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Rapid City's Canyon Lake in Winter

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## President's Page

*Scott Stolz*

I'm writing this article as I reflect on our recent trip to Colombia. The trip was amazing and really opened my eyes as to what a spectacular variety of birds there are in the world. My traveling companions and I observed lots of new exotic birds that were even more brilliantly colored than they appeared in the field guides. We also got to see some familiar feathered friends which made me feel a little less like a rookie birder in a foreign land. No amount of studying the field guides could have prepared me for the overwhelming variety of birds and the speed at which lifers were being found. Fortunately, we had an amazing guide, Johnnier A. Arango of Icaro Birding, to help us sort through the diversity and identify most of the birds we found.



While the members of our group ranged in ability from rookie to expert, everyone made valuable contributions to the wonderful experiences on our trip. I truly appreciated the teamwork that was exhibited by every member of the group in helping the other birders to attempt to see every bird. If you think warbling in South Dakota in late May is difficult, try getting seven birders to see every bird in a thick, tall, steep jungle environment. Getting to see the reaction on the rookie's face when she saw a beautifully colored bird, even though she didn't know what it was called, was priceless and reminded me to take the time to appreciate every observation for what it was, not just another tick on the checklist!

It was very interesting to get to see the areas where some of "our" birds spend the winter. I also got a new perspective on the threats that birds face throughout their life cycle. Most of the wetland areas we visited are severely degraded and threatened by urbanization, agriculture and human waste. The amount of trash strewn about in some places was mind blowing. Feral cats and dogs roamed freely in most of the areas we visited. It's difficult to place blame on the people down there who have next to nothing compared to what we are used to here in the US. They are simply trying to survive and provide food and shelter for their families. I am encouraged by the fact that ecotourism is gaining a foothold and the local people are seeing a direct benefit from protecting the habitat and utilizing environmentally friendly methods of growing crops and raising livestock.

This premise can be brought back to our "backyard" as well. We need to do what we can to encourage landowners/producers to utilize wildlife friendly processes on their farms and ranches. If producers can see a financial benefit from the habitat on their property, they are more likely to incorporate them into their operations. One interesting idea that is starting to gain a toehold here in SD uses precision agriculture to determine which areas on a farm can be profitably farmed and which can not be no matter what is done to the land. When financial numbers can be shown in black and white, producers are much more likely to try some of the new techniques and technology that are becoming available. Commercial hunting operations also fall into this category of environmentally friendly land use. The positive for wildlife in this situation is that these landowners are providing much better habitat for ALL wildlife than would be present if they strictly utilized the land for agriculture, especially row crops. I understand that some folks see this as commercialization of a public resource but that is the reality these days and it is not going away. We need to cooperate with the folks that own the land and encourage them to do anything that is more

wildlife friendly than strictly raise corn and soybeans on every square inch possible. It is simply a fact that conservation groups do not have the money to buy up enough land for wildlife production to make a difference on a nationwide scale. These partnerships with producers are our best opportunities for cost effective habitat enhancement and preservation.

Thanks for being SDOU members and sharing your passion with others. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at future SDOU meetings. Get out there and enjoy the diversity of birds we have in this great state we call home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union 2020 spring meeting, scheduled for April 24-26 in Belle Fourche, was postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be held spring 2021. Meanwhile, we will regroup for the 2020 fall meeting in Hot Springs on September 18-20. Details to follow.



## 2019 SDOU Scholarship and Grant Awards

*Nancy Drilling*

The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union administers several scholarships and grants for both graduate and undergraduate students in the biological sciences. Applications generally are solicited in late winter and awards made in spring. See the SDOU web site for more information. The following are the recipients for the 2019 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 2019, in the amount of \$800, went to Jackie Krakow, a Master's student in the Department of Natural Resource Management at South Dakota State University. For her Senior Honors Project at Dakota State University, Jackie conducted a study comparing grassland bird use of high and low diversity native prairie plantings in eastern South Dakota. She is continuing this research for her Master's degree at SDSU. Results of this research will give grassland managers better information to help grassland bird species.

**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 2019, in the amount of \$1200, was awarded to Dylan Prusha, an undergraduate student double-majoring in Environmental Science and Biology at Northern State University. Dylan has an outstanding academic record, being listed on the university's Dean List every semester that he has enrolled. He was recommended by Dr. Jodie Ramsay and department chair Dr. Alyssa Kiesow, who felt that Dylan will develop into a first-class ecologist because of his strong interest in Environmental Science and Biology.

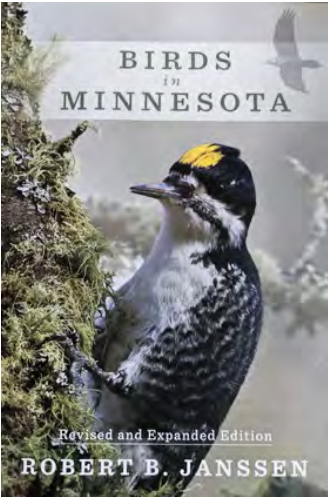
**The Alfred Hinds Memorial Award for Ornithology.** The Hinds Award, established in 1983, is presented to an individual, student, or organization that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of ornithology in South Dakota. It may also be awarded to a special project of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union which needs financial support.

In 2019, the Hinds Award was given to Charlie Miller of Buffalo, South Dakota for his Northern Saw-whet Owl nest box project in Custer National Forest. Since 2003, Charlie has erected, maintained, and monitored owl nesting in up to 140 nest boxes throughout Harding County. His data has revealed new information about Northern Saw-whet Owl breeding biology and has greatly contributed to the knowledge of this species in South Dakota.



## Book Review: Birds in Minnesota

Dan Tallman



*Birds in Minnesota*. Robert Janssen. University of Minnesota Press. 2020. 584 pp. Softbound. \$34.95.

This book is essential for all but the most casual of birders. The book is a compendium of dates and distributions of Minnesota birds, including an appendix with first and last dates of seasonal occurrences. The book, however, is not for those birders interested in learning identification or behavior of Minnesota birds. Not even brief species accounts are to be found about habitat, ecology, behavior, or keys to identification.

To my mind, this book presents a number of quirks. The first is authorship. The cover indicates this tome is the revised and expanded edition by Robert Janssen. The title page credits Janssen along with David Cahlander. Kim Eckert, however, wrote the introduction and Carroll Henderson contributed a preface.

I find the book's design somewhat odd. The font size is unusually small. The graphs of north and south state abundance are color-coded, with the curve for northern abundance being red. Red is a color that should be avoided in deference to color-blind people. An infrequent species curve is sometimes obscured against the horizontal axis.

Single photographs accompany most of the common species, but the photo sizes are not uniform. Although it is obvious what species is shown, each photo has a species name below it, but no photographer citation. You must go to the back of the book for that. The photos are a bit unnecessary, since only common birds are included. Images of Minnesota's rare and casual species would have been of more value to the reader. The photos are of excellent quality, except, in my opinion, for the cover. The cover is a striking image of a Three-toed Woodpecker, but the bird is not a crisp contrast to the background. A black and gray bird against a gray background is hardly an image to jump out at a prospective purchaser.

Range maps are illustrated in green, with the shade of green indicating abundance for each county. Tiny black dots indicate breeding within the county or where very rare birds were seen. You have to look very closely to see dots on the state line at Duluth. Whole counties are shaded in, which is misleading if birds are found only in partial areas of the county in question. As many as four maps occur in the account margins, for each of the seasons. Common, statewide, resident species have identical maps for spring and fall. These could be combined. Finally, a little island sometimes occurs to the right of the map—Twin Cities metro counties?

Despite these quirks, I highly recommend this narrowly focused book for serious birders. The information is useful and appears to be accurate.

# Avian Surveys at Canyon Lake, Rapid City, SD: Summary of Waterfowl (Anatidae)

*Gene K. Hess*

## INTRODUCTION

Previously, I introduced the avian surveys project at Canyon Lake (Hess, South Dakota Bird Notes 71(3): 48-49, 2019). Here I summarize the results for the waterfowl species recorded on weekly surveys conducted from 2010 to 2019. The methods are described in the introductory article. Subsequent articles will have individual species accounts for all species recorded in the park.

## RESULTS

We recorded twenty-seven species of waterfowl from October 2010 through February 2019. Mallard was the only species found on all surveys. A total of 240,518 individuals was recorded. Canada Goose was the most abundant species (72%), followed by Mallard (14.5%), and American Wigeon (2.3%). At slightly over 1% each, in descending order, were Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Wood Duck, Gadwall, and Ring-necked Duck. Each of the remaining species was less than 1% of the total.

The winter survey period, summarized in Table 1, had 111 surveys recording 22 waterfowl species for a total of 155,677 individuals. The winter survey period accounted for 64.7% of the waterfowl numbers recorded.

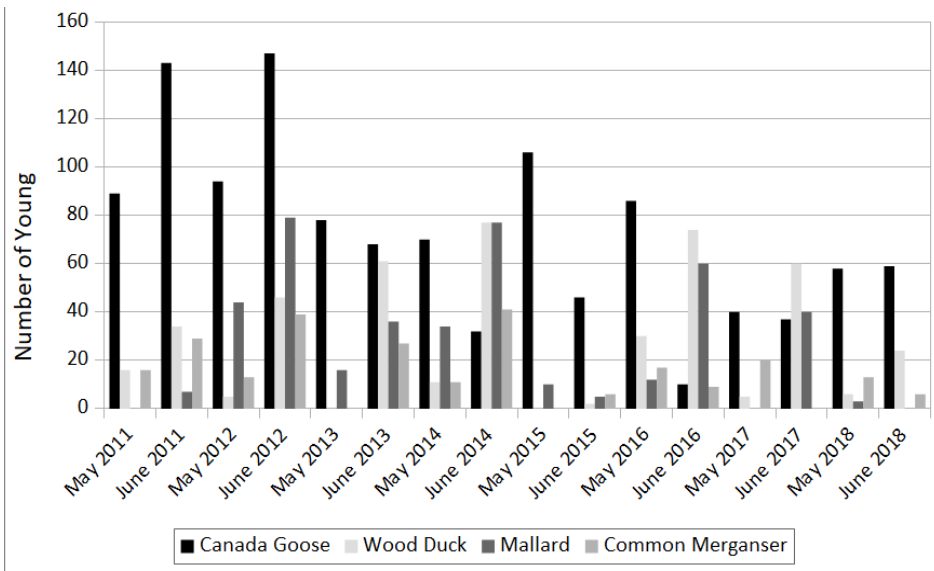
**Table 1.** Winter waterfowl occurrence at Canyon Lake 2010 – 2019.

	% Occurrence out of 111	Count average and standard deviation	Median	Low	High
Snow Goose	9.9% (11)			1	1
Ross's Goose	9.0% (12)	1.3±0.5	1.0	1	2
Greater White-fronted Goose	0				
Cackling Goose	62.2% (69)	4.0±3.5	3.0	1	15
Canada Goose	100% (111)	1096.1±597.0	1060.0	18	2500
Tundra Swan	9.9% (11)			1	1
Wood Duck	23.4% (26)	1.7±0.6	2.0	1	3
Blue-winged Teal	0				
Cinnamon Teal	0				
Northern Shoveler	15.3% (17)	189±1.1	1.0	1	5
Gadwall	89.2% (99)	12.0±8.2	10.5	1	40
American Wigeon	91.0% (101)	21.5±16.9	18.0	1	74
Mallard	100% (111)	177.8±166.9	121.0	6	881
Northern Pintail	13.5% (15)			1	1
Green-winged Teal	7.2% (8)	2.5±2.8	1.0	1	9
Canvasback	13.5% (15)	2.3±1.0	2.0	1	4
Redhead	85.6% (95)	10.6±4.2	10.0	1	26
Ring-necked Duck	82.0% (91)	27.2±24.2	20.0	1	103
Greater Scaup	11.7% (13)			1	1
Lesser Scaup	32.4% (36)	3.8±2.7	3.0	1	11
Harlequin Duck	9.9% (11)			1	1
Bufflehead	100% (111)	21.5±8.2	21.0	6	66
Common Goldeneye	93.7% (104)	30.7±18.2	30.5	1	77
Barrow's Goldeneye	0				
Hooded Merganser	55.9% (62)	4.3±2.4	4.0	1	10
Common Merganser	87.4% (97)	10.2±7.6	10.0	1	32
Ruddy Duck	0				

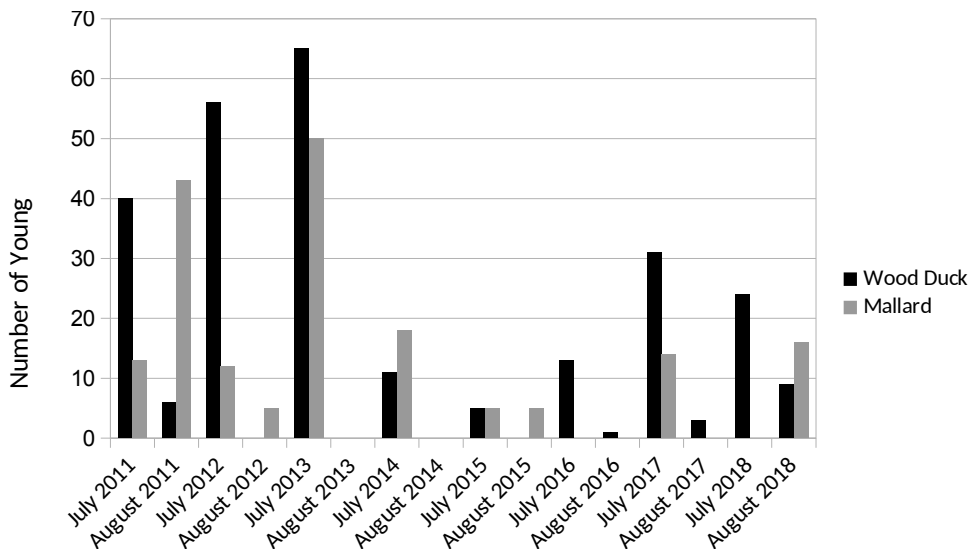
During the breeding season, we recorded the number of young present. It was not usually possible to determine with any degree of accuracy how many broods were present each week. Therefore, we recorded the total number of young present for each species each week. Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, and Common Merganser were the only species to have nested close enough to Canyon Lake to bring flightless young to the lake. Table 2 lists the range of dates young were observed. The May and June 2011 – 2018 counts of young birds are given in Fig. 1. Wood Duck and Mallard were the only species that regularly had young present in July and August (Fig. 2).

**Table 2.** Range of dates that broods were present at Canyon Lake

Year	Canada Goose	Wood Duck	Gadwall	Mallard	Common Merganser
2011	9 May – 25 July	23 May – 22 August		27 June – 29 August	23 May – 22 August
2012	7 May – 2 July	28 May – 30 July	28 May	21 May – 6 August	28 May – 9 July
2013	29 April – 24 June	3 June – 29 July		20 May – 29 July	3 June – 22 July
2014	5 May – 9 June	28 May – 7 July		5 May – 28 July	28 May – 30 June
2015	6 May – 15 June	13 July – 20 July		6 May – 3 August	1 June – 15 June
2016	25 April – 6 June	23 May – 8 August		16 May – 27 June	30 May – 4 July
2017	1 May – 12 June	29 May – 7 August		5 June – 24 July	22 May – 17 July
2018	30 April – 2 July	28 May – 10 Sept		28 May – 1 October	28 May – 23 July



**Fig. 1.** Annual May and June totals of waterfowl young present at Canyon Lake



**Fig. 2.** Annual Wood Duck and Mallard July and August totals of young present at Canyon Lake

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This survey was first conducted during the winters of 2003 – 2004 and 2004 – 2005 by Jocie Baker. She and Hess have co-lead the surveys reported here. Mark Keese provided useful comments. Our thanks are extended to all the volunteers who helped on the surveys.



# 2019 Report Of The Rare Bird Records Committee

David L. Swanson, University of South Dakota

The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 19 May 2019 at Sioux Falls and 6 October 2019 at Pierre to act on reports for which there was not unanimous agreement after electronic discussion. The members of the committee were David Swanson (Chair and Secretary), Nancy Drilling, Todd Jensen, Ricky Olson, Jeffrey Palmer, Scott Stolz, and J. David Williams. All members participated in the meetings 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](mailto: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*, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 for records submitted in 2019. The parenthetical numbers accompanying some reports indicate the committee's vote. If no numbers are listed, the vote was unanimous (7-0) or 6-0 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).**

Mute Swan. 14-18 May 2018. One adult in Brookings Co. Photographed. Jeff Todoroff and KC Jensen. Sixth state record.

Mottled Duck. 7 September 2019. One bird near De Smet, Kingsbury Co. Photographed. Garrett Wee (6 Class 1P, 1 Class 2). The photos were distant and did not show all field marks clearly (e.g., the dark spot at the base of the lower mandible), so the dissenting committee member felt that the photos were not completely diagnostic. Second state record.

Anna's Hummingbird. 1-14 November 2018. One immature male and one immature female at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed. Ingrid Arlton et al. Casual visitor. The report was accompanied by two photos of hummingbirds with different markings on the throat, cheek and underparts. The committee determined that the photos submitted with the report showed two different birds and rated both as Class 1P records.

Black-chinned Hummingbird. 27 May 2018. One adult male at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed. Richard Latuchie. Third state record.

Curler Sandpiper. 21 May 2014. One adult at Weissensee Slough, Minnehaha Co. Photographed. Chris Anderson. Second state record approved, although this record occurred before the 2017 first approved state record but was identified later from photographs.

Arctic Tern. 22 May 2019. One likely first-year adult at the Oahe Dam tailrace, Stanley Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson. Casual migrant.

Red-throated Loon. 27-28 March 2019. One in basic plumage on Missouri River, Hughes Co. Photographed. Dan Svingen. Casual migrant.

Yellow-billed Loon. 23 December 2018. One juvenile at Spring Creek Marina, Hughes Co. Photographed. Dan Svingen. Third state record.

Yellow-billed Loon. 22 June – 23 July 2019. One subadult at Diver's Point, Oahe Downstream Recreation Area, Stanley Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson. Fourth state record.

Neotropic Cormorant. 14 October 2018. One bird at Oahe Dam Stilling Basin, Stanley Co. Photographed. Dan Svingen. Casual fall migrant.

Snowy Egret. 18 May 2018. One adult at Canyon Lake, Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed. Michael Melius. Casual West.

Barn Owl. 12 July 2019. One adult in Beadle Co. Photographed. Ryan Thompson and Jeffrey Palmer. Accidental East away from Missouri River.

Cassin's Vireo. 1-2 September 2018. One bird at Hell Canyon, Custer Co. Photographed. David Swanson, Jeff Palmer, Doug Backlund. Casual visitor.

Curve-billed Thrasher. 12-18 April 2019. One adult near Mitchell, Davison Co. Photographed. *vide* Jeff Hansen. Fourth state record.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow. 23 April 2019. One adult at Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co. Photographed. Ricky Olson. Fourth state record.

Northern Cardinal. 16-17 February 2019. One adult female at Vale, Butte Co. Photographed. Monte Richards. Casual northwest.

Fox Sparrow (*iliacus* subspecies). 13 December 2018. One at Rapid City, Pennington Co. Photographed. Ingrid Arlton et al. Accidental winter visitor West.

Cape May Warbler. 3-4 December 2018. One adult in basic plumage at Pickstown, Charles Mix Co. Photographed. Ron Mabie. First winter record.

## **CLASS 2 (Accepted – Satisfactory written description).**

Greater Prairie-Chicken. 15 April 2019. 1 “booming” male on a lek with at least six Sharp-tailed Grouse. Folsom School Section, Custer Co. Michael Melius. Accidental far west. (5 Class 1P, 2 Class 2) - Dissenting committee members noted that the photo submitted along with the report was distant, did not show barring on the breast (which was also not mentioned in the report), and was not completely diagnostic.

Pomarine Jaeger. 8 October 2018. One at Fisherman's Point below Oahe Dam, Stanley Co. Dan Svingen. Fifth state record.

Least Tern. 26 August 2018. One adult in alternate plumage at Mikkelson GPA, Hamlin Co. Barry Parkin and Scott Stolz. Accidental East away from Missouri River.

Red-shouldered Hawk. 3 October. One adult in Roberts Co. Cheryl Vellenga. Casual migrant.

Red-shouldered Hawk. 22 April 2019. One adult at Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co. Ricky Olson. Casual migrant.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. 5 October 2018. One bird at Farm Island State Recreation Area, Hughes Co. Banded. Eileen-Dowd Stukel. (5 Class 1P, 2 Class 2) - The photo was rather poor and didn't show extensive yellow on the underparts, so did not conclusively eliminate Least Flycatcher, in the opinion of dissenting committee members. Also, no measurement details from the banded bird were provided. Latest fall record.

Wood Thrush. 20 May 2019. One adult at Buffalo, Harding Co. Charlie Miller. Accidental west.

Smith's Longspur. 6 October 2018. At least two Smith's Longspurs in a flock of 16 birds at Ft. Pierre National Grassland, Jones Co. Dan Svingen. Accidental outside of northeastern South Dakota.

Yellow-breasted Chat. 3 July 2018. One adult carrying food and a recent fledgling. Goat Island, Clay Co. The adult was photographed, but not the fledgling. Amy West. Casual summer visitor east with few breeding records.

Yellow-throated Warbler. 18-19 May 2019. One adult male at Union Grove State Park, Union Co. David Swanson et al. Accidental migrant. (2 Class 1P, 4 Class 2) - The photos submitted with the report were poor and most of the head was obscured, including the yellow throat, so dissenting committee members felt that the photos were not completely diagnostic. Many attendees from the SDOU spring meeting in Sioux Falls saw this bird.

Townsend's Warbler. 5 May 2019. One adult female at Cottonwood Dam, Lyman Co. Dan Svingen. Casual migrant. (1 Class 3, 6 Class 2). The dissenting committee member felt that some terms used in the report were confusing, thus making the description of the extent of yellow on the underparts difficult to interpret.

Yellow Rail. 29 April 2019. One adult near Vermillion, Clay Co. David Swanson. Accidental migrant.

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

Ruff. 6 June 2018. One juvenile molting to adult plumage at Nixon Lake, Union Co. The dissenting committee members felt that the rather poor photos submitted with the report did not conclusively eliminate Pectoral or Buff-breasted sandpipers. Also, the bird was in an odd plumage for a 6 June record, when full breeding plumage would be expected for a Ruff. (4 Class 3, 3 Class 2).

Laughing Gull. 18 May 2019. Two adult birds in alternate plumage at Weissensee Slough, Minnehaha Co. (1 Class 2, 6 Class 3). Several inconsistencies were evident in the report, such as a Laughing Gull showing tail spots typical of second winter plumage should not also have a dark hood. Some details were lacking from the report, so dissenting members did not think that Franklin's Gull was conclusively eliminated.

Least Flycatcher. 6 October 2018. One bird at Farm Island State Recreation Area, Hughes Co. (4 Class 2, 3 Class 3). This report lacked some important details (e.g., primary extension, tail length, bill size, other structural characteristics), so the description wasn't completely convincing to the dissenting committee members. This report would have been the latest ever fall migrant by more than a week.

Grasshopper Sparrow. 2 November 2018. One adult at Big Sioux Recreation Area, Minnehaha Co. The description of this bird was incomplete, missing some important aspects of the face pattern. Some other details were also not fully consistent with Grasshopper Sparrow. Dissenting committee members felt that juvenile Baird's or Henslow's sparrows were not conclusively eliminated. (5 Class 3, 2 Class 2).

#### **CLASS 4 (Not accepted – Identification probably or certainly incorrect or provenance likely not wild).**

No reports were rated as Class 4 in 2019.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The committee voted to remove Calliope Hummingbird from the review list due to a number of recent records during late summer/fall migration periods.

With the recent legal action to classify Goat Island as federal property under the auspices of the National Park Service, the committee decided to re-visit at a later meeting the hypothetical 2007 report of Magnificent Frigatebird. This record was classified as hypothetical for South Dakota due to the legal uncertainty surrounding the South Dakota-Nebraska border in that area at the time of the report.



## The 2019 Summer Season

**01 June 2019 to 31 July 2019**

*Compiled By: Chris Anderson*

The primary goal of the Summer Season compilation is to report Confirmed Breeding records reported to the online reporting database during the season. There were 121 species reported as Confirmed Breeding this year. The ten-year (2009-2018) average of Confirmed Breeding species is 130, with a high of 198 in 2012. The secondary objectives of the Summer Season summary include sightings of rare (or at least infrequently reported) species, late spring and early fall migration dates, and species that are reported from unusual locations. Records in bold are either new county records (breeding or otherwise), or new latest spring/earliest fall observations of non-breeding species. There were 256 total species, including 7 rarities (Common Goldeneye, White-winged Dove, Yellow-billed Loon, Sandhill Crane, White-eyed Vireo, Brown Creeper, Pacific Wren, White-throated Sparrow), reported during the season. The ten-year (2009-2018) average is 259. A full listing of all reported sightings can be obtained from the online database (<https://research.dsu.edu/sdousbor>). This report contains those sightings and species which seemed to be consistent with the objectives of the Summer Season as described above.

**Snow Goose** All Reports: 04 Jun Brown GO; 10 Jun Marshall GO; 12 Jun Brown CV; 23 Jun Stanley KM; 25 Jun Brown CV; 29 Jun Lake JSP; 24 Jul Spink CV; 27 Jul McCook JSP

**Ross's Goose** Only Report 29 Jul Brown MO

**Canada Goose** Confirmed Breeding: Bon Homme, Brown, Buffalo, Hughes, Lake, Miner, Pennington, Perkins, and Yankton counties

**Trumpeter Swan** Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jun Tripp (PY) KM, RDO

**Wood Duck** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Brown (PY) GO; **17 Jun Perkins (PY) ND**; 19 Jun Yankton (PY) RND; 29 Jul Pennington (PY) CLG

**Blue-winged Teal** Confirmed Breeding: Charles Mix, Deuel, Dewey, Edmunds, Fall River, Hughes, Lincoln, Meade, Miner, Minnehaha, Pennington, Perkins, Sully, and Yankton counties

**Cinnamon Teal** Only Report: 08 Jun Fall River RDO

**Northern Shoveler** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun Meade (PY) ND; 29 Jun Sully (PY) ND; 01 Jul Perkins (PY) ND; 02 Jul Harding (PY) ND; 23 Jul Pennington (PY) ND; 26 Jul Meade (PY) ND

**Gadwall** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jun Perkins (PY) ND; 26 Jul Meade (PY) ND

**Mallard** Confirmed Breeding: Butte, Charles Mix, Deuel, Edmunds, Fall River, Lincoln, Marshall, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, and Potter counties

**Northern Pintail** Confirmed Breeding: 23 Jun Bennett (PY) ND; 29 Jun Sully (PY) ND; 26 Jul Meade (PY) ND

**Canvasback** Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun McPherson (PY) ND; 01 Jul Perkins (PY) ND

**Redhead** Confirmed Breeding: 11 Jul Deuel (PY) CV; 13 Jul Fall River (PY) ND; 18 Jul Marshall (PY) CV

**Ring-necked Duck** All Reports: 08 Jun Day ND; 08 Jun Roberts CV, 15 Jun Lake JSP; 22 Jun Kingsbury JSP; 29 Jun Lake JSP; 06 Jul Moody CA

**Bufflehead** All Reports: 01 Jun Perkins ND; 05 Jun Butte ND; 09 Jun Brown ND; 12 Jun Hughes RDO; 29 Jun Edmunds ND; 06 Jul Perkins ND

**Hooded Merganser** All Reports: 12 Jun Hughes RDO; 12 Jun Brown CV; 22 Jun Yankton RND; 26 Jun Miner JSP; 06 Jul Moody CA; 13 Jul Moody JSP

**Common Merganser** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Pennington (PY) CLG; 10 Jun Pennington (PY) CLG; 01 Jul Pennington (PY) CLG

**Red-breasted Merganser** Only Report: 01 Jun Stanley RDO

**Ruddy Duck** Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jul Lincoln (PY) MRZ; 27 Jul McCook (PY) JSP

**Northern Bobwhite** All Reports 05 Jun Charles Mix RM; 07 Jun Charles Mix RM; 13 Jun Tripp RDO; 01 Jul Gregory KP; 14 Jul Bon Homme ND; 20 Jul Gregory KP; 21 Jul Charles Mix RM

**Ring-necked Pheasant** Confirmed Breeding: 30 Jun Dewey (PY) ND; 20 Jul Miner (PY) JSP; 24 Jul Charles Mix (PY) KP

**Gray Partridge** All Reports: 16 Jun Perkins ND; 01 Jul Perkins ND; 06 Jul Hutchinson KP

**Sharp-tailed Grouse** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jul Harding (PY) ND

**Greater Prairie-Chicken** All Reports: 03 Jun Hand ND; 13 Jun Tripp RDO; 18 Jun Tripp KM; 13 Jul Tripp ND; 26 Jul Buffalo MO, RDO

**Wild Turkey** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Charles Mix (PY) KP

**Pied-billed Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun McPherson (FY) ND; 29 Jun Lake (PY) JSP; 30 Jun Marshall (FY) ND; 17 Jul Lincoln (PY) MRZ; 18 Jul Campbell (PY) KM; 20 Jul Miner (PY) JSP

**Red-necked Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Marshall (FY) ND

**Eared Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: Brown, Hughes, Marshall, Meade, and Walworth counties

**Western Grebe** Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun McPherson (FY) ND; 06 Jul Fall River (PY) JSP; 06 Jul Minnehaha (FY) CA; 10 Jul Charles Mix (PY) KP; 18 Jul Campbell (PY) KM

**Clark's Grebe** All Reports: 01 Jul Brown GO; 06 Jul Brown ND; 10 Jul Brown CV

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** Confirmed Breeding: 15 Jul Pennington (NB) CLG

**Mourning Dove** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Custer (NE) MMM; 12 Jun Fall River (ON) ND; 16 Jun Perkins (ON) ND; 24 Jun Meade (ON) ND; 01 Jul Perkins (NE) ND; 11 Jul Lawrence (CN) ND

**Common Nighthawk** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun Custer (NE) DB; 07 Jul Harding (FL) CM

**Common Poorwill** All Reports: 03 Jun Stanley RDO; 05 Jun Harding ND

**Eastern Whip-poor-will** All Reports: 01 Jun Charles Mix RM; 15 Jun Charles Mix RM; 27 Jun Charles Mix RM; 10 Jul Charles Mix RM; 14 Jul Yankton ND; 23 Jul Charles Mix RM

**White-throated Swift** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Jul Custer (NY) ND

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** All Reports: 04 Jun Pennington ND; 07 Jun Pennington RDO; 08 Jun Pennington KM; 22 Jun Pennington ND; 27 Jul Custer MO

**Sora** Confirmed Breeding: **16 Jul Hughes (PY) KM**

**American Coot** Confirmed Breeding: 20 counties

**Black-necked Stilt** Only Report: 07 Jun Brule ND

**American Avocet** Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun Harding (ON) CM; 01 Jul Perkins (ON) ND

**Semipalmated Plover** All Reports: 22 Jul Turner KP; 25 Jul Potter MO; 25 Jul Sully MO; 27 Jul Lincoln RM

**Piping Plover** All Reports: 01 Jun Hughes RDO; 05 Jun Stanley RDO; 06 Jun Stanley RDO; 13 Jun Stanley RDO; 21 Jun Stanley KM; 22 Jun Clay CA; 25 Jun Stanley RDO

**Killdeer** Confirmed Breeding: Brown, Custer, Douglas, Fall River, Harding, Miner, and Perkins counties

**Upland Sandpiper** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Sully (NE) KM  
**Long-billed Curlew** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Custer (PY) MMM  
**Ruddy Turnstone** Only Report: 01 Jun Brown GO  
**Stilt Sandpiper** Late: 11 Jun Stanley RDO; 05 Jun Douglas KP; 02 Jun Corson ND ... Early: 17 Jul Sully RDO; 18 Jul Campbell KM; 18 Jul Sully KM; 25 Jul Brown MO  
**Baird's Sandpiper** Late: 05 Jun Stanley RDO; 01 Jun Perkins ND ... Early: 17 Jul Potter RDO; 20 Jul Stanley RDO; 22 Jun Turner KP  
**Least Sandpiper** Early: 01 Jul Perkins ND; 06 Jul Perkins ND; 13 Jul Fall River ND; 13 Jul Lake JSP; 17 Jul Potter RDO  
**White-rumped Sandpiper** All Reports Late: 05 Jun Stanley RDO; 02 Jun Corson ND; 01 Jun Perkins ND  
**Pectoral Sandpiper** Late: 02 Jun Corson ND ... Early: 13 Jul Lake JSP; 17 Jul Potter, Sully RDO; 18 Jul Sully KM  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Late: 05 Jun Douglas KP; 01 Jun Brown GO ... Early: 17 Jul Potter, Sully RDO; 18 Jul Sully KM; 22 Jul Turner KP  
**Short-billed Dowitcher** All Reports Early: 17 Jul Potter RDO; 27 Jul Lincoln RM; 31 Jul Campbell RDO  
**Long-billed Dowitcher** All Reports Early: 22 Jul Turner KP; 25 Jul Sully MO; 26 Jul Stanley MO  
**Red-necked Phalarope** All Reports: 31 Jul Campbell RDO; 31 Jul Sully RDO  
**Solitary Sandpiper** Early: 24 Jun Custer DB; 01 Jul Perkins ND; 06 Jul Hutchinson KP; 26 Jul Lyman CA, MO, KP  
**Greater Yellowlegs** Early: 07 Jul Buffalo RDO; 11 Jul Deuel CV; 17 Jul Potter RDO  
**Willet** Early: 01 Jul Stanley RDO; 09 Jul Stanley RDO; 25 Jul Sully MO  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** Late: 10 Jun Douglas KP; 10 Jun Marshall GO ... Early: 29 Jun Sully ND; 01 Jul Perkins ND; 06 Jul Perkins ND; 13 Jul Lake JSP  
**Ring-billed Gull** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Hughes (ON) RDO; 08 Jun Day (NY) ND  
**California Gull** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Hughes (PY) RDO; **29 Jun Edmunds (NY) ND**  
**Herring Gull** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Hughes (PY) RDO  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull** All Reports Late: 01 Jun Stanley RDO ... Early: 11 Jul Stanley KM; 12 Jul Stanley RDO; 17 Jul Stanley RDO  
**Caspian Tern** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Day (ON) ND  
**Black Tern** Confirmed Breeding: **20 Jun Hughes (CF) KM**; 28 Jun Hughes (CF) KM; 30 Jun Brown (ON) ND; 09 Jul Douglas (CF) KP; 11 Jul Deuel (FL) CV; **17 Jul Hanson (CF) KP**  
**Common Tern** All Reports: 02 Jun Sully KM; 03 Jun Hughes RDO; 11 Jul Stanley KM, RDO; 26 Jul Stanley CA, KP  
**Forster's Tern** Confirmed Breeding: 30 Jun Brown (CF) ND  
**Common Loon** Late: 30 Jun Stanley KM; 29 Jun McPherson ND; 29 Jun Stanley RDO; 28 Jun Stanley RDO ... Early: 01 Jul Perkins ND; 01 Jul Stanley RDO; 03 Jul Stanley KM; 07 Jul Marshall ND  
**Double-crested Cormorant** Confirmed Breeding: Brown, Brule, Charles Mix, Day, Edmunds, and Miner counties  
**Least Bittern** All Reports: 06 Jul Brown ND; 13 Jul Moody JSP  
**Great Blue Heron** Confirmed Breeding: Aurora, Brown, Charles Mix, Day, Harding, Lyman, Marshall, Meade, and Perkins counties  
**Great Egret** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Codrington (CN) ND; 30 Jun Brown (ON) ND; 07 Jul Day (NY) ND; 20 Jul Miner (NY) JSP; 24 Jul Charles Mix (ON) KP; 31 Jul Charles Mix (ON) KP  
**Cattle Egret** Confirmed Breeding: 10-31 Jul Charles Mix (ON) KP  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jul Minnehaha (ON) CA; 24 Jul Charles Mix (ON) KP  
**Glossy Ibis** Only Report: 10 Jul Brown CV  
**Osprey** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jul Lyman (FY) RDO; 10 Jul Lawrence (ON) ND  
**Golden Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Perkins (NY) ND; 06 Jun Harding (NY) CM; 29 Jun Harding (NY) CM; 06 Jul Harding (NY) ND; 25 Jul Harding (NY) CM  
**Northern Harrier** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jul Lawrence (CF) ND  
**Cooper's Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun – 12 Jul Douglas (ON, NY) KP; 30 Jul Brown (FL) GO; 31 Jul Roberts (FL) CV

**Bald Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Aurora (NY) ND; 12 Jun Fall River (NY) ND; 03 Jul Yankton (FL) RND; 07 Jul Marshall (NY) ND; 31 Jul Day (NY) LH

**Broad-winged Hawk** Only Report: 29 Jul Charles Mix RM

**Swainson's Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Perkins (ON) ND; 11 Jun Harding (ON) CM; 16 Jun Perkins (CN) ND; 28 Jun Harding (ON) CM; 28 Jun Lawrence (CF) ND

**Red-tailed Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Perkins (CF) ND; 01 Jun Harding (ON) CM; 30 Jun Harding (ON) CM; 06 Jul Harding (NY) ND, CM

**Ferruginous Hawk** Confirmed Breeding: 11 Jun Harding (NY) CM; 28 Jun Harding (NY) CM

**Barn Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jun Hughes (ON) KM; 22 Jul Hughes (ON) KM

**Eastern Screech-Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun Harding (NY) CM

**Great Horned Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Fall River (FL) CM, KM; 11 Jul Lawrence (FL) ND

**Burrowing Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jul Lyman (FL) CA, KP

**Long-eared Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Stanley (FL) KM

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jun – 31 Jul Harding (NY) CM, ND

**Belted Kingfisher** Confirmed Breeding: 16 Jul Marshall (CF) KP

**Red-naped Sapsucker** Confirmed Breeding: 22 Jul Pennington (NY) ND

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Custer (CF) ND; 01 Jul Gregory (CF) KP; 13 Jul Tripp (CF) KP; 14 Jul Charles Mix (CF) ND

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 09 Jun Charles Mix (CF) RM; 27 Jun Roberts (CF) CV; 12 Jul Roberts (FL) CV

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** All Reports: 28 Jun Lawrence ND; 22 Jul Pennington ND; 27 Jul Custer MO

**Downy Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: Davison, Lincoln, Pennington, and Roberts counties

**Hairy Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 27 Jun – 12 Jul Roberts (FY, FL) CV

**Pileated Woodpecker** All Reports: 02 Jun – 06 Jul Roberts CV; 10 Jun Marshall GO

**Northern Flicker** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Harding (CF) CM; 11 Jun Lincoln (ON) MRZ; 21 Jun Lincoln (ON) MRZ; 28 Jun Lawrence (CF) ND; 04 Jul Lincoln (NY) MRZ; 06 Jul Roberts (FY) CV

**American Kestrel** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Fall River (NY) ND

**Merlin** Only Report: 08 Jun Custer CM, KM

**Prairie Falcon** All Reports: 06 Jun Harding ND; 08 Jun Custer CM, KM; 20 Jul Custer ND

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** Only Report: 16 Jun Charles Mix RM

**Western Wood-Pewee** Confirmed Breeding: 10 Jun Perkins (CF) ND; 27 Jun Fall River (NB) ND

**Alder Flycatcher** Only Report: 06 Jun Minnehaha CA

**Willow Flycatcher** Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun Bennett (NB) ND; 16 Jun Perkins (NB) ND; 17 Jun Perkins (CN) ND

**Eastern Phoebe** Confirmed Breeding: 01 Jul Gregory (CF) KP

**Say's Phoebe** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Custer (CF) ND ... Also Reported: 10 Jul Charles Mix KP

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Reported: 05 Jun Butte ND

**Western Kingbird** Confirmed Breeding: 29 Jun Sully (CF) ND; 03 Jul Yankton (ON) RND; 06 Jul Harding (CF) ND; 23 Jul Brown (FY) GO; 31 Jul Roberts (FL) CV

**Eastern Kingbird** Confirmed Breeding: Fall River, Hand, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Pennington, Perkins, Roberts, and Yankton counties

**Warbling Vireo** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Custer (ON) CM, KM

**Canada Jay** All Reports: 22 Jun Pennington ND; 25 Jun Fall River ND; 20 Jul Custer ND; 27 Jul Custer MO

**Blue Jay** Confirmed Breeding: 12 Jun Fall River (FY) ND; 10 Jul Lawrence (FL) ND

**Black-billed Magpie** Confirmed Breeding: **13 Jul Fall River (FY) ND**

**Clark's Nutcracker** All Reports: 08 Jun Custer CM, KM; 24 Jun Custer DB; 26 Jun Custer ND; 20 Jul Custer ND; 27 Jul MO

**Black-capped Chickadee** Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jun Todd (CF) KM; 22 Jun Pennington (NY) ND; 24 Jun Todd (CF) KM

**Horned Lark** Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jul Fall River (CF) JSP

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jun Harding (ON) CM

**Tree Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Davison (NY) KP

**Bank Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Perkins (ON) ND; 03 Jul Charles Mix (ON) KP

**Barn Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Bennett, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Day, Douglas, Harding, Pennington, Sully, and Todd counties

**Cliff Swallow** Confirmed Breeding: Buffalo, Douglas, Fall River, Moody, Pennington, and Perkins counties

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** All Reports: 07 Jun Lawrence KM; 28 Jun Lawrence ND

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** All Reports: 07 Jun Lawrence KM, RDO; 26 Jun Lawrence RDO; 04 Jul Meade ND; 07 Jul Custer JSP; 27 Jul Custer MO

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 03 Jun Custer (CF) MMM; 30 Jun Roberts (CF) CV

**White-breasted Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 30 Jun Roberts (FL) CV

**Pygmy Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Fall River (CF) ND

**Brown Creeper** All Reports in Expected Range (see Rare Sightings below): 08 Jun Custer KM; 08 Jun Lawrence RDO

**Rock Wren** All Reports: 08 Jun Custer KM; 08 Jun Fall River RDO; 18 Jun Tripp KM, RDO; 26 Jun Custer ND; 04 Jul Custer JSP; 11 Jul Lawrence ND

**Canyon Wren** All Reports: 08 Jun Custer KM; 04 Jul Custer JSP; 20 Jul Custer ND; 27 Jul Custer MO

**House Wren** Confirmed Breeding: Custer, Day, Douglas, Harding, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Roberts counties

**Carolina Wren** Only Report: 27 Jul Union DS

**American Dipper** All Reports: 07 Jun Lawrence KM; 28 Jun Lawrence (NY) ND

**European Starling** Confirmed Breeding: Butte, Fall River, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pennington, and Perkins counties

**Gray Catbird** Confirmed Breeding: **03 Jun Hand (CN) ND**; 03 Jun Pennington (ON) CLG; 27 Jul Roberts (CF) CV

**Brown Thrasher** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Perkins (CN) ND; 12 Jun Fall River (CF) ND; 24 Jun Meade (CF) ND

**Northern Mockingbird** Only Report: 26 Jun Haakon RDO

**Eastern Bluebird** Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun – 20 Jul Charles Mix (FL, CF, FY, FS, NY) RM, KP; 25 Jun Fall River (ON) ND

**Mountain Bluebird** Confirmed Breeding: 08 Jun Custer (CN) KM; 26 Jun Custer (CF) ND; 26 Jun Fall River (ON) ND; 04 Jul Custer (FL) JSP

**Veery** All Reports: 10 Jun Roberts GO; 08 Jul Marshall CV; 12 Jul Roberts MO; 20 Jul Custer ND

**Wood Thrush** All Reports: 10 Jun Lincoln JSP; 22 Jun Clay CA; 22 Jun Lincoln CA; 30 Jun Lincoln CA; 13 Jul Minnehaha CA, MRZ

**American Robin** Confirmed Breeding: Charles Mix, Douglas, Edmunds, Fall River, Gregory, Hand, Harding, Lake, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marshall, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Perkins, and Yankton counties

**Cedar Waxwing** Confirmed Breeding: 18 Jul Marshall (FY) CV

**House Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: Douglas, Fall River, Lake, Pennington, and Roberts counties

**Sprague's Pipit** Only Report: 01 Jul Perkins ND

**House Finch** Confirmed Breeding: 21 Jun Lincoln (FL) MRZ; 22 Jun Charles Mix (FY) RM; 04 Jul Lincoln (FL) MRZ; 22 Jul Pennington (CN) CLG

**Cassin's Finch** Only Report: 25 Jun Custer ND

**Red Crossbill** Confirmed Breeding West River: 26 Jun Custer (FL) ND ... Early: 24 Jul Hughes KM; 31 Jul Lake JSP

**Pine Siskin** reported West River ... Late East/Missouri River: 19 Jun Hughes KM; 17 Jun Minnehaha CA; 13 Jun Charles Mix RM ... Early: 08 Jul Lake JSP

**Lesser Goldfinch** All Reports: 12 Jun Fall River ND; 04 Jul Custer JSP; 06 Jul Fall River JSP

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** Reported: 22 Jun Kingsbury JSP

**Grasshopper Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 17 Jun Perkins (CF) ND; 18 Jun Tripp (CF) KM; 23 Jun Stanley (CF) KM; 06 Jul Fall River (CF) JSP



**Chipping Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Custer (CN) ND; 26 Jun Fall River (CF) ND; 02 Jul Roberts (FL) CV; 04 Jul Roberts (FL) CV; 14 Jul Marshall (CF) KP; 15 Jul Marshall (FY) KP

**Clay-colored Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jul Moody (CF) CA

**Field Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: **06 Jun Hutchinson (CN) KP**; 23 Jun Clay (CF) ND; 11 Jul Lawrence (CN) ND

**Brewer's Sparrow** All Reports: 23 Jun Harding CM; 05 Jul Fall River JSP; 13 Jul Fall River ND

**Lark Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: Charles Mix, Custer, Fall River, Harding, Lawrence, Stanley, and Tripp counties

**Lark Bunting** Confirmed Breeding: 13 Jul Fall River (CF) ND ... Also Reported: 27 Jun Roberts CV

**Dark-eyed Junco** Late: 03 Jun Hand ND

**White-throated Sparrow** Late: 06 Jun Day LH

**Vesper Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Custer (CF) ND; 26 Jun Fall River (CF) ND

**Nelson's Sparrow** Only Report: 18 Jul Campbell KM

**Savannah Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jul Harding (CF) ND

**Song Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Douglas (CF) KP; 31 Jul Douglas (CF) KP

**Swamp Sparrow** Confirmed Breeding: **14 Jul Marshall (CF) KP**

**Spotted Towhee** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Custer (CF) ND; 20 Jul Custer (CF) ND

**Yellow-breasted Chat** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Custer (CF) ND

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jul Harding (CF) ND; 04 Jul Marshall (FL) CV; 23 Jul Pennington (CF) ND; 31 Jul Charles Mix (CF) KP; 31 Jul Douglas (CF) KP

**Bobolink** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Sully (CF) KM; 02 Jul Harding (CF) ND; 06 Jul Minnehaha (CF) CA

**Western Meadowlark** Confirmed Breeding: Bennett, Charles Mix, Fall River, Gregory, Harding, Hughes, Meade, Oglala Lakota, Perkins, and Sully counties

**Orchard Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: Charles Mix, Custer, Davison, Fall River, Hughes, and Perkins counties

**Bullock's Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jul Fall River (CF) JSP

**Baltimore Oriole** Confirmed Breeding: 21 Jun Lincoln (ON) MRZ; 22 Jun Clay (ON) CA; 27 Jun Roberts (CF) CV; 04 Jul Lincoln (CF) MRZ; 06 Jul Moody (FL) CA; 10 Jul Charles Mix (CF) KP

**Red-winged Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: Bennett, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Clark, Douglas, Fall River, Lawrence, and Perkins counties

**Brown-headed Cowbird** Confirmed Breeding: 24 Jun Meade (NE) ND; 20 Jul Custer (FL) ND

**Brewer's Blackbird** Confirmed Breeding: 25 Jun Fall River (CF) ND; 06 Jul Perkins (CN) ND

**Common Grackle** Confirmed Breeding: Brown, Butte, Davison, Douglas, Hand, Harding, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, Meade, Miner, Pennington, Roberts, Todd, Tripp, and Yankton counties

**Great-tailed Grackle** All Reports: **02 Jun Walworth ND**; 12 Jun Oglala Lakota ND; 19 Jun Hughes KM; 28 Jun Butte ND; 10 Jul Charles Mix KP; 20 Jul Hughes KM

**Blue-winged Warbler** Only Report: 10 Jun Lincoln JSP

**Black-and-white Warbler** Late: 24 Jun Todd KM, RDO; 10 Jun Marshall GO

**Tennessee Warbler** Late: 02 Jun Douglas KP; 01 Jun Harding CM; 01 Jun Douglas KP; 01 Jun Brown GO

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Only Report: 01 Jun Perkins ND

**Virginia's Warbler** All Reports: 08 Jun Custer CM, KM, RDO; 04 Jul Custer JSP; 27 Jul Custer MO

**Connecticut Warbler** Only Report: 03 Jun Hughes EDS

**MacGillivray's Warbler** All Reports: 08 Jun Custer CM, KM; 26 Jun Lawrence RDO; 28 Jun Lawrence ND; 27 Jul Lawrence ND; 27 Jul Custer MO

**Mourning Warbler** All Reports: 02 Jun Brown GO; 01 Jun Brown GO

**Common Yellowthroat** Confirmed Breeding: 06 Jun Hughes (CF) KM; 22 Jun Pennington (ON) ND

**Blackburnian Warbler** Only Report: 01 June Hughes DB

**Yellow Warbler** Confirmed Breeding: 05 Jun Butte (NB) ND; 29 Jun Stanley (CF) ND; 07 Jul Day (CF) ND; 10 Jul Charles Mix (CF) KP

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** Only Report: 08 Jun Gregory RM

**Blackpoll Warbler** All Reports: 01 Jun Brown GO; 01 Jun Hughes DB; 01 Jun Perkins ND

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Confirmed Breeding: 26 Jun Fall River (CF) ND  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Jun Sully (CN) KM  
**Black-headed Grosbeak** Confirmed Breeding: 07 Jun Lawrence (ON) KM

### Species Expected But Not Reported

Greater Sage-Grouse, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black-backed Woodpecker, Peregrine Falcon, Cassin's Kingbird, Pinyon Jay, Sage Thrasher, Evening Grosbeak, LeConte's Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark

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

**Common Goldeneye:** 22 Jun Kingsbury JSP  
**White-winged Dove:** 17 Jun Hughes RDO; 19 Jun Hughes KM  
**Yellow-billed Loon:** 22 Jun – 22 Jul Stanley KM, RDO, AP  
**Sandhill Crane** Confirmed Breeding: **06 Jun Grant (PY) LH**  
**White-eyed Vireo:** 10 Jun Lincoln JSP  
**Brown Creeper:** 02 Jun Roberts CV; **24 Jun Todd KM**  
**Pacific Wren:** 07 Jun Lawrence KM, RDO; 28 Jun Lawrence ND  
**White-throated Sparrow:** 08 Jul Codington CV

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