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Varied Thrush, winter 2019-2020, Custer Co.

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President's Page

Scott Stolz

As I write this article, we are in an unprecedented time with the corona virus pandemic affecting nearly every aspect of our lives. I hope everyone is healthy and is taking measures to protect themselves and their loved ones through this crisis. I know everyone is bummed that we had to cancel the spring and fall meetings but that was the only decision we could make in the current situation. The coordinators had a wonderful mix of field trips planned for us. As of now, we are planning to use these locations in 2021 for the meeting so we don't miss out on the wonders of birding in the sage, prairies, and forests of western SD. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2021, assuming it is safe to gather together at that time.



I'm noticing lots of people out enjoying the outdoors lately as many people have more free time than normal this year. There is no better way to "social distance" than to get out and enjoy the outdoor experiences we have in this great state. I am also noticing quite a few new people entering sightings into eBird, Facebook groups and other social media. Our mission statement directs us to encourage the study of birds in South Dakota. Hopefully, we reach out to these folks and encourage them to continue with this activity that we all enjoy so much and maybe even recruit a few new members to our organization. Keep in mind that many of them will be novices and be patient while helping to educate them about the birds they are seeing. Data provided by volunteer citizen scientists is a vital piece of information that contributes to our understanding of many aspects of ornithology. Let's try to glean something positive out of this horrible pandemic that has negatively affected so many lives. Plus, we never know when one of our new friends will find a new state record for us all to enjoy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 SDOU MEETINGS postponed. Both of the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union's 2020 meetings, scheduled for Belle Fourche and Hot Springs, have been postponed one year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. 2021 meeting details will be announced on the SDOU web site and social media accounts as they become available.

NOTICE to SDOU MEMBERS—VOTE! The General SDOU Membership meeting is usually held during the Fall SDOU meeting. Because the 2020 fall meeting has been cancelled, some of the meeting activities are occurring in Bird Notes. In this issue, we ask that SDOU members 1) vote to approve the previous 2019 General Membership meeting minutes (printed in this issue of Bird Notes) and 2) vote on a new slate of SDOU Board members for the 2020-2023 period. Please enter your votes on the ballot on page 19 of this issue of Bird Notes and send to the email or snail mail address listed on the ballot. **BALLOTS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.**

Minutes of the SDOU General Membership Meeting

October 5, 2019

(EDITOR'S NOTE. These minutes are included here so that members can approve them. Vote to approve on the Ballot on Page 19 of this issue of Bird Notes. Ballots are due SEPTEMBER 21)

President Stolz called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm following the afternoon paper session, with 24 people present.

The minutes of the 3 November 2018 annual meeting in Madison were read and approved.

President Stolz, on behalf of Treasurer R. Draeger, presented highlights of the Treasurer's report for the period 1 October 2018 – 30 September 2019. Highlights included: Overall Net Worth \$210,026.74 (\$215,851.99 in Fall 2018). This difference (and the higher expenses during this past year) largely reflects payments to Sentinel Press for the *Birder's Guide to South Dakota* book and funding provided for the American Dipper nest box project that SDOU supported. Income this past year included a \$632 gift from Nanci Bond, in honor of her father, James W. Johnson, a former SDOU member and Editor of *South Dakota Bird Notes*, with the request that this gift be used to support an SDOU project. Income also included a \$1,000 anonymous gift to support the American Dipper nest box project.

Committee Reports

Whitney Small Grants: Todd Jensen reported that the SDOU web site regarding the Whitney grant was up to date. The deadline for submission of research proposals for 2020 will be 1 April.

Scholarship: Scholarship Committee Chair R. Olson noted that the SDOU scholarships had been announced at the Spring BOD meeting. Jackie Krakow, an M.S. student at SDSU, was awarded the Husmann Scholarship and R. Olson read a thank you letter from her. R. Olson also noted that he had received a thank you letter from Dylan Prusha, an undergraduate student at NSU, and the recipient of the Baylor Scholarship.

Rare Bird Records: Dave Swanson noted that the 2018 report of the RBRC has been submitted for publication in *South Dakota Bird Notes*. The committee continues to act on reports electronically and then meets to discuss those reports for which there was not unanimous agreement. The committee plans to meet after lunch on Sunday, 6 October 2019, to review reports received since the Spring 2019 meeting. D. Swanson noted that two new members, Scott Stolz and Nancy Drilling are now serving on the RBRC, bringing the total membership of the committee to seven.

Bird Notes: Editor Drilling mentioned deadlines for the upcoming issues of *Bird Notes* – 15 October for the Fall 2019 issue and 15 December for the Winter 2019 issue.

Membership: D. Swanson, on behalf of L. Johnson, Membership Committee Chair, presented the membership report. SDOU membership is currently 183, which includes several family and institutional memberships (compared with 180 in October 2018). Mick Zerr mentioned the idea of giving an SDOU patch to all new members. This suggestion will be acted on at the BOD meeting.

Old Business

Birder's Guide to South Dakota: D. Swanson noted that the book has sold somewhere between 110 and 120 of the 500 copies printed. Some discussion of potential additional outlets to sell the book occurred.

Spring Meeting 2019: Tentative dates for the Spring 2020 meeting, to be held in Belle Fourche were discussed, with the most popular option being 24-26 April. Dates for the spring meeting will be approved at the BOD meeting.

New Business

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee (T. Jensen, K. Preheim, R. Latuchie) presented a slate of candidates for the BOD, with terms expiring in 2022. A motion for a unanimous ballot to approve the slate of 5 candidates passed. The following SDOU members were elected to three-year terms on the BOD: B. Bork, R. Latuchie, K. Preheim, M. Schmidtbauer, and S. Stolz.

Online vs. Hard Copy Publication of Bird Notes: R. Dietrich presented a handout summarizing a cost analysis for online vs. hard copy publication of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. Discussion followed. A survey of the SDOU membership will be developed and circulated to determine preferences for online vs. printed *Bird Notes*. Distribution of such a survey will be included as an insert in an upcoming issue of *Bird Notes*.

SDOU Patch to New Members: A motion to provide an SDOU iron-on patch to new members passed unanimously. This action will take place immediately.

Formal Thank You: President Stolz and the SDOU membership offered a formal thank you to Ricky Olson, Eileen Dowd Stukel, Dan Svingen and Kenny Miller for hosting an outstanding Fall 2019 meeting at Pierre.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

David Swanson, Secretary



SDOU Committee Reports

The following are SDOU Committee reports that ordinarily would be presented at the General Membership meeting during the Fall meeting. The 2020 reports are published here because the Fall 2020 SDOU meeting, and the General Membership meeting, are cancelled.

Scholarships and Grant Committees

The Nathaniel R. Whitney Jr. small research grant for \$750.00 was awarded to Ms. Stephanie Nefas. Her research is titled: Migratory bird use of early successional cottonwood-willow forest: what do we lose by managing sandbars for plovers and terns?

The SDOU Scholarship Committee members Galen Steffen, Nelda Holden & Ricky D. Olson (Chair) are happy to announce the following students are awarded the SDOU scholarships for 2020-2021.

Congratulations to:

Ms. Stephanie Nefas, a third-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Biology at the University of South Dakota has been awarded the \$800.00 Husmann Scholarship dissertation research, Stephanie is evaluating breeding and migratory bird use of early successional cottonwood-willow riparian forest habitats along free-flowing sections of the Missouri River that comprise the Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR) in South Dakota and Nebraska.

Mr. Jacob M. Ridgway has been awarded the \$1200.00 Mary E. Baylor Memorial scholarship from SDOU. Jacob is a sophomore biology major in the biodiversity and conservation track at USD. He anticipates graduating in May of 2022. Jacob is committed to pursuing a career in ecology and conservation biology, either as a government scientist or in academia.

The criteria to apply for the Scholarships can be found at www.SDOU.org

Membership Committee Report July 2020

As of July 23, 2020 SDOU has 170 memberships. The pattern of membership fluctuates and shows a slight decrease in total numbers over the past 10 years. According to the SDOU website, we have 14 new members. Members have been contacted via email and postcards to renew before their SD Bird Notes is cancelled in June. New members are sent a welcome and an SDOU patch (a new practice).

Membership categories as of July 23, 2020 are as follows:

Regular	62
Family	37
Sustaining	17
Library.....	9
Individual Life	32
Family Life.....	10
Student	3

Ideas for membership are welcome. Thank you to renewing members and especially to those who provide sustaining memberships and donations!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson, Membership Chair

Treasurer Financial Reports

SDOU Account Balances to Date FY 2020 – As of 6/30/2020
(Includes unrealized gains)

Account	Balance
Bank Accounts	
Book Savings	1054.61
OPS Checking	7491.95
TOTAL Bank Accounts	8546.56
Asset Accounts	
Alfred H. Hinds Award	1493.05
Book Sales CD#2	26589.3
David J. Holden Scholarship	20370.14
Kenneth H. Husmann Scholarship	14970.14
Life Membership Endowment	17774.18
Mary E. Baylor Endowment Fund	48506.03
Mary E. Baylor Scholarship Fund	52607.8
Nathaniel R. Whitney, Jr. Awards	25190.69
Pieplow book	40.92
SDOU T-shirts	243
TOTAL Asset Accounts	207785.25
OVERALL TOTAL	216331.81

SDOU Income and Expenses to Date, FY 2020
 10/1/2019 through 6/30/2020

Category 10/1/2019-6/30/2020

Income	
Amazon fee earned	453.24
Banquet Income	30.00
Contributions	307.00
Membership dues	3,295.00
Paypal Income	76.36
Royalty Income (EBSCO)	54.48
Sales-checklists	5.00
Sales-decals	106.00
Sales-patches	18.00
SDOU mtg. Registration	222.00
SFACF reimbursement	750.00
Swanson Book Sales	1,965.38
TOTAL INCOME	7,282.46

Expenses	
Book refund	31.63
Grants paid	1,000.00
Meeting refund	107.00
Paypal fee	55.25
SD Annual Report	10.00
SD Bird Notes postage	34.74
SD Bird Notes printing	2,092.73
SDOU meeting expenses	1,256.13
Swanson book expenses	881.65
Website expenses	605.07
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,074.20

OVERALL BALANCE 1,208.26



An Ode to South Dakota Birding

Dick Latuchie

As I visited some of my favorite Rapid City area hotspots last winter, it began to sink in that I may not see these wonderful places again, at least for some time. My wife Karen and I moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico at the end of April. After thinking about it for some time, it all happened very quickly, and it's really starting to hit home how much I will miss South Dakota. For me, a big part of that relates to birding. I came to birding relatively late in life, in my 50's, in 2008, and I have so many to thank for helping me get started in this hobby/obsession. After all of a sudden catching the bug on a trip to the east coast, Karen and I got involved with the Northern Hills Birding Club. It was a great way to learn about birds, and meet people with a similar interest. Special thanks go to Vic Fondy, who was ever so patient, answering questions, and sharing his infectious enthusiasm for birding, and to Jocie Baker, who took me "under her wing". She and I birded a lot together in my early days of birding, and I learned so much from her, about birds, and about birding in western South Dakota. I can't begin to repay her for what I've learned, so maybe I can pay it forward, to my grandchildren, who at 16 months, and yet to be born (due in August in Santa Fe), who will hopefully start birding at a much younger age than I did.

I got involved in the South Dakota Ornithologists' Union. I remember my first meeting was the Spring Meeting of 2009, in Custer. I had always been "into" databases, and by that time, I was keeping a life list. I just looked it up: I had 14 lifers that weekend! And it brought me into contact with many of you, a wonderful network of friends. Having come to South Dakota in 2000 for a job, our kids were already grown, and it wasn't that easy making friends. But the SDOU quickly became a source of friends all over the state. Over the years, I have birded with many of you, and I would like to think that we created friendships. I have so many memories linked to birds around the state. It seemed like any time I went to

Pierre to look at Gulls, there were Ricky Olson and Kenny Miller, and Doug Backlund, and later, Scott Stoltz. Thanks to all of you for answering my questions. I've learned so much. Exploring the Missouri River with Roger Dietrich, I remember thinking what an amazing place we live in. I remember comparing stories of birding trips with Gary and Jan Small. One of the birding experiences that I will remember forever was seeing a Whooping Crane, during migration, with Kelly Preheim. My profile picture on eBird was one that Kelly took of me immediately afterwards. Other people I want to thank are Dave Swanson, a consummate teacher from whom I learned so much on SDOU field trips, Jeff Palmer, who had so much patience with me as we tried to coordinate work between eBird and the SDOU database, and Nancy Drilling, who never failed to point out my mistakes in identification. You learn so much from your mistakes, and I continue to learn. It's one of the things I love about birding.

Most of all, I must thank Karen. She was interested in birding before I was, always bringing a field guide on family vacations, as we traveled around the country. Her love of simple common birds, like the American Robin, taught me to pay attention to the aesthetics of birding. And her understanding of how important birding became to me, and her encouragement and support for the time I spent on this great activity were and are so appreciated.

Coming from the east coast, it took me a while to really appreciate the wide-open spaces of this state. And once I began birding, I got the opportunity to see so many areas that I would have otherwise missed. I have now birded in all 66 counties of the state, and there are so many wonderful places. Last summer, I took a long weekend, and traveled to the north central part of the state to bird in a few counties that I had not yet seen. I will remember one experience in particular. I went to visit Ordway Memorial Prairie early one morning. It had been incredibly foggy on the way, and I was worried about seeing anything once I got there. But magically, as I neared the site, the fog lifted and it was crisp and clear, giving me the chance to explore the area. No one else was around, and I remember accidentally flushing an American Bittern, and watching as it slowly made its way across the sky. New Jersey birders may have Cape May, but South Dakota, has so many great areas to bird, and far fewer people to share it with. We take a lot for granted. I will miss the solitude of the prairie, the beauty of the Black Hills, and the amazing opportunity I had from Rapid City to explore both in the matter of minutes. I will miss some of my favorite places to bird: Sevey's Lake, which I know I pronounce wrong, but what the hey, Hammerquist Road, east of Rapid, Bear Butte Lake, Hell Canyon, Roby Canyon. So many places, so many memories.

I was thinking this morning that I will be trading some backyard birds for others. Goodbye (for the most part) Black-capped Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay. Hello, Canyon Towhee, Black-chinned Hummingbird, and Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay. And while I have had some amazing birds in my own Rapid City backyard, (Black-chinned and Anna's Hummingbirds, winter Lesser Goldfinch, White-winged Crossbill), I look forward to new birds, and new places to explore. I look forward to finding new state birds, as my New Mexico list is a modest 202, but I will miss the thrill of finding a new South Dakota bird; my last one was White-winged Scoter, last November.

So farewell, South Dakota birding. It will always have a place in my heart. Let me know if you will be anywhere near Santa Fe. Maybe I can help you see a few birds that you don't see that often.



Varied Thrushes in South Dakota During Winter 2019-2020

Nancy Drilling

The Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) breeds in northwestern North America and normally winters along the West Coast south to northern Mexico. Occasionally, large numbers of thrushes overwinter in other parts of North America, especially the upper Midwest and the East Coast (Luke 2020). In South Dakota, Varied Thrush is a casual migrant and winter visitor throughout the state (Tallman et al. 2001). Prior to ~2000, the species was reported every few years, including from 13% of Christmas Bird Count locations (SDOU 1991, Tallman et al. 2002). Since then, Varied Thrushes have been reported every year or two,

with two different birds reported in the state during the winter of 2003-2004, and spring of 2007 and 2009 (SDOU Database 2020).

During winter 2019-2020, five Varied Thrushes, a record number of same-season sightings, were reported in South Dakota (Table 1). All five birds were males and all but one stayed at the same location through the winter. In addition, all but the Rapid City bird were observed at feeders, although the bird in Mary Hall Park likely visited feeders in the surrounding neighborhood. The thrushes in Rapid City and Wessington Springs were observed in towns while the other three visited isolated houses in rural areas. Some of the birds occurred in areas with dense fruit-bearing shrubs and trees such as Buckthorn (*Rhamnus* spp.) and Juniper (*Juniperus* spp.). However the habitat where the Custer County thrush occurred was open Ponderosa Pine forest with almost no understory.

Table 1. Varied Thrush sightings in South Dakota during winter 2019-2020

Location	County	Date First Seen	Date Last Seen Alive	Notes
SE Brookings County	Brookings	Dec. 27, 2019	Mar. 20, 2020	
Wessington Springs	Jerauld	Nov. 30, 2019	N/A	Observed once, during a snowstorm
Mary Hall Park, Rapid City	Pennington	Dec. 20, 2019	Feb. 28, 2020	Found dead Apr. 10, 2020
6 mi west of Custer	Custer	Nov. 16, 2019	~Apr. 12, 2020	
Cascade Springs Rd	Fall River	End of Oct., 2019	Mar. 28, 2020	

There are a couple of possible explanations for the record number of sightings this winter. First, for unknown reasons, Varied Thrushes erratically experience winter irruptions in the upper Midwest of the U.S., with their hypothesized movement in an east-south-east direction from breeding areas in northern Alaska and northwest Alberta (George 2020). During winter 2019-2020, there were no exceptional numbers of thrushes in North Dakota (R. Martin, pers. comm.) nor in Nebraska (R. Silcock, pers. comm.). There also were not an excessive number of eBird observations for this time period in Wyoming, Iowa or Minnesota. This suggests that this was not a region-wide irruption.

Another possible explanation is that we heard about more thrushes because there were more outlets for birders to report their observations. Just one of the five birds was first reported on the SDbirds email listserv and one became known when the landowner emailed a birder friend. These are the ways that observations have traditionally been made known to a wider audience. Of the remaining three observations, two were first reported on birding Facebook pages and one was first reported on eBird. Each of these outlets caters to a slightly different audience, resulting in more opportunities to hear about rare sightings. Although this undoubtedly contributed to an increase in the number of known thrushes this winter, this is not the entire explanation because these various outlets have been present for several years and there have never before been this many reports. No matter the explanation, many people were able to see and enjoy these beautiful winter visitors.

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2019 Winter Observations of Field Sparrow and Ruby-crowned Kinglet in Southeastern South Dakota

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I recorded two noteworthy winter observations for passerine birds in December 2019 in southeastern South Dakota. First, I observed a Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) on 30 November at my feeders about 5 km northeast of Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota. A snow storm had occurred three days earlier, on 27 November, and covered the ground with 5.6 cm of snow (usclimatedata.com), which drove numerous birds to my feeders. The Field Sparrow stayed at my feeders through 1 December, providing a rare winter record for this species for South Dakota. Tallman et al. (2002) listed the Field Sparrow as Accidental in winter for South Dakota. The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union (SDOU) Database (sdou.org) lists four previous December through February records of Field Sparrow for South Dakota. These four records do not include all Christmas Bird Count (CBC) records for Field Sparrow from South Dakota. Tallman (2001) noted that Field Sparrow had been recorded on seven different CBC locations in South Dakota through 1998.

The second noteworthy December 2019 record was a Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) on the Yankton Christmas Bird Count on 14 December on Sister's Grove Road, Yankton County, South Dakota. This latter bird was observed by me, Ed Brogie and Tim Rice at about 4:00 pm, flitting through the understory of a forested area lining the northern bluff of the Missouri River floodplain. We were not able to procure a photograph of this bird, but all three of us viewed it clearly and were able to see the ruby crown, thus identifying the bird as a male. Tallman et al. (2002) listed the Ruby-crowned Kinglet as Casual in early winter for South Dakota, with no post-December records. The SDOU Database lists seven previous December through February records for South Dakota, with five birds initially observed in December, two of which continued into January, and two initially observed in January, one of which continued into February, for a total of seven distinct winter records. These seven records also do not include all Christmas Bird Count records for Ruby-crowned Kinglet in South Dakota. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were listed by Tallman (2001) as occurring on four different CBC locations in South Dakota through 1998, including Yankton. This record marks the fourth time Ruby-crowned Kinglet has been recorded on the Yankton Christmas Bird Count (Roger Dietrich, personal communication).

Winter temperatures are warming across North America, especially in the north-central United States (Tebaldi et al. 2013, Vose et al. 2017), with average daily temperatures over the December-February period increasing by approximately 1°C/decade (Swanson and Palmer 2009). Concurrently, northward shifts in the wintering ranges have occurred for numerous bird species since the 1970s (Valiela and Bowen 2003, LaSorte and Thompson 2007, Niven et al. 2009, Princé and Zuckerberg 2015). In addition, increasing records of rarely observed passerine birds north of their typical winter ranges in South Dakota since the 1970s have also been recorded (Swanson et al. 2020). The winter 2019 observations of Field Sparrow and Ruby-crowned Kinglet fit these general trends.

Several measures of winter distribution are reported in the literature, including the northern range boundaries, centers of occurrence (i.e., range centroids), and centers of abundance (LaSorte and Thompson 2007, Niven et al. 2009). The northern range boundary is the most variable of these metrics, so this metric might be expected to respond to short-term weather changes more than long-term climate trends (LaSorte and Thompson 2007, Reside et al. 2010), and observations of species north of their typical winter range boundary may also be prominently affected by short-term weather conditions. Detection of such a relationship of winter occurrences north of the range boundary would likely be most evident in species with northern range boundaries associated with temperature rather than vegetation or land use patterns. For example, bird species with northern range boundaries associated with winter temperature isotherms in the northern Great Plains responded more strongly to winter temperature variation than species with ranges limited by vegetation (Butler et al. 2007). Interestingly, year was a stronger predictor of winter occurrence records in South Dakota from 1974-2017 than winter temperature for bird species with northern range boundaries associated with temperature, whereas species with ranges not associated with temperature failed to show a trend with year (Swanson et al. 2020).

For the Field Sparrow, northern boundaries of the winter range in the central U.S. extend from southwestern Kansas to northeastern Missouri (Carey et al. 2008). For Ruby-crowned Kinglets, the northern range boundary in the central U.S. extends from the Texas Panhandle through south-central Kansas to southeastern Missouri (Swanson et al. 2008). Root (1988) found that northern winter range boundaries for both Field Sparrow and Ruby-crowned Kinglet were associated with temperature, with minimum daily January temperatures at range boundaries of -3.9 and -6.7°C , respectively. Thus, these species seem like good candidates for northward distributional shifts associated with warming winter. Indeed, both species are also showing northward shifts in winter range centroids from 1966–2005 CBC data for North America, with distances of 18.7 km for Field Sparrows and 72.0 km for Ruby-crowned Kinglets (Niven et al. 2009). For northern winter range boundaries, North American CBC data paint a slightly different picture, with Ruby-crowned Kinglets showing a positive trend between northern range boundary latitude and year (0.43 km/yr), but Field Sparrows showing a negative trend of -1.16 km/yr (LaSorte and Thompson 2007).

Temperatures for November and early December (1–14) were within 1.5°C of long-term averages for Vermillion, SD (all data from usclimatedata.com). Long-term average high and low temperatures for November are 8.6 and -3.4°C , and for 1–14 December are 1.6 and -9.3°C . Average high and low temperatures for November 2019 were 7.7 and -4.3°C , and for 1–14 December 2019 were 1.9 and -7.9°C . Thus, it does not seem that substantially warmer than average temperatures led to these specific winter occurrence records, so perhaps these records are associated with northward expansions of the winter ranges in these two species or other factors affecting winter population distributions (Swanson et al. 2020).

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The 2019 Fall Season

01 August 2019 to 30 November 2019
Compiled By Chris Anderson

There were 305 species, including 7 rarities (Barrow's Goldeneye, Anna's Hummingbird, Parasitic Jaeger, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-eyed Vireo, Pacific Wren, Smith's Longspur) reported to the SDOU online database during the 2019 Fall season. The ten-year (2009-2018) average is 317. 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 (by county). However, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have included the earliest/latest reported date from the missing region also. Included at the end of this report is a list of species that were not reported this year but might be expected during the Fall Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during fall in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

Snow Goose Early: 07 Aug Brown CV; 07 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 08 Sept Kingsbury ND; 06 Oct Buffalo (RND) ... Late: 23 Nov Charles Mix KP; 23 Nov Lake JSP; 23 Nov Yankton CA, MRZ; 08 Nov Haakon RDO

Ross's Goose All Reports: 03 Nov Walworth ND; 07 Nov Douglas KP; 09 Nov Day MO; 09 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 20 Nov Stanley KM, RDO; 21 Nov Stanley KM; 26 Nov Stanley KM

Greater White-fronted Goose All Reports: 04 Aug Stanley RDO; 16 Oct Clay DS; 26 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 28 Oct Pennington CLG; **01 Nov Haakon ND (first county record)**; 08 Nov Haakon RDO; 09 Nov Day MO

Cackling Goose Early: 15 Sept Yankton DS; 28 Oct Pennington CLG; 01 Nov Brown GO; 01 Nov Haakon ND

Trumpeter Swan All Reports: 17 Aug Meade ND; 31 Aug Bennett and Oglala Lakota ND; 02 Nov Butte ND

Tundra Swan Early: 19 Oct Brown GO; 19 Oct Hutchinson CA; 24 Oct Hand KM; 28 Oct Roberts CV ... Late: 13 Nov Minnehaha CA; 12 Nov Beadle KM; 09 Nov Day MO

Wood Duck Late: 17 Nov Yankton RND; 15 Nov Hughes KM; 01 Nov Stanley KM; 28 Oct Pennington CLG; 26 Oct Lake JSP

Blue-winged Teal Late: 24 Oct Roberts CV; 22 Oct Douglas KP; 19 Oct Hutchinson CA; 17 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Oct Perkins ND

Northern Shoveler Late: 23 Nov Charles Mix KP; 12 Nov Beadle ND; 09 Nov Lake JSP; 02 Nov Butte ND

Gadwall Late: 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 23 Nov Charles Mix KP; 23 Nov Yankton CA, RND, MRZ; 17 Nov Douglas KP

American Wigeon Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 26 Nov Hughes RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 23 Nov Douglas KP

Northern Pintail Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Nov Brown GO; 16 Nov Yankton RND; 12 Nov Beadle KM; 07 Nov Meade ND

Green-winged Teal Late: 23 Nov Yankton CA, RND, MRZ; 17 Nov Douglas KP; 09 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 01 Nov Pennington ND

Canvasback Late: 23 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov Hughes KM; 09 Kingsbury JSP; 08 Nov Haakon RDO

Redhead Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 24 Nov Douglas KP

Ring-necked Duck Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 17 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov Pennington CLG; 09 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Greater Scaup Early: 07 Oct Pennington CLG; 19 Oct Stanley RDO; 02 Nov Marshall MO ... Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 17 Nov Yankton RND; 09 Nov Marshall MO

Lesser Scaup Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 24 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Haakon RDO

Surf Scoter All Reports: 06 Oct Stanley ND, KM, RDO; 19 Oct Stanley RDO

White-winged Scoter Early: 30 Oct Stanley KM, RDO; 02 Nov Marshall MO; 05 Nov Yankton RND ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes RDO; 26 Nov Stanley KM; 17 Nov Yankton RND

Black Scoter Early: 05 Nov Yankton RND; 08 Nov Hughes KM ... Late: 23 Nov Yankton CA, RND, MRZ

Long-tailed Duck Early: **14 Oct Meade ND** ... Late: 24 Nov Yankton RND

Bufflehead Early: 05 Sept Campbell RSL; 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, CV, KP; 07 Oct Pennington CLG ... Late: 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Common Goldeneye Early: 24 Oct Spink KM; 26 Oct Yankton RND; 01 Nov Stanley KM, RDO; 02 Nov Butte ND

Hooded Merganser Early: 10 Aug Brookings JSP; 14 Oct Meade ND; 16 Oct Brown GO; 25 Oct Butte ND ... Late: 23 Nov Stanley KM; 18 Nov Yankton RND; 17 Nov Custer ND; 09 Kingsbury JSP

Common Merganser Early: 05 Aug Pennington CLG; 09 Oct Stanley KM; 16 Oct Meade RSL; 02 Nov Roberts CV

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 30 Oct Stanley RDO; 07 Nov Yankton RND; 10 Nov Hughes RDO ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Stanley RDO

Ruddy Duck Late: 23 Nov Yankton CA, MRZ; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 22 Nov Haakon RDO

Northern Bobwhite Only Report: 08 Aug Gregory RM

Gray Partridge All Reports: 17 Aug Meade ND; 10 Sept Butte ND; 13 Sept Meade RDO; 12 Oct Meade ND

Pied-billed Grebe Late: 24 Nov Yankton RND; 23 Nov Stanley KM; 19 Nov Hughes RSL; 17 Nov Douglas KP; 04 Nov Pennington CLG

Horned Grebe Early: 06 Oct Pennington ND; 12 Oct Butte ND; 13 Oct Hughes KM; 19 Oct Hutchinson CA ... Late: 23 Nov Yankton CA, RND, MRZ; 15 Nov Stanley RDO; 14 Nov Butte ND; 24 Oct Spink KM

Red-necked Grebe Late: 26 Nov Hughes KM; 03 Nov Perkins ND

Eared Grebe Late: 23 Nov Yankton CA, RND, MRZ; 15 Nov Hughes KM; 12 Nov Beadle KM; 18 Oct Meade ND

Western Grebe Late: 24 Nov Sully KM, RDO; 24 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Pennington CLG; 17 Nov Fall River ND; 05 Nov Brown GO

Clark's Grebe Only Report 17 Nov Fall River ND

Mourning Dove Late: 14 Nov Charles Mix KP; 24 Oct Roberts CV; 23 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Oct Perkins ND

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Late: 14 Sept Charles Mix KP, RM; 07 Sept Lincoln ND; 01 Sept Union ND

Black-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 14 Sept Fall River ND

Common Nighthawk Late: 21 Sept Roberts MO; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 12 Sept Clay GJS

Common Poorwill Only Report: 31 Aug Fall River ND

Eastern Whip-poor-will Late: 10 Aug Charles Mix RM

Chimney Swift Late: 17 Sept Douglas KP; 16 Sept Hughes ND; 15 Sept Charles Mix RM; 09 Aug Pennington KM

White-throated Swift All Reports: 19 Aug Pennington CLG; 31 Aug Custer JSP; 14 Sept Fall River ND

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 12 Oct Lake KB; 11 Oct Clay GLS; 28 Sept Charles Mix RM; 26 Sept Pennington ND

Broad-tailed Hummingbird All Reports: 13 Aug Pennington RDO; 17 Aug Lawrence DS

Virginia Rail Late: 28 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 02 Sept McCook CA, KP

Sora Late: 06 Oct Hughes JSP; 14 Sept Brookings JSP; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 09 Sept Kingsbury RND

American Coot Late: 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 24 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Haakon RDO; 09 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Sandhill Crane Early: 28 Sept Deuel CA; 04 Oct Bon Homme GLS; 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV; 08 Oct Perkins ND ... Late: 08 Nov Haakon RDO; 04 Nov Douglas KP; 02 Nov Charles Mix RM

Black-necked Stilt All Reports: 26 Sept Minnehaha MRZ; **27 Sept Minnehaha CA (late)**

American Avocet Late: 26 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 20 Oct Clay DS; 19 Oct Hutchinson CA; 01 Oct Harding ND

Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 01 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 07 Oct Roberts CV

American Golden-Plover Early: 24 Aug Lincoln CA, MRZ; 04 Sept Sully RDO; 14 Sept Roberts MO; 18 Sept Charles Mix RND ... Late: 07 Oct Roberts CV; 28 Sept Moody CA; 21 Sept Douglas KP

Semipalmated Plover Late: 06 Oct Pennington ND; 18 Sept Charles Mix RND; 14 Sept Kingsbury JSP

Killdeer Late: 02 Nov Charles Mix KP; 01 Nov Pennington ND; 25 Oct Minnehaha CA

Upland Sandpiper Late: 31 Aug Bennett ND; 24 Aug McCook CA, MRZ; 17 Aug Harding ND; 13 Aug Sully KM

Marbled Godwit All Reports: 01 Aug Sully KM; 02 Sept Kingsbury CA, KP

Stilt Sandpiper Late: 20 Oct Clay DS; 28 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP; 06 Sept Pennington ND

Sanderling Late: 09 Sept Buffalo RDO; 02 Sept Hamlin and Kingsbury CA, KP

Dunlin All Reports: 28 Sept Moody CA; 20 Oct Clay DS

Baird's Sandpiper Late: 22 Sept Fall River ND; 21 Sept Day MO; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP

Least Sandpiper Late: 26 Oct Charles Mix KP; 14 Oct Clay DS; 28 Sept Moody CA; 24 Aug Pennington ND

White-rumped Sandpiper Only Report: 06 Sept Pennington ND

Buff-breasted Sandpiper All Reports: 06 Aug Sully RDO; **01 Sept Hamlin ND (first county record)**

Pectoral Sandpiper Late: 20 Oct Clay DS; 28 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 28 Sept Moody CA; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP; 24 Aug Pennington ND

Semipalmated Sandpiper Late: 04 Sept Sully RDO; 01 Sept Turner and Hamlin ND; 24 Aug Pennington ND

Short-billed Dowitcher Only Report: 09 Aug Lincoln CA

Long-billed Dowitcher Late: 20 Oct Clay DS; 19 Oct Brown GO; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP; 06 Sept Pennington ND

Wilson's Snipe Late: 17 Nov Fall River ND; 09 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Hutchinson CA; 17 Oct Hughes KM

Wilson's Phalarope Late: 22 Sept Fall River ND; 20 Sept Charles Mix RM; 04 Sept Sully RDO; 22 Aug Brown CV

Red-necked Phalarope All Reports: 17 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 04 Sept Sully RDO; 09 Sept Charles Mix KP; 18 Sept Charles Mix RND; 20 Sept Charles Mix RM

Spotted Sandpiper Late: 22 Sept Minnehaha CA; 17 Sept Buffalo and Lyman RDO; 09 Sept Pennington CLG

Solitary Sandpiper Late: 18 Sept Charles Mix RND; 16 Sept Roberts CV; 14 Sept Marshall MO; 24 Aug Pennington ND

Greater Yellowlegs Late: 19 Oct Brown GO; 08 Oct Perkins ND; 07 Oct Roberts CV; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP

Willet Only Report: 18 Sept Douglas RND

Lesser Yellowlegs Late: 25 Oct Minnehaha CA; 19 Oct Brown GO; 14 Oct Clay DS; 12 Oct Butte ND

Black-legged Kittiwake All Reports: 16 Nov Yankton DS; 17 Nov Yankton RND, DS

Sabine's Gull Early: 02 Sept Kingsbury CA, KP; 14 Sept Charles Mix RM, KP; 15 Sept Stanley RDO ... Late: 03 Nov Charles Mix RM, KP; 20 Oct Stanley RDO; **14 Oct Meade ND (first county record)**; 12 Oct Butte ND; 09 Oct Yankton DS

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 08 Sept Charles Mix RM; 09 Sept Buffalo RDO; 17 Sept Lyman RDO ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Charles Mix KP; 09 Nov Day MO; 25 Oct Butte ND

Little Gull Early 06-17 Sept Lyman ND, RSL, RDO ... Late: 06 Oct Buffalo CV; 06 Oct Lyman CA, KP, GJS

Franklin's Gull Late: 17 Nov Yankton RND, DS; 11 Nov Charles Mix RM; 11 Nov Stanley RDO; 09 Nov Lake JSP; 14 Sept Fall River ND

Ring-billed Gull Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Butte ND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

California Gull Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 19 Nov Stanley RSL; 17 Nov Fall River ND

Herring Gull Early: 01 Sept Stanley RDO; 03 Sept Charles Mix RM; 16 Sept Roberts CV ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Butte ND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Iceland Gull Early: 29 Oct Stanley KM; 02 Nov Hughes JSP; 17 Nov Yankton DS ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Stanley RDO

Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 26 Aug Stanley RDO; 16 Sept Hughes ND ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes RDO; 28 Nov Stanley RDO

Glaucous Gull All Reports: 13 Nov Yankton DS; 17 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Yankton RND

Caspian Tern Early: 01 Aug Stanley RDO; 24 Aug Day JSP; 24 Aug Butte ND ... Late: 10 Sept Butte ND; 09 Sept Buffalo RDO; 01 Sept Stanley RDO

Black Tern Late: 21 Sept Buffalo RDO; 21 Sept Lyman RDO, JSP; 20 Sept Charles Mix RM; 14 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 14 Sept Meade RSL

Common Tern Late: 09 Oct Yankton DS; 06 Oct Gregory RM; 04 Oct Hughes RND; 07 Aug Brown CV

Forster's Tern Late: 02 Nov Day MO; 11 Oct Stanley RDO; 09 Oct Yankton DS; 14 Sept Fall River ND

Common Loon Early: 03 Aug Stanley RDO; 21 Sept Day MO; 06 Oct Stanley CA, KP, CV; 12 Oct Butte ND ... Late: 24 Nov Sully RDO; 17 Nov Fall River ND; 17 Nov Hughes RDO

Neotropic Cormorant All Reports: 14 Sept Marshall MO; 21 Sept Lyman RDO; 05 Nov Stanley RDO

Double-crested Cormorant Late: 27 Nov Butte ND; 25 Nov Stanley KM; 23 Nov Charles Mix and Gregory KP

American White Pelican Late: 16 Nov Charles Mix RM; 16 Nov Stanley KM; 02 Nov Lyman JSP; 25 Oct Butte ND; 24 Oct Spink KM

American Bittern Late: 24 Oct Spink KM; 06 Oct Hughes ND, KM; 06 Sept McPherson RSL

Least Bittern All Reports: 03 Aug Lake JSP; 10 Aug Brookings JSP; 14 Sept Brookings JSP

Great Blue Heron Late: 29 Nov Pennington ND; 22 Nov Sully KM; 16 Nov Roberts JSP

Great Egret Late: 19 Oct McCook and Minnehaha CA; 19 Oct Brown GO; 06 Oct Aurora KP; 06 Oct Buffalo CA, RDO; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND

Snowy Egret Late: 19 Oct McCook CA; 28 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 21 Sept Day MO; 04 Aug Lyman RDO

Cattle Egret Late: 23 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 24 Oct Spink KM

Green Heron Late: 14 Sept Brookings JSP; 05 Sept Yankton RND; 02 Sept Grant ND

Black-crowned Night-Heron Late: 19 Oct Minnehaha CA, MRZ; 29 Sept Hutchinson KP; 20 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP

White-faced Ibis Late: 17 Nov Douglas KP; 26 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 22 Oct Charles Mix KP; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND

Turkey Vulture Late: 16 Oct Brown GO; 16 Oct Charles Mix RM; 11 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Perkins ND

Osprey Late: 23 Nov Pennington JLB; 22 Oct Stanley RDO; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Davison RND

Golden Eagle Early: 26 Oct Charles Mix KP

Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: 01 Sept Turner ND; 05 Sept Hyde KM; 16 Sept Hughes ND

Northern Goshawk Early: 02 Oct Stanley RDO; 03 Nov Perkins ND; 09 Nov Hughes KM; 23 Nov Brown ND

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 07 Aug Marshall CV; 01 Sept Hughes KM; 07 Sept Lincoln ND ... Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Clay GJS; 28 Sept Lake JSP

Swainson's Hawk Late: 07 Oct Meade ND; 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP; 06 Oct Brule and Douglas KP; 06 Oct Pennington ND; 04 Oct Clark CV; 04 Oct Pennington RSL

Rough-legged Hawk Early: 06 Oct Brule KP; 11 Oct Charles Mix RM; 12 Oct Pennington ND; 09 Nov Brown GO

Ferruginous Hawk Late: 27 Nov Meade ND; 22 Nov Jones RDO; 19 Nov Stanley RSL; 08 Nov Haakon RDO

Burrowing Owl Late: 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV; 01 Oct Harding ND; 16 Sept Pennington KM

Barred Owl Only Report: 19 Sept Lincoln CA

Long-eared Owl All Reports: 04 Nov Harding ND; 10 Nov Stanley KM; 12 Nov Beadle KM; 22 Nov Sully KM; 23-24 Nov Stanley KM

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 13 Aug Haakon RDO; 17 Aug Harding and Meade ND; 31 Aug Fall River ND; 09 Sept Harding KM

Northern Saw-whet Owl Early: 08 Oct Harding ND; 04 Nov Sully KM; 20 Nov Stanley KM;

Belted Kingfisher Late: 29 Nov Pennington ND; 23 Nov Yankton CA, MRZ; 16 Nov Charles Mix RM; 01 Nov Brown GO

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Late: 25 Sept Brown GO; 14 Sept Lincoln CA; 14 Sept Roberts MO; 02 Sept Roberts MO

Red-naped Sapsucker Only Report: 22 Sept Fall River ND

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 14 Sept Fall River ND; 25 Aug Custer ND

American Three-toed Woodpecker Only Report: 13 Aug Custer ND

Black-backed Woodpecker Only Report: 18 Aug Custer ND

Merlin Early: 26 Aug Douglas KP; 03 Sept Clay GJS; 14 Sept Roberts MO

Peregrine Falcon Early: 29 Aug Lincoln CA; 29 Aug Douglas KP; 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 20 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 06 Oct Hughes CA, ND; 04 Oct Stanley RND; 26 Sept Minnehaha MRZ

Prairie Falcon Early: 13 Aug Sully KM; 12 Sept Stanley RDO; 12 Nov Hyde KM

Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: 10 Aug Lincoln CA; 12 Aug Stanley RDO; 21 Aug Hyde KM ... Late: 19 Sept Lincoln CA; 05 Sept Hyde KM; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP

Western Wood-Pewee Late: 14 Sept Fall River ND; 09 Sept Harding KM; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND

Eastern Wood-Pewee Late: 21 Sept Charles Mix RM; 11 Sept Clay GJS; 04 Sept Yankton RND

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 24 Aug Union DS; 24 Aug Hughes KM; 26 Aug Douglas KP; 01 Sept Union ND

Alder Flycatcher Only Report: 24 Aug Union DS

Willow Flycatcher Late: 22 Sept Fall River ND; 08 Sept Moody ND; 07 Sept Lincoln ND; 08 Aug Charles Mix RM

Least Flycatcher Late: 08 Sept Moody ND; 05 Sept Hyde KM; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP; 02 Sept Roberts CV; 01 Sept Charles Mix KP

Dusky Flycatcher Only Report: 18 Aug Custer CA

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 18 Aug Custer ND; 31 Aug Custer JSP

Eastern Phoebe Late: 27 Sept Yankton RND; 22 Sept Fall River ND; 07 Sept Moody ND

Say's Phoebe Late: 21 Sept Jerauld JSP; 17 Sept Pennington KM; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 18 Aug Sully KM

Great Crested Flycatcher Late: 18 Sept Hughes KM; 03 Sept Clay GJS; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP; 02 Sept Roberts CV; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND

Western Kingbird Late: 15 Sept Lake JSP; 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 05 Sept Campbell RSL; 31 Aug Fall River ND

Eastern Kingbird Late: 21 Sept Jerauld JSP; 19 Sept Brown GO; 14 Sept Brookings JSP; 14 Sept Mead RSL; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 14 Sept Hughes KM

Bell's Vireo Late: 14 Sept Hughes KM; 09 Sept Buffalo RDO; 01 Sept Clay GJS; 31 Aug Bennett ND

Yellow-throated Vireo Late: 01 Sept Grant ND; 01 Sept Lincoln CA; 17 Aug Lake JSP; 11 Aug Yankton KP

Blue-headed Vireo Early: 31 Aug Hyde KM; 01 Sept Hughes KM; 01 Sept Grant and Union ND; 02 Sept Roberts ND; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP ... Late: 27 Sept Hughes EDS; 11 Sept Clay GJS

Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 25 Aug Custer ND; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND; 31 Aug Custer JSP

Philadelphia Vireo All Reports: 01 Sept Union ND; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP; 11 Sept Stanley RDO

Warbling Vireo Late: 22 Sept Clay GJS; 21 Sept Stanley RDO; 14 Sept Marshall MO; 01 Sept Fall River JSP

Red-eyed Vireo Late: 14 Sept Roberts MO; 14 Sept Brookings JSP; 12 Sept Hughes KM; 11 Sept Clay GJS; 10 Sept Harding KM

Loggerhead Shrike All Reports: 17 Aug Meade and Perkins ND; 25 Aug Custer ND; 31 Aug Fall River ND

Northern Shrike Early: 13 Oct Sully KM; 25 Oct Potter KM; 25 Oct Meade ND; 01 Nov Stanley KM

Canada Jay All Reports: 13 Sept Lawrence RDO; 29 Sept Lawrence ND; 12 Oct Lawrence ND; 13 Oct Pennington ND

Clark's Nutcracker Only Report: 13 Aug Custer RDO

Black-billed Magpie reported 14 Aug, 04 Nov, 22 Nov Sully KM; 28 Sept, 23 Oct Lyman RDO

Common Raven All Reports: 16 Oct Brown BP; 08 Nov Hughes KM; **08 Nov Hyde BP (first county record)**

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Late: 08 Sept Moody ND; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND; 17 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 12 Aug Pennington CLG; 12 Aug Charles Mix RM

Purple Martin Late: 08 Sept Moody ND; 03 Sept Lake JSP; 26 Aug Douglas KP; 10 Aug Yankton KP

Tree Swallow Late: 04 Oct McCook RND; 16 Sept Roberts CV; 16 Sept Yankton RND; 14 Sept Brookings JSP

Violet-green Swallow All Reports: 19 Aug Pennington CLG; 18 Aug Custer CA; 12 Aug Pennington CLG

Bank Swallow Late: 14 Sept Brookings JSP; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 08 Sept Moody ND; 06 Sept McPherson RSL; 05 Sept Campbell RSL

Barn Swallow Late: 06 Oct Douglas KP; 06 Oct Hughes JSP; 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV; 04 Oct Yankton RND; 04 Oct Stanley RSL, GJS; 04 Oct Lyman RSL, KP; 04 Oct Brule CA

Cliff Swallow Late: 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 08 Sept Moody ND; 01 Sept Fall River JSP

Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 26 Oct Charles Mix KP; 01 Nov Stanley KM; 08 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Brown GO

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 05 Sept Hyde KM; 20 Sept Stanley KM; 21 Sept Marshall MO ... Late: 19 Nov Stanley KM; 09 Nov Day MO; 26 Oct Lake JSP

Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: 04 Aug Brown GO; 15 Aug Hughes KM; 20 Aug Roberts CV

Pygmy Nuthatch All Reports: 23 Aug Pennington ND; 04 Sept Pennington ND

Brown Creeper Early: 20 Oct Hughes KM; 24 Oct Spink KM; 12 Nov Hyde KM

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Late: 02 Sept Lake and McCook CA, KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP; 31 Aug Custer JSP; 24 Aug Union DS

Rock Wren All Reports: 18 Aug Custer CA; 17 Sept Pennington KM; **13 Oct Lincoln MRZ (first county record)**; 15 Oct Lincoln CA

Canyon Wren Only Report: 31 Aug Custer JSP

House Wren Late: 13 Oct Sully KM, RDO; 30 Sept Douglas KP; 28 Sept Lake JSP; 28 Sept Hughes KM; 25 Sept Pennington ND

Winter Wren Early 01 Nov Stanley KM ... Late 26 Nov Stanley KM; 17 Nov Hughes KM

Sedge Wren Late: 06 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Lincoln CA; 28 Sept Moody CA

Marsh Wren Late: 20 Oct Brown GO; 17 Oct Hughes KM; 22 Sept Minnehaha CA

Carolina Wren All Reports: 02 Aug Minnehaha CA; 10 Aug Lincoln CA

American Dipper All Reports: 02 Sept Lawrence JSP; 12 Oct Lawrence ND

Gray Catbird Late: 07 Nov Lake JSP; 06 Oct Marshall MO; 28 Sept Moody CA; 22 Sept Fall River ND; 21 Sept Stanley RDO

Brown Thrasher Late: 04 Nov Sully RDO; 25 Oct Potter KM; 03 Oct Stanley RDO; 28 Sept Lake JSP; 22 Sept Fall River ND

Eastern Bluebird Late: 24 Nov Yankton RND; 19 Nov Hughes KM, RDO; 09 Nov Charles Mix RM; 19 Oct Turner CA; 13 Oct Custer ND

Mountain Bluebird Late: 13 Oct Custer and Pennington ND; 12 Oct Butte ND; 01 Oct Harding ND

Townsend's Solitaire Early: 07 Oct Stanley KM; 28 Oct Sully KM; 08 Nov Hughes KM; 09 Nov Day MO

Swainson's Thrush Early: 30 Aug Hughes KM; 11 Sept Hyde KM; 14 Sept Stanley RDO ... Late: 23 Sept Stanley RDO; 19 Sept Hughes EDS

Hermit Thrush Only Report: 16 Nov Roberts JSP

Bohemian Waxwing All Reports: 05 Nov Stanley KM; 09 Nov Kingsbury JSP

American Pipit Early: 04 Oct Lyman CA; 07 Oct Butte ND; 08 Oct Perkins ND ... Late: 10 Nov Stanley KM; 19 Oct Minnehaha CA

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 23 Sept Jones KM; 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV

Evening Grosbeak Only Report: **13 Oct Sully KM (first county record)**

Pine Grosbeak All Reports: 02 Nov Day MO; 09 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Brown GO

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch Only Report: 09 Nov Lawrence ND

Purple Finch Early: 02 Nov Day MO; 03 Nov Roberts CV; 09 Nov Marshall MO; 19 Nov Hughes KM

Cassin's Finch Only Report: 13 Aug Custer RDO

Common Redpoll All Reports: 09 Nov Hughes KM; 17 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Nov Lincoln CA

Red Crossbill Early: 03 Aug Lincoln CA; 24 Aug Union DS; 09 Sept Lake JSP; 01 Nov Stanley KM

Pine Siskin Early: 01 Aug Lake JSP; 26 Aug Sully KM; 01 Sept Grant ND

Lesser Goldfinch All Reports: 13 Aug Fall River RDO; 31 Aug Fall River ND; 01 Sept Fall River JSP; 14 Sept Fall River ND

Lapland Longspur Early: 17 Oct Jones KM; 24 Oct Spink KM; 24 Oct Clay DS; 02 Nov Marshall MO; 02 Nov Haakon JSP

Chestnut-collared Longspur Late: 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV; 26 Aug Sully KM; 22 Aug Buffalo RDO

Snow Bunting Early: 26 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 02 Nov Day MO; 04 Nov Hughes RDO; 04 Nov Sully KM

Grasshopper Sparrow Late: 23 Sept Jones KM; 14 Sept Meade RSL; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 05 Sept Hyde KM; 17 Aug Kingsbury JSP

Chipping Sparrow Late: 09 Nov Charles Mix KP; 04 Nov Clay DS; 01 Nov Brown GO; 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV

Clay-colored Sparrow Late: 16 Oct Brown GO; 13 Oct Stanley RDO; 13 Oct Sully KM; 11 Oct Pennington RSL

Field Sparrow Late: 30 Nov Clay DS; 13 Oct Sully KM; 10 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Roberts CV; 08 Oct Perkins ND

Lark Sparrow Late: 14 Sept Fall River ND; 31 Aug Bennett and Oglala Lakota ND; 25 Aug Charles Mix KP; 14 Aug Davison KP

Lark Bunting Late: 10 Sept Butte ND; 31 Aug Bennett and Fall River ND; 13 Aug Sully KM

American Tree Sparrow Early: 17 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Stanley KM; 20 Oct Brown GO; 28 Oct Tripp RDO

Fox Sparrow Early: 28 Sept Lake CA; 06 Oct Roberts MO; 16 Oct Clay GJS ... Late: 20 Nov Brown GO; 09 Nov Lake JSP; 28 Oct Tripp RDO

Dark-eyed Junco Early: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 26 Sept Stanley RDO; 28 Sept Moody CA

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 10 Sept Harding KM; 14 Sept Meade RSL; 14 Sept Fall River ND; 28 Sept Lake JSP; 01 Oct Stanley RDO ... Late: 19 Nov Hughes RSL; 01 Nov Stanley RDO; 31 Oct Sully KM; 28 Oct Tripp RDO; 24 Oct Lincoln CA

Harris's Sparrow Early: 28 Sept Lake JSP; 28 Sept Deuel and Moody CA; 30 Sept Stanley RDO; 06 Oct Jones RSL; 06 Oct Haakon ND ... Late: 23 Nov Lake JSP; 10 Nov Clay GJS; 09 Nov Charles Mix KP

White-throated Sparrow Early: 10 Sept Harding KM; 11 Sept Hyde KM; 14 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 28 Nov Brown GO; 15 Nov Lake JSP; 03 Nov Hughes KM; 18 Oct Pennington ND

Vesper Sparrow Late: 26 Oct Charles Mix KP; 18 Oct Brown GO; 17 Oct Lincoln CA; 08 Oct Perkins ND

LeConte's Sparrow All Reports: 28 Sept Moody CA; 06 Oct Roberts MO

Savannah Sparrow Late: 26 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 24 Oct Spink KM; 19 Oct Hutchinson and Lincoln CA; 14 Oct Meade ND; 13 Oct Clay GJS; 13 Oct Sully KM

Song Sparrow Late: 19 Nov Clay GJS; 17 Nov Fall River ND; 14 Nov Stanley RDO

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 10 Sept Clay DS; 10 Sept Harding KM; 13 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 19 Oct Clay GJS; 17 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Brown GO; 12 Oct Lawrence ND

Swamp Sparrow Late: 26 Oct Lake JSP; 19 Oct Minnehaha CA, MRZ; 06 Oct Roberts MO; 06 Oct Hughes KM

Spotted Towhee Late: 22 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Stanley KM; 16 Oct Sully KM; 12 Oct Clay GJS

Eastern Towhee Late: 03 Oct Lincoln CA; 08 Aug Gregory RM; 05 Aug Charles Mix RM

Yellow-breasted Chat Late: 12 Sept Hughes KM; 01 Sept Fall River JSP; 02 Aug Stanley RDO

Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 14 Nov Charles Mix KP; 12 Nov Hyde KM; 05 Nov Douglas KP; 12 Oct Meade ND

Bobolink Late: 21 Sept Douglas KP; 20 Sept Charles Mix RM; 31 Aug Bennett ND

Western Meadowlark Late: 23 Nov Charles Mix KP; 14 Nov Sully KM; 08 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Oct Spink KM; 24 Oct Butte ND

Orchard Oriole Late: 01 Sept Fall River JSP; 01 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Union ND; 31 Aug Bennett ND; 19 Aug Gregory KP

Bullock's Oriole Only Report 13 Aug Fall River RDO

Baltimore Oriole Late: 12 Sept Charles Mix RM; 12 Sept Hughes KM; 08 Sept Lyman ND; 05 Sept Yankton RND; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP

Red-winged Blackbird Late: 30 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Douglas KP; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 03 Nov Perkins ND

Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 29 Nov Clay GJS; 04 Nov Spink CV; 06 Oct Stanley CV; 17 Aug Meade ND

Rusty Blackbird Early: 19 Oct Lincoln CA, MRZ; 19 Oct Hughes KM; 22 Oct Stanley RDO ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 16 Nov Day JSP; 11 Nov Stanley RDO

Brewer's Blackbird Late: 24 Nov Sully RDO; 12 Nov Hyde KM; 04 Nov Spink CV; 08 Oct Perkins ND

Common Grackle Late: 28 Nov Clay GJS; 09 Kingsbury JSP; 09 Nov Marshall MO; 04 Nov Spink CV; 25 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Meade ND

Great-tailed Grackle Only Report: 25 Aug Fall River ND

Ovenbird Late: 12 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Lake JSP; 31 Aug Hyde KM; 25 Aug Fall River ND

Northern Waterthrush All Reports: 10 Aug Lincoln CA; 25 Aug Fall River ND; 30 Aug Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Hughes KM

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 21 Aug Hyde KM; 24 Aug Union DS; 25 Aug Hughes KM ... Late: 13 Sept Hughes KM; 05 Sept Hyde KM; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP

Tennessee Warbler Early: 30 Aug Hughes KM; 31 Aug Hyde KM; 07 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 06 Oct Clay GJS; 27 Sept Hughes EDS; 14 Sept Marshall MO; 14 Sept Lincoln CA

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 26 Aug Pennington CLG; 08 Sept Douglas KP; 10 Sept Harding KM; 11 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 23 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Stanley RDO; 12 Oct Lawrence ND; 11 Oct Clay GJS

Nashville Warbler Early: 22 Aug Minnehaha CA; 01 Sept Union ND; 03 Sept Campbell KM; 04 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 18 Oct Stanley KM; 10 Oct Minnehaha CA; 06 Oct Clay GJS

Virginia's Warbler Only Report 31 Aug Custer JSP

MacGillivray's Warbler Only Report 31 Aug Custer JSP

Mourning Warbler Only Report 08 Sept Moody ND

Common Yellowthroat Late: 17 Oct Hughes KM; 22 Sept Minnehaha CA; 21 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP

American Redstart Late: 14 Sept Hughes KM; 11 Sept Stanley RDO; 06 Sept Faulk RSL; 31 Aug Oglala Lakota ND

Northern Parula Only Report 07 Sept Lincoln ND

Magnolia Warbler All Reports: 26 Aug Minnehaha CA; 30 Aug Hughes KM; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP; 07 Sept Lincoln ND

Blackburnian Warbler Early: 24 Aug Union DS; 25 Aug Hughes KM ... Late: 12 Sept Hughes KM; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP; 01 Sept Grant ND

Yellow Warbler Late: 27 Sept Hughes KM; 14 Sept Marshall MO; 14 Sept Fall River ND

Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: 30 Aug Hughes KM; 05 Sept Hyde KM

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM ... Late: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 11 Sept Stanley RDO

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 30 Aug Hughes KM; 02 Sept Lake CA, KP; 14 Sept Brookings JSP ...
Late: 19 Oct Clay GJS; 17 Oct Yankton RND; 16 Oct Sully KM; 13 Oct Custer ND

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 30 Aug Hughes KM; 07 Sept Minnehaha ND; 12 Sept Hughes KM

Canada Warbler All Reports: 24 Aug Union DS; 12 Hughes KM; 13 Sept Hughes KM

Wilson's Warbler Early: 22 Aug Lincoln CA; 24 Aug Union DS; 25 Aug Lake JSP; 31 Aug Custer JSP; 01 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 22 Sept Fall River ND; 15 Sept Hughes KM; 14 Sept Marshall MO

Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 11 Aug Yankton KP; 21 Aug Lincoln CA; 01 Sept Union ND; 12 Sept Hughes KM

Western Tanager All Reports: 26 Aug Pennington RSL; 31 Aug Custer JSP; 25 Sept Pennington ND

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Late: 24 Sept Charles Mix RM; 07 Sept Minnehaha CA; 02 Sept Roberts ND

Black-headed Grosbeak All Reports: 17 Aug Perkins ND; 01 Sept Fall River JSP; 01 Sept Stanley RDO

Blue Grosbeak Late: 22 Sept Jackson KM; 18 Sept Charles Mix KP; 03 Sept Hughes RDO; 28 Aug Clay DS

Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 25 Aug Custer ND

Indigo Bunting Late: 14 Sept Lincoln CA; 01 Sept Hughes KM; 27 Aug Lake JSP

Dickcissel Late: 13 Oct Sully KM; 16 Sept Yankton RND; 16 Sept Pennington KM; 21 Aug Lincoln CA

Species Expected But Not Reported

American Black Duck, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Sage-Grouse, Long-billed Curlew, Great Black-backed Gull, Pacific Loon, Cassin's Kingbird, Pinyon Jay, Sage Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Veery, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Brewer's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, Baird's Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Golden-winged Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Barrow's Goldeneye: 17 Nov Fall River ND (first county record)

Anna's Hummingbird: 16 Oct Charles Mix RM

Parasitic Jaeger: 28 Oct – 04 Nov Stanley and Hughes KM, RDO, JSP, CV

Red-shouldered Hawk: 13 Aug Bon Homme RM

White-eyed Vireo: 10 Aug Lincoln CA

Pacific Wren: 18-19 Nov Hughes KM, RDO (first county record)

Smith's Longspur: 06 Oct Jones CA, RSL, KP, CV

Contributing Observers

CA	Chris Anderson	RDO	Ricky D. Olson
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KB	Kristel Bakker	JSP	Jeffrey S. Palmer
CLG	Canyon Lake Group Survey	KP	Kelly M. Preheim
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ND	Nancy Drilling	EDS	Eileen Dowd Stukel
RM	Ron Mabie	DS	David Swanson
KM	Kenny Miller	CV	Cheryl Vellenga
GO	Gary Olson	MRZ	Mick Zerr

SDOU Members Ballot

VOTE!

Because the Fall 2020 General Membership meeting will not be held this year, voting is via this paper ballot. There are two sections: one to elect new Board of Directors and one to approve the minutes of the 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes (see page 2). All current members of SDOU are eligible to vote. Ballots are **DUE September 21, 2020**

1) Election of Board of Directors 2020-2023

This ballot is to elect five Directors for the Board of Directors 2020-2023 term. In addition, one current Director (Dick Latuchie) has resigned and this ballot includes a candidate to serve the remaining two years of his term.

A special Nominating Committee has nominated five candidates (see below). You may nominate another candidate; this new nominee has to have agreed to serve on the Board. In case of a nomination from the floor, we will issue another ballot with the additional candidate(s).

Candidates for 2023 Board of Directors (pick 5):

- Ron Mabie
- Cheryl Vallenga
- Duane Weber
- Mick Zerr
- Dan Svingen
- Write-in _____

Candidate to fill last two years of Dick Latuchie's position:

- Peter Binstock

2) Approval of 2019 GM meeting minutes (see minutes on Page 2)

Approval the minutes of the 2019 General Membership Meeting:

- Yes
- No

Meeting minutes corrections:

Please respond to SDOU president Scott Stolz by **SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**. Mail paper ballot to: Scott Stolz, PO Box 423, Sturgis, SD 57785. OR email: Sstolz1@me.com. OR contact via phone: 605-295-2368



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Summer Tanager, May 2020, Yankton.