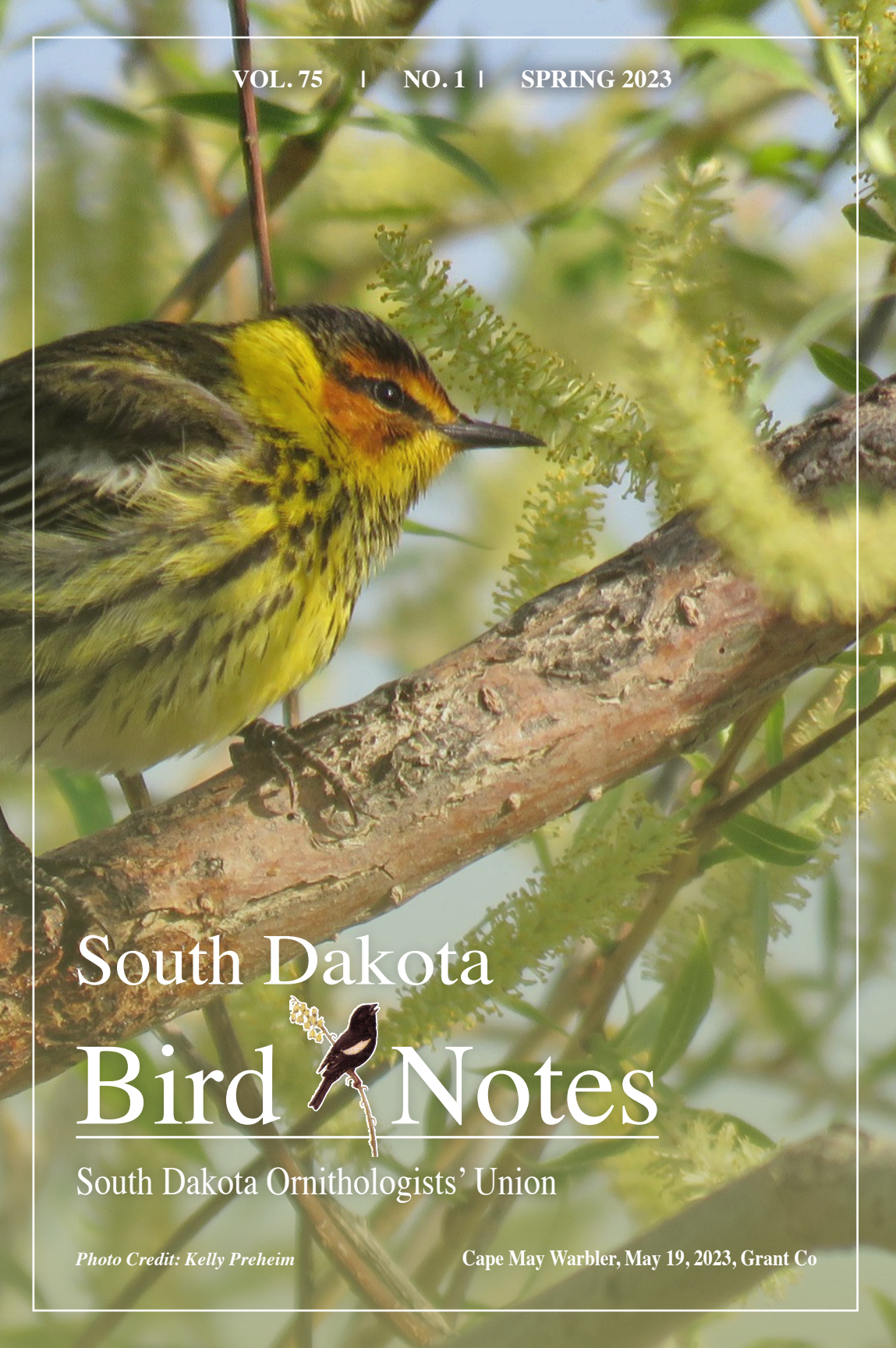


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Cape May Warbler, May 19, 2023, Grant Co

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President's Page

Mark Schmidtbauer

There is some exciting news that I would like to share about a possible future project to study bird migration through South Dakota that SDOU has agreed to help fund. Our Board of Directors has approved a pledge of \$10,000 to purchase a Motus tower for a research project that is in the planning and securing-of-funding stages.

What is a Motus tower you ask? Well, Motus is Latin for movement, or motion, so basically it is a tower with a receiver that uses radio telemetry to track the movement of all types of small critters that are too small for the heaviness of traditional GPS satellite transmitters, or even standard radio-transmitters. The animals, primarily insects, birds and bats are fitted with tiny, extremely lightweight battery nano-tags that send out a signal that these towers can pick up. All the towers together are called the Motus Wildlife Tracking System and more details about it can be found on their web page, <https://motus.org>



Many of these towers can be found in the eastern U.S and Canada with a scarcity of towers in the central and northern Great Plains. The project SDOU has pledged to help fund will greatly increase the number of towers in South Dakota, which is within one of the areas of North America that currently has little coverage. This Motus system would be able to detect tagged migrating birds on their journey through our state and provide valuable information about their migratory routes and habitats.

This Motus project proposal in South Dakota has a non-federal dollar match and is being spearheaded by Dr. David Swanson, Biology Professor at the University of South Dakota and other collaborators from the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. The strategy is to deploy 6 to 9 Motus stations in eastern SD, in proximity to the Missouri River, which would provide substantial coverage to detect any tagged bird that flies through the “fence” made by these perfectly situated towers. The current wildlife grant will specifically track LeConte’s Sparrow migration in stopover habitat in southeastern South Dakota and Least Tern foraging locations along the Missouri River from the Oahe Dam near Pierre to the city of Dakota Dunes.

The information obtained from these Motus towers will be valuable for researchers, educators, organizations, and citizens to undertake impactful research and education on the ecology and conservation of migratory birds. Ultimately, all the research that is achieved from this Motus system will better identify critical habitats in our state where these birds stop over. This hopefully can lead to better habitat protection and conservation of these areas which will have a direct positive impact on these birds. This is the type of research project that is significant to our state and these Motus towers will provide the infrastructure that will likely lead to many other studies in subsequent years. I am pleased that SDOU has pledged to fund this crucial research and we at *Bird Notes* will be sure to update you further on the status of this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings: The 2023 Fall meeting will be held at USD in Vermillion on September 29 – October 1. The 2024 Spring meeting will be in Custer, date TBD. Watch for upcoming announcements on the web site and in social media for more details.

SDOU Scholarship and Grants Program: In this issue, we highlight the 2023 recipients of SDOU scholarships and grants. Help support this program with your generous donation! Send your check to the SDOU treasurer noting which fund you are supporting. More details are on our web page at sdou.org



2023 SDOU scholarship and grant awards

The \$1500 Mary E. Baylor Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a sophomore or junior undergraduate student majoring in biology or ecology at a South Dakota college or university. The 2023 recipient is Ms. Zoe Donelan, a junior at the University of South Dakota. Zoe, from Sioux Falls, plans to pursue a career in medicine. As a result of taking an Ornithology class at USD, Zoe has become an enthusiastic beginning birder. In addition she is an excellent nature artist, with birds as a major subject of her artwork. Zoe is a volunteer tutor, teaching people from elementary students to senior citizens.

The Kenneth H. Husmann Memorial Scholarship (\$950) is awarded to a graduate student majoring in ornithology, ecology or wildlife management. Ms. Emily Macklin at South Dakota State University is the 2023 recipient. Emily is pursuing a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences with a focus on ornithology. Her project will examine the impact of fuels and forestry management on breeding colonies of Pinyon Jays in the southern Colorado Rocky Mountain region. Emily's research has already identified five breeding colonies near woodland management sites and led to the postponement of a woodland management project scheduled to occur within an active breeding colony of Pinyon Jays. Before coming to SDSU, Emily managed a state-wide community science raptor monitoring program for over 200 community scientists for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, served as a wildlife ecologist conducting songbird and owl monitoring for Jefferson County (Colorado) Open Space, and an Education Manager with the National Audubon Society.

The 2023 Nathaniel R. Whitney Jr. Memorial Research Grant (\$750) is awarded to Chelsi Marolf, a Ph.D. student in David Swanson's lab at the University of South Dakota. The title of her project is "Effects of variable cold temperatures on metabolic flexibility in small birds." The research for which Chelsi was awarded funding will examine how birds respond physiologically to fluctuating winter temperatures, which are predicted to increase under future climate change scenarios. She will focus on the regulation of key metabolic enzymes in flight muscle and their role in limiting cellular aerobic ATP production and fat catabolism capacities under stable warm, stable cold and fluctuating cold temperatures. These metabolic enzymes are important regulators of metabolic flexibility in birds and might be expected to vary in response to fluctuating versus stable temperatures, affecting overall heat production capacities in birds.

Congratulations to all of the recipients and SDOU wishes them the best of luck in their scientific endeavors.



New Hotspots interactive page on the SDOU website

Mick Zerr, SDOU Web Committee

When birders are interested in an area they are not familiar with, they very often turn to eBird's "Hotspots"¹, which takes five or more steps to access. However, looking at a map and bird photos does not familiarize one with the particulars of an eBird Hotspot (habitat, amenities, suggested view points, etc.). If it is an established park or public area, there might be a website to investigate, but if the Hotspot is not a park or established area no website might exist. It would be more expedient to have one site with all the necessary information and that would be interactive so folks could add items, thereby giving contributors a sense of ownership.

To fill this gap, the “Birding Hotspots” website (<https://birdinghotspots.org>) was created. This website is not affiliated with eBird. It is an open-source, non-commercial database of information about eBird Hotspots, utilizing public information from eBird as well as contributions, such as photos and information, from birders. The website automatically draws appropriate updated information, such as species lists and links from eBird. Editors review contributions from birders and add appropriate material using a simple editing environment. Utilizing the site is very user-friendly, and does not require accessing eBird, thus making it a shortcut to eBird Hotspots.

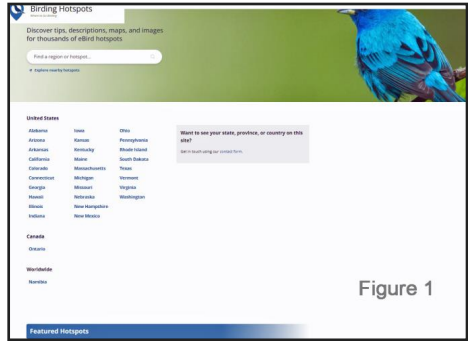


Figure 1

The Birding Hotspots project was originated by Ken Ostermiller, a volunteer eBird hotspot reviewer, and Adam Jackson, a software developer, in cooperation with the Ohio Ornithological Society. To date, 28 states have incorporated the new site into their birding websites. (Figure 1).

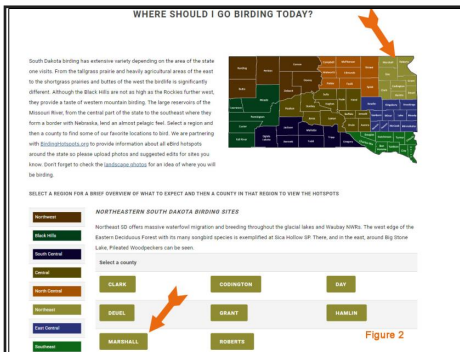


Figure 2

An example would be Jane Doe, a birder from Michigan, who plans to visit a friend in northeastern South Dakota. She looks on eBird and finds some eBird Hotspot locations with interesting species, but would like to see what the area looks like. She finds the SDOU website, clicks on “FINDING BIRDS” and sees a South Dakota map broken down into eight color-coded areas (Figure 2). (There is also a link to *Hotspots.org*, on the SDOU website’s “Finding Birds” page which will take you directly to the South Dakota Birding Hotspots page with an interactive county map.) Clicking on the Northeast index bar, she can see information on that region. Each region has counties listed.

She clicks on Marshall County on the Northeast county list which takes her to the Birding Hotspots page for that county, where photos of the habitat, maps, and information on amenities can be found. This additional information will allow her to have a clearer picture of what to expect if she decides to bird the location.

The county Birding Hotspots page has a map and a list of the major eBird Hotspots for the county including photos of some of them. She can now click on the map marker or on the box below it to get to the desired eBird Hotspot. Our birder checks the eBird Hotspot titled “Newport Colony Lake” (Figure 3). An individual page for the selected Hotspot now appears. On it is a close-up map, but in this case, no photos or amenities are listed. The map allows the user to toggle between satellite view and map view. It also has a button to enlarge the map coverage area. On this page, she can access a species list for the site and directions to the location.

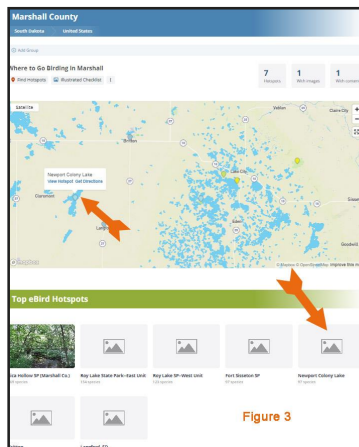


Figure 3

A box with the heading “About this location” has a link that permits the viewer to add their photos and information for the specific Hotspot (Figure 4). This interactive aspect allows folks to enter their photos of the eBird Hotspot and information on amenities such as wheelchair accessibility, restrooms, fees, and roadside viewing. All submitted photos must be the property of the submitter. Photos and information are reviewed by Birding Hotspot site moderators (editors) for approval before attachment to the site. Photos should include the surroundings, not just of a bird seen at the location. It also offers birders a challenge to personally visit locations and fill informational voids in areas with limited content. Birders who do not take cameras along usually have a cell phone that takes decent photos, so those folks can contribute also.

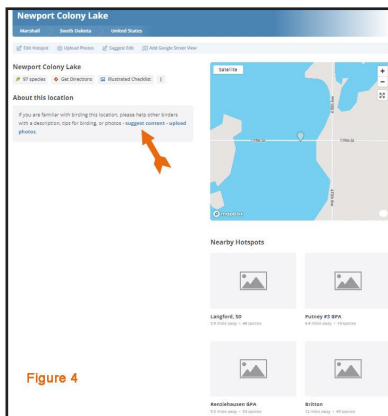


Figure 4

Benefits of the project are:

1. Speed of access to eBird Hotspots
2. Ability for birders to add information and their own photos
3. Interactive maps
4. Specific eBird Hotspot information
5. Species lists for the location
6. Ease of link from our SDOU website
7. Automatic updates from eBird

Information sources:

- eBird.org (<https://ebird.org>)
- Hotspots.org (<https://birdinghotspots.org>)
- Ann Johnson, Webmaster, SDOU website

¹ **Definition of an eBird Hotspot:** “It is not necessary for a “Hotspot” to be an outstanding location for birds or birding. Hotspots represent a set of public locations that people regularly visit for birding, regardless of how amazing they are for birds. The primary requirement of a Hotspot is that it is publicly accessible, so avoid places like your yard or other private property” ([eBird Hotspot FAQs](#), eBird Help Center).

The case of the banded Merlin – An international mystery

Eileen Dowd Stukel, SD Game, Fish and Parks, Pierre, SD; Randy Hoeck, Sioux Falls, SD; and Jan Shadick, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Randy Hoeck is a Sioux Falls birdwatcher and wildlife photographer. On October 28, 2022, he photographed a Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) about 10 miles east of Springfield, South Dakota. The location is in Bon Homme County in southeastern South Dakota. The bird was wearing a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) band on its right leg. Some but not all the numbers were readable in each of his two images. See Figures 1 and 2 at the end of this article.

Numbered bird bands have a 4-digit prefix followed by a dash and 5 additional digits or have the prefix above the second set of numbers. The last digit of the prefix indicates the size of the band. If you have previously found a banded bird or a band in North America, you probably already know you can report that finding to the USGS Bird Banding Lab (BBL) to learn where and when the bird was banded: <https://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrv/index.cfm#Introduction> But the BBL typically needs the full band sequence to provide that information.

Randy had previously contacted Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) with a similar unsolved mystery about a banded Hermit Thrush (Dowd Stukel and Hoeck 2019). South Dakota has relatively few bird banders. GFP Wildlife Diversity staff have been banding migrating and resident birds in central South Dakota for many years, making a contact with us a good place to start to determine the origin of this individual (<https://gfp.sd.gov/bird-banding/>) A check of our banding records confirmed that we have never banded a Merlin at either of our sites.

This falcon species is a relatively rare breeder in South Dakota, with most breeding records from the northwestern and southwestern portions of the state. Data from the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas II project include 2 confirmed, 9 possible, and 4 observed records (<https://gfp.sd.gov/breeding-bird-atlas/>). The subspecies found in South Dakota is the paler, prairie Merlin (*F. c. columbarius*). Because it was unlikely this individual originated from South Dakota, Eileen reached out to members of the Central Flyway Nongame Migratory Bird Technical Committee, which includes representatives from 10 northern and Midwestern states plus the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories.

Two leads resulted from this outreach, including the possibility the bird was banded at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota and a second possibility of banding by a graduate student in Saskatchewan. The pieces started falling into place when Katherine Conkin, Provincial Bird Biologist for the Ministry of Environment in Saskatchewan contacted Thuong (Anna) Tran Nguyen, Bird Banding Programs Officer with the Canadian Wildlife Service. Anna connected the incomplete band sequence to Jan Shadick of Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (<https://living-skywildliferehabilitation.org/>).

Jan narrowed the possibilities to one of three Merlins rehabilitated following injuries and released in or near Saskatoon. One of the birds (band # 0914-84386) was rescued in Prince Albert on August 9, 2022 following a window strike. The bird was released with another Merlin outside Saskatoon on September 7, 2022. The second possibility (0914-84388) was a bird rescued because it was not flying, possibly due to a window strike. It was released on September 24, 2022 in Saskatoon. The third possibility (0914-84389) was a Merlin rescued on August 4, 2022 following a window strike and released with the previous bird on September 24 in Saskatoon, following rehabilitation.

Bird banding may not always produce the same dramatic effects we hear about with satellite telemetry or other newer technologies, but it is a tried-and-true method of marking individual birds with the hope that band recoveries will tell a story. In this case, it is a story of a bird that was injured, rescued, cared for, and returned to the wild. It traveled a straight-line distance of more than 1,200 kilometers to reach southeastern South Dakota about a month later. We don't know if this Merlin survived the winter, but if it did, we hope it will contribute as a member of a nesting pair somewhere and that it avoids future window collisions.

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Figure 1: Banded Merlin photographed by Randy Hoeck on October 28, 2002 approximately 10 miles east of Springfield, South Dakota. The numbers 091 are visible.

Figure 2: Close-up of band showing the numbers 438, possibly preceded by the number 8.



Spring Season Bird Photos

Compiled by Kelly Preheim

In addition to our cover photos, the following are some photos taken in South Dakota during spring 2023. All photos reproduced with the permission of the photographers.



Red-necked Grebe, near Watertown, April 20, 2023. Photo by Grace McIlroy



Ruddy Turnstone, Lake Preston, May 19, 2023. Photo by David Swanson



Upland Sandpiper, Douglas Co., May 15, 2023. Photo by Kelly Preheim

Willet, Oldham Grade (Lake Thompson), April 30, 2023. Photo by Chris Anderson



Least Tern, Bon Homme Co., May 21, 2023. Photo by Randy Hoeck

Broad-winged Hawk, Bon Homme Co., April 21, 2023. Photo by Randy Hoeck





Peregrine Falcon, April 23, 2023. Photo by Phil Kahnke Photography



Mountain Bluebird, Custer Co., February 2, 2023. Photo by Cathy Knight



Red-winged Blackbird, April 13, 2023. Photo by Phil Kahnke Photography



Northern Parula, Pennington Co., May 20, 2023. Photo by Sam Michele Uttecht Heltibridle

Baltimore Oriole, Bon Homme Co., May 25, 2023. Photo by Randy Hoeck



The 2022 Fall Season 01 August 2022 to 30 November 2022

Compiled By: Chris Anderson

There were 293 species, including 6 rarities (Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Brant, Brown Pelican, Cassin's Vireo, Lesser Goldfinch along Missouri River, Hooded Warbler) reported to the SDOU online database during the 2022 Fall season. The ten-year (2012-2021) average is 317. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (early/late dates as given in the online database or first county records in bold text, 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. Not reported during the fall season the last 5 years, Baird's Sparrow was

removed from the list. A full listing of all reported sightings can be obtained from the online database (<https://research.dsu.edu/sdousbor/default.aspx>).

Snow Goose Early: 02 Aug Brown GO; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 15 Oct Sully RDO ... Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 25 Nov Yankton GJS

Ross's Goose Early: 10 Nov McCook JSP; 11 Nov Brookings JSP; 13 Nov Buffalo, Lyman RDO ... Late: 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 22 Nov Minnehaha CA; 19 Nov Yankton DS

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 15 Oct Bennett ND; 15 Oct Lake JSP; 15 Oct Sully RDO ... Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Lake JSP

Cackling Goose Early: 18 Oct Perkins ND; 31 Oct Pennington CLG; 05 Nov Charles Mix KP; 10 Nov Minnehaha CA

Trumpeter Swan All Reports: 08 Aug Tripp RDO; 02 Sept Stanley RDO; 15 Oct Bennett ND

Tundra Swan All Reports: 25 Sept Roberts CV; 08 Nov Douglas KP; 13 Nov Lyman RDO

Wood Duck Late: 01 Nov Brown GO; 01 Nov Hughes KM; 15 Oct Bennett ND

Blue-winged Teal Late: 30 Oct Douglas KP; 17 Oct Pennington CLG; 15 Oct Gregory KP; 15 Oct Lake JSP

Northern Shoveler Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 25 Nov Yankton GJS

Gadwall Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 25 Nov Lake JSP; 25 Nov Yankton GJS

American Wigeon Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 25 Nov Yankton GJS; 11 Nov Brookings JSP

Northern Pintail Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 25 Nov Yankton GJS; 07 Nov Minnehaha CA

Green-winged Teal Late: 28 Nov Stanley KM; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 23 Nov Brookings JSP; 31 Oct Pennington CLG

Canvasback Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 20 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Lyman JSP; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Redhead Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 23 Nov Brookings JSP

Ring-necked Duck Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 25 Nov Yankton GJS; 20 Nov Hughes KM; 17 Nov Minnehaha CA

Greater Scaup Early: 05 Nov Stanley RDO; 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 13 Nov Lyman RDO

Lesser Scaup Late: 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Yankton GJS; 23 Nov Brookings JSP; 14 Nov Pennington CLG

Surf Scoter All Reports: 03 Oct Brookings JSP; 11 Nov Yankton DS

Black Scoter All Reports: 11 Nov Yankton DS; 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Long-tailed Duck All Reports: 11 Nov Hughes KM, RDO; 13 Nov Buffalo RDO; 19 Nov Buffalo JSP; 22 Nov Yankton DS; 23 Nov Brookings JSP

Bufflehead Early: 10 Oct Pennington CLG; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 22 Oct Lake JSP; 25 Oct Hughes RDO ... Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 23 Nov Brookings JSP

Common Goldeneye Early: 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 07 Nov Pennington CLG; 11 Nov Brookings JSP; 11 Nov Hughes KM, RDO... Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 26 Nov Lawrence VDF; 23 Nov Brookings JSP

Hooded Merganser Early: 06 Aug Marshall KM; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 29 Aug Pennington CLG ...
Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Yankton GJS; 23 Nov Brookings JSP

Common Merganser Early: 01 Aug Pennington CLG; 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 27 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Nov Lincoln CA ... Late: 29 Nov Hughes KM; 28 Nov Stanley KM

Red-breasted Merganser All Reports: 05-11 Nov Hughes KM, RDO; 11 Nov Yankton DS; 22 Nov Yankton DS

Ruddy Duck Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 23 Nov Brookings JSP

Northern Bobwhite Only Report: 17 Aug Gregory KP

Greater Prairie Chicken Only Report: 13 Nov Lyman RDO

Gray Partridge Only Report: 19 Oct Butte ND

Pied-billed Grebe Late: 19 Nov Yankton DS; 07 Nov Minnehaha CA; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 01 Nov Hughes KM; 15 Oct Bennett ND

Horned Grebe Early: 07 Oct Buffalo RDO; 17 Oct Potter RDO; 30 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 21 Nov Pennington CLG; 19 Nov Yankton DS; 13 Nov Buffalo RDO; 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 22 Oct – 04 Nov Sully KM, RDO

Eared Grebe Late: 11 Nov Yankton DS; 31 Oct Sully KM; 30 Oct Charles Mix KP; 20 Oct Fall River ND; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Western Grebe Late: 25 Nov Sully RDO; 20 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Nov Yankton DS; 20 Oct Fall River ND; 01 Sept Beadle KM

Clark's Grebe All Reports: 05 Aug Brown, Marshall GO; 23 Oct Sully KM; 25 Oct Sully RDO

White-winged Dove All Reports: 03 Aug Potter RDO; 03 Nov Hughes KM

Mourning Dove Late: 15 Nov Brown GO; 31 Oct Roberts CV; 28 Oct Davison KP; 18 Oct Perkins ND; 08 Oct Clay GJS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 07 Aug Stanley RDO; 25 Aug Lincoln CA

Common Nighthawk Late: 19 Sept Lake JSP; 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 11 Sept Buffalo RDO; 03 Sept Custer JSP

Common Poorwill All Reports: 09-23 Aug Sully KM; 10-12 Sept Harding MMM

Chimney Swift Late: 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 05 Sept Douglas KP; 05 Sept Pennington CLG; 23 Aug Charles Mix KP

White-throated Swift All Reports: 15 Aug Pennington CLG; 03 Sept Custer JSP; 11 Sept Pennington KM

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 02 Oct Clay GJS; 21 Sept Hughes KM; 20 Sept Lake JSP; **10 Sept Tripp RDO (first county record)**

Virginia Rail Late: 29 Sept Hughes KM; 01 Sept Beadle KM

Sora Late: 18 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Sept Minnehaha CA

Common Gallinule Only Report: 08 Aug Brown JSP

American Coot Late: 30 Nov Minnehaha CA; 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 25 Nov Yankton GJS

Sandhill Crane Early: 04 Oct Custer MMM; 25 Oct Faulk MMM; 29 Oct Douglas; 31 Oct Hughes KM ...
Late: 11 Nov Brown GO; 10 Nov Douglas KP; 06 Nov Custer MMM

Black-necked Stilt Only Report: 06 Aug Sully KM

American Avocet Late: 05 Nov Lake JSP; 18 Sept Brookings JSP; 01 Sept Beadle KM; 16 Aug Hughes KM

Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Butte ND

American Golden-Plover All Reports: 17 Sept Miner JSP; 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Semipalmated Plover Late: 17 Sept Miner JSP; 20 Aug Brown JSP; 14 Aug Hamlin KM
Piping Plover Late: 19 Aug Clay GJS; 19 Aug Hughes KM; 02 Aug Stanley RDO; 02 Aug Sully KM
Killdeer Late: 21 Nov Pennington CLG; 16 Nov Stanley KM; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 22 Oct Charles Mix KP; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP
Upland Sandpiper Late: 31 Aug Custer MMM; 29 Aug Sully KM; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 13 Aug Lake JSP
Long-billed Curlew Only Report: 20 Aug Custer MMM
Marbled Godwit All Reports: 02 Aug Sully KM; 03 Aug Potter, Sully RDO; 06 Aug McPherson KM
Stilt Sandpiper Late: 24 Sept Lake JSP; 18 Sept McPherson KM; 10 Sept Brookings JSP
Sanderling All Reports: 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 15 Oct Yankton DS; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Dunlin Only Report: 05 Nov Lake JSP
Baird's Sandpiper Late: 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 14 Aug Hamlin KM; 03 Aug Potter RDO
Least Sandpiper Late: 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 24 Sept Lake JSP; 17 Sept Miner JSP; 03 Sept Clay GJS
Buff-breasted Sandpiper All Reports: 02 Aug Sully KM; 03 Aug Sully RDO; 06 Aug Yankton GJS; 27 Aug Yankton DS;
Pectoral Sandpiper Late: 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 24 Sept Lake JSP; 03 Aug Sully RDO
Semipalmated Sandpiper Late: 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 21 Aug Hamlin CV
Short-billed Dowitcher Only Report: 15 Oct Bennett ND
Long-billed Dowitcher Late: 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 20 Aug Brown JSP; 16 Aug Hughes KM
American Woodcock Only Report: 31 Oct Stanley KM
Wilson's Snipe Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 05 Nov Lake JSP; 24 Oct Minnehaha CA
Wilson's Phalarope Late: 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 10 Sept Brookings JSP; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 04 Aug Clay GJS
Red-necked Phalarope All Reports: 03 Aug Potter RDO; 13 Aug Lake JSP
Spotted Sandpiper Late: 05 Sept Pennington CLG; 04 Sept Lawrence JSP; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 21 Aug Douglas KP; 21 Aug Hamlin CV
Solitary Sandpiper Late: 30 Sept Minnehaha CA; 10 Sept Brookings JSP; 29 Aug Pennington CLG; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 03 Aug Potter RDO
Greater Yellowlegs Late: 27 Oct Faulk MMM; 19 Oct Butte ND; 15 Oct Yankton DS
Willet All Reports: 05 Aug Brown GO; 07 Aug Turner CA
Lesser Yellowlegs Late: 20 Oct Brookings JSP; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 24 Sept Lake JSP; 29 Aug Custer MMM; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP
Sabine's Gull All Reports: 08 Oct Yankton DS; 13 Nov Buffalo RDO
Bonaparte's Gull Early: 23 Sept Lyman RDO; 15 Oct Gregory KP; 19 Oct Butte ND; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP ... Late: 28 Nov Stanley KM; 26 Nov Charles Mix KP; 22 Nov Yankton DS; 11 Nov Brookings JSP
Little Gull All Reports: 10 Sept Buffalo, Lyman RDO; 11 Sept Buffalo RDO; 23 Sept Lyman RDO; 17 Nov Stanley Km, RDO

Franklin's Gull Late: 05 Nov Lake JSP; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP; 15 Oct Gregory KP; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Ring-billed Gull Late: 29 Nov Hughes KM; 28 Nov Stanley KM; 26 Nov Charles Mix KP; 18 Nov Lincoln CA; 07 Nov Pennington CLG

California Gull Late: 18 Nov Stanley RDO; 06 Nov Hughes KM; 04 Nov Sully RDO

Herring Gull Early: 10 Oct Pennington CLG; 15 Oct Gregory KP; 15 Oct Yankton DS; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Yankton GJS; 25 Nov Stanley RDO; 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Iceland Gull All Reports: 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 18 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Nov Stanley KM

Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 14 Aug Stanley RDO; 15 Oct Hughes RDO; 17 Oct Dewey RDO; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 28 Nov Stanley KM; 25 Nov Sully RDO; 19 Nov Yankton DS

Great Black-backed Gull Only Report: 18 Nov Stanley RDO

Least Tern Late: 19 Aug Clay GJS; 19 Aug Hughes KM; 10 Aug Clay GJS

Caspian Tern All Reports: 16 Aug Stanley RDO; 20 Aug Brown JSP

Black Tern Late: 17 Sept Miner JSP; 27 Aug Douglas KP; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 08 Aug Tripp RDO; 03 Aug Sully RDO

Forster's Tern Late: 07 Oct Lyman RDO; 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 17 Sept Miner JSP; 16 Sept Codington KM

Common Loon Early: 01 Aug Charles Mix KP; 06 Aug McPherson KM; 23 Aug Gregory KP; 20 Oct Fall River ND ... Late: 11 Nov Yankton DS; 08 Nov Stanley KM; 04 Nov Sully RDO

Neotropic Cormorant Only Report: 03 Aug Sully RDO

Double-crested Cormorant Late: 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 17 Nov Hughes RDO; 13 Nov Buffalo RDO; 10 Nov McCook JSP; 20 Oct Fall River ND

American White Pelican Late: 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 08 Nov Stanley KM; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Butte ND

American Bittern Only Report: 05 Aug Marshall RDO

Great Blue Heron Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 16 Nov Stanley KM; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Great Egret Late: 05 Nov Lake JSP; 03 Nov Brookings JSP; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 16 Aug Hughes KM

Snowy Egret All Reports: 03 Aug Potter RDO; 05 Aug Marshall RDO; 20 Aug Brown JSP; 16 Sept Codington KM

Cattle Egret All Reports: 05 Aug Marshall GO; 06 Aug Brown KM; 18 Aug Brown VDF; 02 Oct Buffalo RDO

Green Heron Late: 11 Sept Minnehaha CA; 01 Sept Brown GO; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 01 Aug Charles Mix KP

Black-crowned Night-Heron Late: 07 Oct Brown GO; 01 Sept Beadle KM; 07 Aug Campbell KM

White-faced Ibis Late: 01 Oct Minnehaha CV; 17 Sept Miner JSP; 16 Sept Codington KM; 23 Aug Charles Mix KP

Turkey Vulture Late: 17 Oct Pennington CLG; 08 Oct Clay GJS; 07 Oct Hughes KM; 05 Oct Brown GO

Osprey Late: 27 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Minnehaha CA; 15 Oct Gregory KP; 10 Oct Pennington CLG

Golden Eagle Early: 31 Aug Sully KM; 13 Nov Lyman RDO

Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 26 Sept Roberts CV; 27 Sept Clay GJS

Northern Goshawk Only Report: 28 Nov Lincoln CA

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 25 Aug Hughes EDS; 28 Aug Douglas KP; 07 Sept Day KM ... Late: 04 Oct Hughes KM; 02 Oct Lincoln CV; 25 Sept Clay GJS

Swainson's Hawk Late: 29 Nov Butte VDF; 17 Oct Stanley RDO; 03 Oct Hughes KM; 17 Sept Miner JSP

Rough-legged Hawk Early: 14 Oct Douglas KP; 15 Oct Bennett ND; 17 Oct Harding ND; 05 Nov Charles Mix KP; 05 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Ferruginous Hawk Late: 18 Oct Perkins ND; 17 Oct Butte, Harding ND

Burrowing Owl Only Report: 25 Aug Custer MMM

Long-eared Owl All Reports: 08 Nov Sully KM; 09 Nov Stanley KM; 17 Nov Hughes KM; 28 Nov Stanley KM

Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 16-19 Oct Harding ND; 11-26 Nov Stanley KM

Belted Kingfisher Late: 28 Nov Pennington CLG; 10 Nov McCook JSP; 04 Nov Lawrence VDF; 27 Oct Hughes KM

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Late: 15 Oct Gregory KKP; 15 Oct Lake JSP; 02 Oct Douglas KP

Red-naped Sapsucker Only Report: 03 Sept Custer JSP

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 03 Sept Custer JSP; 27 Nov Lawrence VDF

Red-headed Woodpecker Late: 21 Nov Lawrence VDF; 20 Oct Brookings JSP; 24 Sept Lincoln JSP; 18 Sept Clay GJS

Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 02 Aug Roberts CV; 08 Oct Roberts JSP

Merlin Early: 18 Sept Clay GJS; 22 Sept Brown GO; 15 Oct Lake JSP

Peregrine Falcon All Reports: 03 Aug Potter RDO; 19 Sept Minnehaha CA

Prairie Falcon Early: 23 Aug Sully KM

Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: 16 Aug Stanley RDO; 20 Aug Union DS; 22 Aug Minnehaha CA ... Late: 10 Sept Clay GJS; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 28 Aug Brown GO

Western Wood-Pewee Only Report: 03 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Eastern Wood-Pewee Late: 12 Sept Roberts CV; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 09 Sept Hughes KM

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Only Report: 26 Aug Hughes KM

Willow Flycatcher Late: 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 27 Aug Roberts CV

Least Flycatcher Late: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 05 Sept Douglas KP

Dusky Flycatcher Only Report: 03 Sept Custer DS

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 01 Aug Pennington CLG; 08 Aug Pennington CLG; 15 Aug Pennington CLG; 03 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Eastern Phoebe Late: 08 Oct Yankton DS; 27 Sept Minnehaha CA; 18 Sept Roberts CV; 04 Sept Fall River JSP, DS

Say's Phoebe All Reports: 04 Sept Fall River JSP, DS; 08 Sept Day KM; 14 Sept Pennington KM; 20 Sept Custer MMM

Great Crested Flycatcher Late: 18 Sept Roberts CV; 15 Sept Hughes KM; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 08 Aug Tripp RDO

Cassin's Kingbird Only Report: 05 Sept Custer JSP

Western Kingbird Late: 09 Sept Stanley RDO; 05 Sept Custer JSP; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 27 Aug Marshall CV

Eastern Kingbird Late: 17 Sept Miner JSP; 15 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 05 Sept Custer JSP

Bell's Vireo Late: 04 Sept Hughes KM; 03 Sept Sully KM; 12 Aug Minnehaha CA

Yellow-throated Vireo Late: **02 Oct Stanley DB**; 18 Sept Roberts KM; 07 Sept Day KM

Blue-headed Vireo Early: 28 Aug Stanley RDO; 03 Sept Sully KM; 06 Sept Day KM ... Late: 02 Oct Brookings CV; 26 Sept Clay GJS; 26 Sept Lake JSP

Plumbeous Vireo Only Report: 05 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Philadelphia Vireo Early: 04 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 12 Sept Minnehaha CA; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 10 Sept Sully KM; 09 Sept Hughes KM

Warbling Vireo Late: 03 Oct Hughes KM; 27 Sept Clay GJS; 14 Sept Lake JSP; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA

Red-eyed Vireo Late: 18 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Sept Roberts KM; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 03 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Loggerhead Shrike All Reports: 31 Aug Custer MMM; 14 Aug Butte EK; 08 Aug Tripp RDO; 06 Aug Roberts KM

Northern Shrike Early: 20 Oct Sully KM; 27 Oct Hughes KM; 06 Nov Douglas KP; 22 Nov Custer MMM

Canada Jay Only Report: 04 Sept Lawrence JSP

Black-billed Magpie reported 29 Aug Sully KM; 22 Oct Dewey MMM; 13-26 Nov Lyman RDO, JSP

Common Raven Only Report: **15 Oct Bennett ND (first county record)**

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Late: 11 Sept Minnehaha CA; 17 Aug Gregory KP; 12 Aug Clark KM

Purple Martin Late: 30 Aug Clay GJS; 25 Aug Lincoln CA; 23 Aug Minnehaha CA

Tree Swallow Late: 24 Sept Lake JSP; 14 Sept Minnehaha CA; 10 Sept Brookings JSP; 22 Aug Pennington CLG

Bank Swallow Late: 29 Sept Lawrence VDF; 11 Sept Minnehaha CA; 10 Sept Brookings JSP; 08 Aug Hughes KM

Barn Swallow Late: 02 Oct Minnehaha CA; 30 Sept Custer MMM; 24 Sept Lake JSP; 20 Sept Hughes KM

Cliff Swallow Late: 12 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Douglas KP; 03 Sept Custer JSP

Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 08 Oct Douglas KP; 02 Oct Lincoln CV; 27 Sept Clay GJS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 04 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Day KM; 10 Sept Sully KM ... Late: 03 Nov Brookings JSP; 25 Oct Stanley KM; 24 Oct Clay GJS; 24 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Perkins ND

Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: 03 Aug Minnehaha CA; 05 Aug Hughes KM; 13 Aug Brown GO

Pygmy Nuthatch Only Report: 29 Aug Pennington CLG

Brown Creeper Early: 01 Oct Minnehaha MS; 03 Oct Hughes KM; 17 Oct Sully KM

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Late: 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 05 Sept Custer JSP; 23 Aug Gregory KP

Rock Wren Late: 15 Oct Lawrence VDF; 19 Sept Sully KM; 14 Sept Pennington KM

Canyon Wren All Reports: 03 Sept Custer JSP; 01 Oct Pennington KM

House Wren Late: 04 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Minnehaha CA; 02 Oct Lincoln CV; 08 Sept Custer DS

Winter Wren All Reports: 02 Sept Stanley RDO; 03 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Hughes KM; 17 Oct Sully KM

Sedge Wren Late: 06 Oct Hughes KM; 01 Oct Minnehaha CA; 10 Sept Lincoln CA

Marsh Wren Late: 08 Oct Hughes KM; 01 Oct Minnehaha CA; 22 Sept Brown GO

American Dipper Only Report: 04 Sept Lawrence JSP

Gray Catbird Late: 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 06 Oct Hughes KM; 05 Oct Roberts CV; 26 Sept Pennington CLG

Brown Thrasher Late: 27 Oct Hughes KM; 05 Oct Brown GO; 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 04 Sept Fall River JSP

Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 26 Nov Lyman RDO

Eastern Bluebird Late: 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 13 Nov Hughes KM; 26 Oct Faulk MMM; 13 Sept Harding MMM

Mountain Bluebird All Reports: 03 Sept Custer JSP; 13 Sept Pennington KM; 28 Oct Pennington KM

Townsend's Solitaire Early: 04 Oct Hughes KM; 25 Oct Stanley KM; 08 Nov Sully KM

Varied Thrush All Reports: 21-23 Oct Hughes KM

Swainson's Thrush Early: 03 Sept Sully KM; 04 Sept Hughes KM; 04 Sept Stanley RDO; 06 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 18 Oct Perkins ND; 05 Oct Hughes KM; 27 Sept Lake JSP

Hermit Thrush Early: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 15 Oct Brown GO; 22 Oct Lake JSP ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 26 Nov Stanley KM

Wood Thrush All Reports: 07 Aug Lincoln CA; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 24 Sept Lincoln JSP

Bohemian Waxwing Only Report: 28 Nov Stanley KM

American Pipit All Reports: 24 Sept Lake JSP; 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 15 Oct Bennett ND; 15 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Butte ND; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 10 Sept Jones DB; 15 Sept Jones DB

Evening Grosbeak Only Report: 10 Nov Lawrence VDF

Purple Finch Early: 29 Aug Roberts CV; 20 Oct Brookings JSP; 22 Oct Lake JSP; 24 Oct Hughes KM

Cassin's Finch Only Report: 06 Nov Lawrence VDF

Common Redpoll Only Report: 15 Nov Stanley KM

Pine Siskin Early: 21 Aug Lake JSP; 19 Oct Hughes KM; 12 Nov Clay GJS

Lapland Longspur All Reports: 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 20 Nov Lyman RDO

Chestnut-collared Longspur Only Report: 06 Aug McPherson KM

Snow Bunting All Reports: 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Nov Stanley KM

Grasshopper Sparrow Late: **05 Nov Clay DS**; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 18 Aug Roberts CV; 08 Aug Tripp RDO

Chipping Sparrow Late: 26 Oct Clay GJS; 23 Oct Douglas KP; 23 Oct Sully KM; 17 Oct Pennington CLG

Clay-colored Sparrow Late: 23 Oct Douglas KP; 06 Oct Hughes KM; 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 29 Aug Pennington CLG

Field Sparrow Late: 16 Oct Minnehaha CA; 15 Oct Bennett ND; 15 Oct Lincoln CA; 06 Oct Hughes KM

Lark Sparrow Late: 05 Nov Lawrence VDF; 05 Sept Douglas KP; 04 Sept Fall River DS; 03 Sept Clay GJS; 03 Sept Sully KM

Lark Bunting Only Report: 08 Aug Hughes KM

American Tree Sparrow Early: 13 Oct Hughes KM; 15 Oct Bennett ND; 15 Oct Lake JSP

Fox Sparrow Early: 02 Oct Minnehaha CA, ND; 07 Oct Clay GJS; 15 Oct Lincoln CA ... Late: 19 Nov Clay GJS; 11 Nov Yankton DS; 01 Nov Hughes KM; 30 Oct Douglas KP

Dark-eyed Junco Early: 25 Sept Roberts CV; 27 Sept Lake JSP; 28 Sept Clay GJS

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 02 Sept Pennington JSP; 21 Sept Hughes KM; 22 Sept Stanley RDO; 27 Sept Clay GJS; 27 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 13 Nov Lake JSP; 05 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Oct Perkins ND

Harris's Sparrow Early: 24 Sept Clay DS; 26 Sept Lake JSP; 28 Sept Stanley RDO; 13 Oct Custer MMM ... Late: 25 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Douglas KP; 20 Nov Lyman RDO; 18 Oct Perkins ND

White-throated Sparrow Early: 03 Sept Sully KM; 15 Sept Hughes KM; 20 Sept Roberts CV; 01 Oct Pennington KM ... Late: 24 Nov Clay GJS; 05 Nov Charles Mix KP; 05 Nov Hughes KM; 03 Nov Brookings JSP; 11 Oct Pennington MMM

Vesper Sparrow Late: 15 Oct Bennett ND; 08 Oct Deuel JSP; 02 Oct Hutchinson KP; 30 Sept Clay GJS

LeConte's Sparrow Early: 20 Sept Hughes KM; 22 Sept Clay DS; 06 Oct Lincoln CA ... Late: 05 Nov Clay DS; 22 Oct Lake JSP; 19 Oct Minnehaha CA

Nelson's Sparrow All Reports: 20 Sept Hughes KM; 24 Sept Clay DS; 29 Sept Hughes KM

Savannah Sparrow Late: 05 Nov Clay DS; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP; 20 Oct Brookings JSP; 15 Oct Bennett ND

Song Sparrow Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 22 Nov Douglas KP; 21 Nov Pennington CLG

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 04 Sept Fall River JSP; 06 Sept Hughes EDS; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 10 Sept Sully KM ... Late: 30 Oct Douglas KP; 25 Oct Minnehaha CA; 22 Oct Lake JSP; 18 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Perkins ND

Swamp Sparrow Late: 05 Nov Clay DS; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP; 20 Oct Brookings JSP

Spotted Towhee Late: 27 Oct Stanley RDO; 19 Oct Hughes KM; 18 Oct Perkins ND; 15 Oct Lincoln CA

Eastern Towhee Late: 02 Oct Lincoln CV; 02 Oct Minnehaha CA, ND; 19 Aug Clay GJS

Yellow-breasted Chat All Reports: 21 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Sept Fall River JSP; 20 Sept Hughes KM

Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 29 Sept Hughes KM; 17 Sept Miner JSP; 01 Sept Beadle KM; 08 Aug Tripp RDO

Bobolink Late: 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 21 Aug Hamlin CV; 13 Aug Lake JSP

Western Meadowlark Late: 26 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Clay DS; 05 Nov Lake JSP; 18 Oct Perkins ND

Orchard Oriole Late: 16 Sept Stanley RDO; 03 Sept Sully KM; 27 Aug McCook JSP; 05 Aug Custer MMM

Baltimore Oriole Late: 13 Sept Stanley RDO; 12 Sept Roberts CV; 08 Sept Lake JSP; 05 Sept Lawrence VDF

Red-winged Blackbird Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 17 Nov Douglas KP; 17 Nov Hughes KM; 15 Oct Bennett ND

Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 11 Nov Hughes EDS; 20 Oct Minnehaha CA; 06 Oct Lincoln CA

Rusty Blackbird Early: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Minnehaha CA; 15 Oct Lake JSP ... Late: 27 Nov Charles Mix KP; 21 Nov Hughes KM; 16 Nov Stanley KM; 12 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Brewer's Blackbird Late: 28 Oct Pennington KM; 22 Oct Minnehaha JSP; 18 Oct Perkins ND

Common Grackle Late: 27 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Nov Clay GJS; 21 Nov Roberts CV; 17 Oct Pennington CLG

Ovenbird Late: 04 Oct Clay GJS; 24 Sept Lincoln JSP; 22 Sept Minnehaha CA; 05 Sept Custer JSP

Northern Waterthrush Early: 14 Aug Union DS; 21 Aug Brookings CV ... Late: 12 Sept Stanley RDO; 06-07 Sept Day KM; 06 Sept Hughes EDS

Golden-winged Warbler Only Report: 12 Sept Minnehaha CA

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 20 Aug Union DS; 21 Aug Lincoln CA; 22 Aug Clay GJS; 01 Sept Lawrence VDF ... Late: 21 Sept Clay GJS; 18 Sept Roberts KM; 17 Sept Lake JSP; 05 Sept Custer JSP

Tennessee Warbler Early: 25 Aug Lincoln CA; 06 Sept Day KM; 10 Sept Clay GJS ... Late: 03 Oct Stanley RDO; 22 Sept Minnehaha CA; 16 Sept Hughes EDS

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 23 Aug Charles Mix KP; 03 Sept Custer JSP; 03 Sept Sully KM; 06 Sept Day KM ... Late: 03 Nov Hughes KM; 25 Oct Stanley KM; 15 Oct Lincoln CA; 01 Oct Pennington KM

Nashville Warbler Early: 15 Aug Deuel KM; 23 Aug Minnehaha CA; 05 Sept Clay GJS ... Late: 23 Oct Lake JSP; 07 Oct Hughes KM; 05 Oct Stanley RDO

Virginia's Warbler Only Report: 05 Sept Custer DS

Mourning Warbler All Reports: 14 Aug Union DS; 27 Aug Union DS; 28 Aug Sully KM; 05 Sept Clay GJS; 10 Sept Lincoln CA

Common Yellowthroat Late: 07 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Pennington CLG; 02 Oct Minnehaha ND

American Redstart Late: 18 Sept Roberts KM; 17 Sept Lake JSP; 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 05 Sept Pennington CLG

Northern Parula All Reports: 06 Sept Day KM; 03 Oct Hughes KM

Magnolia Warbler Early: 27 Aug Union DS; 04 Sept Hughes KM; 10 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 17 Oct Potter RDO; 03 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Sept Clay GJS

Bay-breasted Warbler Early: 27 Aug Union DS; 06-07 Sept Day KM; 09 Sept Roberts CV; 10 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 29 Sept Hughes KM; 20 Sept Clay GJS; 18 Sept Roberts KM

Blackburnian Warbler All Reports: 25 Aug Lincoln CA; 27 Aug Union DS; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA

Yellow Warbler Late: 22 Sept Stanley RDO; 19 Sept Pennington CLG; 17 Sept Lake JSP

Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: 06 Sept Day KM; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 15 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 27 Sept Stanley RDO

Black-throated Blue Warbler All Reports: 06-07 Sept Hughes DB, EDS; 01 Oct Clay GJS; 03 Oct Hughes KM

Palm Warbler All Reports: 13 Oct Brown GO; 18 Oct Perkins ND; 27 Oct Brown GO

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 13 Aug Hamlin KM; 06 Sept Day KM; 14 Sept Lake JSP; 15 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 27 Nov Hughes KM; 26 Nov Stanley KM; 25 Nov McCook JSP; 25 Nov Union DS

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 06-15 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Oct Lake JSP

Canada Warbler All Reports: 21 Aug Lincoln CA; 25 Aug Lincoln CA; 27 Aug Union DS

Wilson's Warbler Early: 23 Aug Minnehaha CA; 25 Aug Lincoln CA; 26 Aug Hughes KM; 03 Sept Custer JSP ... Late: 03 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Pennington CLG; 03 Oct Stanley RDO; 29 Sept Lake JSP

Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 14 Aug Union DS; 20 Aug Union DS; 10 Sept Lincoln CA; 18 Sept Roberts KM; 01 Oct Clay GJS

Western Tanager Only Report: 05 Sept Custer JSP

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Late: 02 Oct Lincoln CV; 12 Sept Roberts CV; 05 Sept Clay GJS

Black-headed Grosbeak Late: 23 Oct Stanley RDO; 19 Sept Pennington CLG; 03 Sept Custer DS

Blue Grosbeak Late: 04 Oct Clay GJS; 17 Sept Miner JSP; 30 Aug Sully KM; **15 Aug Deuel KM (first county record)**; 06 Aug Butte VDF

Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 04 Sept Fall River JSP

Indigo Bunting Late: 04 Oct Hughes KM; 24 Sept Clay DS; 23 Aug Minnehaha CA

Dickcissel Late: 04 Oct Clay GJS; 04 Oct Hughes KM; 27 Aug Roberts CV

Species Expected But Not Reported

American Black Duck (4), White-winged Scoter, Ruffed Grouse, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Calliope Hummingbird, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Whooping Crane, Hudsonian Godwit (2), White-rumped Sandpiper, Black-legged Kittiwake (4), Glaucous Gull (2), Common Tern, Pacific Loon, Least Bittern, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (2), Barred Owl, Short-eared Owl (2), American Three-toed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Gyrfalcon, Alder Flycatcher (3), Violet-green Swallow, Clark's Nutcracker, Carolina Wren, Veery, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, White-winged Crossbill, Smith's Longspur (2), Bullock's Oriole, Blue-winged Warbler (2), MacGillivray's Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Townsend's Warbler

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Black-bellied Whistling Duck: 02 Sept Lawrence VDF (first county record)

Brant: 19 Nov Buffalo JSP

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 04 Sept Fall River JSP (approved by committee)

Brown Pelican: 10-11 Sept Buffalo DB, RDO (first county record); 10 Sept Lyman RDO; 02 Oct Lyman RDO

Rufous Hummingbird: 06-07 Aug Stanley RDO; **08 Aug Tripp RDO (first county record)**; both already approved by committee

Cassin's Vireo: 03 Sept Custer DS; 05 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Lesser Goldfinch: 21 Sept Stanley RDO (first county record)

Hooded Warbler: 05 Sept Custer JSP, DS (first county record)

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