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Sharp-shinned Hawk

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President's Page

Scott Stolz

As I write this article, fall is quickly approaching with some cool days and even cooler nights. I have recently made a trip into the southern prairie pothole region and am amazed at the number of ducks and other water birds this year. Even though it is the tail end of the shorebird migration season, there are still quite a few dowitchers and others using the wetlands that are drying down. Ibis, egrets and herons abound, taking advantage of the plentiful food still being produced in and around these valuable wetlands. Numerous passerines will take advantage of these same habitats on their way south, consuming both the invertebrates and seeds produced in these productive ecosystems.

Many of these wetlands and surrounding grasslands only remain because of the protection by easements or land purchased by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Most of the money for these protections comes from the purchase of "Duck Stamps." There aren't many programs in the history of conservation that has been as successful as this one. This program started out as a way for hunters to help protect the resources they also utilized. However, so many other species benefit from the habitats that are protected by these funds that I urge everyone who enjoys our prairies and wetlands to please purchase at least one duck stamp every year. All the lands purchased by the USFWS are open to bird watching, so it is definitely a win win for everyone.



As many of you are already aware, J. David Williams passed away recently. He was a dedicated member of SDOU, serving as president some time ago and still actively involved with the rare bird records committee. Even in death, he chose to remember SDOU and request any donations be made to our organization. The funeral director shared a story with me yesterday that we both thought was very fitting. As he was waiting in Dave's garden with the family, a hummingbird came and flitted about amongst them all, fed on some of the flowers that Dave had planted, and then disappeared. Thank you Dave for all you have done for SDOU and we will miss you.

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The holidays are approaching and its time to think about gifts for family and friends. Give the gift of a membership to the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union. Members receive four issues of South Dakota Bird Notes and the satisfaction of supporting our mission of learning about and enjoying South Dakota's birds.

Corrigendum: Varied Thrushes in South Dakota During Winter 2019-2020

Nancy Drilling

The Varied Thrush article in the spring 2020 issue of South Dakota Bird Notes (“Varied Thrushes in South Dakota during winter 2019-2020”, Vol. 72, No. 1, pp. 6-7) contains incomplete information about the incidence of this species in North Dakota. In fact, winter 2019-2020 was quite good for Varied Thrush (R. Martin, pers. comm.). North Dakota birders recorded five individuals, as follows:

11/7/2019 – 1/1/2020, one at Bowdon, Wells Co.
12/1/2019 – 4/6/2020, one at Rolla, Rolette Co.
1/19/2020 – 1/27/2020, one in Minot, Ward Co. This bird was around most of the winter.
1/22/2020 – 2/16/2020, one in Fargo, Cass Co.
4/28/2020, one in Valley City, Barnes Co.

Thus the record number of observations in South Dakota was part of an increased number in a larger area, contrary to the conclusion reached in the original article.



Birder to Birdwatcher: Confessions and Revelations from a Patch Observer

D. George Prisbe-Przybysz

My introduction to the world of birds came, regrettably, late in life. I was thirty-one and living in Aberdeen, a town of the James River Valley in northeastern South Dakota. My early mentors were both named Dan. Dan One was a degreed ornithologist and bander, who zealously pursued birds. Dan Two, was a laid back amateur who preferred perching in a lawn chair and letting birds come to him. Despite their behavioral traits – one scientific, the other anecdotal and folksy – both were very influential and supportive as I fledged my way along, convinced that I would never be able to tell one sparrow from another.

Those early years of birding were exciting and my new interest felt natural. I was curious, enjoyed the outdoors and really liked solitude – perhaps no surprise that one of my favorite birds is the solitary sandpiper. I also liked the challenge of competition, having been an athlete in a small town where sports often defined community identity. So, I took easily to the idea of checklists as a form of competition – a type of score keeping. Each check mark came to represent a victory. This concept was central to my motivation to go out and look for birds. In some ways it became more about the birds I had not seen than about the ones I had.

An ovenbird had been my “spark” bird, and from it an obsession was hatched.

I became that weird, suspicious character stalking the elm-canopied streets and overly manicured city parks of Aberdeen, binoculars permanently collared my neck, becoming my most pronounced field mark (I did not have an alternate plumage). Soon I was migrating to Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge at least once a week and peeping down every county back road. My home range expanded quickly as I searched for new habitat and boxes to check.

Excursions like “Big Days” became routine - flitting from Sand Lake NWR to Sica Hollow and Harford Beach State Parks toward an evening roost at Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

Like most birders, I kept a variety of checklists: yard, patch, year, state, life, and even county by county

lists. This desire to amass totals culminated in what was to become a turning point in my life with birds – a quest to see 300 species, within the borders of South Dakota, in one year.

I was now living at high elevation in the northern Black Hills and I knew that sojourns to the prairie, particularly east of the Missouri River would be limited, but necessary, if I was to reach my goal. Differences in bird diversity and distribution, especially during migration, would make reaching 300 difficult without winging my way east several times. By the end of that year, successful as it was, I felt unfulfilled and more than a bit disillusioned. Unsuccessful excursions, in pursuit of specific species, were discouraging and felt like wasted time – not to mention the pangs of guilt over my carbon footprint. Even successful trips, like a day trip to Hot Springs for Lesser Goldfinch began, somehow, to lose meaning and significance.

What was missing? Gradually, I began to answer that question.

My appreciation of simply being in the field and observing whatever nature presented had been parasitized by the pace of my quest, fixation on target birds, and list totals. What I had always described as my “passionate obsession” had seemingly lost some flight feathers. What of the “now?” What of the “moment?” How much had I failed to appreciate, or even notice, along the way? Had I become jaded by my search for “good birds?” Was I guilty of “just a robin” thought? Tired of “chasing”, obsessing over checklist numbers, and traveling, I was in need of good molt. It was time to learn from my lawn chair mentor and just let the birds come to me. I established my home territory – a three and one half mile radius from our home at Hanna, in south central Lawrence County. This “Hanna Circle” was to become my “patch.”

Limiting my range proved difficult at first. I found myself verdant with envy when reading reports on the SDOU list serve of migrating warblers and shorebirds and species that I was unlikely to see in the Black Hills. The urge to respond to reports of rare or unusual species was difficult to cage. My focus shifted from searching to observing - from birding to bird watching. Gradually, I began to recognize the rewards of this new and slower pace. I was beginning to appreciate birds as individuals instead of members of a particular species - with a corresponding box to be checked. I stopped using common birder expressions like “good birds” and “trash birds” coming to regard such terms as disrespectful and inappropriate. I now understood my wife’s displeasure every time I uttered the expression “just a robin.” My binoculars became judgment free, equal opportunity lenses. So complete became my reformation that I would admonish total strangers overheard using the phrase “kill two birds with one stone” suggesting a substitute of “fledge two birds with one nest.” I was happy and enjoying birds more than ever.

Daily hikes into the diverse habitat surrounding our home became routine, bordering on obsession. This led to familiarity with the area and the activity of its inhabitants - convinced also, that the local birds were becoming familiar with me. I was now keeping a daily journal, recording species in the order in which they presented themselves, noting the number of individuals, nesting and behavioral activity, weather conditions, and whatever else seemed relevant, such as wildflower blossom dates, butterfly flight periods, and getting down on my knees to inspect fungi and overlooked downscapes underfoot.

For the past fifteen years I have been able to compare observations day to day, week to week, season to season, year to year and marvel at the serendipity of this experience. Not possessing the power of omnipresence – something every birder must desire – I know that many species have escaped my observation. I know this because of the many remarkable and unexpected sightings I have made. My Hanna Circle list now totals 210 species. Many of these, 61 to be exact, are one-time wonders and another 43 species have been observed three or fewer times.

I believe that most birders, at least the ones I know, would be uncomfortable with a year list which is consistently and substantially less than 200. I have no qualms with listing or chasing - to each their own - but it’s not for me. My commitment to observing birds simply cannot be measured by marks on a checklist or miles on an odometer.

Perhaps there is a relationship to aging? As my years advance I desire less. Less of this. Less of that. The need to acquire and possess, whether it be a material object or a check mark on a list, has waned.

I have become a passive “lister” duly noting what I observe while not aggressively seeking more. I am content with a more simple experience, blithely meandering the forest as with Doris Day singing a chorus of “que sera, sera, whatever will be, will be.”

Birder or birdwatcher? Is there a difference, or is this a nuanced description of the same thing? To me, they are not the same. I have spent considerable time thinking about my relationship with birds and the natural world. Like birds, we have behavioral traits which define us and we adapt individually to circumstance. My evolution from avid birder to bird watcher, or patch observer, is probably a rare morph, but it has taken me to a comfortable place: home.



Distributional Checklist of South Dakota Birds – December 2019 update

Jeffrey S. Palmer

This checklist was compiled from sightings reported to the Online Seasonal Bird Observation Report database located at <https://research.dsu.edu/sdousbor/> that is operated and maintained by the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union. This database has been used continuously since 2002 as a repository of sightings for observers making contributions to the quarterly Seasonal Reports published in South Dakota Bird Notes. Each quarter the data is downloaded and reviewed by the Seasonal Reports Editor for South Dakota Bird Notes providing some measure of quality control. The database also includes most all records of note as published in *Birds of South Dakota* (Tallman, Swanson and Palmer, 2002) as well as a selection of sightings prior to 2002 that individual observers have entered. Additionally the database contains records from both the first and second South Breeding Bird Atlas projects and from Rare Bird Records Committee Reports published in South Dakota Bird Notes. It does not generally include eBird sightings except in cases where observers have contributed their eBird records to the database for the Seasonal Reports.

Species status is categorized as Regular (occurred in 8-10 of the last 10 years), Casual (occurred in 4-6 of the last 10 years) or Accidental (occurred in 0-2 of the last 10 years). Species observed during 3 of the last 10 years are Casual if reported during 2 or more of the last 5 years and Accidental otherwise. Species observed during 7 of the last 10 years are Regular if reported during 4 or more of the last 5 years and Casual otherwise. Status listed is based on the period 01 Dec 2008 through 30 Nov 2018.

Breeding Status is defined as regular (8 or more confirmations in the last 10 years), casual (3-7 confirmations in the last 10 years), or accidental (0-2 confirmations in the last 10 years). In some cases, difficulty in confirming breeding behavior and/or a lack of reporting has undoubtedly resulted in a lower status than may actually be warranted and additional data is needed.

West/River/East denotes the number of years in the last 10 that the species has been reported in each region. Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter lists the number of years in the last 10 that the species was reported in each season.

Number of Species	Total	Breeding	West	River	East	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Regular	332	158							
Casual	29	51							
Accidental	73	39							
Hypothetical	4								
Total number of species	438	248	388	385	389	399	366	414	229

Common Name	Status	Breeding	West	River	East	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	A				2		1	1	

Common Name	Status	Breeding	West	River	East	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	A			1	0		1		
Snow Goose	R		9	10	10	10	7	10	10
Ross's Goose	R		6	10	10				
Greater White-fronted Goose	R		8	10	10	10	3	10	10
Brant	A			2	1	0	0	2	2
Cackling Goose	R		10	10	10	10		10	10
Canada Goose	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mute Swan	A			2	1	0	0	2	1
Trumpeter Swan	R	regular	10	7	7	10	7	10	5
Tundra Swan	R		5	7	10	9	0	10	3
Wood Duck	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Blue-winged Teal	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	3
Cinnamon Teal	R	accidental	10	9	9	10	8	4	
Northern Shoveler	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Gadwall	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Eurasian Wigeon	A		2	0	0	2		0	
American Wigeon	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mallard	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
American Black Duck	R	accidental		7	9	6	3	6	7
Mottled Duck	A				1		1	1	
Northern Pintail	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Green-winged Teal	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Canvasback	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Redhead	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ring-necked Duck	R	casual	10	10	10	10	9	10	10
Greater Scaup	R		8	10	10	10		10	10
Lesser Scaup	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Common Eider	A				0			0	
Harlequin Duck	A		1	1	1	2		0	2
Surf Scoter	R		4	8	6	4		10	1
White-winged Scoter	R		3	9	6	2	0	8	4
Black Scoter	R		1	10	5	2		9	2
Long-tailed Duck	R		4	10	7	9		10	10
Bufflehead	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	7	10	10
Common Goldeneye	R		10	10	10	10	1	10	10

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Barrow's Goldeneye	C		1	6	2	3		3	6
Hooded Merganser	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Common Merganser	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Red-breasted Merganser	R		6	10	10	10	3	10	10
Ruddy Duck	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	9
Northern Bobwhite	R	accidental	8	10	3	9	10	6	3
Gray Partridge	R	regular	10	7	10	10	10	10	10
Ring-necked Pheasant	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ruffed Grouse	R	casual	10			10	9	10	7
Greater Sage-Grouse	R	casual	10			10	4	3	3
Sharp-tailed Grouse	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Greater Prairie-Chicken	R	casual	10	10	8	10	10	10	10
Wild Turkey	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Pied-billed Grebe	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	8
Horned Grebe	R	casual	10	10	10	10	5	10	7
Red-necked Grebe	R	regular	3	10	10	9	8	10	4
Eared Grebe	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	3
Western Grebe	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Clark's Grebe	R	regular	9	10	10	10	9	10	0
Rock Pigeon	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Band-tailed Pigeon	A		0	0		0	0	0	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Inca Dove	A			0	0			0	0
Common Ground-Dove	A		0					0	
White-winged Dove	R		3	3	2	7	1	1	1
Mourning Dove	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	regular	9	10	9	9	10	10	
Black-billed Cuckoo	R	casual	9	10	10	10	10	9	
Groove-billed Ani	A			0	0			0	0
Common Nighthawk	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Common Poorwill	R	casual	10	7	0	10	10	10	
Chuck-will's-widow	C	accidental		4	0	2	2	1	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	R	accidental	0	10	6	10	9	8	
Chimney Swift	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	
White-throated Swift	R	casual	10	0		10	10	10	

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Rivoli's Hummingbird	A		0				1		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Black-chinned Hummingbird	A		2			1	1	1	
Anna's Hummingbird	C		2	2	1			4	
Costa's Hummingbird	A		1					1	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	R	casual	10			8	10	10	
Rufous Hummingbird	R		10	1	1		9	9	
Calliope Hummingbird	C		6	2	0		3	5	
Yellow Rail	A		0	2	0	0	0	2	
King Rail	A		0	0	0	3	2	2	
Virginia Rail	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	4
Sora	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Purple Gallinule	A				0	0			
Common Gallinule	C	accidental	0	2	4	2	2	3	
American Coot	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sandhill Crane	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	5	10	5
Whooping Crane	R		1	8	5	9	0	8	0
Black-necked Stilt	R	accidental	2	7	9	7	8	6	
American Avocet	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Black-bellied Plover	R		10	10	10	10	3	10	
American Golden-Plover	R		7	10	10	10	2	9	
Snowy Plover	R	casual	1	8	1	4	4	2	
Wilson's Plover	A			1				1	
Semipalmated Plover	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Piping Plover	R	regular	4	10	8	10	9	7	
Killdeer	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	7
Mountain Plover	A		0		1		0	1	
Upland Sandpiper	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Whimbrel	C		3	4	1	6	0	1	
Long-billed Curlew	R	regular	10	10	3	10	10	7	
Hudsonian Godwit	R		5	10	10	10	4	7	
Marbled Godwit	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Ruddy Turnstone	R		0	9	10	10	4	1	
Red Knot	C		0	2	4	3	2	1	
Ruff	A		0	2	1	3	0	0	

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Stilt Sandpiper	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Curlew Sandpiper	A				1	1			
Sanderling	R		9	10	10	10	8	10	
Dunlin	R		2	10	10	10	8	9	0
Purple Sandpiper	H				0	0			
Baird's Sandpiper	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Least Sandpiper	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
White-rumped Sandpiper	R		8	10	10	10	10	9	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	R		1	8	9	3	6	8	
Pectoral Sandpiper	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Western Sandpiper	A		1	1	1	3	0	0	
Short-billed Dowitcher	R		5	10	10	10	7	10	
Long-billed Dowitcher	R		10	10	10	10	9	10	
American Woodcock	R	accidental		10	10	10	4	7	0
Wilson's Snipe	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Spotted Sandpiper	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Solitary Sandpiper	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Lesser Yellowlegs	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	0
Willet	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Greater Yellowlegs	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	
Wilson's Phalarope	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	0
Red-necked Phalarope	R		9	10	10	10	6	10	0
Red Phalarope	A		0	1	2	0		2	
Pomarine Jaeger	A			0	0		1	3	
Parasitic Jaeger	A			0				0	
Long-tailed Jaeger	A		0	2			1	1	
Ancient Murrelet	A				1			1	
Black-legged Kittiwake	C		0	5	1	0	0	5	3
Ivory Gull	A			0					0
Sabine's Gull	R		4	8	4	0		10	1
Bonaparte's Gull	R		9	10	10	10	2	10	10
Little Gull	C			6	1	0	0	6	1
Ross's Gull	A			2				1	1
Laughing Gull	A			3		2	2	0	0

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Franklin's Gull	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	6
Mew Gull	R		0	8	1	5		7	4
Ring-billed Gull	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
California Gull	R	regular	10	10	9	10	10	10	10
Herring Gull	R	casual	9	10	10	10	9	10	10
Iceland Gull	R		0	10	1	10	0	10	10
Lesser Black-backed Gull	R		1	10	8	10	5	10	10
Glaucous-winged Gull	A			3	1	1		1	2
Glaucous Gull	R		0	10	2	10	0	5	10
Great Black-backed Gull	R			9	1	6		6	4
Least Tern	R	regular	2	10	1	9	10	9	
Gull-billed Tern	A				1		1		
Caspian Tern	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Black Tern	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Common Tern	R	casual	9	10	10	10	9	10	
Arctic Tern	C			3		2		2	
Forster's Tern	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Red-throated Loon	C		1	3	2	1		4	
Pacific Loon	R		6	7	2	0	0	8	1
Common Loon	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	10	10	7
Yellow-billed Loon	A			2				1	1
Wood Stork	A				0			0	
Magnificent Frigatebird	H			0				0	
Neotropic Cormorant	R			6	5	4	5	5	
Double-crested Cormorant	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
American White Pelican	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	8
Brown Pelican	A		0	2	0	1	1	0	
American Bittern	R	casual	10	9	10	10	10	10	
Least Bittern	R	casual	2	9	7	5	10	7	
Great Blue Heron	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Great Egret	R	regular	8	10	10	10	10	10	
Snowy Egret	R	regular	6	10	10	10	10	10	
Little Blue Heron	C	accidental	1	1	7	5	3	3	
Tricolored Heron	A	accidental			2	1	1	1	
Cattle Egret	R	regular	6	10	10	10	10	10	

Common Name	Status	Breeding	West	River	East	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Green Heron	R	casual	2	10	10	10	10	10	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	R		2	3	8	2	4	6	
White Ibis	A		0	0	0		0		0
Glossy Ibis	R	casual	2	6	9	9	3	2	
White-faced Ibis	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	0
Black Vulture	H			0				0	
Turkey Vulture	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Osprey	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
White-tailed Kite	A		0			0	0		
Swallow-tailed Kite	A				0			0	
Golden Eagle	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Northern Harrier	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	9	10	10
Cooper's Hawk	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Northern Goshawk	R	casual	10	10	10	10	7	10	10
Bald Eagle	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mississippi Kite	A		0	1	1	2			
Red-shouldered Hawk	C	accidental	1	2	6	2	0	5	1
Broad-winged Hawk	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Swainson's Hawk	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Red-tailed Hawk	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rough-legged Hawk	R		10	10	10	10	1	10	10
Ferruginous Hawk	R	regular	10	10	9	10	10	10	10
Barn Owl	R	regular	7	10	3	9	9	5	2
Flammulated Owl	A		1			0	1	0	
Eastern Screech-Owl	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Great Horned Owl	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Snowy Owl	R		7	10	9	8	0	8	10
Northern Hawk Owl	A				0				0
Burrowing Owl	R	regular	10	10	8	10	10	10	0
Barred Owl	R	accidental	1	3	9	6	3	6	6
Great Gray Owl	A				0	0			0
Long-eared Owl	R	regular	10	10	9	10	3	8	10
Short-eared Owl	R	casual	10	10	9	10	7	8	9

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Boreal Owl	A				0			0	0
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	regular	10	10	6	10	10	10	10
Belted Kingfisher	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lewis's Woodpecker	R		10	1	0	9	10	9	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	R	regular	7	10	10	10	10	10	10
Williamson's Sapsucker	A			0		0			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R	regular	3	10	10	10	10	10	7
Red-naped Sapsucker	R	regular	10	0		10	10	10	0
American Three-toed Woodpecker	R	casual	10			10	10	10	8
Black-backed Woodpecker	R	casual	10		1	9	10	10	7
Downy Woodpecker	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Hairy Woodpecker	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Northern Flicker	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Pileated Woodpecker	R	accidental		0	10	9	8	9	6
Crested Caracara	A		1				1	0	
American Kestrel	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Merlin	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	7	10	10
Gyrfalcon	R		10	10	3	3		7	10
Peregrine Falcon	R	casual	10	10	10	10	7	10	5
Prairie Falcon	R	regular	10	10	10	10	8	10	10
Great Crested Flycatcher	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Great Kiskadee	A				2		0	1	1
Cassin's Kingbird	R	accidental	8			2	5	2	
Western Kingbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Eastern Kingbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A		2	1	0	1	2	0	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		7	10	10	10	7	10	
Western Wood-Pewee	R	regular	10	0	1	10	10	10	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	R	regular	6	10	10	10	10	10	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		0	9	10	9	4	9	
Acadian Flycatcher	A				0	0	0		
Alder Flycatcher	R		5	9	10	10	7	6	
Willow Flycatcher	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	

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Least Flycatcher	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Hammond's Flycatcher	A		2					2	
Dusky Flycatcher	R	casual	10			10	10	9	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	R	regular	10	0	0	9	10	9	
Eastern Phoebe	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	0
Say's Phoebe	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Vermilion Flycatcher	A				0	0		0	
Loggerhead Shrike	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Northern Shrike	R		10	10	10	10		10	10
White-eyed Vireo	C		1	1	4	4	1	1	
Bell's Vireo	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Yellow-throated Vireo	R	casual	4	10	10	10	10	10	
Cassin's Vireo	C		3	2			1	4	
Blue-headed Vireo	R		2	10	10	10	1	10	
Plumbeous Vireo	R	regular	10	0		10	10	10	
Philadelphia Vireo	R		3	10	9	10	4	9	
Warbling Vireo	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Red-eyed Vireo	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Canada Jay	R	casual	10		0	10	10	10	10
Pinyon Jay	R	accidental	10		0	7	5	7	9
Steller's Jay	A		1				0	1	0
Blue Jay	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Clark's Nutcracker	R	casual	10	1	0	7	10	10	4
Black-billed Magpie	R	regular	10	10	4	10	10	10	10
American Crow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Common Raven	R		7	6	1	5	0	6	4
Horned Lark	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Purple Martin	R	regular	2	10	10	10	10	10	
Tree Swallow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Violet-green Swallow	R	regular	10	1		10	10	10	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Bank Swallow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Cliff Swallow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Barn Swallow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Black-capped Chickadee	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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Mountain Chickadee	A		0			0		0	0
Boreal Chickadee	A				0			0	
Tufted Titmouse	A			1	1	1		1	0
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
White-breasted Nuthatch	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Pygmy Nuthatch	R	casual	10			10	10	8	10
Brown Creeper	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rock Wren	R	regular	10	7	1	10	10	10	0
Canyon Wren	R	casual	10			10	10	10	10
House Wren	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Pacific Wren	R	accidental	10			3	9	2	3
Winter Wren	R		7	9	9	8	2	9	5
Sedge Wren	R	casual	4	10	10	10	10	10	
Marsh Wren	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	5
Carolina Wren	C		2	7	2	1	2	6	4
Bewick's Wren	A		0	0	0			1	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
American Dipper	R	regular	10			10	10	10	10
Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	5
Northern Wheatear	H				0	0			
Eastern Bluebird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Western Bluebird	A		0	0		0	0	0	
Mountain Bluebird	R	regular	10	9	2	10	10	10	6
Townsend's Solitaire	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	A		1				1	1	
Veery	R	accidental	10	10	9	10	10	9	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		5	10	10	10	2	7	
Swainson's Thrush	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Hermit Thrush	R	accidental	7	10	10	10	1	10	7
Wood Thrush	R	casual	0	10	10	10	10	6	
American Robin	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Varied Thrush	C		3	2	4	2		4	4
Gray Catbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	3
Curve-billed Thrasher	A		0			0			0

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Brown Thrasher	R		10	10	10	10	10	10	4
Sage Thrasher	R	casual	10	2	1	5	8	3	
Northern Mockingbird	R	accidental	9	9	6	9	9	6	1
European Starling	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Bohemian Waxwing	R		9	8	8	8		10	9
Cedar Waxwing	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
House Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	A			1	0	1			
American Pipit	R		10	10	10	10		10	0
Sprague's Pipit	R	accidental	10	6	5	6	7	9	
Brambling	A		0			0			
Evening Grosbeak	R	accidental	10	3	1	6	7	8	8
Pine Grosbeak	R		2	6	6	2	0	4	5
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	R		8	1	0	2		6	6
House Finch	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Purple Finch	R		6	10	10	10		10	10
Cassin's Finch	R	accidental	10	0		10	10	10	5
Common Redpoll	R		8	8	10	8		6	8
Hoary Redpoll	C		2	4	2	2		2	2
Red Crossbill	R	regular	10	7	9	10	10	10	10
White-winged Crossbill	C		6	3	4	5	5	3	5
Pine Siskin	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lesser Goldfinch	R	casual	10			3	9	9	1
American Goldfinch	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lapland Longspur	R		10	10	10	10		10	10
Chestnut-collared Longspur	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Smith's Longspur	C		0	2	5	1		4	1
Thick-billed Longspur	C		7	0	0	6	2	0	
Snow Bunting	R		10	10	10	9		10	10
Green-tailed Towhee	C		4	1	0	4	0	1	0
Spotted Towhee	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	7
Eastern Towhee	R	accidental		10	10	10	10	9	1
Cassin's Sparrow	C	accidental	4			1	3		
American Tree Sparrow	R		10	10	10	10		10	10
Chipping Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	2

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Clay-colored Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Brewer's Sparrow	R	regular	10	1		9	9	7	0
Field Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	0
Vesper Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	3
Lark Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Black-throated Sparrow	A			0					0
Sagebrush Sparrow	A		0			0			
Lark Bunting	R	regular	10	10	8	10	10	10	
Savannah Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Grasshopper Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Baird's Sparrow	R	accidental	10	6	2	9	9	2	
Henslow's Sparrow	C	accidental	1	3	4	1	5	0	
LeConte's Sparrow	R	casual	0	10	10	6	5	10	
Nelson's Sparrow	R	accidental	1	9	5	1	5	9	
Fox Sparrow	R		5	10	10	10	0	10	9
Song Sparrow	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lincoln's Sparrow	R		10	10	10	10	0	10	1
Swamp Sparrow	R	casual	6	10	10	10	10	10	3
White-throated Sparrow	R		10	10	10	10	2	10	10
Harris's Sparrow	R		10	10	10	10	3	10	10
White-crowned Sparrow	R		10	10	10	10	2	10	8
Golden-crowned Sparrow	A		0		1	0		1	
Dark-eyed Junco	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Yellow-breasted Chat	R	regular	10	10	6	10	10	10	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	6
Bobolink	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Eastern Meadowlark	R	casual	10	5	4	10	8	2	0
Western Meadowlark	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Orchard Oriole	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Bullock's Oriole	R	regular	10	3		10	9	7	0
Baltimore Oriole	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Red-winged Blackbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Brown-headed Cowbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	5
Rusty Blackbird	R	regular	9	10	10	10		10	10
Brewer's Blackbird	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	6

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Common Grackle	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Great-tailed Grackle	R	casual	9	9	9	10	10	5	1
Ovenbird	R	casual	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Worm-eating Warbler	C		1	3	2	6		0	
Louisiana Waterthrush	A			2	0	1	1	0	
Northern Waterthrush	R		9	10	10	10	2	10	
Golden-winged Warbler	R		3	7	9	9	2	5	
Blue-winged Warbler	R	accidental	0	5	10	9	6	4	
Black-and-white Warbler	R	accidental	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Prothonotary Warbler	A	accidental	0	3	0	2	1	0	
Tennessee Warbler	R		10	10	10	10	7	10	
Orange-crowned Warbler	R		10	10	10	10	1	10	
Nashville Warbler	R		6	10	10	10	1	10	
Virginia's Warbler	R	casual	10			7	10	6	
Connecticut Warbler	R		0	4	7	8	1	3	
MacGillivray's Warbler	R	casual	10	3	0	9	10	9	
Mourning Warbler	R		1	10	10	10	2	10	
Kentucky Warbler	C		1	0	4	4	1	0	
Common Yellowthroat	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Hooded Warbler	C	accidental	0	5	2	4	1	2	
American Redstart	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Cape May Warbler	R		1	7	9	9	1	3	
Cerulean Warbler	A	accidental		1	1	2	0		
Northern Parula	R		4	10	9	8	4	6	
Magnolia Warbler	R		4	10	10	10	1	10	
Bay-breasted Warbler	R		2	8	10	10	2	8	
Blackburnian Warbler	R		2	10	10	10	1	10	
Yellow Warbler	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	R	accidental	5	10	10	10	4	9	
Blackpoll Warbler	R		9	10	10	10	3	9	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		1	7	7	2	2	8	
Palm Warbler	R		5	10	10	10	0	10	
Pine Warbler	C		0	3	4	3	0	4	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	9
Yellow-throated Warbler	A		1	2	0	1	0	1	1

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Prairie Warbler	A		1	0	1	2	0	0	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	A		1	1	0	2		0	
Townsend's Warbler	C		3	2	1	3		3	
Hermit Warbler	A				1	1			
Black-throated Green Warbler	R		3	10	10	10	0	10	
Canada Warbler	R		1	9	10	8	1	10	
Wilson's Warbler	R		10	10	10	10	3	10	
Summer Tanager	R		1	7	6	7	2	1	
Scarlet Tanager	R	casual	4	10	10	10	10	10	
Western Tanager	R		10	3	3	10	10	10	
Northern Cardinal	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	0
Black-headed Grosbeak	R	regular	10	10	6	10	10	10	0
Blue Grosbeak	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Lazuli Bunting	R	casual	10	10	8	10	10	10	
Indigo Bunting	R	regular	9	10	10	10	10	10	
Painted Bunting	A		1		1	2		0	
Dickcissel	R	regular	10	10	10	10	10	10	0



The 2020 Spring Season 01 March 2020 to 31 May 2020

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There were 320 species, including 5 rarities (White-eyed Vireo, Pacific Wren, Kentucky Warbler, West River Iceland Gull, and East River Western Tanager) and 20 first county records reported to the SDOU online database during the season. The ten-year (2010-2019) average is also 320. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings: early/late dates as given in the online database or first county records, indicated in bold; species that are significantly out of range; or confirmed breeding for species that breed early. 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 Spring Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during spring in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season. Not reported during the spring season the last 5 years, Common Gallinule and Townsend's Warbler were removed from the list.

Snow Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Hyde KM; 04 Mar Tripp RDO ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 13 May Hughes KM; 08 May Harding KM

Ross's Goose Early: 02 Mar Hyde KM; 06 Mar Lincoln, Union MO; 07 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 15 Apr Faulk ND; 14 Apr Faulk RDO; 04 Apr Hyde ND

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 01 Mar Douglas KP; 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Clay GJS; 11 Mar Pennington ND ... Late: 24 Apr Roberts MO; 22 Apr Campbell, Potter ND; 20 Apr Bon Homme RND; 26 Mar Oglala Lakota ND

Cackling Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Pennington CLG; 02 Mar Hyde KM; 06 Mar Lincoln MO ... Late: 14 Apr Faulk RDO; 29 Mar Charles Mix KP; 25 Mar Douglas KP; 23 Mar Pennington CLG

Canada Goose Confirmed Breeding: 43 reports, 22 Mar-25 May; Aurora, Beadle, Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Douglas, Haakon, Hughes, Lawrence, Marshall, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Stanley, Union, Yankton counties (NE, ON, PY)

Trumpeter Swan reported 11 Mar Bennett ND; 21 Mar Pennington ND; 26 Mar Bennett, Oglala Lakota ND; 17 Apr Brown GO; 14 May Tripp RDO; 30 May Deuel CA

Tundra Swan All Reports: 22 Mar Roberts CV; 26 Mar Roberts CV; 27 Mar Roberts CV; 30 Mar Marshall GO; 05 Apr Roberts MO

Wood Duck Early: 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Lake JSP; 13 Mar Lawrence JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 15 May Sully (ON) KM; 31 May Hughes (PY) KM

Blue-winged Teal Early: 12 Mar Yankton ND; 15 Mar Clay DS; 21 Mar Lake JSP; 06 Apr Tripp RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 18 May Roberts (ON) CV

Cinnamon Teal Early: 18 Apr Meade ND; 19 Apr Hyde KM; **19 Apr Moody CA, JSP; 02 May Haakon RDO**

Northern Shoveler Early: 06 Mar Lincoln, Union MO; 06 Mar Gregory RM; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 20 Mar Meade ND

Gadwall Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 06 Mar Lincoln, Union MO

American Wigeon Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Douglas KP; 06 Mar Union MO; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Butte ND

Mallard Confirmed Breeding: 27 Apr Brown (NE) GO; 23 May Marshall (ON) GO; 25 May Pennington (PY) CLG

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 02 Mar Hyde KM; 03 Mar Stanley KM; 04 Mar Douglas KP; 04 Mar Tripp RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 21 Apr Hughes (NE) KM; 23 May Marshall (ON) GO

Green-winged Teal Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Douglas KP; 06 Mar Stanley KM; 07 Mar Butte ND

Canvasback Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Mar Union MO; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 11 Mar Pennington ND

Redhead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Mar Douglas KP

Ring-necked Duck Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Mar Douglas KP; 06 Mar Union MP; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 11 Mar Pennington ND

Greater Scaup Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 07 Mar Charles Mix MO; 11 Mar Pennington ND; 22 Mar Roberts CV ... Late: 23 Apr Clay DS; 14 Apr Faulk RDO; 06 Apr Marshall GO

Lesser Scaup Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Mar Union MO; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Butte ND

Long-tailed Duck Late: 25 Apr Charles Mix KP; 12 Mar Yankton ND

Bufflehead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 08 Mar Lincoln MO ... Late: 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 09 May Harding ND; 02 May Deuel JSP; 28 Apr Stanley RDO

Common Goldeneye Late: 25 Apr Marshall MO; 21 Apr Butte ND; 18 Apr Miner JSP
Barrow's Goldeneye Only Report: 08 Mar Yankton RND

Hooded Merganser Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix KP; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Charles Mix MO; 11 Mar Bennett ND ... Late: 30 May Deuel (PY) CA; 30 May Brown GO; 28 May Todd RDO; 09 May Harding KM

Common Merganser Late: 25 May Pennington CLG; 19 May Stanley KM; 18 May Pennington CLG; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 07 Mar Charles Mix MO; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 28 Apr Stanley KM; 27 Apr Yankton RND; 24 Apr Yankton RND; 18 Apr Lake JSP

Ruddy Duck Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Lake JSP; 07 Mar

Yankton MO; 15 Apr Pennington ND

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 27 Apr Gregory RM; 02 May Union DS; 13 May Lincoln CA

Gray Partridge All Reports: 03 Mar Meade ND; 30 Apr Perkins ND

Ruffed Grouse All Reports: 03 May Lawrence ND; 19 May Pennington MO

Greater Sage-Grouse All Reports: 26 Apr Harding ND; 10 May Harding KM

Wild Turkey Confirmed Breeding: 07 May Union (ON) MO

Pied-billed Grebe Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 07 Mar Charles Mix MO; 08 Charles Mix RM; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA; 26 Mar Bennett ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 11-31 May Douglas (ON) KP

Horned Grebe Early: 03 Apr Minnehaha CA; 04 Apr Brule, Buffalo ND; 05 Apr Charles Mix KP ... Late: 09 May Lake CA; 08 May Harding KM; 25 Apr Marshall MO; 25 Apr Hyde KM

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 21 Apr Brown GO; 24 Apr Roberts MO; 02 May Deuel JSP

Eared Grebe Early: 31 Mar Yankton RND; 06 Apr Yankton RND; 06 April Lyman, Tripp RDO; 06 Apr Hyde KM; 08 Apr Hughes RDO; 15 Apr Faulk ND

Western Grebe Early: 07 Apr Charles Mix KP; 11 Apr Charles Mix KP; 20 Apr Stanley KM; 21 Apr Butte ND; 21 Apr Brown GO

Mourning Dove Early: 12 Mar Bon Homme ND; 16 Mar Brown GO; 22 Mar Lincoln ND; 22 Mar Charles Mix KP; 22 Mar Roberts CV; 06 Apr Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding: 26 Apr Stanley (NE) KM

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 26 May Roberts GO; 31 May Charles Mix RM

Black-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 26 May Roberts CV

Common Nighthawk Early: 17 May Douglas KP; 22 May Hughes KM; 22 May Meade MO; 22 May Minnehaha CA

Common Poorwill All Reports: 09 May Fall River ND; 30 May Stanley KM

Eastern Whip-poor-will Early: 07 May Lincoln MO; 11 May Charles Mix RM; 13 May Charles Mix RM

Chimney Swift Early: 26 Apr Douglas KP; 02 May Hughes KM; 02 May Brown GO; 21 May Jackson KM

White-throated Swift Early: 03 May Lawrence ND; 08 May Harding KM; 17 May Fall River MO

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: 04 May Clay GJS; 05 May Clay GJS; 05 May Lake JSP; 16 May Union CA, MO

Broad-tailed Hummingbird All Reports: 17 May Pennington JLB; 20 May Custer MO

Virginia Rail Early: 14 Mar Fall River JSP; 18 Apr Lincoln CA; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 27 Apr Hughes KM

Sora Early: 15 Apr Clay GJS; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 25 Apr Brown MO; 09 May Fall River ND

American Coot Early: 02 Mar Pennington CLG; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Lake JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 06 Apr Hutchinson (CN) KP; 16 Apr Codington (CN) ND; 6 May Meade (ON) ND; 29 May Turner (PY) KP

Sandhill Crane Early: 24 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Apr Lawrence EK ... Late: 26 Apr Aurora, Jerauld CA; 26 Apr Harding ND; 25 Apr Faulk KM; 23 Apr Hyde KM

Whooping Crane All Reports: 12 Apr Stanley RDO; 13 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 14 Apr Faulk RDO; 25 Apr Aurora KP

Black-necked Stilt All Reports: 02 May Beadle KM; 02 May Brown GO; 08 May Douglas KP; 09 May Douglas KP; **14 May Tripp RDO**; 30 May Beadle JSP

American Avocet Early: 03 Apr Charles Mix RM; 06 Apr Yankton RND; 07 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Jones (NE) CA

Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 13 May Hughes KM, RDO; 14 May Hughes KM; 14 May Tripp RDO; 17 May Edmunds, Sully RDO; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; **25 May Jones CA**

American Golden-Plover Early: 23 Apr Clay GJS, DS; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 26 Apr Miner CA ... Late: 24 May Hutchinson, Turner CA; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 16 May Union MO

Semipalmated Plover Early: 22 Apr Clay DS; 22 Apr Lincoln CA; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 25 Apr Charles Mix KP ... Late: 31 May Charles Mix KP; 25 May Pennington CA; 18 May Kingsbury JSP

Piping Plover Early: 22 Apr Stanley ND; 26 Apr Stanley KM; 28 Apr Hughes RDO; 12 May Charles

Mix RM

- Killdeer** Early: 06 Mar Clay, Lincoln MO; 07 Mar Yankton MO; 07 Mar Charles Mix RM; 11 Mar Pennington ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 24 May Tripp (PY) CA
- Upland Sandpiper** Early: 30 Apr Butte, Meade, Perkins ND; 01 May Sully RDO; 02 May Douglas KP
Whimbrel Only Report: 06 May Pennington ND
- Long-billed Curlew** Early: 10 Apr Stanley RDO; 11 Apr Stanley KM; 15 Apr Haakon ND
- Hudsonian Godwit** Early: 10 Apr Clay GJS; 16 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Douglas KP ... Late: 26 May Marshall GO; 23 May Lake JSP; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 13 May Hughes RDO
- Marbled Godwit** Early: 13 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 14 Apr Douglas KP; 15 Apr Roberts CV; 15 Apr Sully ND; 18 Apr Harding DS
- Ruddy Turnstone** All Reports: 09 May Lake CA; 10 May Kingsbury MO; 14 May Hughes KM; 17 May Sully RDO; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 23 May Brown GO; 30 May Beadle JSP
- Stilt Sandpiper** Early: 29 Apr Hughes KM; 05 May Hughes KM, RDO; 08 May Hughes RDO; 10 May Perkins KM; 13 May Hutchinson RND ... Late: 28 May Todd RDO; 25 May Jones CA; 24 May Gregory CA; 23 May Marshall GO
- Sanderling** All Reports: 02 May Bon Homme CA; 08 May Minnehaha MO; 10 May Kingsbury MO; 14 May Hughes KM; 17 May Sully RDO; **25 May Jones CA**; 30 May Kingsbury JSP
- Dunlin** Early: 11 Apr Clay GJS; 16 Apr Deuel, Hamlin ND; 23 Apr Hyde KM ... Late: 30 May Roberts CV; 23 May Lake JSP; 23 May Marshall GO; 20 May Hyde KM
- Baird's Sandpiper** Early: 29 Mar Miner JSP; 31 Mar Brown GO; 31 Mar Hyde KM ... Late: 30 May Roberts CV; 25 May Jones CA; 21 May Roberts CV; 20 May Hyde KM
- Least Sandpiper** Early: 19 Apr Minnehaha CA; 22 Apr Lincoln CA; 22 Charles Mix KP ... Late: 31 May Charles Mix KP; 30 May Roberts CV; 25 May Jones CA
- White-rumped Sandpiper** Early: 02 May Bon Homme, Turner CA; 07 Lincoln MO; 08 May Minnehaha MO; 14 May Tripp RDO ... Late: 31 May Charles Mix KP; 30 May Beadle JSP; 25 May Jones CA
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Only Report: 18 May Beadle JSP
- Pectoral Sandpiper** Early: 16 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Douglas KP; 19 Apr Minnehaha CA; 10 May Perkins KM ... Late: 31 May Charles Mix KP; 29 May Hutchinson KP; 25 May Jones CA
- Semipalmated Sandpiper** Early: 18 Apr Turner CA; 19 Apr Minnehaha CA; 22 Apr Lincoln CA; 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 May Pennington ND ... Late: 31 May Douglas KP; 30 May Beadle JSP; 28 May Hutchinson KP; 14 May Tripp RDO
- Short-billed Dowitcher** All Reports: **02 May Haakon RDO**; 11 May Clay DS; 13 May Douglas RND; 13 May Lincoln CA; 18 May Minnehaha CA; **25 May Jones CA**; **28 May Todd RDO**
- Long-billed Dowitcher** Early: 19 Apr Minnehaha CA; 21 Apr Charles Mix KP; 22 Apr Clay DS; 22 Apr Lincoln CA; 26 Apr Perkins ND ... Late: 17 May Tripp MO; 14 May Hughes KM; 14 May Tripp RDO; 13 May Douglas KP
- American Woodcock** Early: 22 Mar Lincoln ND; 26 Mar Roberts CV; 28 Mar Hughes KM
- Wilson's Snipe** Early: 29 Mar Minnehaha CA; 31 Mar Clay GJS; 01 Apr Brown GO; 06 May Bennett ND
- Wilson's Phalarope** Early: 18 Apr Lincoln CA; 18 Apr Lake JSP; 22 Apr Clay DS; 22 Apr Lincoln CA; 26 Apr Perkins ND
- Red-necked Phalarope** Early: 06 May Pennington ND; 07 May McCook ND; 09 May Harding KM; 13 May Hughes RDO; **14 May Tripp RDO** ... Late: 30 May Hughes KM; 30 May Kingsbury JSP; 25 May Jones, Pennington CA; 24 May Gregory CA
- Spotted Sandpiper** Early: 27 Apr Yankton RND; 28 Apr Edmunds GO; 28 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 30 Apr Butte ND
- Solitary Sandpiper** Early: 22 Apr Lincoln CA; 23 Apr Hyde KM; 24 Apr Lake JSP; 30 Apr Meade ND ... Late: 29 May Minnehaha CA; 25 May Pennington CA; 24 May Hutchinson CA; 16 May **Union CA, MO**
- Greater Yellowlegs** Early: 24 Mar Bennett ND; 24 Mar Lincoln CA; 31 Mar Hyde KM ... Late: 20 May Minnehaha CA; 17 May Roberts CV; 15 May Brookings CV; 13 May Hughes RDO

Willet Early: 18 Apr Lincoln CA; 19 Apr Minnehaha CA; 19 Apr Moody JSP; 19 Apr Hyde KM; 19 Apr Charles Mix KP; 26 Apr Perkins ND ... Late: 22 May Perkins MO; 20 May Hyde KM; 17 May Edmunds RDO

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 13 Mar Clay DS; 30 Mar Marshall GO; 31 Mar Hyde KM; 13 Apr Meade ND ... Late: 25 May Jones CA; 20 May Minnehaha CA; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 17 May Lyman MO

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 26 Mar Charles Mix RM; 29 Mar Miner JSP; 03 Apr Charles Mix RM; 03 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 09 May Lake CA; 07 May Hutchinson ND; 05 May Hughes RDO

Franklin's Gull Early: 11 Mar Hughes KM; 12 Mar Hughes RDO; 22 Mar Stanley KM; 26 Mar Minnehaha CA; 26 Apr Meade JLB

Ring-billed Gull Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 06 Mar Yankton RND; 07 Mar Butte ND; 07 Mar Lake JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 21 May Sully (ON) RDO

California Gull Early: 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 13 Mar Meade JSP; 22 Mar Lyman ND; 22 Mar Davison ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 28 Mar, 21 Apr Butte (NB) ND; 21 May Sully (ON) RDO

Herring Gull Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Stanley RDO; 22 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 30 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Sully (ON) RDO; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP

Iceland Gull Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Stanley RDO ... Late: 13 Apr Stanley RDO; 11 Apr Stanley RDO; 10 Apr Stanley KM

Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 14 Mar Stanley RDO; 22 Mar Minnehaha CA; 30 Mar Hughes RDO ... Late: 30 May Stanley RDO; 04 May Stanley KM; 28 Apr Stanley KM

Glaucous Gull All Reports: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 15 Mar Stanley KM; 03 Apr Stanley KM; 04 Apr Stanley KM

Great Black-backed Gull All Reports: 04-25 Apr Stanley KM, RDO

Least Tern All Reports: 16 May Clay MO; 18 May Yankton RND; 20 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Stanley KM; 27 May Charles Mix RM; 31 May Charles Mix RM

Caspian Tern Early: 20 Apr Stanley RDO; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Brown GO ... Late: 30 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Sully (ON) RDO; 20 May Brown GO; 10 May Meade EK

Black Tern Early: 01 May Charles Mix RM; 03 May Clay DS; 04 May Stanley KM; 08 May Minnehaha MO; 14 May Tripp RDO

Common Tern Early: 28 Apr Stanley RDO; 09 May Lake CA; 12 May Brown GO ... Confirmed Breeding: 21 May Sully (ON) RDO

Forster's Tern Early: 15 Apr Charles Mix RM; 17 Apr Yankton RND; 18 Apr Miner JSP

Common Loon Early: 12 Mar Yankton ND; 31 Mar Gregory RM; 03 Apr Lake JSP; 18 Apr Meade ND ... Late: 28 May Lake JSP; 22 May Perkins MO; 16 May Stanley KM

Double-crested Cormorant Early: 22 Mar Minnehaha CA; 24 Mar Bennett ND; 29 Mar Kingsbury JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 16 Apr-26 May, Aurora, Bennett, Charles Mix, Clark, Stanley counties (NB, ON)

American White Pelican Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 22 Mar Brule ND; 24 Mar Bennett ND; 04 Apr Lake JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 06 May Bennett (ON) ND

American Bittern Early: 15 Apr Charles Mix RM; 19 Apr Lyman RDO; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 26 Apr Meade JLB

Great Blue Heron Early: 01 Mar Pennington JLB; 11 Mar Davison JSP; 16 Mar Meade ND; 22 Mar Stanley RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 10 reports, 24 Mar-06 May, Aurora, Bennett, Butte, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington counties (ON)

Great Egret Early: 26 Mar Bennett ND; 03 Apr Minnehaha CA; 04 Apr Yankton RND

Snowy Egret All Reports: 11 Apr Charles Mix KP; 18 Apr Turner CA; 12 May Marshall GO; 23 May Marshall GO

Cattle Egret Early: 25 Apr Faulk KM; 01 May Charles Mix RM, KP; 02 May Beadle KM; 07 May Harding KM

Green Heron Early: 30 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Brown GO; 06 May Douglas KP; 14 May Charles Mix KP

Black-crowned Night-Heron Early: 04 Apr Lake JSP; 15 Apr Minnehaha CA; 16 Apr Brookings CV;

21 Apr Charles Mix KP ... Confirmed Breeding: 26 Apr Aurora (ON) CA

Glossy Ibis Early: **11 Apr Clay GJS**, DS; 25 Apr Brown MO; **02 May Beadle KM**; 03 May Hughes KM, RDO

White-faced Ibis Early: 14 Apr Douglas KP; 15 Apr Minnehaha CA; 17 Apr Brown GO; 19 Apr Lyman RDO; 30 Apr Perkins ND

Turkey Vulture Early: 29 Mar Clay GJS; 30 Mar Brown GO; 30 Mar Charles Mix RM; 30 Mar Lake JSP; 06 Apr Pennington CLG

Osprey Early: **17 Mar Pennington CLG (early)**; 06 Apr Lawrence ND; 09 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Roberts MO ... Confirmed Breeding: 05 Apr-19 May, Hughes, Lawrence, Pennington counties (NB, CN, ON)

Golden Eagle Confirmed Breeding: 21 Apr Butte (ON) ND; 25 Apr Harding (ON) ND; 26 Apr Harding (ON) ND; 08 May Harding (NY) KM

Northern Harrier Early: 04 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Mar Lyman RDO; 04 Mar Douglas KP; 11 Mar Bennett ND

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 08 May Clay GJS; 07 May Lincoln ND; 26 Apr Meade JLB

Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 07 Apr-23 May Douglas (ON) KP; 07 May Brown (ON) GO

Northern Goshawk All Reports: 01 Mar Brown GO; 10 Mar Hughes KM; 17 Mar Hughes KM; 20 Mar Hughes KM

Bald Eagle Confirmed Breeding: 56 reports 04 Mar-31 May, Aurora, Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clark, Codington, Fall River, Hamlin, Harding, Hughes, Hutchinson, McCook, Meade, Pennington, Potter, Roberts, Stanley, Yankton counties (NB, CN, ON, NY, FY)

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 15 Apr Roberts CV; 24 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Lake JSP; 25 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Perkins ND ... Late: 30 May Roberts MO; 20 May Custer MO; 20 May Yankton KP

Swainson's Hawk Early: 05 Apr Roberts MO; 05 Apr Hughes KM; 06 Apr Lyman RDO; 15 Apr Haakon ND

Red-tailed Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 24 Mar-08 May, Bon Homme, Butte, Charles Mix, Harding, Meade, Spink, Stanley, Sully counties (ON)

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 26 Apr Harding ND; 23 Apr Hyde KM; 21 Apr Butte ND; 06 Apr Day GO

Ferruginous Hawk Early: 17 Mar Meade ND; 27 Mar Sully RDO; 28 Mar Harding ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 18 Apr Meade (CN) ND

Barn Owl All Reports: 20 Mar Hughes KM; 30 May Sully KM

Eastern Screech-Owl All Reports: 16 Mar Brown GO; 28 Mar Hughes KM, RDO; 21 Apr Hughes KM; 08 May Harding (NY) KM

Great Horned Owl Confirmed Breeding: 01 Mar-21 May, Bennett, Campbell, Charles Mix, Codington, Hyde, Lyman, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, Roberts, Stanley, Tripp (CN, ON, NY)

Snowy Owl Only Report: 01 Mar Brown GO

Burrowing Owl Early: 06 Apr Hyde KM; 10 Apr Stanley RDO; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Douglas KP; 24 Apr Pennington JLB

Barred Owl All Reports: 22 Mar Lincoln ND; 06 May Lincoln CA; 14 May Lincoln CA

Long-eared Owl Confirmed Breeding: 07 Apr-06 May Stanley KM; 25 Apr Harding ND

Short-eared Owl Early: 24 Mar Bennett ND; 04 Apr Pennington ND; 06 Apr Lyman RDO; 15 Apr Faulk ND ... Late: 25 May Pennington CA; 22 May Perkins MO; 21 May Harding MO

Northern Saw-whet Owl Confirmed Breeding: 25 Apr Harding (NY) ND; 08 May Harding (ON) KM

Belted Kingfisher Early: 02 Mar Pennington CLG; 08 Mar Charles Mix KP; 23 Mar Douglas KP

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: 02 Apr Roberts CV; 06 Apr Marshall GO; 06 Apr Lake JSP; 15 Apr Clay GJS

Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 02 May Meade ND; 03 May Lawrence ND; 03 May Pennington JLB; 18 May Custer MO

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 06 Mar Lawrence ND; 07 Mar Meade ND; 12 Mar Lawrence RDO; 18 Mar Custer MO; 18 Mar Meade ND

Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 22 Apr Clay DS; 02 May Bon Homme CA; 06 May Douglas KP; 14

May Tripp RDO

- Red-bellied Woodpecker** Confirmed Breeding: 20-23 May Yankton (ON, CF, FY) KP, RND
American Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 18 May Custer MO; 19 May Lawrence MO
Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 01 Mar – 31 May Roberts CV; 09 May Lincoln MO; 26 May Marshall GO
Northern Flicker Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix RM; 01 Mar Douglas KP; 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 02 Mar Pennington CLG
Merlin Late: 26 Apr Harding ND; 25 Apr Meade ND; 17 Apr Butte DS; 17 Apr Stanley ND; 15 Apr Faulk ND
Peregrine Falcon Early: 12 Mar Minnehaha CA; 16 Apr Clark, Hamlin ND; 21 Apr Butte ND ... Late: 17 May Brown GO; 17 May Lincoln CA; 16 May Hughes KM; 10 May Perkins KM
Prairie Falcon All Reports: 06 Mar Lawrence ND; 07 Mar Meade ND; 07 Mar Brown GO; 21 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Harding ND; 26 Apr Perkins ND; 25 May Jackson CA
Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 14 May Lincoln JSP; 21 May Lake JSP; 22 May Brown GO; 25 May Hughes KM; 26 May Hughes KM
Western Wood-Pewee Early: 11 May Pennington CLG; 20 May Custer MO
Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 27 Apr Charles Mix RM; 07 May Lincoln ND; 16 May Union MO
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 21 May Minnehaha CA; 23 May Lake JSP
Alder Flycatcher Early: 21 May Sully KM; 22 May Minnehaha CA; 23 May Lake JSP ... Late: 30 May Sully KM; 30 May Brookings CA; 26 May Minnehaha CA
Willow Flycatcher Early: 11 May Lincoln CA; 14 May Minnehaha CA; 16 May Clay MO; 25 May Jones CA
Least Flycatcher Early: 28 Apr Clay DS; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 01 May Stanley KM; 05 May Pennington ND
Dusky Flycatcher All Reports: 18 May Custer MO; 20 May Custer MO
Cordilleran Flycatcher Only Report: 18 May Custer MO
Eastern Phoebe Early: 21 Mar Charles Mix RM; 04 Apr Clay DS; 06 Apr Hyde KM; 06 Apr Day GO; 09 May Fall River ND
Say's Phoebe Early: 03 Apr Hughes RDO; 04 Apr Gregory ND; 05 Apr Charles Mix KP; 08 Apr Meade ND; 20 Apr Douglas KP
Great Crested Flycatcher Early: 07 May Union DS; 08 May Lincoln MO; 18 May Charles Mix RM
Western Kingbird Early: 30 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Hughes KM; 01 May Stanley; 02 May Haakon RDO
Eastern Kingbird Early: 02 May Yankton CA; 07 May Harding KM; 07 May Miner ND
Bell's Vireo Early: 08 May Yankton RND; 14 May Charles Mix RM; 18 May Douglas KP; 25 May Pennington CA
Yellow-throated Vireo Early: 07 May Lake JSP; 14 May Lincoln CA, MO, JSP; 16 May Clay GJS
Blue-headed Vireo Early: 30 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Union DS; 03 May Minnehaha CA ... Late: 23 May Lake JSP; 21 May Minnehaha CA; 19 May Union RND
Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 18 May Custer MO; 19 May Pennington MO; 20 May Custer MO; 22 May Pennington KM
Philadelphia Vireo Early: 12 May Day GO; 14 May Minnehaha MO; 16 May Union DS ... Late: 26 May Brookings JSP; 25 May Lake JSP; 23 May Clay GJS
Warbling Vireo Early: 25 Apr Brown GO; 29 Apr Clay GJS; 02 May Bon Homme CA; 18 May Custer MO ... Confirmed Breeding: 21 May Yankton (CN) KP
Red-eyed Vireo Early: 15 May Fall River ND; 16 May Hughes KM; 16 May Union MO; 17 May Lincoln CA
Loggerhead Shrike Early: 29 Mar Fall River ND; 06 Apr Todd RDO; 17 Apr Pennington ND; 22 Apr Campbell ND
Northern Shrike Late: 31 Mar Edmunds GO; 30 Mar Marshall GO; 27 Mar Stanley RDO
Canada Jay All Reports: 07 Mar Pennington ND; 12 Mar Custer JSP; 21 Mar Pennington ND; 06 Apr Lawrence ND; 10 May Pennington JLB; 18 May Custer MO; 19 May Lawrence MO
Blue Jay Confirmed Breeding: 16 May Douglas (ON) KP

Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 10 May Pennington JLB; 18 May Custer MO

Black-billed Magpie Confirmed Breeding: 09 Apr Stanley (ON) RDO ... also reported 28 May Mellette RDO

American Crow Confirmed Breeding: 06 Mar Lawrence (CN) ND; 21 Mar Pennington (CN) ND; 06 Apr (CN) ND

Common Raven Only Report: 08 May Harding KM

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Charles Mix KP; 25 Apr Marshall MO; 27 Apr Pennington CLG

Purple Martin Early: 06 Apr Douglas KP; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 24 Apr Stanley KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 17 May Douglas (ON) KP

Tree Swallow Early: 31 Mar Yankton RND; 06 Apr Hutchinson KP; 08 Apr Clay DS; 21 Apr Butte ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 23 Apr-29 May, Brookings, Charles Mix, Douglas counties (NB, NE, ON)

Violet-green Swallow Early: 02 May Meade ND; 11 May Pennington CLG; 17 May Fall River MO

Bank Swallow Early: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 02 May Beadle KM; 07 May Harding KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 8 May Roberts (ON) CV

Barn Swallow Early: 11 Apr Clay DS; 22 Apr Lincoln, Minnehaha CA; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Perkins ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 01, 14 May Gregory (NB) KP; 25 May Pennington (ON) CLG

Cliff Swallow Early: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Faulk KM; 26 Apr Sanborn CA; 06 May Todd RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 14 May Roberts (ON) CV

Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 19 Apr Hyde KM; 18 Apr Clay GJS; 12 Apr Hughes EDS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 04 Apr Clay DS; 04 Apr Hughes KM; 06 Apr Brown GO; 15 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 21 May Minnehaha CA; 21 May Clay GJS; 19 May Union RND

Black-capped Chickadee Confirmed Breeding: 03 May Stanley (FY) KM; 05 May Pennington (CN) ND

Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: 31 May Hughes KM; 30 May Brown GO; 18 May Lake JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 25, 30 May Brown (CF) GO

Pygmy Nuthatch All Reports: 05 May Pennington ND; 19 May Pennington MO

Brown Creeper Late: 17 May Marshall CV; 16 May Roberts CV; 15 May Brookings CV; 26 Apr Clay GJS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: 26 Apr Union DS; 26 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 18 May Custer MO

Rock Wren Early: 23 Apr Jackson ND; 02 May Haakon RDO; 08 May Fall River ND

Canyon Wren All Reports: 13 Mar Meade RDO; 29 Mar Fall River ND; 17 May Fall River MO; 18 May Custer MO; 19 May Pennington MO

House Wren Early: 22 Apr Clay DS; 25 Apr Charles Mix KP; 26 Apr Stanley KM; 27 Apr Douglas KP; 06 May Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding: 20 May Yankton (ON) KP

Winter Wren All Reports: 10 Mar Hughes KM; 16 Mar Hughes KM; 05 Apr Marshall MO; 24 Apr Roberts MO

Sedge Wren Early: 23 Apr Clay DS; 25 Apr Lincoln CA; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Yankton CA; 24 May Tripp CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 21 May Clay (CN) GJS

Marsh Wren Early: 24 Mar Hughes KM; 26 Mar Bennett ND; 24 Apr Minnehaha CA

Carolina Wren All Reports: 06 May Yankton RND; 07 May Yankton ND; 08 May Yankton RND; 1 May Clay RND

American Dipper All Reports: 07 Mar Lawrence ND; 12 Mar Lawrence RDO; 06 Apr Lawrence (NB) ND; 03 May Lawrence (NY) ND; 20 May Lawrence MO

Gray Catbird Early: 29 Apr Clay GJS; 30 Apr Charles Mix RM; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 09 May Fall River ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 12 May Clay (CF) GJS

Brown Thrasher Early: 23 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Hyde KM; 25 Apr Brown MO; 02 May Haakon RDO

Northern Mockingbird Only Report: 17 May Lyman MO

European Starling Confirmed Breeding: 17 reports, 20 Apr-26 May, Douglas, Fall River, Minnehaha, Pennington, Roberts, Yankton counties (CN, NY, CF, FY)

Eastern Bluebird Early: 06 Mar Charles Mix RM; 12 Mar Mellette ND; 12 Mar Ziebach RDO; 16 Mar Lake JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 03 May Stanley (ON) KM; 26 May Charles Mix (CF) RM

Mountain Bluebird Early: 07 Mar Meade, Pennington ND; 11 Mar Jackson ND, JSP; 17 Mar Stanley KM, RDO; **22 Mar Minnehaha CA**

Townsend's Solitaire Late: 28 Apr Edmunds GO; 09 Apr Hughes KM; 17 Mar Stanley RDO

Varied Thrush Only Report: 07 Mar Pennington ND

Veery Early: 16 May Stanley RDO; 16 May Hughes RDO; 17 May Lincoln CA

Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 07 May Harding KM; 07 May Lincoln ND, MO; 08 May Minnehaha CA, MO; 12 May Hughes KM ... Late: 22 May Clay GJS; 18 May Douglas KP; 18 May Yankton RND

Swainson's Thrush Early: 28 Apr Edmunds GO; 28 Apr Hughes, Stanley KM; 05 May Pennington ND ... Late: 30 May Brown GO; 30 May Marshall MO; 30 May Sully KM

Hermit Thrush Early: 05 Apr Marshall, Roberts MO; 07 Apr Minnehaha CA; 11 Apr Stanley KM ... Late: 11 May Stanley KM; 28 Apr Edmunds GO; 25 Apr Brown GO

Wood Thrush Early: 03 May Minnehaha CA; 07 May Lincoln MO; 13 May Union DS

American Robin Confirmed Breeding: 17 reports 27 Apr-27 May, Brown, Douglas, Hughes, Lincoln, Marshall, Minnehaha, Pennington, Yankton counties (CN, CF, ON, FY)

House Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 24 Apr-29 May, Charles Mix, Douglas, Pennington, Turner counties (CN, NB, CF FY)

American Pipit Early: 30 Mar Brown GO; 12 Apr Clay DS; 20 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 16 May Clay DS; 14 May Hughes KM; 09 May McCook CA

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 26 Apr Harding ND; 30 Apr Hyde KM; 10 May Harding KM

Evening Grosbeak All Reports: 13 Mar Meade RDO; 30 Mar Meade ND; 06 Apr Lawrence ND; 16 Apr Lawrence MS

House Finch Confirmed Breeding: 24 Apr Douglas (CN) KP

Purple Finch Late: 11 May Roberts CV; 22 Mar Union GJS; 17 Mar Hughes KM

Cassin's Finch Only Report: 20 Apr Pennington ND

Common Redpoll Only Report: 14 Apr Pennington EO

Red Crossbill Late: 21 May Roberts CV; 02 May Lake JSP; 28 Apr Hughes KM

Pine Siskin Late: 31 May Roberts CV; 29 May Hyde KM; 26 May Lake JSP

Lapland Longspur Late: 23 Apr Hyde KM; 12 Apr Clay DS; 12 Apr Stanley RDO; 04 Apr Lake JSP; 17 Mar Meade ND

Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 27 Mar Sully RDO; 30 Mar Hand, Hyde RDO; 08 Apr Butte ND

McCown's Longspur: 08 Apr Butte ND; 18 Apr Butte DS

Grasshopper Sparrow Early: 29 Apr Stanley KM; 01 May Charles Mix RM; 03 May Butte EK; 07 May Lincoln ND

Chipping Sparrow Early: 03 Apr Clay GJS; 06 Apr Todd RDO; 07 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 15 May Clay (CN) GJS; 15 May Brookings (ON) CV

Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 15 Apr Charles Mix RM; 15 Apr Clay GJS; 27 Apr Stanley RDO; 28 Apr Lake JSP; 30 Apr Perkins ND

Field Sparrow Early: 03 Apr Clay GJS; 11 Apr Lake JSP; 21 Apr Charles Mix KP; 01 May Pennington ND

Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: 07-09 Harding KM; 09 May Fall River ND; 20 May Fall River MO

Lark Sparrow Early: 15 Apr Brown GO; 21 Apr Haakon RDO; 25 Apr Clay DS

Lark Bunting Early: 06 May Pennington ND; 07 May Haakon, Stanley KM; 24 May Charles Mix CA

American Tree Sparrow Late: 25 Apr Harding, Meade ND; 24 Apr Minnehaha CA; 22 Apr Campbell ND

Fox Sparrow Early: 31 Mar Clay DS; 31 Mar Hyde KM; 01 Apr Brown GO ... Late: 24 Apr Roberts CV; 22 Apr Brown GO; 21 Apr Clay GJS; 16 Apr Hamlin ND

Dark-eyed Junco Late: 14 May Brown GO; 30 Apr Roberts CV; 29 Apr Stanley KM

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 23 Apr Jackson ND; 24 Apr Douglas KP; 28 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 26 May Lake JSP; 18 May Brookings CV; 18 May Douglas KP; 18 May Hughes KM; 15 May Fall River ND

Harris's Sparrow Early: 02 Apr Clay GJS; 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Roberts CV; 07 May Harding KM ... Late: 23 May Brown GO; 23 May Clay GJS; 21 May Roberts CV

White-throated Sparrow Early: 09 Apr Roberts CV; 11 Apr Clay GJS; 22 Apr Minnehaha CA; 01 May Pennington ND ... Late: 29 May Hyde KM; 25 May Brown GO; 22 May Minnehaha CA

Vesper Sparrow Early: 08 Apr Clay DS; 10 Apr Hughes RDO; 11 Apr Roberts MO; 23 Apr Jackson ND

LeConte's Sparrow Early: 17 Apr Clay GJS; 21 Apr Clay DS; 22 Apr Lincoln CA ... Late: 17 May Roberts CV; 09 May Brown GO; 03 May Clay DS

Nelson's Sparrow Only Report: 18 May Clay DS

Savannah Sparrow Early: 21 Mar Clay DS; 04 Apr Douglas KP; 06 Apr Hutchinson KP; 23 Apr Jackson ND

Baird's Sparrow All Reports: 03 May Butte EK; 10 May Harding KM; 21 May Butte, Harding MO; 22 May Perkins MO

Henslow's Sparrow Only Report: 27 Apr Lincoln CA

Song Sparrow Early: 07 Mar Pennington ND; 11 Mar Bennett ND; 11 Mar Douglas KP; 16 Mar Clay GJS

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 02 Apr Stanley RDO; 05 Apr Charles Mix KP; 13 Clay GJS; 23 Apr Brown GO; 23 Apr Pennington ND ... Late: 24 May Hutchinson CA; 18 May Clay GJS; 18 May Custer MO

Swamp Sparrow Early: 06 Apr Clay DS; 16 Apr Minnehaha CA; 22 Apr Charles Mix KP

Spotted Towhee Early: 17 Apr Hyde RDO; 24 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Charles Mix KP; 29 Apr Brown GO; 01 May Pennington ND

Eastern Towhee Early: 02 Apr Clay GJS; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Charles Mix KP; 06 May Lincoln CA

Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 08 May Fall River ND; 13 May Stanley KM; 16 May Hughes KM

Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 26 Mar Clay DS; 27 Mar Sully RDO; 29 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 24 Apr Pennington JLB ... Confirmed Breeding: 07 May Miner (CN) ND

Bobolink Early: 03 May Clay DS; 05 May Hughes RDO; 06 May Bennett ND; 07 May Davison ND

Western Meadowlark Early: 04 Mar Douglas KP; 06 Mar Lincoln MO; 07 Mar Butte EK; 07 Mar Lake JSP; 08 Mar Charles Mix KP

Eastern Meadowlark Early: 06 Apr Clay GJS, DS; 06 May Bennett ND

Orchard Oriole Early: 02 May Douglas KP; 05 May Clay GJS; 06 May Yankton RND; 17 May Tripp MO

Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 09 May Fall River ND; 17 May Fall River MO; 25 May Haakon CA

Baltimore Oriole Early: 28 Apr Clay GJS; 30 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Minnehaha CA; 09 May Harding KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 19, 21 May Yankton (CN, ON) KP, 27 May Minnehaha (CN) CA

Red-winged Blackbird Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 06 Mar Lincoln, Union MO; 11 Mar Bennett ND

Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 08 Mar Lincoln MO; 15 Mar Hutchinson KP; 20 Mar Clay GJS; 30 Apr Butte ND

Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 04 Mar Hughes KM; 07 Mar Lake JSP; 07 Mar Lincoln MO; 27 Mar Roberts CV; 04 Apr Marshall, Roberts CV; 05 Apr Roberts MO; 23 Apr Hughes KM

Brewer's Blackbird Early: 04 Mar Charles Mix KP; 23 Mar Union ND; 30 Mar Stanley RDO; 16 Apr Hamlin ND

Common Grackle Early: 06 Mar Clay GJS; 07 Mar Bon Homme, Lincoln MO; 11 Mar Bennett ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 10 reports, 07 Apr-28 May, Codington, Douglas, Pennington, Roberts, Spink counties (NB, CN, ON, CF)

Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 23 Mar Davison KM; 21 Apr Butte ND; 24 Apr Clay DS; 26 Apr Sanborn CA; 01 May Douglas KP; 12 May Roberts GO; 15 May Fall River ND; 21 May Sully RDO

Ovenbird Early: 06 May Brown GO; 06 May Lincoln CA; 07 May Minnehaha CA; 09 May Union MO; 19 May Pennington MO

Northern Waterthrush Early: 26 Apr Clay DS; 28 Apr Edmunds JDW; 29 Apr Brown GO ... Late: 23 May Clay GJS; 22 May Minnehaha CA; 22 May Yankton KP

Golden-winged Warbler All Reports: 15 May Minnehaha CA; 16 May Union CA, MO, DS; 17 May Lincoln CA; 17 May Douglas KP; **18 May Kingsbury JSP**; 19 May Clay GJS

Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: 07-16 May Lincoln CA, MO

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 28 Apr Edmunds GO; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 29 Apr Brown GO; 07 May Harding KM ... Late: 26 May Brookings JSP; 22 May Brown GO; 22 May Clay GJS

Prothonotary Warbler Only Report: 21 May Minnehaha CA

Tennessee Warbler Early: 06 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Lincoln CA; 10 May Clay GJS; 17 May Fall River MO ... Late: 30 May Roberts MO; 29 May Hyde KM; 27 May Hughes KM; 22 May Pennington KM

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 21 Apr Clay GJS; 22 Apr Stanley ND; 23 Apr Jackson ND; 23 Apr Brown GO ... Late: 23 May Lincoln CA; 22 May Minnehaha CA; 22 May Yankton KP; 18 May Custer MO

Nashville Warbler Early: 30 Apr Lake JSP; 03 May Minnehaha CA; 06 May Lincoln CA; 07 May Union MO ... Late: 23 May Day, Marshall GO; 22 May Roberts CV; 22 May Clay GJS

Virginia's Warbler Only Report: 20 May Custer MO

Connecticut Warbler All Reports: **18 May Douglas KP**; 25 May Hughes KM; 26 May Marshall GO; 26 May Brookings JSP

MacGillivray's Warbler Only Report 19 May Custer MO

Mourning Warbler Early: 16 May Lincoln MO; 16 May Union DS; 17 May Hyde KM ... Late: 30 May Marshall, Roberts MO; 29 May Hyde KM; 29 May Hughes EDS

Common Yellowthroat Early: 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Pennington CLG; 30 Apr Brown GO; 02 May Bon Homme CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 24 May Clay (CN) GJS

Hooded Warbler All Reports: 14 May Lincoln JSP; 15 May Lincoln CA, MO; 21 May Lake JSP

American Redstart Early: 07 May Lincoln MO; 07 May Minnehaha CA; 09 May Pennington JLB; 12 May Hughes KM

Cape May Warbler All Reports: 16 May Union CA, MO, DS; 18 May Clay GJS; 23 May Lincoln CA

Northern Parula All Reports: 04 May Brown GO; 05 May Brown GO; 07 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Minnehaha CA, MO; 12 May Hughes KM; 17 May Lincoln CA; 19 May Union RND

Magnolia Warbler Early: 13 May Lake JSP; 14 May Lincoln, Minnehaha CA; 16 May Union CA, MO, DS ... Late: 29 May Hyde KM; 26 May Lake JSP; 25 May Hughes KM

Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports: 13 May Union DS; 16 May Union CA, MO; 17 May Lincoln CA; 21 May Minnehaha CA; 21 May Lake JSP; 21 May Roberts CV; 23 May Lake JSP

Blackburnian Warbler All Reports: 16 May Lake JSP; 16 May Union CA, MO, DS; 17 May Clay DS; 17 May Lincoln CA; 19 May Union RND; 21 May Lake JSP; 23 May Lincoln CA; 23 May Lake JSP

Yellow Warbler Early: 01 May Clay DS; 02 May Lake JSP; 02 May Charles Mix RM; 05 May Pennington ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 15 May Fall River (CN) ND; 22 May Yankton (CN) KP

Chestnut-sided Warbler Early: 16 May Douglas KP; 16 May Lake JSP; 16 May Lincoln MO; 16 May Union CA, MO, DS ... Late: 30 May Brookings CA; 30 May Roberts MO; 25 May Douglas KP; 23 May Clay GJS

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 04 May Brown GO; 04 May Hughes KM; 04 May Lake JSP; 08 May Harding KM ... Late: 30 May Roberts MO; 29 May Hyde KM; 26 May Brookings JSP

Palm Warbler Early: 25 Apr Faulk KM; 25 Apr Lake JSP; 26 Apr Brown GO; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 21 May Clay GJS; 17 May Douglas KP; 17 May Hyde KM

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 29 Mar Hughes KM; 29 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 06 Apr Minnehaha CA; 20 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 27 May Roberts CV; 21 May Yankton KP; 19 May Brown GO

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 07 May Union MO, DS; 08 May Lincoln CA; 11 May Union RND; 17 May Lincoln CA; 18 May Kingsbury JSP; 19 May Roberts CV; 19 May Union RND

Canada Warbler All Reports: 16 May Union DS; 17 May Douglas KP; 17 May Lincoln CA; 19 May Union RND; 21 May Minnehaha CA; 23 May Lake JSP; 23 May Lincoln CA; 26 May Brookings JSP

Wilson's Warbler Early: 07 May Lincoln MO; 07 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Fall River ND; 16 May Clay GJS ... Late: 26 May Charles Mix KP; 24 May Brown GO; 22 May Minnehaha CA

Summer Tanager Early: 30 Apr Lake JSP; 06 May Yankton RND; 08 May Stanley RDO; 11 May Brown GO; **13 May Charles Mix RM** ... Late: 25 May Charles Mix RM

Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 07 May Union DS; 16 May Union CA, MO; 25 May Hughes KM; 26 May Hughes KM; 30 May Roberts MO

Western Tanager Early: 10 May Harding KM; 12 May Hughes KM; 17 May Fall River MO; 17 May Pennington JLB; 21 May Stanley KM
Northern Cardinal Reported 07 Mar – 25 May Pennington JLB, CLG, ND, KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 26 Apr Clay (CN) GJS; 07 May Lincoln (NB) ND

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 29 Apr Charles Mix RM; 02 May Union DS; 03 May CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 21, 22 May Yankton (CN) KP

Black-headed Grosbeak Early: 03 May Stanley KM; 05 May Hughes KM; 09 May Fall River ND; 17 May Roberts CV

Blue Grosbeak Early: 21 May Stanley KM; 23 May Mellette RDO; 25 May Haakon CA; 27 May Douglas KP

Lazuli Bunting All Reports: 07-08 May Harding KM; 09 May Fall River ND; 10 May Haakon KM; 16 May Hughes KM; 17 May Fall River MO; **29 May Hyde KM**

Indigo Bunting Early: 10 May Clay GJS; 14 May Charles Mix KP; 14 May Lincoln CA, MO, JSP
Dickcissel Early: 07 May Clay DS; 24 May Tripp CA; 24 May Douglas KP

Species Expected But Not Reported

Surf Scoter, White-winged Dove (3), Clark's Grebe, Red Knot (4), Neotropic Cormorant (2), Least Bittern (2), Little Blue Heron (2), Black-backed Woodpecker (2), Pinyon Jay (2), Bohemian Waxwing (2), Pine Grosbeak (4), Lesser Goldfinch (2), Snow Bunting, Worm-eating Warbler (3),

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Iceland Gull: 13 Apr Pennington ND (first county record)

White-eyed Vireo: 07 May Lincoln MO; 08 May Minnehaha MO; 14 May Lincoln MO, JSP

Pacific Wren: 01 Mar Stanley KM; 04 Mar – 10 Apr Hughes KM (no report necessary; previously submitted to committee for continuing bird)

Kentucky Warbler: 14 May Lincoln MO, JSP; 30 May Roberts CV

Western Tanager: 08 May Union GJS; 14 May Union MO; 19 May Union RND (first county records)

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