

# South Dakota Bird Notes

South Dakota Ornithologists' Union



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Western Meadowlark

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Barn Owl Chicks, July 25, 2014, Douglas Co..







## President's Page

*Kelly Preheim*

Birding has been a great way to deal with the isolation and stress that many have felt during this last year of COVID-19 restrictions. However, I have become set in my ways and I seem to go birding in the same areas. I know where to find specific birds during each season, I enjoy hiking the same trails and I feel comfortable and safe birding in these places that are close to home.

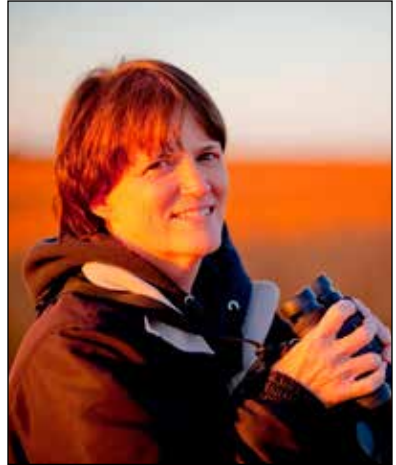
My new goal is to try to venture out to some different locales. Who knows what interesting wetland, woodlot, grassland or other sort of bird-y area I might stumble upon? I may have to visit these areas at different times of the year, as bird populations fluctuate due to the time of day, weather, or season.

There will be days when I still want to go on my usual trek or “milk run” as Ricky calls it, but on those other days when I’m up for a little adventure, I will try to venture farther. I plan to

check out a map and see where I haven’t been or on other days, I’ll travel down a different gravel road. A person could try to go birding down every road in his/her county or surrounding counties.

I’d like to encourage you to also explore new areas to see what birds you might find. As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift, you could meet another birder or bring a friend along. It’s another way to enhance our study of birds. In a state with few birders, we should try to increase our observation areas and while you’re at it, consider contributing to citizen science by submitting your species lists to SDOU’s online seasonal bird report system run by Jeff Palmer (<https://research.dsu.edu/sdousbor/default.aspx>) and/or submit your findings to eBird.

Get outdoors, explore our natural world and enjoy the birds!



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Upcoming SDOU Meetings.**

The 2021 spring SDOU meeting, scheduled to be in Belle Fourche, is cancelled. Instead, we will have a Birding Big Day on May 15th. We encourage everyone to get out on that date and send their results to Dave Swanson, [david.swanson@usd.edu](mailto:david.swanson@usd.edu). Dave will compile a statewide Big Day list.

The Sioux Falls Bird Club will host the fall 2021 meeting in the Sioux Falls area. More details to come!

#### **David J. Holden Award 2020 recipient**

SDOU’s David J. Holden Scholarship Award is awarded annually to an undergraduate student attending South Dakota State University, majoring in natural or biological science, with an interest in the environment. The 2020-2021 recipient is Jennalee Larson from Sioux Falls. Jennalee is a senior in the Department of Natural Resource Management at South Dakota State University. Each year SDOU gives out several scholarships and grants to students and researchers. More information is at [SDOU.org](http://SDOU.org). Donations are

gratefully accepted to help fund any of our programs. Please send your check to our treasurer with a note designating which fund you are gifting.



## A Surprise for the Teacher!

*Kelly Preheim*

On the morning of July 9, 2014, one of my kindergarten boys called me on his mom's cell phone inviting me to his great grandparents' old abandoned farmstead to see a cool bird in an upstairs room. Neither the child nor his mother would tell me what the bird was, so it was a mystery. I got the directions from his mom and quickly headed out to the destination.

I met them at the farmhouse on that very hot morning and they were all smiles. We went into the old, spooky, smelly house. The windows were broken and there was trash scattered all over. The little boy told me to watch out for raccoons because the last time he was there, a raccoon crawled out from inside the couch.

While we were climbing the creaky stairs, I was a bit nervous about falling through the rickety stairs or meeting a raccoon at the top of the steps. I noticed the stairs were littered with many pieces of what looked like feces. After the three of us got near the upstairs room, the boy asked me if I wanted to go first. I laughed and said, "No." I didn't know what would be in there. As we quietly stepped into the old bedroom, a large, white and tan bird flew towards us, veered to the left and ran into the window! It quickly got back up and flew out an exit hole in the closet. The little boy ran to the closet and called me over to look. As he shone a flashlight in the closet, I heard this surprisingly loud hissing sound. There on the floor were seven young, downy Barn Owls sitting atop a pile of owl pellets! I had never seen Barn Owlets before, and they were so interesting as they swayed back and forth while hissing at us. It was apparent which two were the last hatched, as they looked markedly different and were smaller.



We stayed for a short time to observe them, while I quickly took a few photos and a short video. Then we left them, so their parent could return. On our way down the stairs, I realized that the many odd, feces-like pieces on the steps were owl pellets. The little boy was so proud to show me those owlets and I was thrilled to have seen them!

Twelve days later, on July 20th, I went back to check on the owlets and this time I invited birder Ron Mabie along. The owlets were beginning to molt and some brown plumage was coming through the white down feathers.

Five days later on July 25th, Dave Swanson and I were scanning an enormous flock of shorebirds at the nearby Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge. I asked him to stop by to see the young Barn Owls on his way home. This time the owlets were swaying and snapping their bills at us. Their brown and dark gray feathers were more prominent. The two smallest Barn Owls had filled out and were resembling their siblings a bit more. They all huddled in the corner facing us. Their heart-shaped faces and facial discs were distinct, as were their black eyes.

I share this story along with the photos and video with my bird-y kindergartners and Chickadee Bird Club each year. They love that a 6-year-old made this discovery and I love that this little boy invited me to see them. I'm so glad my students have a passion for birds like I do!



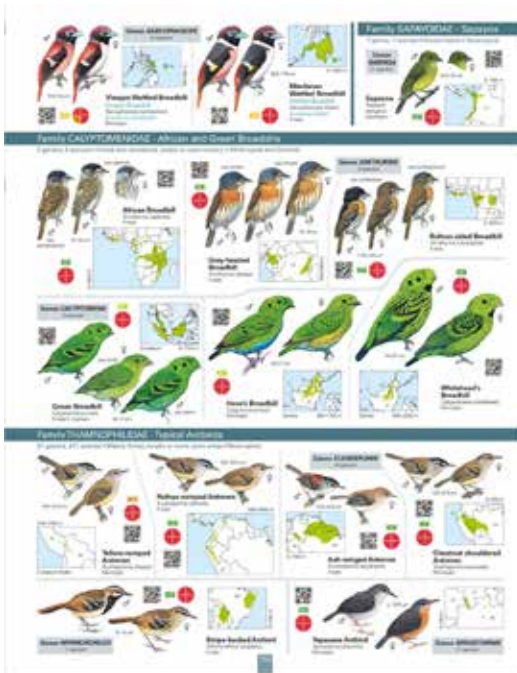
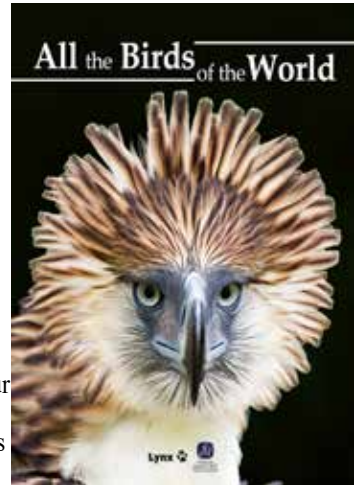
# Book Review: All the Birds of the World

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All the Birds of the World. Josep del Hoyo, ed. 967 pp. Lynx Ediciones: Barcelona. Hardbound. \$125.

This book is amazing. If you are interested in birds, or if you need a gift for someone who is, take a look at this volume. This 967-page book contains a series of excellent color illustrations of all of the 11,324 known bird species of the world. For each species, both sexes are illustrated, if they differ, and many races are included—20,865 illustrations in all.

The sample page below gives you an idea of the book's layout. Each species is framed in a section that includes a range map, a notation of the bird's conservation status, a red circle that indicates if ornithologists disagree about the taxonomic status of the bird, and alternate common and scientific names. There are check boxes for your own lists. Even the approximately 150 species known to have become extinct since 1500 are included in an appendix. The book also includes a 37-page world atlas with details of interest to amateur birders and ornithologists. This book may strike you as fairly expensive at \$125, but, as the publishers proclaim, it is the "easiest and most enjoyable way to browse through all the birds of the world."



But it gets better! Included with each illustration is a QR code that, when read by your cell phone, links you to that species' account in eBird's collection of videos, photos and sound recordings. The result is a mega reference book that can be enjoyed by anyone interested in birds.

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# Stella the Snowy Owl winters in South Dakota

Nancy Drilling

This past winter (December 2020 – February 2021), a Snowy Owl wearing a transmitter spent more than a month in north-central South Dakota. ‘Stella’ was captured and fitted with her GSM transmitter on Amherst Island at the northeastern corner of Lake Ontario on January 15, 2018, as part of a study of the impact of wind turbines on Snowy Owl movements. At the time, researchers determined that she hatched in summer 2017. She then proceeded north, spending the next three summers in different parts of the Arctic tundra and spending winters in the northern Great Plains. She spent the winter of 2018-19 in northeastern Montana, the winter of 2019-20 in southern Manitoba, and the winter of 2020-21 in North and South Dakota. On December 27, 2020, Stella entered Corson County and proceeded to work her way southwest; spending quite a bit of time south of Lantry in northern Dewey County. In late January she moved northwest into the Meadow area of Perkins County before exiting the state on February 1, 2021. She spent much of the rest of the winter in the Van Hook Arm area of Lake Sakakawea in North Dakota. More information about Stella and her movements is at [projectsnowstorm.org](http://projectsnowstorm.org).

Stella’s location data was collected by a GPS-GSM solar-powered transmitter (made by Cellular Tracking Technologies of Rio Grande, NJ) which rides on her back. Every two hours the transmitter communicated with GPS satellites to record her precise position (latitude, longitude, and altitude) with an accuracy of less than 1 meter (Therrien et al. 2012). Thus, we have more than 600 location points covering the time Stella was in South Dakota. When Stella is within cell tower range, the information is uploaded immediately to project computers. When she is not within range, such as during the summer when she is north of the Arctic circle, her transmitter can store up to 100,000 records which then is uploaded the next time she is within cell tower range. Project SNOWstorm ([projectsnowstorm.org](http://projectsnowstorm.org)) is a non-profit organization that raises funds to purchase the transmitters, as well as organize the capture and fitting of transmitters to Snowy Owls. To date, they have put transmitters on 48 owls. The data from all of these birds are stored at Movebank (Wikelski et al. 2021), an online data platform that helps researchers manage, share, analyze and archive their animal movement data.

Stella’s transmitter provides unbiased location information that is particularly good for habitat use studies. For example, some past studies of habitat selection by wintering snowy owls in the Great Plains relied on visual observations of birds (e.g., Boxall and Lein 1982). By necessity, these studies did not include night-time locations, when owls are most active, nor observations of owls that were behind a hill or otherwise out of sight, making the results less useful for insights on snowy owl ecology. In a preliminary peek at Stella’s movements in South Dakota, it appears that Stella was choosing particular habitats rather than using all available habitats equally. In addition, Stella is not the only Project SNOWstorm owl to spend time in our state. For example, ‘Coteau’ spent much of the month of February 2020 in Grant and Codington counties. Researchers will be looking more closely at Stella’s and other owls’ winter movements and habitat use in order to understand how Snowy Owls are using the landscape, especially in the Dakotas.

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# Avian Surveys at Canyon Lake, Rapid City, SD: Flycatchers through Waxwings Species Accounts

Gene K. Hess

## INTRODUCTION

This is the third of a series of accounts of species found on weekly avian surveys conducted at Canyon Lake in Rapid City, SD from October 2010 through February 2019. Previously (Hess 2019, 2020a, 2020b) I described the results for the non-passerine species found on the surveys. Here I report the results for the first 38 songbird species.

## METHODS

The field survey methods are described in Hess (2019).

In the following species accounts, seasonal occurrence percentages are the number of surveys the species occurred on in that season divided by total number of surveys in that season. Seasonal bar graphs were constructed for the period October 2010 through September 2018. Months are divided into quarters as follows: January, March, May, July, August, October, December 1–7, 8–15, 16–23, 24–31; February, April, June, September, November 1–7, 8–14, 15–22, 23–30. The bar heights from short to tall represent the following abundance categories: 1–3, 4–10, 11–100, 101–1,000. Isolated records are shown as a dot. A bar of narrow width indicates irregular occurrence, usually at the beginning or end of migration (Fig. 1).

Seasonal Bar Graph Key

Abundant: more than 100*	■
Common: 11–100	■
Fairly common: 4–10	■
Uncommon or Rare: 1–3	■
Irregular	▬
Isolated observations	●●●●

\*Number seen in a field day.

Fig. 1. Seasonal Bar Graph key.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** One individual of this rare migrant (Tallman et al. 2002) occurred on 12 May 2014.

**Western Wood-Pewee:** Found commonly in the Black Hills (Tallman et al. 2002, Drilling et al. 2018), Western Wood-Pewee occurred on the survey 11 times and was found in spring and fall (Fig. 2). The June observations were of single birds.

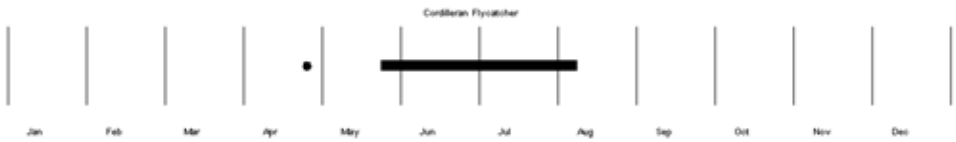


**Fig. 2.** Western Wood-Pewee seasonal occurrence.

**Willow Flycatcher:** Uncommon in west river (Drilling et al. 2018), one was present on 29 May 2017.

**Least Flycatcher:** This uncommon summer resident (Tallman et al. 2002, Drilling et al. 2018) was recorded eight times in May and once in August. One or two was the usual count but four were found on 14 May 2018.

**Cordilleran Flycatcher:** One or two individuals of this Black Hills summer resident (Drilling et al. 2018) were heard throughout every summer of the count (Fig. 3). Because the birds were singing from across the lake on inaccessible property we were unable to confirm breeding.

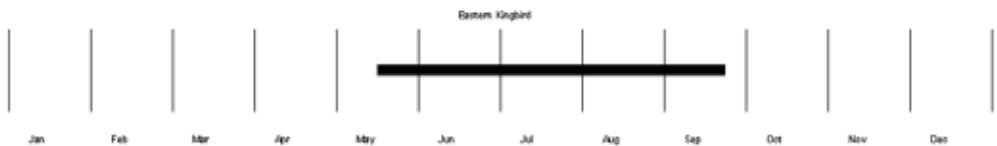


**Fig. 3.** Cordilleran Flycatcher seasonal occurrence.

**Eastern Phoebe:** Rare in far western South Dakota (Tallman et al. 2002), 2 birds were found on 9, 16 June 2014, 1 on 18 April 2016, and 1 on 20 August 2018 .

**Western Kingbird:** Single birds were found in August and September on four occasions.

**Eastern Kingbird:** Present on 55.7% of the summer surveys this summer resident (Fig. 4) was confirmed nesting in 2014 and 2018. A pair was present during June in 2015, 2016, and 2017 but nesting was not confirmed.

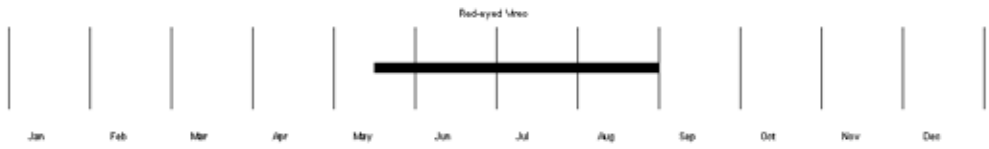


**Fig. 4.** Eastern Kingbird seasonal occurrence.

**Warbling Vireo:** One or two birds of this common breeding bird (Drilling et al. 2018) were present in five years. The only suggestion of possible breeding was in 2011 when 1 – 2 birds were present on the 6, 20, and 27 June surveys. Most other observations were in mid- to late May (2) or mid-August (2). One on 2 July 2012 and 1 July 2013 were likely wandering birds. The latest was 1 on 19 August 2015.

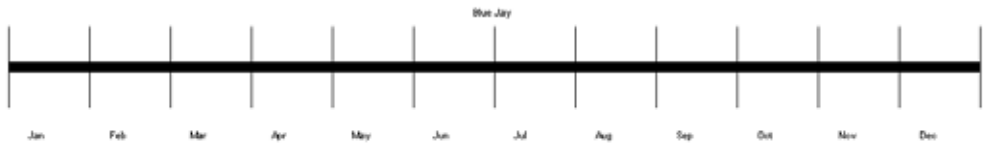


**Red-eyed Vireo:** One or two were present, at least briefly, in the breeding season in most years (Fig. 5). This scarce South Dakota breeding bird (Drilling et al. 2018) was found throughout the breeding season in 2013 and 2014. It was not confirmed as a breeding bird.



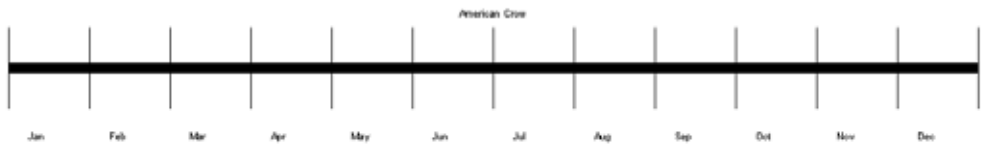
**Fig. 5.** Red-eyed Vireo seasonal occurrence.

**Blue Jay:** This conspicuous resident (Fig. 6) species was found on 62.9% of all surveys. On 5 June 2017 a nest with 2 young was found. Three young were observed on 2 July 2018.



**Fig. 6.** Blue Jay seasonal occurrence.

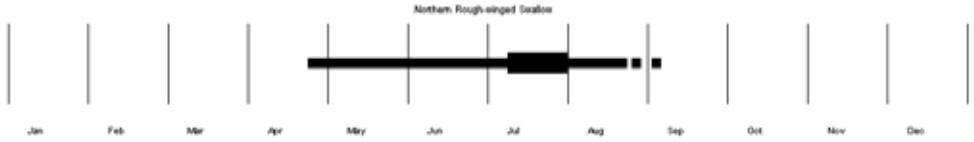
**American Crow:** This resident species (Fig. 7) was observed on 95.7% of all counts. Because birds frequently were seen flying throughout a survey only the highest number seen at one time was recorded. Breeding was confirmed with the presence of 3 young on 18 June 2012 and 2 young on 11 July 2016.



**Fig. 7.** American Crow seasonal occurrence.

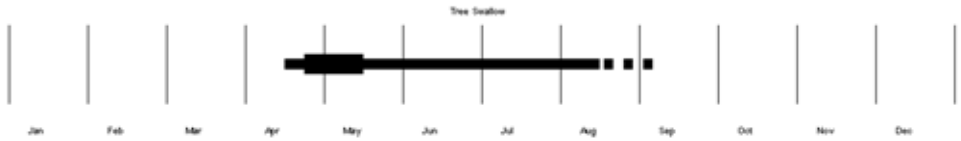
**Horned Lark:** Two individuals of this prairie species were found on 19 March 2018 for the only known park occurrence.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** The spring high count was 100 on 9 May 2011. This summer resident (Drilling et al. 2018, Fig. 8), found on 85.7% of summer surveys, was confirmed breeding on 27 June 2016 when 3 fledglings were observed. Prior to the dam renovation this swallow was seen entering and leaving drain pipes below the spillway. Presumably nests were present in the pipes. The renovation removed these drain pipes. The fall high count was 20 on 10 August 2015.



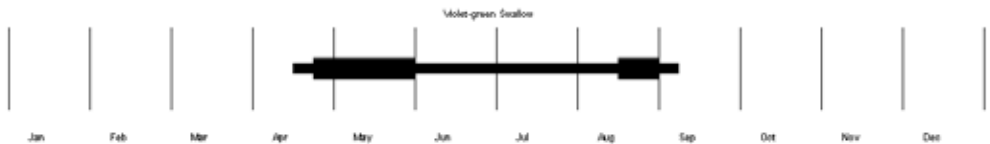
**Fig. 8.** Northern Rough-winged Swallow seasonal occurrence.

**Tree Swallow:** Most abundant during spring migration, the high count was 200 on 20 May 2013. Most migrants have passed through by mid-May (Fig. 9). It was found on 62.9% of the summer surveys. This common breeding bird (Drilling et al. 2018) is limited at Canyon Lake by available nesting cavities. One nest box was present and was often investigated. Tree Swallows were observed using the box in June 2012. Fall migration begins in August. The peak fall count was 100 on 20 August 2018.



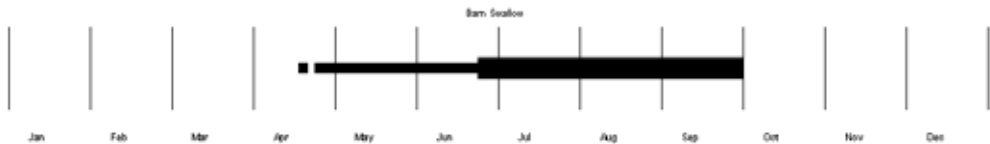
**Fig. 9.** Tree Swallow seasonal occurrence.

**Violet-green Swallow:** This swallow is fairly common in spring and fall migration (Fig. 10). The earliest arrival was 1 on 16 April 2012. One extraordinary occurrence was an estimated 800 on 7 May 2012. Although present throughout the summer, found on 97.1% of summer surveys, breeding was not confirmed. They may have nested in nearby cliff faces or in cavities near the park. Peak fall numbers were 100 on 25 August 2014, and 29 August 2015. The latest fall occurrence was 3 on 7 September 2015.



**Fig. 10.** Violet-green Swallow seasonal occurrence.

**Barn Swallow:** This widespread swallow was uncommon in spring migration to late June (Fig. 11). It was found on all summer surveys and was confirmed nesting in all survey years. One or two nests were consistently found on gazebo island and occasionally in a picnic shelter. The high count was 62 on 25 August 2014.



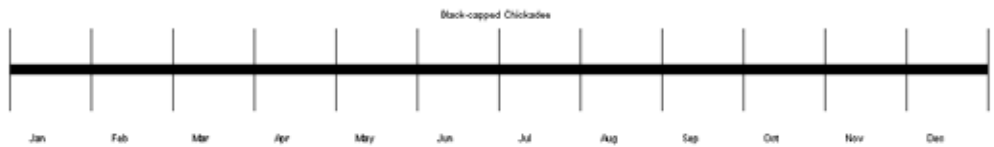
**Fig. 11.** Barn Swallow seasonal occurrence.

**Cliff Swallow:** The earliest arrival was 3 on 18 April 2015. Abundant during spring and summer (Fig. 12) this swallow annually attempted to nest at the lake. Nests were constructed on the Chapel Lane bridge or the bridge leading to the gazebo island. As many 100 nests could be constructed in a season. In some years the nests were abandoned before the end of the nesting season. It was found on 95.7% of the summer surveys. The latest departure was 1 on 7 September 2015.



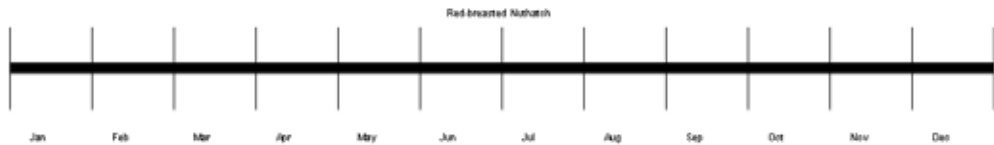
**Fig. 12.** Cliff Swallow seasonal occurrence.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** This resident was usually uncommon with 2 – 4 birds being recorded (Fig. 13). High counts of 10 – 15 were reached on 16 occasions. No breeding was observed. It was found on 87.5% of all surveys.



**Fig. 13.** Black-capped Chickadee seasonal occurrence.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** This uncommon resident (Fig. 14) was found on 38.3% of surveys most often in the fall (40.7% of fall surveys). Usually only 1 or 2 birds were found but a high count of 5 was reached on 7 November 2016. No evidence of nesting in the park was found.



**Fig. 14.** Red-breasted Nuthatch seasonal occurrence.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** Found throughout the year this nuthatch was uncommon (Fig. 15), found on only 22% of the surveys. Usually only single individuals were found. No evidence of breeding was noted.



**Fig. 15.** White-breasted Nuthatch seasonal occurrence.

**Pygmy Nuthatch:** Rare in the Black Hills (Drilling et al. 2018) and absent elsewhere in South Dakota (Tallman et al. 2002). Two found on 26 July 2012 and one on 14 December 2015 were the only occurrences.

**Brown Creeper:** This regular but uncommon winter (Tallman et al. 2002) visitor was found in numbers of 1 – 3 on 41.4% of the winter surveys (Fig. 16).



**Fig. 16.** Brown Creeper seasonal occurrence.

**House Wren:** Found on only 19 surveys it was rarely observed beyond June. This wren did not nest at Canyon Lake (Fig. 17). Usually only a single bird was found. The few nest boxes in the park were damaged and therefore unappealing to the wrens.



**Fig. 17.** House Wren seasonal occurrence.

**Marsh Wren:** This is an uncommon west river migrant (Tallman et al. 2002). Single birds were found on 29 April 2013, 5 October 2015, 25 September 2017, and 30 April 2018. All were found in the small cattail marsh on the west edge of the park.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** This uncommon resident in the higher Black Hills (Tallman et al. 2002) was a winter visitor to Canyon Lake. Typically only one or two individuals were found (Fig. 18). A high count of 6 occurred on 18 February 2019. Late occurrences are 4 on 26 March 2014 and 2 on 9 April 2018.



**Fig. 18.** Golden-crowned Kinglet seasonal occurrence.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** A common summer resident in higher elevations of the Black Hills (Tallman et al. 2002). One to four individuals of this irregularly occurring species were recorded in every month but March, September, and November.

**Eastern Bluebird:** The only occurrence of this uncommon migrant (Tallman et al. 2002) was 1 on 8

October 2012.

**Mountain Bluebird:** Nesting commonly in the Black Hills (Drilling et al. 2018) the only observations were five on 28 March 2011 and two on 24 April 2013.

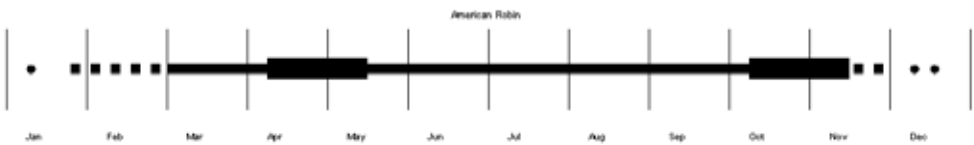
**Townsend's Solitaire:** This uncommon Black Hills resident (Tallman et al. 2002) visited the park from fall to early spring. Usually only one individual was recorded (Fig. 19). The summer observations, each of a single bird, likely were wandering birds.



**Fig. 19.** Townsend's Solitaire seasonal occurrence.

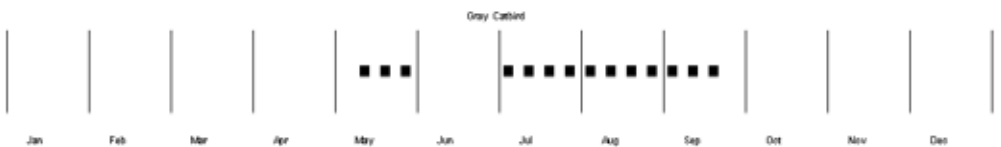
**Swainson's Thrush:** This common migrant (Tallman et al. 2002) has occurred twice in May and once in September in both 2012 and 2013. The only time more than 1 bird was present was on 13 May 2013 when 5 were found.

**American Robin:** This familiar bird was fairly common in spring and fall migration and uncommon or absent at other seasons (Fig. 20). It was found on 57.9% of all surveys. The high count was 96 on 17 October 2016. Nesting in the park was confirmed in 2011 and 2015.



**Fig. 20.** American Robin seasonal occurrence.

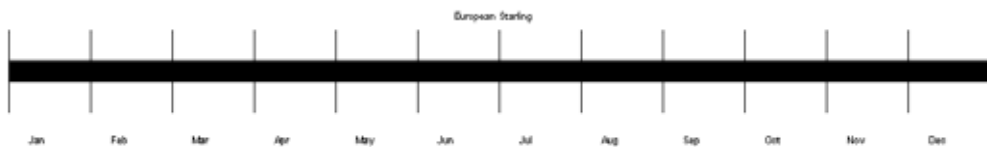
**Gray Catbird:** One to three individuals of this irregularly occurring species were found in most years, usually in the fall (Fig. 21). A lack of thickets in the park probably best explains the low numbers and irregular occurrence of this common species.



**Fig. 21.** Gray Catbird seasonal occurrence.

**Brown Thrasher:** Single individuals were found in September 2010, May 2013 and 2015, and July 2015. Like Gray Catbird, a lack of thickets in the park probably best explains the low numbers and irregular occurrence of this common species.

**European Starling:** This fairly common resident, found on 89.4% of all counts, was seen feeding, roosting or flying over the park (Fig. 22). It was confirmed nesting in the park in 2011, 2014, and 2017. The peak count was 130 on 14 August 2017.

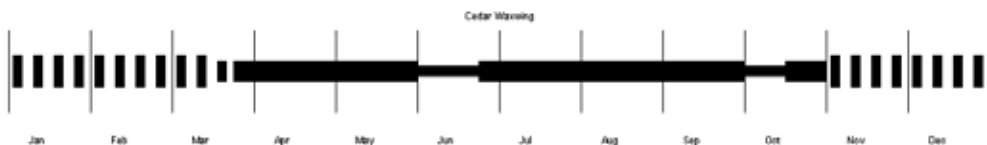


**Fig. 22.** European Starling seasonal occurrence.

**American Pipit:** This is an uncommon to common fall migrant (Tallman et al. 2002). This unexpected visitor occurred in the park on four dates: 4 on 16 April 2012, 2 on 10 September 2012, 2 on 15 October 2012, and 2 on 24 April 2017.

**Bohemian Waxwing:** One individual of this winter irruptive species was found on 12 February 2014.

**Cedar Waxwing:** This fairly common to common bird was found on 90% of the summer surveys (Fig. 23). The June decline in abundance probably reflects birds at nests. Nesting was not confirmed. In warmer months they were often seen fly-catching from trees along various channels running through the park. That there are relatively few berry bearing trees in the park is the most likely explanation for the erratic winter occurrence.



**Fig. 23.** Cedar Waxwing seasonal occurrence.

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# The 2020 Fall Season

## 01 August 2020 to 30 November 2020

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There were 311 species, including 10 rarities (Western Sandpiper, Arctic Tern, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-eyed Vireo, Pacific Wren, West River sightings of Buff-breasted Sandpiper, LeConte's Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow, and the first state record of Painted Redstart) reported to the SDOU online database during the 2020 Fall season. The ten-year (2010-2019) average is 318. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (early/late dates as given in the online database, first county records, or species that are significantly out of range). For early/late migration dates, I have listed the three earliest/latest dates. However, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have included the earliest/latest reported date from the missing region also. Included at the end of this report is a list of species that were not reported this year but might be expected during the Fall Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during fall in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season. A full listing of all reported sightings can be obtained from the online database (<https://research.dsu.edu/sdousbor/default.aspx>).

- Snow Goose** Early: 01 Aug Edmunds KM; 08 Aug McPherson ND; 09 Aug Brown ND; 17 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 28 Nov Minnehaha CA; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Ross's Goose** Early: 19 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 13 Oct Roberts CV; 03 Nov Marshall GO ... Late: 30 Nov Roberts CV; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Nov Charles Mix KP; 19 Nov Yankton CV
- Greater White-fronted Goose** Early: 19 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 28 Sept Hughes KM; 12 Oct Marshall MO ... Late: 30 Nov Roberts CV; 19 Nov Yankton CV; 03 Nov Marshall GO
- Cackling Goose** Early: 29 Sept Roberts CV; 13 Oct Marshall CV; 28 Oct Pennington CLG; 03 Nov Yankton GJS
- Trumpeter Swan** All Reports: 05 Sept Deuel CV; **31 Oct Minnehaha CA; 01 Nov Minnehaha KP (first county record)**; 04 Nov Jackson KM; 16 Nov Roberts CV
- Tundra Swan** Early: 17 Oct Sully RDO; 29 Oct Brown GO; 30 Oct Minnehaha CA ... Late: 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 26 Nov Pennington ND; 16 Nov Butte ND; 13 Nov Sully KM
- Wood Duck** Late: 19 Nov Yankton CV; 03 Nov Charles Mix KP; 01 Nov Brown GO; 12 Oct Pennington CLG
- Blue-winged Teal** Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 01 Nov Douglas KP; 01 Nov Marshall CV; 19 Oct Pennington CLG
- Northern Shoveler** Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 18 Nov Haakon RDO
- Gadwall** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- American Wigeon** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Northern Pintail** Late: 28 Nov Charles Mix KP; 27 Nov Butte ND; 26 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Green-winged Teal** Late: 28 Nov Charles Mix KP; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 09 Nov Pennington CLG
- Canvasback** Late: 26 Nov Hughes KM; 13 Nov Yankton RND; 07 Nov Marshall JSP; 04 Nov Jackson KM
- Redhead** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Douglas KP
- Ring-necked Duck** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Hughes KM; 16 Nov Roberts CV
- Greater Scaup** Early: 23 Oct Stanley RDO; 25 Oct Hughes KM; 27 Oct Yankton RND; 01 Nov Marshall CV ... Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 19 Nov Yankton DS; 16 Nov Meade ND; 11 Nov Codington ND
- Lesser Scaup** Late: 26 Nov Pennington ND; 25 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 25 Nov Stanley

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- Surf Scoter** All Reports: 16 Oct – 14 Nov Yankton CA, RND, ND, KP, DS
- White-winged Scoter** Early: 24 Oct Yankton RND; 24 Oct Gregory RM; 14 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Nov Yankton DS; **21 Nov Buffalo JSP (first county record)**
- Black Scoter** All Reports: 20-26 Oct Stanley Km, RDO; 23 Oct – 16 Nov Yankton RND, GJS, DS; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Hughes RDO
- Long-tailed Duck** Only Report: 21 Nov Fall River ND
- Bufflehead** Early: 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO; 10 Oct Deuel JSP; 12 Oct Marshall MO; 12 Oct Pennington CLG ... Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Charles Mix KP; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Common Goldeneye** Early: **22 Sept Brookings CV**; 16 Oct Yankton RND; 23 Oct Stanley RDO; 28 Oct Pennington CLG
- Hooded Merganser** Early: 02 Aug Charles Mix KP; 22 Aug Douglas KP; 12 Sept Brookings JSP; 19 Oct Pennington CLG ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes KM; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 23 Nov Pennington CLG
- Common Merganser** Early: 03 Aug Pennington CLG; 27 Aug Stanley RDO; 13 Oct Yankton RND; 11 Nov Codington ND
- Red-breasted Merganser** Early: 30 Oct Stanley KM; 03 Nov Charles Mix KP; 14 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 27 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Stanley RDO; 17 Nov Meade RDO
- Ruddy Duck** Late: 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 14 Nov Lake JSP; 11 Nov Grant ND; 07 Nov Charles Mix KP; 02 Nov Pennington CLG
- Northern Bobwhite** Only Report: 04 Nov Gregory RM
- Gray Partridge** All Reports: 10 Sept Harding KM; 23 Sept Custer MMM; 07 Oct Harding KM
- Ruffed Grouse** All Reports: 05 Aug Lawrence DGP; 02 Sept Lawrence DGP; 18 Sept Lawrence DGP; 02 Oct Lawrence DGP
- Pied-billed Grebe** Late: 27 Nov Hughes RDO; 22 Nov Yankton RND; 21 Nov Stanley RDO; 19 Nov Douglas KP; 09 Nov Pennington CLG
- Horned Grebe** Early: 10 Sept Charles Mix KP; 28 Sept Hughes KM; 20 Oct Stanley RDO; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 20 Nov Lake CA; 18 Nov Sully KM; 14 Nov Yankton RND
- Red-necked Grebe** Late: 27 Nov Hughes RDO; 07 Nov Yankton RND, DS; 06 Nov Hughes, Sully KM; 09 Aug Marshall ND
- Eared Grebe** Late: 28 Nov Charles Mix RM; 14 Nov Yankton RND; 09 Nov Pennington CLG; 11 Aug Hand ND
- Western Grebe** Late: 27 Nov Butte ND; 27 Nov Hughes, Sully RDO; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Clark's Grebe** Late: 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 18 Nov Sully KM; 16 Nov Hughes RDO; 19 Sept Kingsbury JSP
- Mourning Dove** Late: 15 Nov Roberts CV; 14 Nov Day, Marshall CV; 10 Nov Clay DS; 07 Nov Charles Mix KP; 19 Oct Mellette RDO
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo** Late: 27 Aug Hughes KM; 22 Aug Lincoln CA; 19 Aug Charles Mix KP; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO
- Common Nighthawk** Late: 21 Sept Douglas KP; 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 15 Sept Lake CV; 10 Sept Charles Mix KP; 10 Sept Harding KM
- Common Poorwill** Only Report: 12 Sept Harding KM
- Eastern Whip-poor-will** Late: 25 Sept Charles Mix RM; 15 Aug Lincoln CA
- Chimney Swift** Late: 15 Sept Douglas KP; 14 Sept Yankton RND; 01 Sept Clay GJS; **06 Aug Mellette KM, RDO (first county record)**; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO
- White-throated Swift** Only Report: 17 Aug Pennington CLG
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird** Early West River: 01 Aug Lawrence DGP; 19 Aug Pennington JLC, ND ... Late: 24 Sept Clay GJS; 22 Sept Charles Mix RM; 19 Sept Lake JSP; 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 27 Aug Pennington ND
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird** All Reports: 01 Aug Pennington JF; 02-03 Aug Lawrence DGP
- Rufous Hummingbird** All Reports: 01 Aug Lawrence DGP; 19 Aug Pennington ND
- Calliope Hummingbird** Only Report: 20 Aug Lawrence DGP
- Virginia Rail** Late: 10 Oct Deuel JSP; 03 Oct Douglas KP; 12 Sept Brookings JSP
- Sora** Late: 11 Oct Hughes KM; 23 Sept Hyde KM; 15 Sept Minnehaha CA; 14 Sept Lawrence DGP
- American Coot** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 30 Nov Hughes KM; 27 Nov Butte ND; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP

**Sandhill Crane** Early: 27 Sept Butte CA; 27 Sept Lawrence VDF; 29 Sept Jackson GJS; **02 Oct Codington CV (first county record)**; 02 Oct Roberts MO; 13 Oct Stanley RDO... Late: 22 Nov Charles Mix RM; 12 Nov Day ND; 07 Nov Roberts JSP

**Whooping Crane** All Reports: 24 Oct Brown JSP; 29 Oct Brown GO; 31 Oct Brown CV; **05-06 Nov Bon Homme RND (first county record)**

**Black-necked Stilt** All Reports: 01 Aug Marshall MO; 03 Aug Faulk MMM; 04 Aug Potter RDO; 09 Aug Brown ND

**American Avocet** Late: **14 Nov Kingsbury JSP**; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 25 Oct Hughes KM; 10 Sept Butte ND

**Black-bellied Plover** All Reports: 06 Sept Sully ND; 17 Sept Butte ND; 20 Sept Minnehaha CA; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 07 Nov Roberts JSP

**American Golden-Plover** Early: 02 Aug Clay DS; 23 Aug Butte ND; 12 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 24 Oct Brown JSP; 17 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 28 Sept Hughes KM

**Sempalmated Plover** Late: 03 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 20 Sept Minnehaha CA; 17 Sept Lyman RDO; 23 Aug Butte ND

**Piping Plover** Late: 29 Aug Clay GJS; 21 Aug Union ND

**Killdeer** Late: 04 Nov Jackson KM; 30 Oct Gregory RM; 29 Oct Hamlin CV

**Upland Sandpiper** Late: 01 Sept Custer MMM; 23 Aug Minnehaha CA; 15 Aug Miner JSP; 07 Aug Stanley ND

**Hudsonian Godwit** Only Report: 29 Aug Brown CV

**Marbled Godwit** All Reports: 08 Aug McPherson ND; 09 Aug Hughes RDO; 29 Aug Brown CV; 06 Sept Sully ND

**Stilt Sandpiper** Late: 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Hughes KM; 13 Oct Marshall CV

**Sanderling** Late: 24 Oct Charles Mix RM; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 26 Sept Butte CA; 06 Sept Hutchinson KP

**Baird's Sandpiper** Late: 03 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 13 Sept Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 13 Sept Clay GJS

**Least Sandpiper** Late: 24 Oct Charles Mix KP; 13 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Minnehaha CA; 17 Sept Butte ND

**White-rumped Sandpiper** All Reports: **08 Aug Sanborn JSP (first county record)**; 17 Sept Butte ND; 22 Sept Douglas KP

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Early: 01 Aug Clay DS; **21 Aug Sanborn CA, ND (first county record)**; 23 Aug Minnehaha CA ... Late: 20 Sept Minnehaha CA; 07 Sept Clay GJS

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Late: 16 Oct Hughes KM; 12 Oct Day MO; 09 Oct Marshall MO; 27 Sept Butte CA

**Sempalmated Sandpiper** Late: 03 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP; 12 Sept Sully RDO; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Late: 05 Nov Bon Homme RND; 03 Nov Charles Mix KP; 01 Nov Stanley KM; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO

**Wilson's Snipe** Late: 14 Nov Lake JSP; 11 Nov Codington ND; 07 Nov Roberts CV; 30 Oct Lawrence DGP; 28 Oct Stanley KM

**Wilson's Phalarope** Late: 13 Sept Charles Mix KP; 31 Aug Hughes KM; 12 Aug Jackson ND; 09 Aug Brown ND

**Red-necked Phalarope** All Reports: 05 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 10 Sept Butte ND; 17 Sept Butte ND

**Spotted Sandpiper** Late: 14 Sept Pennington CLG; 12 Sept Gregory KP; 12 Sept Sully RDO; 06 Sept Hutchinson KP

**Solitary Sandpiper** Late: 23 Sept Hyde KM; 22 Sept Douglas KP; 14 Sept Yankton RND; 12 Sept Brookings JSP; 04 Sept Bennett ND

**Greater Yellowlegs** Late: 04 Nov Jackson KM; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 02 Nov Bon Homme RND; 01 Nov McCook KP

**Willet** Late: 04 Sept Jackson KM; 08 Aug Sanborn JSP; 06 Aug Hutchinson KP; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO; 04 Aug Sully RDO

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Late: 21 Oct Brown GO; 17 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 16 Oct Hughes KM; 15 Sept Jackson KM

**Sabine's Gull** All Reports: 17 Sept Butte ND; 26 Sept Lyman JSP

**Bonaparte's Gull** Early: 12 Sept Charles Mix KP; 17 Sept Lyman RDO; 06 Oct Hamlin CV ... Late: 30 Nov

Charles Mix RM; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Hughes KM; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 21 Nov Fall River ND  
**Franklin's Gull** Late: 19 Nov Brookings CV; 15 Nov Hughes RDO; 14 Nov Stanley KM; 27 Sept Butte CA  
**Ring-billed Gull** Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 30 Nov Charles Mix RM; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 21 Nov Fall River ND  
**California Gull** Late: 26 Nov Hughes RDO; 19 Nov Sully KM; 01 Nov Stanley RDO; 06 Oct Hamlin CV; 23 Sept Fall River CA  
**Herring Gull** Early: 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Yankton RND; 17 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Butte ND; 14 Nov Marshall CV  
**Iceland Gull** All Reports: 25 Oct Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Hughes RDO  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull** Early: 27 Sept Buffalo, Lyman RDO; 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 17 Oct Yankton KP ... Late: 27 Nov Sully RDO; 21 Nov Lyman JSP; 18 Nov Hughes KM  
**Glaucous Gull** All Reports: 22 Nov Sully RDO; 27 Nov Hughes RDO  
**Least Tern** Late: 29 Aug Clay GJS; 13 Aug Sully KM; 08 Aug Charles Mix RM  
**Caspian Tern** All Reports: 08 Aug McPherson ND; 10 Sept Butte ND; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA  
**Black Tern** Late: 10 Sept Charles Mix KP; 06 Sept Hyde, Sully ND; 05 Sept Deuel CV; 06 Aug Todd KM  
**Common Tern** All Reports: 08 Sept Stanley RDO; 23 Sept Hughes RDO; 24 Sept Yankton RND; 18 Oct Yankton CA, RND  
**Forster's Tern** Late: 23 Oct Yankton RND; 12 Oct Day MO; 03 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 17 Sept Butte ND  
**Pacific Loon** All Reports: 17 Sept Butte ND; **01 Nov McCook KP (first county record)**; 04 Nov Yankton DS  
**Common Loon** Early: 17 Sept Butte ND; 24 Sept Yankton RND; 29 Sept Sully KM; 11 Oct Marshall KP ... Late: 28 Nov Charles Mix RM; 27 Nov Butte ND; 21 Nov Fall River ND; 14 Nov Kingsbury JSP  
**Double-crested Cormorant** Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Nov Hughes RDO; 21 Nov Buffalo JSP; 16 Nov Butte ND; 16 Nov Roberts CV  
**American White Pelican** Late: 24 Nov Charles Mix RM; 21 Nov Lyman JSP; 13 Nov Bennett ND; 31 Oct Moody CA  
**American Bittern** Late: 04 Sept Bennett ND; 18 Aug Lyman KM; 11 Aug Hand ND  
**Great Blue Heron** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 20 Nov Brookings CV  
**Great Egret** Late: 07 Nov Codington JSP; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Douglas KP; 13 Oct Charles Mix RM  
**Snowy Egret** Late: 06 Oct Hamlin CV; 22 Sept Brookings CV; 12 Sept Sully RDO  
**Little Blue Heron** All Reports: 08 Aug Brown ND; 14 Aug Marshall CV  
**Cattle Egret** Late: 17 Oct Charles Mix KP; 24 Sept Lyman RDO; 13 Sept Douglas KP; 14 Aug Marshall CV  
**Green Heron** Late: 22 Sept Brookings CV; 18 Sept Minnehaha ND; 05 Sept Douglas KP  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Late: 29 Sept Sully KM; 23 Sept Hyde KM; 22 Sept Douglas KP  
**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** All Reports: 07 Aug Lincoln CA; 18 Aug Minnehaha RND  
**White-faced Ibis** Late: 13 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Oct Brown GO; 06 Oct Lyman RDO; **04 Sept Jackson KM (first county record)**  
**Turkey Vulture** Late: 12 Oct Day KP; 10 Oct Roberts JSP; 09 Oct Lake JSP; 03 Oct Charles Mix KP; 28 Sept Pennington GJS  
**Osprey** Late: 20 Oct Lawrence DGP; 13 Oct Yankton RND; 12 Oct Pennington JLB; 11 Oct Marshall KP  
**Golden Eagle** Early: 18 Oct Stanley RDO; 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 21 Nov Buffalo JSP  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** Early: 18 Sept Lincoln ND; 23 Sept Marshall CV; 03 Oct Lake JSP; 17 Oct Yankton CA  
**Northern Goshawk** All Reports: 28 Aug Lawrence DGP; 20 Oct Sully KM; 02 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Nov Charles Mix RM  
**Broad-winged Hawk** Early: 09 Aug Marshall ND; 29 Aug Roberts JSP; 06 Sept Hyde ND ... Late: 08 Oct Brown GO; 03 Oct Lincoln CA; 25 Sept Stanley RDO; 24 Sept Fall River CA  
**Swainson's Hawk** Late: 08 Oct Brown GO; 01 Oct Roberts CV; 28 Sept Hughes KM; 11 Sept Harding ND  
**Rough-legged Hawk** Early: 13 Oct Lawrence VDF; 23 Oct Hyde KM; 25 Oct Hughes KM; 28 Oct Clay GJS  
**Ferruginous Hawk** Late: 27 Nov Harding ND; 26 Nov Pennington ND; 20 Nov Lyman RDO  
**Barn Owl** All Reports: 11 Aug Yankton ND; 04 Sept Bennett ND  
**Burrowing Owl** Late: 04 Sept Bennett ND; 12 Aug Jackson ND; 11 Aug Buffalo, Hand ND; 08 Aug Douglas KP

**Barred Owl** All Reports: 21 Aug Lincoln ND; 18-22 Sept Lincoln KM; 15 Oct Lincoln CA

**Long-eared Owl** Only Report: 06 Nov Sully KM

**Short-eared Owl** All Reports: 04 Sept Bennett ND; 13 Oct Roberts CV; 04 Nov Jackson KM

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** All Reports: 13 Oct Roberts CV; 08 Nov Roberts CV

**Belted Kingfisher** Late: 30 Nov Pennington CLG; 28 Nov Gregory RM; 20 Nov Brookings CV

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Late: 21 Nov Charles Mix RM; 15 Oct Clay GJS; 03 Oct Union DS

**Red-naped Sapsucker** All Reports: 01 Aug Lawrence DGP; 01 Aug Pennington JF; 09 Sept Pennington ND; 17 Sept Pennington JLB

**Lewis's Woodpecker** All Reports: 17 Sept Meade ND; 17 Nov Lawrence RDO; 27 Nov Meade ND

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Late: 05 Oct Hughes KM; 29 Sept Brown GO; 23 Sept Clay GJS; 17 Sept Jackson ND

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** West River: 19 Oct Jones RDO (first county record); 19 Oct Mellette RDO

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** All Reports: 02 Aug Lawrence DGP; 20 Aug Lawrence ND; 03 Oct Lawrence DGP; 28 Oct Lawrence DGP

**Black-backed Woodpecker** All Reports: 6 Sept Lawrence DGP; 24 Sept Custer CA; 28 Nov Custer ND

**Merlin** Early: 04 Aug Potter RDO; 05 Sept Douglas KP; 07 Sept Clay GJS

**Gyr Falcon** Only Report: 26 Nov Pennington ND

**Peregrine Falcon** Early: 01 Aug Hyde KM; 07 Aug Sully ND; 21 Aug Hughes RDO; 11 Sept Harding ND ... Late: 28 Nov Custer ND; 10 Oct Deuel JSP (first county record); 24 Sept Clay DS

**Prairie Falcon** Early: 21 Aug Sully KM; 28 Sept Hughes KM; 02 Oct Minnehaha CA

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** All Reports: 13 Aug Stanley RDO; 15 Aug Miner JSP; 16 Aug Stanley RDO; 19 Aug Hughes KM; 06 Sept Hughes ND; 18 Sept Lawrence DGP

**Western Wood-Pewee** Late: 14 Sept Pennington CLG; 11 Sept Harding ND; 06 Aug Lawrence DGP; 06 Aug Todd KM

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** Late: 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 19 Sept Lake JSP; 15 Sept Brookings CV; 14 Sept Yankton RND

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** All Reports: 29 Aug Roberts JSP; 10 Sept Clay GJS; 21 Sept Lincoln KM

**Willow Flycatcher** Late: 17 Sept Hughes RDO; 12 Sept Gregory KP; 01 Sept Fall River ND; 23 Aug Moody CA

**Least Flycatcher** Late: 26 Sept Hughes KM; 19 Sept Lake JSP; 08 Sept Stanley RDO; 07 Sept Pennington CLG

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** All Reports: 01 Aug Lawrence DGP; 03 Aug Pennington CLG; 25 Sept Custer CA

**Eastern Phoebe** Late: 15 Oct Lake JSP; 04 Oct Clay GJS; 24 Sept Fall River CA

**Say's Phoebe** Late: 24 Sept Custer, Fall River CA; 15 Sept Pennington KM

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Late: 22 Sept Lincoln KM; 13 Sept Marshall CV; 08 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO

**Western Kingbird** Late: 11 Sept Harding, Perkins ND; 04 Sept Oglala Lakota ND; 29 Aug Lyman RDO; 15 Aug Miner JSP

**Eastern Kingbird** Late: 16 Sept Douglas KP; 14 Sept Brown GO; 13 Sept Clay GJS; 11 Sept Perkins ND

**Bell's Vireo** Late: 07 Sept Clay GJS; 06 Sept Hughes ND; 30 Aug Charles Mix KP; 06 Aug Mellette, Todd KM

**Yellow-throated Vireo** All Reports: 02-04 Aug Roberts CV; 15 Aug Lincoln CA; 29 Aug Roberts JSP; 05 Sept Lincoln CA

**Blue-headed Vireo** Early: 28 Aug Clay GJS; 05 Sept Lincoln CA; 10 Sept Clay GJS ... Late: 02 Oct Clay GJS; 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 17 Sept Lincoln CA

**Philadelphia Vireo** Early: 24 Aug Stanley RDO; 05 Sept Lincoln CA; 07 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 22 Sept Brookings CV; 20 Sept Hutchinson CA; 12 Sept Clay GJS

**Warbling Vireo** Late: 22 Sept Brookings CV; 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 20 Sept Clay GJS

**Red-eyed Vireo** Late: 22 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Sept Lincoln CA; 16 Sept Hyde KM; 04 Sept Oglala Lakota ND

**Loggerhead Shrike** Late: 10 Sept Pennington MMM; 30 Aug Roberts MO; 12 Aug Jackson ND; 11 Aug Stanley RDO

**Northern Shrike** Early: 18 Oct Lyman RDO; 25 Oct Custer MMM; 25 Oct Sully RDO; 27 Oct Brookings

CV

**Clark's Nutcracker** Only Report: 25 Sept Custer CA  
**Black-billed Magpie** reported 17 Sept Hughes RDO; 06 Nov Sully KM  
**Common Raven** All Reports: 18 Oct Lawrence DGP; 23 Oct Hyde KM; 06 Nov Gregory RDO (first county record); 20 Nov Lyman RDO (first county record)  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Late: 07 Sept Pennington CLG; 05 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 29 Aug Marshall CV; 10 Aug Clay ND  
**Purple Martin** Late: 06 Sept Moody CA; 05 Sept Lake JSP; 04 Sept Minnehaha CA  
**Tree Swallow** Late: 08 Oct Brown GO; 19 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 15 Sept Lake CV; 11 Sept Perkins ND; 28 Aug Clay GJS  
**Violet-green Swallow** Late: 07 Sept Pennington CLG; 01 Sept Fall River ND; 31 Aug Pennington CLG  
**Bank Swallow** Late: 12 Sept Charles Mix RND; 05 Sept Deuel CV; 05 Sept Kingsbury JSP  
**Barn Swallow** Late: 18 Oct Yankton CA, RND; 04 Oct Douglas KP; 04 Oct Lake CA; 17 Sept Custer MMM  
**Cliff Swallow** Late: 07 Sept Clay GJS; 06 Sept Moody CA; 05 Sept Deuel CV; 04 Sept Oglala Lakota ND  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** Early: 18 Sept Lincoln ND; 12 Oct Marshall MO; 18 Oct Stanley KM  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early: 08 Sept Stanley RDO; 12 Sept Charles Mix RND; 14 Sept Hughes KM; 17 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 01 Nov Sully KM; 31 Oct Hughes KM; 28 Oct Stanley KM; 17 Oct Lake JSP  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Early: 01 Aug Douglas KP; 02 Aug Brown GO; 03 Aug Charles Mix RM; 03 Aug Roberts CV  
**Pygmy Nuthatch** All Reports: 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO; 25 Aug Pennington ND; 23 Nov Pennington ND  
**Brown Creeper** Early: 28 Sept Hughes KM; 10 Oct Brown GO; 10 Oct Roberts JSP  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** Late: 23 Sept Charles Mix RM; 22 Aug Lincoln CA  
**Rock Wren** All Reports: 10 Sept Harding KM; 15 Sept Pennington KM; 25 Sept Custer CA  
**Canyon Wren** All Reports: 12 Aug Lawrence DGP; 24-25 Sept Custer CA; 26 Sept Lawrence CA  
**House Wren** Late: 13 Oct Brown GO; 04 Oct Douglas KP; 04 Oct Hughes KM; 26 Sept Custer MMM  
**Winter Wren** Early: 03 Sept Stanley RDO; 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 12 Oct Roberts MO ... Late 27 Nov Hughes KM  
**Sedge Wren** Late: 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 11 Oct Hughes KM; 09 Oct Clay GJS  
**Marsh Wren** Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 10 Oct Brown GO; 08 Oct Lawrence DGP  
**Carolina Wren** All Reports: 10 Aug Lincoln ND; 11 Aug Yankton ND; 11 Aug – 25 Nov Clay GJS; 22 Aug Lincoln CA; 05 Sept Lincoln CA; 22 Sept Lincoln KM  
**American Dipper** All Reports: 07 Sept, 29 Sept, 03 Oct, 31 Oct Lawrence DGP  
**Gray Catbird** Late: 02 Nov Charles Mix RM; 30 Oct Hughes KM; 19 Oct Clay DS; 12 Oct Pennington CLG  
**Brown Thrasher** Late: 30 Nov Roberts CV; 18 Oct Stanley KM; 29 Sept Sully KM;; 22 Sept Custer MMM  
**Eastern Bluebird** Late: 20 Nov Charles Mix RM; 10 Nov Brown GO; 02 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Sept Lawrence CA  
**Mountain Bluebird** Late: 29 Sept Jackson GJS; 28 Sept Pennington GJS; 25 Sept Custer CA  
**Townsend's Solitaire** Early: 28 Sept Hughes KM; 16 Oct Stanley KM; 29 Oct Sully KM  
**Varied Thrush** All Reports: 02 Nov Brown CV; 04 Nov Brown GO; 18 Nov Pennington ND; 22 Nov Pennington JLB  
**Veery** All Reports: 24 Aug Stanley RDO; 27 Aug Hughes KM; 31 Aug Hughes KM  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush** All Reports: 09 Sept Stanley RDO; 14 Sept Stanley RDO  
**Swainson's Thrush** Early: 11 Aug Charles Mix RM; 31 Aug Hughes KM; 05 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 14 Oct Stanley RDO; 02 Brookings CV; 26 Sept Hughes KM; 26 Sept Lawrence CA  
**Hermit Thrush** Early: 30 Sept Hughes KM; 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 02 Oct Brookings CV ... Late: 01 Nov Brown GO; 28 Oct Pennington CLG; 23 Oct Hughes KM  
**Wood Thrush** Late: 21 Sept Lincoln KM  
**Bohemian Waxwing** All Reports: 02 Nov Hughes KM; 17 Nov Hughes KM; 20 Nov Lyman RDO  
**American Pipit** Early: 15 Sept Jackson KM; 17 Sept Butte ND; 23 Sept Clay DS; 04 Oct Lake CA ... Late: 13 Nov Yankton RND; 31 Oct Minnehaha CA; 29 Oct Sully KM; 28 Oct Pennington CLG  
**Sprague's Pipit** All Reports: 26 Sept Douglas KP (first county record); 19 Oct Jones RDO  
**Evening Grosbeak** Only Report: 13 Oct Lawrence VDF  
**Pine Grosbeak** Only Report: 25 Nov Union DS (first county record)



**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** Only Report: 18 Nov Lawrence RDO

**Purple Finch** Early: 07 Sept Roberts CV; 16 Sept Douglas KP; 18 Sept Lincoln ND; 19 Sept Clay GJS; 18 Oct Lawrence DGP

**Cassin's Finch** All Reports: 04 Aug Lawrence DGP; 25 Sept Custer CA

**Common Redpoll** Early: 29 Oct Sully KM; 01 Nov Stanley KM; 07 Nov Hughes KM; 29 Nov Lake JSP

**Red Crossbill** Early: 28 Nov Minnehaha CA

**White-winged Crossbill** All Reports: 01 Aug Lawrence DGP; 26 Sept Lawrence CA; 03 Oct Lawrence DGP; 20 Oct Lawrence DGP

**Pine Siskin** Early: 24 Aug Lake JSP; 13 Sept Clay DS; 27 Sept Roberts CV

**Lesser Goldfinch** Only Report: 01 Sept Fall River ND

**Lapland Longspur** Early: 10 Oct Clay DS; 12 Oct Marshall MO; 23 Oct Hyde KM

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** Late: 27 Oct Kingsbury CV; 11 Sept Harding, Perkins ND; 06 Sept Hyde ND

**Smith's Longspur** All Reports: 12 Oct Marshall MO; 24 Oct Brown JSP (first county record)

**Snow Bunting** All Reports: 07 Nov Marshall JSP; 12 Nov Day ND; 14 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 25 Nov Kingsbury JSP

**Grasshopper Sparrow** Late: 24 Sept Fall River CA; 11 Sept Harding ND; 01 Sept Hyde KM; 15 Aug Miner JSP

**Chipping Sparrow** Late: 17 Nov Hughes KM; 31 Oct Brown CV; 27 Oct Kingsbury CV; 05 Oct Pennington CLG

**Clay-colored Sparrow** Late: 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 04 Oct Lincoln CA; 02 Oct Brookings CV; 01 Oct Stanley RDO; 29 Sept Jackson GJS

**Field Sparrow** Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 13 Oct Sully KM; 10 Oct Lawrence VDF; 10 Oct Roberts JSP

**Lark Sparrow** Late: 11 Sept Perkins ND; 04 Sept Oglala Lakota ND; 31 Aug Hughes KM; 08 Aug Lincoln CA

**Lark Bunting** All Reports: 12 Aug Jackson ND; 13 Aug Custer MMM; 04 Sept Bennett ND

**American Tree Sparrow** Early: 07 Oct Harding KM; 11 Oct Hughes KM; 12 Oct Minnehaha CA

**Fox Sparrow** Early: 02 Oct Roberts MO; 03 Oct Turner CA; 05 Oct Hughes KM; 10 Oct Lawrence VDF ... Late: 19 Nov Clay GJS; 08 Nov Stanley KM; 01 Nov Brown GO

**Dark-eyed Junco** Early: 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 22 Sept Brown GO; 23 Sept Hyde KM

**White-crowned Sparrow** Early: 11 Sept Harding KM; 13 Sept Pennington ND; 15 Sept Lawrence VDF; 30 Sept Douglas KP ... Late: 21 Nov Buffalo JSP; 08 Nov Roberts CV; 07 Nov Charles Mix KP; 19 Oct Mellette RDO

**Harris's Sparrow** Early: 28 Sept Lake JSP; 28 Sept Stanley RDO; 29 Sept Jackson GJS ... Late: 21 Nov Buffalo JSP; 14 Nov Clay GJS; 14 Nov Roberts CV; 19 Oct Mellette RDO

**White-throated Sparrow** Early: 07 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Lawrence VDF; 16 Sept Hyde KM; 17 Sept Roberts CV ... Late: 29 Nov Roberts CV; 10 Nov Clay GJS; 02 Nov Pennington CLG

**Vesper Sparrow** Late: 27 Oct Kingsbury CV; 24 Oct Charles Mix KP; 13 Oct Roberts CV; 03 Oct Lawrence DGP

**LeConte's Sparrow** Early: 06 Sept Hutchinson KP (first county record); 21 Sept Clay DS; 26 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 04 Oct Lake CA

**Nelson's Sparrow** All Reports: 20 Sept Hughes RDO; 26 Sept Hughes KM; 13 Oct Clay GJS; 26 Oct Stanley RDO

**Savannah Sparrow** Late: 31 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 24 Oct Brown JSP; 24 Oct Charles Mix KP; 09 Oct Harding KM

**Henslow's Sparrow** Only Report: 02 Aug Clay CA

**Song Sparrow** Late: 28 Nov Hughes KM; 21 Nov Buffalo JSP; 21 Nov Fall River ND; 07 Nov Roberts JSP

**Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 02 Sept Hughes KM; 09 Sept Pennington ND; 11 Sept Harding KM; 12 Sept Brookings JSP ... Late: 24 Oct Lincoln CA; 23 Oct Clay GJS; 22 Oct Lake JSP; 12 Oct Pennington CLG

**Swamp Sparrow** Late: 02 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Oct Charles Mix KP; 13 Oct Clay GJS; 12 Oct Minnehaha CA

**Spotted Towhee** Late: 16 Nov Roberts CV; 10 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Oct Hughes KM; 26 Sept Lawrence CA

**Eastern Towhee** Late: 14 Oct Clay GJS; 03 Oct Turner CA; 21 Sept Lincoln KM

**Yellow-breasted Chat** Late: 14 Sept Hughes KM; 09 Sept Pennington ND; 08 Sept Stanley RDO  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Late: 19 Nov Douglas KP; 06 Nov Bon Homme RND; 24 Oct Brown JSP  
**Bobolink** Late: 22 Aug Douglas KP; 15 Aug Miner JSP; 09 Aug Brown ND; 01 Aug Hyde KM  
**Western Meadowlark** Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 20 Nov Brookings CV; 18 Nov Custer MMM  
**Eastern Meadowlark** Late: 07 Oct Clay DS  
**Orchard Oriole** Late: 15 Sept Custer MMM; 06 Sept Hughes ND; 03 Sept Clay GJS; 25 Aug Brown GO  
**Baltimore Oriole** Late: 15 Sept Clay GJS; 13 Sept Charles Mix RM; 11 Sept Stanley RDO; 09 Sept Douglas KP  
**Red-winged Blackbird** Late: 28 Nov Hughes KM; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 27 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Jones, Mellette RDO  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** Late: 14 Nov Clay GJS; 07 Nov Charles Mix KP; 06 Nov Bon Homme RND; 17 Oct Douglas KP; 07 Aug Pennington ND  
**Rusty Blackbird** Early: 02 Oct Roberts MO; 16 Oct Stanley KM; 17 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 16 Nov Hughes KM; 10 Nov Clay DS; 07 Nov Charles Mix KP; 06 Nov Tripp RDO  
**Brewer's Blackbird** Late: 10 Nov Clay DS; 06 Nov Bon Homme RND; 31 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 29 Sept Jackson GJS  
**Common Grackle** Late: 25 Nov Clay GJS; 06 Nov Bon Homme RND; 03 Nov Marshall GO; 19 Oct Jones RDO  
**Great-tailed Grackle** All Reports: 29 Aug Lyman RDO; 06 Nov Bon Homme RND  
**Ovenbird** Late: 23 Sept Hyde KM; 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 13 Sept Custer MMM  
**Northern Waterthrush** All Reports: 09 Sept Pennington ND; 14 Sept Yankton RND  
**Blue-winged Warbler** Only Report: 10 Aug Lincoln ND  
**Black-and-white Warbler** Early: 10 Aug Pennington CLG; 25 Aug Hughes KM; 29 Aug Douglas KP ... Late: 21 Sept Lincoln KM; 20 Sept Clay GJS; 16 Sept Hyde KM  
**Tennessee Warbler** Early: 07 Sept Hughes KM; 16 Sept Hyde KM; 22 Sept Stanley RDO ... Late: 06 13 Oct Clay GJS; 28 Sept Roberts CV; 25 Sept Hughes KM  
**Orange-crowned Warbler** Early: 03 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Stanley RDO; 07 Sept Clay GJS; 12 Sept Brookings JSP; 15 Sept Lawrence VDF ... Late: 22 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Stanley KM; 13 Oct Sully KM; 12 Oct Marshall MO  
**Nashville Warbler** Early: 29 Aug Roberts JSP; 31 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 16 Oct Stanley KM; 14 Oct Hughes KM; 10 Oct Clay GJS; 03 Oct Lake JSP  
**MacGillivray's Warbler** Only Report: 20 Aug Lawrence ND  
**Mourning Warbler** All Reports: 02-03 Sept Hughes KM; 05 Sept Lake JSP; 21 Sept Lincoln KM  
**Common Yellowthroat** Late: 13 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Turner CA; 03 Oct Sully KM; 27 Sept Pennington MMM  
**American Redstart** Late: 18 Sept Lincoln KM; 14 Sept Pennington CLG; 10 Sept Clay GJS  
**Northern Parula** Only Report: 25 Sept Hughes KM  
**Magnolia Warbler** All Reports: 17-19 Sept Stanley RDO; 20 Sept Lincoln KM; 22 Sept Clay GJS  
**Blackburnian Warbler** All Reports: 29 Aug Roberts JSP; 29 Aug Union DS  
**Yellow Warbler** Late: 23 Sept Hyde KM; 21 Sept Clay GJS; 17 Sept Sully KM; 14 Sept Pennington CLG; 06 Sept Moody CA  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler** All Reports: 03 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Douglas KP; 08 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Clay GJS; 16 Sept Hyde KM  
**Blackpoll Warbler** Only Report: 07 Sept Hughes KM  
**Palm Warbler** All Reports: 20 Sept Custer MMM; 25 Sept Hughes KM  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Early: 06 Sept Hyde ND; 07 Sept Hughes KM; 16 Sept Douglas KP ... Late: 28 Nov Hughes KM; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 03 Nov Yankton GJS; 18 Oct Douglas KP  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** All Reports: 29 Aug Union DS; 14 Sept Stanley RDO; 21 Sept Lincoln KM

**Canada Warbler** All Reports: 27 Aug Clay GJS; 29 Aug Roberts JSP; 29 Aug Union DS; 06 Sept Stanley RDO  
**Wilson's Warbler** Early: 20 Aug Lawrence ND; 22 Aug Lincoln CA; 24 Aug Stanley RDO ... Late: 13 Oct Sully KM; 28 Sept Pennington CLG; 27 Sept Hughes KM; 21 Sept Lincoln KM  
**Scarlet Tanager** Late: 27 Sept Lake JSP; 19 Sept Lincoln KM; 29 Aug Union DS  
**Western Tanager** All Reports: 01 Aug Pennington JF; 03 Aug Lawrence VDF; 04 Aug Lawrence DGP; 01 Sept Fall River ND  
**Northern Cardinal** Reported 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO; 20 Nov Lyman RDO  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Late: 23 Sept Clay GJS; 14 Sept Charles Mix RM; 07 Sept Douglas KP  
**Black-headed Grosbeak** All Reports: 06 Aug Roberts CV; 05 Sept Stanley RDO; 21 Sept Pennington CLG; 25 Sept Hughes KM  
**Blue Grosbeak** Late: 24 Sept Fall River CA; 06 Sept Moody CA; 29 Aug Charles Mix KP  
**Lazuli Bunting** All Reports: 09 Sept Pennington ND; 24 Sept Stanley RDO  
**Indigo Bunting** Late: 25 Sept Stanley RDO; 19 Sept Lake JSP; 22 Aug Lincoln CA; 06 Aug Todd KM, RDO  
**Dickcissel** Late: 01 Nov Hutchinson KP; 28 Oct Lawrence VDF; 04 Sept Clay GJS

### Species Expected But Not Reported

American Black Duck (2), Black-billed Cuckoo, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher, Black-legged Kittiwake, Little Gull, Great Black-backed Gull (3), Neotropic Cormorant, Least Bittern, Alder Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird (4), Plumbeous Vireo, Pinyon Jay (3), Northern Mockingbird (2), Brewer's Sparrow (3), Baird's Sparrow (3), Bullock's Oriole, Golden-winged Warbler (2), Virginia's Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler (2), Black-throated Blue Warbler (2)

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

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper:** 15 Sept Jackson KM (first county record)  
**Western Sandpiper:** 31 Aug Clay DS (first county record)  
**Arctic Tern:** 16-21 Oct Yankton CA, RND, RM, GJS  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 17 Sept Hughes RDO  
**White-eyed Vireo:** 26 Nov Hughes KM  
**Pacific Wren:** 02 Aug Lawrence DGP  
**Wood Thrush:** 23 Oct Hughes KM, RDO (late date)  
**LeConte's Sparrow:** 09 Oct Harding KM (first county record)  
**Swamp Sparrow:** 09 Oct Harding KM (first since 1910)  
**Painted Redstart:** 20-21 Sept Stanley RDO (first state record)

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