Roberts CV

**Dark-eyed Junco** Early: 22 Sep Sully KM; 24 Sep Stanley RDO; 25 Sep Hughes KM; 28 Sep Brown GO

**Scarlet Tanager** All Reports: 05 Aug Roberts CV; 08 Aug Lincoln JSP; 19 Aug Roberts MO; 27 Aug Union CA, KP

**Western Tanager** Late: 16 Sep Fall River ND; 05 Sep Lawrence VDF; 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Late: 29 Sep Lincoln CA; 22 Sep Charles Mix RM; 03 Sep Marshall ND

**Black-headed Grosbeak** Late: 18 Sep Charles Mix RM; 04 Sep Stanley ND; 02 Sep Fall River DS, JSP

**Blue Grosbeak** Late: 18 Sep Hughes RDO; 10 Sep Lake JSP; 01 Sep Sully KM; 11 Aug Pennington CA

**Lazuli Bunting** All Reports: 02 Sep Fall River JSP; 04 Sep Stanley RDO

**Indigo Bunting** Late: 26 Sep Hughes KM; 04 Sep Lincoln MKZ; 14 Aug Stanley KM

**Dickcissel** Late: 05 Sep Charles Mix RM; 02 Sep Lincoln CA; 05 Aug Kingsbury JSP

**Bobolink** All Reports: 01 Aug Lake JSP; 01 Aug Charles Mix KP; 13 Aug Sully KM; 27 Aug Douglas KP

**Red-winged Blackbird** Late: 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 25 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Nov Charles Mix KP; 20 Nov Pennington CLG

**Western Meadowlark** Late: 30 Nov Charles Mix RM; 25 Nov Haakon ND; 11 Nov Lawrence ND; 08 Nov Douglas KP

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Late: 11 Nov Charles Mix KP; 25 Oct Bon Homme RND; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 23 Sep Butte ND

**Rusty Blackbird** Early: 09 Oct Hughes KM; 11 Oct Stanley KM; 21 Oct Marshall MO ... Late: 19 Nov Day CA; 11 Nov Minnehaha CA, MKZ; 08 Nov Brookings CV; 08 Nov Hughes KM

**Brewer's Blackbird** Late: 11 Nov Minnehaha and McCook CA, MKZ; 11 Nov Charles Mix KP; 23 Sep Butte JLB, ND; 23 Sep Pennington RSL

**Common Grackle** Late: 25 Nov Lake JSP; 19 Nov Day CA; 13 Nov Douglas KP; 09 Nov Pennington ND; 07 Nov Stanley KM

**Great-tailed Grackle** Only Report: 03 Sep Charles Mix KP

**Brown-headed Cowbird** Late: 28 Oct Douglas and Charles Mix KP; 24 Oct Stanley CV; 21 Aug Meade CA

**Orchard Oriole** Late: 03 Sep Charles Mix KP; 01 Sep Sully KM; 26 Aug Butte EK; 17 Aug Day CV

**Bullock's Oriole** Only Report: 02 Sep Custer MMM

**Baltimore Oriole** Late: 11 Sep Lake JSP; 11 Sep Roberts CV; 09 Sep Douglas KP; 06 Sep Charles Mix RM; 02 Sep Haakon ND

### Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

**Mute Swan** 29 Nov Brookings CV

**Cinnamon Teal** 29 Oct Perkins ND

**Common Merganser** 12 Aug Brookings CV; 17 Aug Day CV

**Anna's Hummingbird** 24 Oct – 03 Nov Stanley RDO, KM

**Yellow Rail** 03 Oct Hughes KM

**Black-legged Kittiwake** 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP

**Great Black-backed Gull** 09 Oct Potter RDO

**Red-shouldered Hawk** 03-04 Aug Douglas KP

**Alder Flycatcher** 10 Sep Bennett ND

**Hammond's Flycatcher** 03 Sep Fall River DS, JSP

**White-eyed Vireo** 08 Aug Lincoln JSP

**Cassin's Vireo** 08 Sep Hughes KM, RDO  
**Common Raven** 22 Oct Meade KM; 12 Nov Hughes RDO; 17 Nov Hughes RDO, KM  
**Brown Creeper** 09 Aug Brookings CV  
**Swainson's Thrush** 02 Nov Roberts CV  
**Hoary Redpoll** 25 Nov Stanley ND  
**Blue-winged Warbler** 20 Sep Stanley RDO  
**Cape May Warbler** 28 Sep Marshall CV  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** 09 Aug Hughes KM  
**Townsend's Warbler** 02 Sep Custer DS, JSP  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** 29 Nov Lawrence VDF  
**Orchard Oriole** 25 Oct Clay DS

**Species Expected But Not Reported**

American Black Duck (2), Barrow's Goldeneye (4), Greater Sage-Grouse (2), Common Gallinule (4), Long-billed Curlew (2), Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Glaucous Gull (3), Least Bittern, Barn Owl, Cassin's Kingbird (2), Gray-cheeked Thrush, Varied Thrush (3), Sage Thrasher (2), White-winged Crossbill (3), Golden-winged Warbler (3), Connecticut Warbler (3)

**Corrections/Additions to Past Reports**

**Loggerhead Shrike** 18 Oct 2014 Pennington – report withdrawn

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