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Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bon Homme County, 5/16/2024

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President's Page

Mark Schmidtbauer

What is so intriguing about birds? My zeal for birds is still as strong as it was when I first started bird watching decades ago. Many people like birds because of their stunning colors, varied plumage and melodic songs. Birds are a diverse group living in many different habitats which makes them relatively easy to view and for all these reasons watching them is very enjoyable.

But there must be another reason that is less tangible than the physical attributes of birds that makes the attraction of seeing birds so desirable. Years ago, in my ornithology class at college, my professor told us that our field trip would start at 4:00 a.m. sharp. This was a horrid hour for a college kid to wake up to and at the time I did not understand why we had to leave so early. "How could you see any birds when it was dark out?" I thought. The next morning my professor proceeded to drive a van full of sleepy students on a short jaunt through the county where he dropped each of us off at different predetermined spots. Our instructions were to report back at class to him later that morning on what we had experienced. I tumbled out of the van at my drop off point and realized I was woefully underdressed. The dew on the grass soaked my running shoes and the morning's damp chill penetrated my lightweight shirt. I stood there in the dark and silence and watched the red tail lights of the van get dimmer as the last vestige of civilization slowly faded away. Now it was just me and nature. Other than a few crickets chirping, it was dead quiet and a feeling of solitude and peace of being in nature came about me. With growing anticipation, I stood there for a while and as time went on, I started hearing a few buzzes, chirps and croaks. Then I heard some calls, quacks and songs. The frequency of these sounds grew as the morning daylight increased until the intensity of it all reached a crescendo, captivating me. Because this was an ornithology class, throughout all of this, I sought to identify a few birds. As I was still learning the birds of the area and on my first official birding field trip, I really had a difficult time identifying anything by sound. All the sounds I heard were wonderful and varying; many came from birds but some were unrecognizable and I was not sure what kind of creature had made them. Could they be insects, amphibians or mammals? I had no idea.



Once daylight ensued, I realized I was next to a wetland and I could see waterfowl swimming around in a pond, along with some brownish-backed birds with an orange underside, residing in the shrubbery. With my poor pair of binoculars and my feeble identification skills, identifying anything was a challenge. With daylight increasing, I could finally see the pages of my Peterson Birds of Eastern North America field guide and I desperately tried to make the birds I was seeing look like the ones in the book. As I was fumbling through the pages, I spotted the van on its return trip to pick me up. All of us students got in the van, one by one in reverse order and talked excitedly about our adventures as we headed back to the classroom. Once there, my professor told us to take out a sheet of paper and write down what we heard or saw. I thought for a while, then wrote down "I saw ducks and Robins" and handed it in. Although I did not identify any birds that morning by song, I did witness the symphony of sound that birders like to call "the dawn chorus," which is the collective singing of wild birds before and shortly after sunrise. That single field trip long ago, in one morning, triggered an emotion of wonderment in me that I still have to this day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SDOU fall meeting will be held 27 – 29 September, 2024 at Black Hills State University in Spearfish. Details will be coming soon on the *sdou.org* website and through online communication channels.

The spring 2025 meeting will be a joint meeting with the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. The meeting location will be Sioux City, IA with the date TBD.

CORRIGENDUM

The first line of the President's Page in the Winter 2023 issue of South Dakota Bird Notes (Volume 74, number 4, page 68) should be deleted.



FLEDGLING TRACTS: Evaluating Avian Use of Cover Crops in the Corn Belt

Maggie Figura, Sioux Falls

This issue marks the resumption of an old column, Fledgling Tracts, and my first written piece provided in *Bird Notes*. With that in mind, I thought I would write about something to better introduce myself to you all as well as a topic that is near to my heart, as it is the research I conducted in earning my master's degree at South Dakota State University. Going forward with this column, I hope I will have the opportunity to highlight other novel research being conducted by current and recent students in South Dakota.

The title of my master's thesis was *Evaluating avian use of cover crops in the Corn Belt* (Figura 2022). In this study I sought to characterize the impacts and potential benefits of cover crops on grassland birds. Grassland birds are undergoing the most extreme, consistent, and geographically widespread decline of any avian guild; it is estimated that their abundance today is less than 50% of what existed 70 years ago. Much of the remaining habitat which can support these birds is privately owned and managed working lands, such as crop fields, and it has been described as a modern conservation priority that these lands be managed in a way that maximizes abundance and productivity of grassland birds. With a sound knowledge of these species and their habitat needs, it should be possible to manage working lands to support them, and resurgences in sustainable agriculture bodes well. A re-emerging farming practice is the use of cover crops, such as cereal rye or winter wheat, that are planted for the primary purpose of improving and maintaining cropland soil health in between cash crop rotations. Cover crops are typically seeded in the fall, then begin to grow when the ground thaws and provide a supplemental period of vegetative cover instead of remaining fallow until they are terminated prior to planting of the cash crop in the spring. Use of cover crops helps to restore many ecosystem services to intensively managed croplands and their use leads to economic advantages for farmers. However, their potential for benefitting wildlife, especially imperiled grassland birds, has not been well studied and remains an area of interest to conservationists.

The purpose of my study was to evaluate avian use of cover crops relative to perennial grassland cover and row crops that were not seeded with cover crops and left fallow between rotations (hereafter row crops). Special interest was placed on avian species identified as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), species whose populations are rare, vulnerable, or declining, many of which are obligate- or facultative-grassland species. In the course of this project, I documented 66 species, 22 of which were SGCN; some SGCN included Dickcissel, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Field Sparrow, and Grasshopper Sparrow. Study objectives were broken up into 3 main tasks; i) to index relative abundance and richness (diversity) of avifauna

among cover types, ii) to evaluate and compare community compositions, and iii) to evaluate influence of microhabitat characteristics and develop models to explain observed variation in avian populations. Methods included avian point count surveys, vegetation monitoring using Robel and Daubenmire techniques, pitfall trapping of arthropods, Haney soil health analysis, and multiscale spatial analysis. The results of these data were used to provide planning tools and management strategies to farmers and biologists for promoting avifauna in agricultural landscapes.

In addressing my first objective, to index relative avian abundance and richness among cover types, I observed that total species and SGCN abundances and richness were highest in perennial cover relative to agricultural covers. Nevertheless total species and SGCN abundance and richness were higher in cover-cropped fields relative to row crops. Total species richness in row crops did marginally exceed that documented in cover crops. However this is likely because of differences in sample size, with 3 times as many cover cropped fields sampled relative to row crops as a result of landowner permissions. Further, it was noted that many of the SGCN present in 3 of 4 row crop fields were generalists or woodland species, e.g. Blue Jays and Gray Catbirds, coming from bordering shelter belts and would not otherwise be present in agricultural cover.

My second task, comparing community compositions, yielded very interesting and encouraging results. In most cases, all the species present in row crops were also found in cover crops. Yet cover crops were supporting much broader communities, with more species present than those observed in row crops. Moreover, while there was no overlap between row crop and perennial communities, there was some overlap between perennial and cover crops, suggesting that agricultural fields treated with cover crops were recovering some species otherwise lost in the conversion from perennial grass cover to agriculture. Many of these recovered species in cover crops were SGCN, species most in need of improved targeted management.

Modeling of the relative influence of microhabitat characteristics elucidated variables that may be of the highest importance for consideration in benefiting grassland birds and SGCN. Litter (plant residue) depth and ground area covered by litter residue were substantial positive predictors for avian habitat use among study fields; additionally, presence of cover crops appeared to improve habitat use. A study done by Fisher and Davis (2010) identified that the three most consistent predictors of grassland bird habitat use were litter depth, area of bare ground, and vegetation height, all factors that may be influenced by cover crop use.

Overall, my research suggests that enhancement of litter structure, both depth and area, will have the greatest impact in benefiting grassland bird habitat use through cover crop management. Enhanced litter structure may benefit birds in a number of ways, such as increased cover for foraging, provision of food resources, improved food and habitat for beneficial arthropods, and potentially provision of nesting material. One recommendation for enhancing litter structure through cover crop employment is to delay termination time, until about the first week of May, to allow for more accumulation of biomass that will in turn become litter after termination. A similar study done in Illinois (Wilcoxon 2018) offers the same recommendation, linking delayed termination with increased arthropod activity, thereby increasing food resources, and improved cover for birds. It is important to note, however, that another study done at SDSU investigating waterfowl nesting in cover crops determined that delayed termination may actually create an ecological trap, whereby birds may initiate nests in cover crop fields that are then disturbed or destroyed upon termination, resulting in a doomed nesting attempt (Gallman 2020). That study instead recommends that termination be done prior to May 1st. Further investigation is needed to identify the impacts of termination date and avian habitat use and productivity. Consideration must be given to the local bird communities and whether they may or may not be attempting nests in cover crops.

Use of cover crops alone will not be enough to reverse declines in our grassland birds. The most effective management of grassland birds in agricultural lands will be integration with other sustainable agricultural practices. In addition to cover crops, techniques such as no-till farming, rotational grazing, organic farming that reduces or eliminates herbicide and pesticide use, and incorporation of grassed waterways and beetle banks have all been found to offer benefits to grassland birds in agricultural lands. Results of my study and other similar studies all suggest that maximally beneficial methods will be those that promote litter structure enhancement. Managing working lands in a way maximally beneficial to grassland birds will likely be a difficult process and require compromises to best meet the needs of both birds and farmers. Nonetheless it will all be worth it when the beauty, color, and song of these birds are restored to the landscape.

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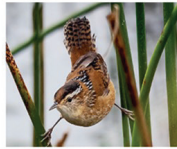
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Book Review: The Breeding Birds of Minnesota

Dan Tallman, Pulliam, WA



The Breeding Birds of Minnesota: History, Ecology, and Conservation. Lee A. Pfannmuller, Gerald J. Niemi, and Janet C. Green. Univ Of Minnesota Press. 2024. Hardcover. 685 pp. \$59.95

The Breeding Birds of Minnesota

HISTORY, ECOLOGY, AND CONSERVATION

Lee A. Pfannmuller, Gerald J. Niemi, and Janet C. Green

Foreword by Francesca J. Cuthbert



This twelve-inch square book weighs in at just under 2 pounds, thus not aimed for field use. The book is essential for learning the ornithology of Minnesota's 250 species of breeding birds. Fundamentally this opus is a review of the state's recent breeding bird surveys but pulls in much more than breeding bird data. Furthermore, this volume is exquisitely designed, making it a pleasure to browse. The book is valuable to Minnesota birders, birders from surrounding states, and for anyone interested in Breeding Bird Atlases.

The book begins with a short history of Minnesota ornithology and ecology. This is followed by a description, details and some of the highlights of Minnesota's Breeding Bird Atlas. Next are detailed descriptions and photographs of Minnesota bird habitats. The introductory sections end with instructions for understanding the species accounts.

AMERICAN BITTERN

Botaurus lentiginosus

Minnesota Seasonal Status: Regular breeding resident and migrant. The American Bittern was uncommon during the MNBA.

Migration: Northern populations are thought to migrate to the southern United States in Central America; southern birds may be year-round residents.

Food: Feeds on invertebrates, such as crickets, small fish, and small mammals.

Nest: Prefers overgrown, lush, emergent wetlands and places above standing water.

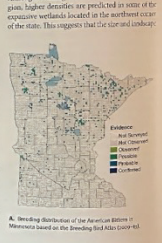
Conservation Concern: Assigned a conservation risk of **Continental Concern** Score of 12/20.



Photo: Wikimedia

Counts in the state due to its absence from much of southern Minnesota (Coffin and Plummer 1991, Jaeger 1991) identified eight northern counties with confirmed sightings since 1970. Herold and Jaeger (1991) later detected one of the counts (January) but added three more, all north of the Twin Cities, by 2004. The MBS identified 33 breeding sites, locations for the species, the vast majority located within the northern forests and open parklands.

Little had changed when MNBA participants took to the field and reported 65 American Bittern counts in a 2 percent (484/24,900) of the surveyed sites blocks (Open sites, MNBA records were most abundant in the Laurentian Mixed Forest and all great Aspen Parklands Provinces. Few were reported in central Minnesota, while records were mostly absent from the core of the Red River valley and the Paleozoic Plateau of southwestern Minnesota. Records south of the Minnesota River were limited to five counties where breeding was confirmed by the few counts that provide sufficient data to be added to the list compiled by Herold and Jaeger in 1991 (Cook, Lehigh, and Lac du Flambeau). The MNBA's probability map identifies northern Minnesota as the core of the species distribution. Although breeding densities are low across the entire range, higher densities are predicted in some of the riparian wetlands located in the northern corner of the state. This suggests that Lac du Flambeau



A Breeding Distribution of the American Bittern in Minnesota based on the Breeding Bird Atlas 2012

The American Bittern is a long-legged species. The legs vary in length. The brown bands (stripes) are 10 to 15 cm in length and are a mottled orange to red. It is a migrant species, but it can stay in its range during the winter. It is a migrant species, but it can stay in its range during the winter. It is a migrant species, but it can stay in its range during the winter.

MINNESOTA BREEDING DISTRIBUTION
 Bird (1991) and Jaeger (1991) derived for more of their occurrence on this secretive marsh bird to its unique behavior and "pump handle" call than to their occurrence of its restricted distribution. The concerning collection and the solitary (single) birds of the Bittern. Roberts wrote: "and to be being comparatively little known, though it is abundant both throughout the state wherever suitable riparian wetland. Central nesting records, however, were limited to four counties north of a line between Lake Park County in the west and Itasca County in the east."
 Green and Jaeger (1971) also made their case of the Bittern's statewide distribution, adding only that it was most abundant in central Minnesota. A few years later, however, Jaeger (1991) notes that it was not found in counties north of the Minnesota River, but he did not mention that the Bittern was also reported in other regions of the state in recent years. Indeed, just a few years later, the Bittern was officially listed as a species

320 BITTERN, BIRD, LOB, AND NIGHT HERON

Most of the species accounts fill at least two pages. It is hard to summarize the breadth of subjects included in the accounts. Each account begins with a short introduction followed by discussions of bird identification, breeding distributions, habitats, abundance, and conservation. Most accounts include lovely color bird and habitat photographs. Also usually included are two maps, one showing the current breeding bird survey data and the other illustrating predicted breeding distribution across the state. My main criticism of this book is that the breeding bird survey maps are so small that they are difficult to interpret. Another minor omission is that, although nests are described, bird egg identification seems to be lacking.

Following the species accounts is a section on former and incidental nesting species. With a couple of exceptions, these accounts lack accompanying photographs. Finally, come acknowledgements, a section that gives the reader a glimpse of the massive number of people who contributed to this publication.

This handbook concludes with six appendices. The first covers the statistical analysis methods of the Breeding Bird Atlas. The next is an impressive list of organizations that contributed data to the Atlas. The third appendix is a Breeding Bird Atlas data summary. There follows more description of how data were used to predict bird habitat affinity. The next appendix discusses historical nesting records. The last appendix is the most alarming, a list of predicted extinctions due to on-going global warming. The book ends with a 47-page list of literature cited.

are usually located near the grasslands are usually with close proximity to wetlands (Dendry 1994, Decker, Swales, et al. "American Bittern," 2004). The species' area sensitivity was demonstrated by a Minnesota study that found Bitterns tended to avoid lowland forest less than 200 m from agricultural lands (Scaleten et al. 2009).

In later mentions, the Bittern confuses itself to the dense cover and protection of permanent wetlands, which is a long-term study complex risk that leaves it in flight. During this period, it requires deep water. The water levels that provide sufficient food resources and protection from predators (Acker 1994).

POPULATION ABUNDANCE

The BBS made complete wetland habitat but provides the only state-wide population data for this solitary nesting raptor. Its findings have used those data to generate a North American population estimate of 25 million breeding adults (PPT 2012), but abundance remains variable.

BBS trends also across the entire region lack accurate precision but suggest a relatively stable American Bittern population, with a non-significant decline of 0.1% per year from 1996 to 2010 (Grant et al. 2012). Unfortunately, the species is not experiencing a significant population increase anywhere within its breeding range. The Prairie Provinces, but also in the western United States, the American Bittern no longer has a statewide distribution, and its range of abundance appears to have shifted north. A notable decline has occurred in Wisconsin. This decline in the northern region of the state in the last 50 years, the species occurred north to central Canada by the mid-1900s. When the state's first breeding bird atlas was completed in 1990, the center of abundance again shifted further north (Coughlin et al. 2012). A similar downward trend documented in Michigan (Charter et al. 2013). Although the loss of wetlands has contributed to the decline, changes in land use and agriculture have also played a role in the species' decline. Loss of wetlands and agriculture (Coughlin et al. 2012) are likely to be the primary reasons for the decline in abundance.

BREEDING HABITAT

The Bittern's habitat preference and conservation wetlands identified by state models of water quality regions. Other state water quality models, such as the Minnesota River, may be subject to northern climate and may need to be taken into account, similar to various other water quality parameters.

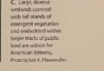
extensive wetland drainage across the western and southern states has likely contributed to the decline.

CONSERVATION

Designated a Minnesota Special Concern species in 1986, the American Bittern was delisted in 1995, when field surveys found a relatively large, well-distributed population throughout the state's northern forest (MNBA 1999). Habitat loss and degradation, however, remains significant threats, leading to its designation as a moderate conservation priority across North America (PPT 2012).

Saunders and her colleagues (2001) recommend that wetland preservation and conservation efforts that are most likely to benefit American Bittern are those located in the northern forest region "in which areas containing larger wetland complexes" (Saunders et al. 2001). The authors also suggest that large wetland complexes are most likely to provide suitable habitat. Large public wetland complexes should be managed to maintain, and not to be degraded, complex wetland drawdowns prior to mid-August, when Bitterns are molting, such as the Minnesota, H. H. Redwood, and Red Lake.

The importance of protecting wetlands in northern Minnesota was reinforced by recent climate change models (MBS 2012). Although the species' North American breeding distribution demonstrated a low vulnerability to warming temperatures under all five warming scenarios BBS examined, the species will gradually retreat over time, particularly in the north. Indeed, under the RCP warming scenario by the year 2050 it is projected to disappear from the north by the northern reaches of the state. Similarly, the American Bittern may jump or shift off may become a more southern to more Minnesota.



A Little Bittern (American Bittern) in a wetland. Photo: Wikimedia



Notable Sightings - Spring 2024

Ricky Olson, Fort Pierre

It was a varied May and June. The warbler migration was disappointing in most of the state. The shorebird migration was varied but species numbers and diversity were low.



Great-tailed Grackle, Corsica, May 12, 2024.
Photo by Kelly Preheim

Great-tailed Grackle numbers are up this year with one swamp containing fourteen; also there were many nesting sites all over the state. A possible record of a Common Raven nest would be a first known breeding attempt for maybe 100 years. A late record of a pair of Thick-billed Longspurs in good breeding habitat would be the first breeding record for about 40 years. A pair of apparent nesting Magnolia Warblers would be a first state nesting record!

Until this year, we only had a few state sighting records of Eurasian Tree Sparrows in South Dakota. This year we have had sightings in Rapid City, near Huron, near Mitchell, Roscoe and Vermillion.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Vermillion, May 11, 2024.
Photo by Dave Swanson



Some other bird sightings of note were Black-bellied Whistling Ducks seen in Sully and Gregory counties and several Prothonotary Warblers in the southeast. A Glossy Ibis spent almost a month at Canyon Lake in Rapid City. A late record of a Varied Thrush at Sylvan Lake during the Spring SDOU meeting was nice. Sightings of Cassin's Kingbirds and Carolina Wrens are always a treat.



Spring Season Bird Photos

Compiled by Kelly Preheim, Armour

In addition to our front and back cover photos, the following are a selection of photos taken in South Dakota during spring 2024. All photos reproduced with permission of the photographers.



American Golden-Plovers, Brown Co., April 29, 2024
Photo by Jeffrey Shultze



Dunlin, Fensterman Slough, May 17, 2024
Photo by Moises Perez



Hudsonian Godwit, Yankton, May 20, 2024
Photo by Roger Dietrich



Bald Eagle, Minnehaha County, May 19, 2024
Photo by Bob Fritz



American Kestrel, Charles Mix County, April 20, 2024
Photo by Kelly Preheim



Glossy Ibis, Canyon Lake, Rapid City, April 15, 2024
Photo by Harold Bielstein



Long-eared Owl, Codington County, April 18, 2024
Photo by Devin Pitts



Eastern Kingbird, Gavin's Point Nature Trail, May 9, 2024
Photo by Roger Dietrich



Leucistic House Finch, Yankton, May 9, 2024
Photo by Sharon Koller



Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Rapid City, May 14, 2024
Photo by Judy Hengen



Bobolink, Dewey Gevik Nature Area,
Minnehaha County, May 16, 2024
Photo by Steve Johnson



Summer Tanager, Bon Homme County,
May 15, 2024
Photo by Mike Coyle



American Redstart, Bon Homme County, May 10, 2024
Photo by Randy Hoeck



Blackburnian Warbler, Palisades State Park, May 15, 2024
Photo by Christian Begeman



Lazuli Bunting, Turner County, May 7, 2024
Photo by Jim Nelson



The 2023 Fall Season

01 August 2023 to 30 November 2023

Compiled By Chris Anderson, Sioux Falls

There were 307 species, including 6 rarities (Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Yellow Rail, Cassin's Vireo, Evening Grosbeak, Golden-crowned Sparrow) reported to the SDOU online database during the 2022 Fall season. The ten-year (2013-2022) average is 313. 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, American Black Duck 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; 26 Aug Charles Mix JSP; 11 Oct Minnehaha CA; 14 Nov Tripp RDO ... Late: 28 Nov Douglas KP; 26 Nov Yankton RND; 17 Nov Pennington OCW

Ross's Goose All Reports: 31 Oct Sully RDO; 18 Nov Marshall CV

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 14 Oct Douglas KP; 21 Oct Lake JSP; 26 Oct Brown GO; 31 Oct Sully RDO ... Late: 26 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Brown, Marshall CV; 18 Nov Buffalo JSP

Cackling Goose Early: 18 Sept Marshall CV; 28 Oct Hughes KM; 29 Oct Stanley RDO; 30 Oct Pennington CLG

Trumpeter Swan All Reports: 29 Oct Bennett, Pennington ND; 01 Nov Yankton RND; 02 Nov Roberts CV; 14 Nov Tripp RDO

Tundra Swan All Reports: 31 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Nov Hand RDO; 18 Nov Brown CV

Wood Duck Late: 09 Nov Yankton RND; 30 Oct Pennington CLG; 23 Oct Minnehaha CA

Blue-winged Teal Late: 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 28 Nov Douglas KP; 22 Oct Jerauld CA; 06 Oct Pennington OCW

Northern Shoveler Late: 28 Nov Minnehaha CA; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 22 Nov McCook JSP; 13 Nov Stanley RDO

Gadwall Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 28 Nov Douglas KP; 27 Nov Pennington CLG

American Wigeon Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Northern Pintail Late: 24 Nov Pennington OCW; 18 Nov Brown CV; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP

Green-winged Teal Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Aurora JSP; 18 Nov Minnehaha CA; 17 Nov Pennington OCW

Canvasback Late: 29 Nov Minnehaha CA; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Aurora JSP; 23 Oct Perkins ND

Redhead Late: 29 Nov Minnehaha CA; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Yankton RND

Ring-necked Duck Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Yankton RND; 13 Nov Stanley RDO; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Greater Scaup All Reports: 31 Oct Sully RDO; 01 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov Stanley RDO; 26 Nov Yankton RND

Lesser Scaup Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Brown, Marshall CV; 14 Nov Tripp RDO

Surf Scoter All Reports: 07 Oct Gregory KP; 10-11 Oct Yankton RND; 24 Nov Kingsbury JSP

White-winged Scoter All Reports: 02 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Yankton DS; 20 Nov Buffalo RDO

Black Scoter All Reports: 01-29 Nov Yankton CA, RND, DS

Long-tailed Duck All Reports: 01 Nov Yankton RND; 29 Nov Yankton RND

Bufflehead Early: 22 Oct Stanley CA; 23 Oct Pennington CLG; 23 Oct Perkins ND; 31 Oct Minnehaha CA ... Late: 30 Nov Brown GO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 27 Nov Pennington CLG

Common Goldeneye Early: 31 Oct Minnehaha CA; 01 Nov Douglas KP; 01 Nov Yankton RND; 20 Nov Pennington CLG ... Late: 29 Yankton RND; 27 Nov Pennington CLG

Hooded Merganser Early: 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 16 Sept Marshall JSP; 29 Sept Hughes KM; 29 Oct Bennett ND ... Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Buffalo JSP; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 11 Nov Turner CA; 30 Oct Pennington CLG

Common Merganser Early: 07 Aug Pennington CLG; 15 Aug Stanley RDO; 31 Oct Minnehaha CA ... Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 24 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Red-breasted Merganser All Reports: 15-19 Nov Yankton RND, GJS; **22 Nov Potter RDO (first county record)**

Ruddy Duck Late: 22 Nov McCook JSP; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 30 Oct Pennington CLG

Northern Bobwhite Only Report: 05 Nov Hutchinson KP

Greater Prairie Chicken All Reports: 06 Oct Haakon RDO; 07 Oct Stanley RDO; 22 Oct Lyman CA

Gray Partridge All Reports: 09 Oct Jackson KM; 02 Nov Meade RDO

Pied-billed Grebe Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Minnehaha JSP; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 29 Oct Bennett ND

Horned Grebe Early: 09 Oct Gregory KP; 31 Oct Sully RDO; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 10 Nov Brookings JSP ... Late: 18 Nov Hughes RDO; 15 Nov Yankton GJS; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 16 Aug Marshall CV; **06 Sept Minnehaha CA (first county record)**; 16 Sept Day JSP; 20 Oct Yankton DS; 31 Oct Hughes RDO; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP

Eared Grebe Late: 01 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Oct Meade ND; 09 Oct Lake CA

Western Grebe Late: 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 11 Nov Yankton DS; 22 Oct Meade ND; 16 Sept Codington JSP

Clark's Grebe Only Report: 22 Nov Potter RDO

White-winged Dove Only Report: 21 Aug Sully RDO

Mourning Dove Confirmed Breeding: 8 Sept Sully (NY) KM; 10 October Hughes (NY) KM. Late: 24 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 10 Nov Minnehaha CA; 02 Nov Douglas KP; 23 Oct Stanley RDO; 08 Oct Jackson KM

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Late: 04 Sept Clay GJS; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 09 Aug Sully KM

Common Nighthawk Late: 07 Oct Lake JSP; 29 Sept Minnehaha CA; 23 Sept Custer MMM; 15 Sept Clay GJS

Common Poorwill All Reports: 19 Sept Sully KM; 24 Sept Custer MMM

Eastern Whip-poor-will Only Report: 11 Aug Lincoln RDO

Chimney Swift Late: 12 Sept Douglas KP; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA; 10 Sept Hughes KM; 10 Sept Lake JSP; 21 Aug Pennington CLG

White-throated Swift All Reports: 21 Aug Pennington CLG; 05 Aug Custer KP; 01 Aug Custer KP

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 02 Oct Clay GJS; 19 Sept Roberts CV; 19 Sept Stanley RDO

Rufous Hummingbird Only Report: 02 Aug Meade KM, RDO

Broad-tailed Hummingbird All Reports: 02 Aug Pennington, Meade KM, RDO

Virginia Rail Late: 09 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 21 Aug Sully KM; 19 Aug Tripp RDO; 12 Aug Brown GO

Sora Late: 04 Oct Hughes KM; 01 Oct Clay JSP, GJS, DS; 01 Oct Minnehaha CA

American Coot Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 18 Nov Brown CV; 18 Nov Minnehaha CA

Sandhill Crane Early: 20 Aug Lawrence EK; 06 Oct Custer MMM; 06 Oct Pennington OCW; 20 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 11 Nov Stanley KM; 05 Nov Custer MMM; 01 Nov Lake JSP

Whooping Crane Only Report: 31 Oct Bon Homme RND

Black-necked Stilt Late: 12 Aug Clark JSP; 12 Aug Hughes KM; 09 Aug Stanley RDO

American Avocet Late: 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 31 Oct Sully RDO; 29 Oct Stanley KM, RDO

Black-bellied Plover Early: 12 Aug Sully KM; 02 Sept Douglas KP; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Stanley RDO; 01 Oct Union CA, RND, ND, KP, GJS

American Golden-Plover All Reports: 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 29 Oct Stanley RDO; 30 Oct Stanley KM

Semipalmated Plover Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 12 Aug Clark JSP ... Late: 09 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 29 Sept Turner CA; 09 Sept Lake JSP; 26 Aug Charles Mix JSP

Piping Plover All Reports: 09 Sept Lake JSP; 19 Aug Union DS; 02 Aug Clay DS

Killdeer Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 05 Nov Minnehaha CA; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP

Upland Sandpiper Late: 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 21 Aug Sully KM; 19 Aug Todd RDO; 10 Aug Douglas KP

Long-billed Curlew Only Report: 02 Aug Meade KM, RDO

Marbled Godwit Late: 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 12 Aug Clark JSP

Stilt Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 12 Aug Clark JSP ... Late: 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 10 Oct Minnehaha CA; 09 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 09 Oct Moody CA

Sanderling Late: 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Dunlin Only Report: 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 19 Aug Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 18 Nov Lyman JSP; 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Least Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Minnehaha CA; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 17 Aug Pennington CA ... Late: 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 10 Oct Minnehaha CA

Buff-breasted Sandpiper Only Report: 04 Aug Sully RDO

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Minnehaha CA; 04 Aug Hughes, Sully RDO; 19 Aug Tripp RDO ... Late: 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 09 Oct Moody CA; 24 Sept Charles Mix KP

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 12 Aug Clark JSP ... Late: 06 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 03 Sept Charles Mix KP

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 02 Sept Douglas KP ... Late: 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 09 Oct Lake CA

Wilson's Snipe Late: 18 Nov Minnehaha CA; 17 Nov Pennington OCW; 05 Nov McCook KP; 29 Oct Stanley MMM

Wilson's Phalarope Late: 09 Sept Lake JSP; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 03 Sept Charles Mix KP

Red-necked Phalarope Only Report: 20 Aug Charles Mix KP

Spotted Sandpiper Late: 31 Oct Bon Homme RND; 29 Oct Bennett ND; 23 Sept Clay DS; 04 Sept Douglas KP; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP

Solitary Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Hughes KM; 03 Aug Minnehaha CA; 04 Aug Sully RDO; 19 Aug Tripp RDO ... Late: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Oct Douglas KP; 02 Oct Lincoln CA

Greater Yellowlegs Late: 05 Nov McCook CA, KP; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 01 Nov Sully KM

Willet Late: 06 Sept Minnehaha CA; 12 Aug Hughes KM; 04 Aug Sully RDO

Lesser Yellowlegs Late: 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 10 Oct Minnehaha CA; 19 Aug Tripp RDO

Black-legged Kittiwake Early: 04 Nov Stanley RDO; 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 12 Nov Yankton RND, GJS; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP ... Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Yankton DS

Sabine's Gull All Reports: 07 Sept Hughes RDO; 24-25 Sept Stanley KM, RDO; 27 Sept Hughes RDO

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 22 Aug Roberts CV; 13 Oct Stanley RDO; 20 Oct Yankton DS ... Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Aurora JSP; 18 Nov Hughes RDO; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP

Franklin's Gull Late: 13 Nov Stanley RDO; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 10 Nov Brookings JSP

Short-billed Gull All Reports: 09-13 Nov Stanley RDO

Ring-billed Gull Late: 29 Nov Minnehaha CA; 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Lyman JSP; 18 Nov McCook CA

California Gull Late: 18 Nov Hughes RDO; 13 Nov Stanley RDO; 01 Nov Sully KM

Herring Gull Early: 25 Aug Day CV; 08 Oct Stanley RDO; 12 Oct Sully RDO; 22 Oct Meade ND ... Late: 29 Nov Stanley RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Hughes RDO; 10 Nov Minnehaha CA

Iceland Gull All Reports: 09 Nov Yankton RND; 13 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Hughes RDO; 26-29 Nov Stanley RDO

Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 08 Oct Stanley RDO; 12 Oct Hughes RDO; 21 Oct Sully RDO ... Late: 26 Nov Stanley RDO; 18 Nov Hughes RDO

Great Black-backed Gull All Reports: 09 Oct Stanley RDO; 13 Oct Stanley RDO

Least Tern Late: 27 Aug Gregory KP; 19 Aug Union DS; 15 Aug Clay GJS; 10 Aug Sully KM

Caspian Tern All Reports: 16 Sept Day JSP; 05 Sept Day KM; 15 Aug Stanley RDO

Black Tern Late: 09 Sept Hutchinson KP; 09 Sept Lake JSP; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP

Forster's Tern Late: 26 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Clay GJS; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP

Common Loon Early: 12 Oct Sully RDO; 13 Oct Hughes RDO; 1 Oct Stanley RDO ... Late: 18 Nov Yankton DS; 11 Nov Hughes RDO; 01 Nov Sully KM

Double-crested Cormorant Late: 28 Nov Minnehaha CA; 26 Nov Yankton RND; 18 Nov Lyman JSP; 30 Oct Pennington CLG

American White Pelican Late: 22 Nov Minnehaha JSP; 13 Nov Stanley RDO; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 04 Nov Lake JSP; 29 Oct Bennett ND

American Bittern All Reports: 05 Aug Brown GO; 23 Aug Hughes KM

Great Blue Heron Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 26 Nov Brookings JSP; 18 Nov Buffalo JSP

Great Egret Late: 12 Nov Brookings JSP; 22 Oct Hughes CA; 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP

Snowy Egret Late: 29 Sept Day GO; 24 Sept Hamlin KM; 16 Sept Charles Mix KP

Cattle Egret All Reports: 13 Oct Stanley RDO; 25 Aug Codington CV; 12 Aug Clark JSP

Green Heron Late: 25 Sept Minnehaha CA; 16 Sept Roberts JSP; 09 Sept Lake JSP

Black-crowned Night-Heron All Reports: 29 Sept Douglas KP; 05 Aug Brown GO

White-faced Ibis Late: 10 Nov Brookings JSP; 09 Oct Moody CA; 29 Sept Turner CA; 06 Sept Clay GJS; 19 Aug Tripp RDO

Turkey Vulture Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Brookings JSP; 09 Oct Pennington CLG

Osprey Late: 04 Nov Lincoln CA; 17 Oct Brown GO; 16 Oct Pennington CLG; 13 Oct Stanley KM, RDO

Golden Eagle Early: 18 Aug Stanley RDO; 04 Oct Jones KM

Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: 08 Sept Hughes KM; 21 Sept Brookings KM; 24 Sept Roberts CV

Mississippi Kite All Reports: 09-10 Aug Minnehaha (ON) CA; 11 Aug Minnehaha RDO; 20 Aug Minnehaha CA; 09 Sept Minnehaha KP

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 24 Aug Roberts CV; 02 Sept Douglas KP; 15 Sept Hughes EDS ... Late: 29 Sept Pennington MMM; 27 Sept Hughes RDO; 22 Sept Brookings KM

Swainson's Hawk Late: 09 Oct Charles Mix KP; 06 Oct Haakon RDO; 04 Oct Minnehaha MMM

Rough-legged Hawk Early: 22 Oct Stanley CA; 24 Oct Butte ND; 29 Oct Bennett ND; 29 Oct Faulk MMM

Ferruginous Hawk Late: 28 Nov Pennington MMM; 18 Nov Aurora JSP; 15 Nov Custer MMM; 02 Nov Stanley RDO

Burrowing Owl Late: 04 Oct Jones KM; 17 Sept Pennington CA; 15 Sept Stanley RDO
Barred Owl Only Report: 14 Sept Lincoln CA
Long-eared Owl Only Report: 29 Sept Custer MMM
Short-eared Owl All Reports: 14 Oct Lyman RDO; 04 Nov Butte EK; 17 Nov Custer MMM; 18 Nov Marshall CV; 21 Nov Meade MMM
Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 22-24 Oct Harding ND; 07 Nov Lincoln CA; 15 Nov Lincoln CA
Belted Kingfisher Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 04 Nov Lincoln CA
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Late: 16 Sept Roberts JSP; 14 Sept Roberts CV
Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 25 Aug Pennington RDO; 02 Aug Lawrence KM, RDO
Lewis's Woodpecker Only Report: 05 Aug Custer KP
Red-headed Woodpecker Late: 04 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Oct Hughes KM; 08 Oct Douglas KP; 17 Sept Custer CA
American Three-toed Woodpecker Only Report: 25 Aug Pennington RDO
Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 17 Aug – 05 Nov Roberts CV
Merlin Early: 03 Sept Charles Mix KP; 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 17 Sept Douglas KP
Peregrine Falcon All Reports: 25 Aug Minnehaha CA; 15 Sept Minnehaha CA
Prairie Falcon Early: 22 Sept Aurora CA
Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: 02 Aug Lawrence KM, RDO; 08 Aug Hughes KM; 09 Aug Lincoln JSP ...
 Late: 18 Sept Roberts CV; 09 Sept Clay DS; 31 Aug Lake JSP; 31 Aug Minnehaha CA
Western Wood-Pewee Late: 25 Aug Pennington OCW; 16 Aug Custer CA; 04 Aug Fall River KP
Eastern Wood-Pewee Late: 28 Sept Minnehaha CA; 22 Sept Clay GJS; 16 Sept Charles Mix KP
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Only Report: 04 Sept Union DS
Alder Flycatcher Only Report: 05 Aug Clay DS
Willow Flycatcher Late: 19 Sept Douglas KP; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 25 Aug Minnehaha CA
Least Flycatcher Late: 18 Sept Roberts CV; 14 Sept Clay GJS; 08 Sept Lake JSP; 05 Aug Custer KP
Dusky Flycatcher Late: 05 Aug Custer KP; 02 Aug Lawrence, Meade KM
Western (previously Cordilleran) Flycatcher All Reports: 11 Aug Pennington OCW; 04 Aug Pennington OCW
Eastern Phoebe Late: 15 Oct Brown GO; 09 Oct Moody CA; 01 Oct Union CA, RND, ND, JSP, KP, GJS
Say's Phoebe Late: 08 Oct Pennington KM; 18 Sept Custer CA; 03 Sept Charles Mix, Douglas KP
Great Crested Flycatcher Late: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 07 Sept Day KM; 02 Sept Stanley RDO
Western Kingbird Late: 04 Sept Custer MMM; 04 Sept Douglas KP; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 04 Sept Pennington CLG; 02 Sept Stanley RDO
Eastern Kingbird Late: 15 Sept Stanley RDO; 14 Sept Custer MMM; 08 Sept Pennington OCW; 07 Sept Douglas KP
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Only Report: 19 Aug Todd RDO
Bell's Vireo Late: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 03 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Stanley RDO
Yellow-throated Vireo Late: 16 Sept Minnehaha CA; 16 Sept Roberts JSP; 09 Sept Hughes KM; 09 Sept Lake JSP
Blue-headed Vireo Early: 26 Aug Brown KM; 27 Aug Roberts CV; 01 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 19 Sept Stanley RDO; 17 Sept Clay GJS; 16 Sept Minnehaha CA
Plumbeous Vireo Only Report: 05 Aug Custer KM
Philadelphia Vireo Early: 06 Sept Day KM; 06 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Sept Hughes KM ... Late: 22 Sept Stanley RDO; 21 Sept Brookings KM; 11 Sept Hughes RDS
Warbling Vireo Late: 22 Sept Clay GJS; 22 Sept Pennington OCW; 20 Sept Lake JSP
Red-eyed Vireo Late: 30 Sept Clay JSP; 17 Sept Hughes KM; 16 Sept Brown GO; 04 Sept Pennington CLG
Loggerhead Shrike All Reports: 20 Aug Hughes KM; 17 Aug Pennington CA; 11 Aug Hanson RDO

Northern Shrike Early: 16 Oct Custer MMM; 21 Oct Clay DS; 22 Oct Buffalo, Hand CA; 22 Oct Pennington MMM

Canada Jay All Reports: 02 Aug Lawrence KM, RDO; 05 Aug Custer KP; 17 Aug Pennington CA; 25 Aug Pennington RDO; 18 Sept Pennington CA; 19 Sept Custer CA

Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 17 Sept Custer CA; 19 Sept Custer CA

Black-billed Magpie reported 04 Aug Custer KP; 17 Sept Jackson CA; 21 Sept Meade CA; 29 Sept Pennington MMM; 02 Nov Stanley RDO

Common Raven Only Report: 02 Nov Stanley RDO

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Late: 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 26 Aug Gregory JSP; 24 Aug Roberts CV; 14 Aug Pennington CLG

Purple Martin Late: 13 Sept Douglas KP; 07 Sept Lake JSP; 19 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 09 Aug Clay GJS

Tree Swallow Late: 01 Oct Union RND; 09 Sept Lake JSP; 08 Sept Minnehaha CA; 19 Aug Tripp RDO

Violet-green Swallow Late: 25 Aug Pennington RDO; 05 Aug Custer KP

Bank Swallow Late: 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 26 Aug Charles Mix JSP

Barn Swallow Late: 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 09 Oct Moody CA; 07 Oct Charles Mix KP; 13 Sept Pennington KM

Cliff Swallow Late: 12 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Douglas KP; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 04 Sept Pennington CLG; 02 Sept Clay GJS

Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 26 Oct Stanley KM; 03 Nov Brown GO; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 06 Sept Day KM; 07 Sept Lake JSP; 08 Sept Hughes KM, EDS ... Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 06 Nov Minnehaha CA; 28 Oct Hughes KM

Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: 08 Aug Brown GO; 10 Aug Lake JSP; 01 Sept Hughes KM

Pygmy Nuthatch reported 04 Aug – 10 Nov Pennington KM, OCW

Brown Creeper Early: 16 Sept Roberts JSP; 13 Oct Hughes KM; 26 Oct Stanley KM

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Late: 17 Sept Jackson CA; 06 Sept Day KM; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP

Rock Wren Confirmed Breeding: 5 Aug Custer (FL) KP. Late: 10 Oct Jackson KM; 21 Sept Meade CA; 13 Sept Pennington KM

Canyon Wren All Reports: 01 Aug Custer KP; 20 Sept Lawrence CA

House Wren Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 04 Oct Lake JSP; 30 Sept Clay GJS; 21 Sept Meade CA

Winter Wren All Reports: 16 Oct Hughes KM; 25 Oct Hughes KM; 30 Oct Stanley KM

Sedge Wren Late: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 30 Sept Clay JSP; 17 Aug Roberts CV

Marsh Wren Late: 24 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Brookings JSP; 09 Oct Kingsbury JSP

American Dipper All Reports: 02 Aug Lawrence KM, RDO; 20 Sept Lawrence CA

Gray Catbird Late: 23 Oct Minnehaha CA; 14 Oct Sully RDO; 01 Oct Union CA; 29 Sept Pennington OCW

Brown Thrasher Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 29 Sept Pennington OCW; 23 Sept Brookings JSP

Eastern Bluebird Late: 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 04 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 01 Nov Yankton RND

Mountain Bluebird Late: 27 Oct Jackson ND; 19 Sept Custer CA; 14 Sept Pennington KM

Townsend's Solitaire Early: 03 Nov Brown GO; 22 Nov Union DS; 30 Nov Lincoln CA

Veery All Reports: 05 Sept Day KM; 27 Aug Brown KM

Swainson's Thrush Early: 27 Aug Brown KM; 03 Sept Hughes KM; 04 Sept Day KM ... Late: 04 Oct Brown GO; 29 Sept Pennington OCW; 27 Sept Hughes RDO

Hermit Thrush All Reports: 03 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Brown GO; 19 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Oct Marshall CV

Wood Thrush Late: 09 Sept Minnehaha KP; 19 Aug Lincoln CA

Bohemian Waxwing All Reports: 04 Nov Stanley RDO; 10 Nov Brookings JSP; 15 Nov Stanley RDO

American Pipit Early: 21 Sept Meade CA; 09 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 09 Oct Moody CA ... Late: 27 Nov Pennington CLG; 18 Nov Aurora JSP; 28 Oct Hughes KM

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 07 Oct Stanley RDO; 04 Oct Jones KM; 10 Sept Butte EK

Pine Grosbeak Only Report: **23 Oct Perkins ND (first county record)**

Purple Finch Early: 27 Oct Roberts CV; 16 Nov Hughes RDO; 22 Nov McCook JSP

Cassin's Finch Only Report: 01 Aug Custer KP

Common Redpoll Only Report: 24 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Red Crossbill Early: 02 Aug Minnehaha CA; 08 Aug Sully KM; 11 Aug Hughes KM

Pine Siskin Early: 28 Aug Sully KM; 16 Sept Minnehaha CA; 21 Sept Douglas KP

Lapland Longspur Early: 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 22 Oct Stanley CA; 23 Oct Perkins ND

Chestnut-collared Longspur Only Report: 16 Sept Custer MMM

Smith's Longspur Only Report: 22 Oct Stanley CA

Snow Bunting Early: 22 Oct Stanley CA; 08 Nov Hand RDO; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Grasshopper Sparrow Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 06 Sept Custer MMM; 03 Sept Douglas KP

Chipping Sparrow Late: 01 Nov Minnehaha CA; 21 Oct Lake JSP; 18 Oct Hughes KM; 09 Oct Pennington CLG

Clay-colored Sparrow Late: 15 Oct Douglas KP; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 30 Sept Clay DS; 15 Sept Pennington OCW

Field Sparrow Late: 15 Oct Hughes KM; 10 Oct Roberts CV; 30 Sept Clay CA; 21 Sept Meade CA

Lark Sparrow Late: 17 Sept Douglas KP; 16 Sept Custer MMM; 06 Sept Clay GJS

Lark Bunting All Reports: 28 Aug Pennington MMM; 03 Aug Custer KP

American Tree Sparrow Early: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 21 Oct Minnehaha CA; 22 Oct Buffalo CA; 23 Oct Perkins ND

Fox Sparrow Early: 25 Sept Stanley KM; 29 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Oct Minnehaha CA ... Late: 22 Nov Union DS; 13 Nov Roberts CV; 12 Nov Minnehaha CA

Dark-eyed Junco Early: 17 Sept Brown GO; 17 Sept Hughes KM; 19 Sept Sully KM

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 08 Sept Pennington OCW; 13 Sept Custer MMM; 15 Sept Hughes KM; 07 Oct Lake JSP ... Late: 04 Nov Lincoln CA; 01 Nov Douglas KP; 31 Oct Hughes KM; 29 Oct Bennett ND

Harris's Sparrow Early: 16 Sept Charles Mix KP; 22 Sept Brookings KM; 24 Sept Lake JSP; 07 Oct Custer MMM ... Late: 26 Nov Clay GJS; 16 Nov Hughes RDO; 13 Nov Roberts CV; 30 Oct Custer MMM

White-throated Sparrow Early: 08 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Minnehaha CA; 21 Sept Brookings KM; 29 Sept Pennington OCW ... Late: 16 Nov Stanley RDO; 06 Nov Minnehaha CA; 04 Nov Lake JSP; 20 Oct Pennington OCW

Vesper Sparrow Late: 18 Oct Roberts CV; 14 Oct Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 14 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 04 Oct Jones KM

LeConte's Sparrow Early: 22 Sept Clay DS; 04 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 21 Oct Clay DS; 16 Oct Hughes KM

Nelson's Sparrow Only Report: 23 Sept Clay DS

Savannah Sparrow Late: 22 Oct Buffalo, Stanley CA; 21 Oct Minnehaha CA; 09 Oct Jackson KM

Song Sparrow Late: 04 Nov Lake JSP; 04 Nov Lincoln CA; 02 Nov Douglas KP; 31 Oct Hughes KM; 16 Oct Pennington CLG

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 29 Aug Custer MMM; 06 Sept Hughes EDS; 07 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 31 Oct Hughes KM; 23 Oct Minnehaha CA; 21 Oct Lake JSP; 20 Oct Pennington OCW

Swamp Sparrow Late: 31 Oct Minnehaha CA; 24 Oct Hughes KM; 14 Oct Brookings JSP

Spotted Towhee Late: 29 Oct Hughes KM; 23 Oct Stanley RDO; 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 08 Oct Douglas KP; 06 Oct Pennington OCW

Eastern Towhee Late: 19 Aug Lincoln CA; 15 Aug Clay GJS

Yellow-breasted Chat Late: 16 Sept Hughes KM; 04 Aug Custer, Fall River KP

Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 09 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 15 Sept Charles Mix KP; 12 Sept Custer MMM

Bobolink Late: 04 Sept Custer MMM; 04 Sept Kingsbury JSP

Eastern Meadowlark Only Report: 29 Sept Clay DS
Western Meadowlark Late: 28 Nov Hyde, Pennington MMM; 12 Nov Charles Mix KP; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP
Orchard Oriole Late: 15 Sept Hughes KM; 27 Aug Charles Mix KP; 26 Aug Clay GJS; 17 Aug Douglas KP
Bullock's Oriole Only Report: 04 Aug Fall River KP
Baltimore Oriole Late: 14 Sept Clay GJS; 11 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Sept Hughes KM
Red-winged Blackbird Late: 18 Nov Brown, Marshall CV; 18 Nov Buffalo JSP; 18 Nov Minnehaha CA; 20 Oct Pennington OCW
Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 22 Oct Buffalo CA; 14 Oct Charles Mix KP; 07 Oct Clay GJS; 03 Oct Roberts CV; 03 Aug Custer KP
Rusty Blackbird Early: 09 Oct Moody CA; 28 Oct Hughes KM; 29 Oct Clay DS ... Late: 12 Nov Charles Mix; 07 Nov Stanley RDO
Brewer's Blackbird Late: 07 Nov Stanley RDO; 04 Nov Charles Mix KP; 22 Oct Lyman CA; 21 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 06 Oct Meade RDO
Common Grackle Late: 13 Nov Hughes EDS; 11 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 10 Nov Lincoln CA; 23 Oct Pennington CLG
Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 21 Aug Sully RDO; 04 Aug Pennington OCW
Ovenbird Late: 16 Sept Hughes KM; 08 Sept Minnehaha CA; 07 Sept Day KM
Northern Waterthrush All Reports: 27 Aug Brown KM; 01 Sept Hughes KM; 15 Sept Minnehaha CA
Golden-winged Warbler Only Report: 25 Aug Minnehaha CA
Blue-winged Warbler Only Report: 01 Sept Stanley RDO
Black-and-white Warbler Early: 13 Aug Hughes KM; 23 Aug Minnehaha CA; 24 Aug Lake JSP ... Late: 21 Sept Brookings KM; 10 Sept Hughes KM; 10 Sept Lake JSP; 04 Sept Pennington CLG
Tennessee Warbler Early: 26 Aug Brown KM; 31 Aug Minnehaha CA; 06 Sept Day KM; 09 Sept Clay DS; 09 Sept Hughes KM... Late: 15 Oct Brown GO; 30 Sept Clay CA; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA
Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 03 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Clay DS; 05 Sept Day KM; 08 Sept Pennington OCW ... Late: 23 Oct Hughes KM; 23 Oct Minnehaha CA; 18 Oct Lake JSP; 06 Oct Pennington OCW
Nashville Warbler Early: 09 Aug Lincoln JSP; 22 Aug Clay GJS; 25 Aug Minnehaha CA... Late: 14 Oct Hughes KM; 03 Oct Lake JSP; 02 Oct Minnehaha CA
MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 02 Aug Meade KM, RDO; 11 Sept Hughes EDS
Mourning Warbler Early: 12 Aug Union DS; 20 Aug Clay DS; 02 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 14 Sept Stanley RDO; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Sept Clay DS
Common Yellowthroat Late: 16 Oct Pennington CLG; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 25 Sept Minnehaha CA
Hooded Warbler Only Report: 09 Aug Lincoln JSP
American Redstart Late: 17 Sept Clay GJS; 17 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Pennington CLG
Northern Parula All Reports: 06 Sept Minnehaha CA; 08-10 Sept Hughes KM; 11 Sept Custer MMM; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA
Magnolia Warbler Early: 26 Aug Brown KM; 03 Sept Day, Hughes KM ... Late: 03 Oct Hughes EDS; 27 Sept Lake JSP; 12 Sept Minnehaha CA
Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports: 31 Aug Minnehaha CA; 06-12 Sept Minnehaha CA
Blackburnian Warbler Only Report: 22 Aug Minnehaha CA
Yellow Warbler Late: 25 Sept Pennington CLG; 21 Sept Brookings KM; 21 Sept Stanley RDO
Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: 20 Aug Union DS; 25 Aug Minnehaha CA; 04-05 Sept Day KM
Blackpoll Warbler Only Report: 06 Sept Minnehaha CA
Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 03 Sept Hughes KM; 06 Sept Day KM; 07 Sept Douglas KP ... Late: 22 Nov Union DS; 18 Nov Yankton DS; 15 Nov Stanley RDO; 02 Nov Douglas KP; 29 Sept Pennington OCW
Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 01 Oct Union CA, ND, JSP, KP, GJS, DS
Canada Warbler All Reports: 22 Aug Minnehaha CA; 01 Sept Hughes KM; 03 Sept Lake JSP

Wilson's Warbler Early: 20 Aug Union DS; 22 Aug Hughes KM; 22 Aug Minnehaha CA; 04 Sept Pennington CLG ... Late: 29 Sept Hughes KM; 29 Sept Pennington OCW; 26 Sept Clay GJS; 23 Sept Lake JSP
Summer Tanager All Reports: 17-23 Sept Roberts CV; 04 Oct Roberts CV
Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 12 Aug Union DS; 17 Aug Roberts CV; 20 Aug Union DS; 10 Sept Hughes KM
Western Tanager Only Report: 15 Sept Pennington OCW
Northern Cardinal West River: 7 reports 04 Aug – 17 Nov Pennington OCW
Rose-breasted Grosbeak Late: 18 Sept Douglas KP; 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Sept Clay DS
Black-headed Grosbeak Late: 17 Sept Custer CA; 10 Sept Hughes KM; 20 Aug Stanley RDO
Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 23 Sept Custer MMM; 12 Sept Custer MMM; 04 Sept Douglas KP; 22 Aug Stanley RDO; 19 Aug Union DS; 10 Aug Minnehaha CA
Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 03 Aug Custer KP
Indigo Bunting Late: 04 Oct Minnehaha CA; 30 Sept Clay DS; 26 Sept Hughes RDO
Dickcissel Late: 30 Sept Clay JSP, DS; 26 Aug Charles Mix JSP; 19 Aug Lincoln CA

Species Expected But Not Reported

Ruffed Grouse (2), Black-billed Cuckoo (2), Calliope Hummingbird (2), Hudsonian Godwit (3), White-rumped Sandpiper (3), Short-billed Dowitcher, Little Gull, Glaucous Gull (3), Common Tern (2), Pacific Loon (2), Neotropic Cormorant, Least Bittern (2), Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (3), American Goshawk, Black-backed Woodpecker (2), Gyrfalcon (2), Carolina Wren (2), Varied Thrush, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (2), White-winged Crossbill (2), Virginia's Warbler, Palm Warbler

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Anna's Hummingbird: 06 Oct Meade RDO
Costa's Hummingbird: 13 Sept and 06 Oct Meade RDO
Yellow Rail: 15 Sept Hughes KM
Cassin's Vireo: 16 Sept Hughes KM
Evening Grosbeak: 15 Sept Stanley RDO
Golden-crowned Sparrow: 26 Sept – 05 Oct Hughes KM, RDO (first county record)

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