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## President's Page

*Chris Anderson*

Greetings everyone,

I'd like to thank the SDOU membership for giving me the opportunity to be at the helm of our great organization. I'd also like to give a little background about myself. I grew up in southwest Wisconsin and moved to Sioux Falls after graduating from college in 2004, recently celebrating 20 years of working for the City of Sioux Falls geographic information systems (GIS) office. Yay maps! I won't rule out the possibility of seeing a map or two in this space in the coming issues.

Despite having a passion for the outdoors and a rudimentary knowledge of "backyard" birds growing up, I certainly would not have considered myself a birder nor did I know anything about the field of ornithology. In 2007, I decided on a whim to join a monthly field trip of the Sioux Falls Bird Club. As luck would have it, that was a trip to Mitchell to observe a rare Swallow-tailed Kite, among other birds. It turns out that bringing a newbie to see this striking, graceful raptor (which hadn't been seen in South Dakota in about a century) catching and eating dragonflies while in flight is a pretty good recruiting tactic. I became a member of SDOU soon thereafter, and attended my first meeting in Sioux Falls in 2010.

As past presidents have surely done, I prepared to write my first President's Page by perusing the annals of Bird Notes, specifically some of the editions released before I was a member of SDOU. I enjoyed seeing the familiar names of people I have come to know as mentors and friends, many of whom have been contributing to this organization through research, articles, leadership, and outreach for decades. It is this selfless service that has kept SDOU going for 75 years, and it is absolutely needed to sustain the organization in the future.

In that spirit of birding with a purpose, I encourage everyone to set a citizen science goal as we approach the start of the new year.

If you're fortunate to have a Christmas Bird Count circle near you, join as a field observer, or simply report the birds you observe from your home feeders. If you already participate, bring someone new with you this year – one outing might be all it takes to spark that person to get involved as well.

Contribute your sightings to the SDOU online database and eBird – this is great way to make your observations part of research efforts in South Dakota and beyond. We don't have the density of birders across South Dakota like some states do, so every report is valuable in monitoring bird populations in the state.

Explore a part of our state that you aren't familiar with or an area that isn't heavily traveled. South Dakota has so many unique landscapes and habitats, and unique birds that inhabit them. Who knows what you might find.

It promises to be an exciting year ahead. Hopefully we will move closer toward having operational Motus



towers along the Missouri River (see the March 2023 issue of Bird Notes for a nice overview of this project by past President Mark Schmidtbauer). We are also continuing to plan with our counterparts in Nebraska and Iowa to put together a great tri-state spring meeting of our three ornithologists' unions, to be held in South Sioux City, NE May 16-18, 2025. We will bring you more information at [sdou.org](http://sdou.org) as it becomes available.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are approaching the end of the year and this means time to renew your membership! If you are a Regular member, please consider increasing your support to the Sustaining level. Your membership fees help defray the costs of producing Bird Notes, maintaining our website, and provide funds for special projects such as the Motus towers mentioned above. In addition, donations to any of our scholarship and grant programs are always welcome!



## SDOU 2024 Fall Meeting, Spearfish

*Nancy Drilling, Rapid City*

The SDOU 2024 Fall Meeting was held on the Black Hills State University campus in Spearfish on 27 – 29 September. As usual, the meeting consisted of field birding trips, paper presentations by ornithologists, special evening presentations, and SDOU business (general members, Board of Directors) meetings. The activities began Friday evening with a Social Hour, followed by the evening presentation. The speaker was Ruben Mares, a U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologist with the Northern Hills District in Spearfish. He spoke on the Service's Aspen restoration, outlining the challenges and successes of this effort on the Northern Hills Ranger District.



Most of Saturday was devoted to paper presentations about South Dakota birds from university students, professors, and birders. As seen in the list of presentations shown below, topics included community ecology, studies of Species of Special Concern, bird behavior, bird physiology and birding trends. SDOU awarded travel grants to the student presenters to help defray their costs of attending the meeting.

List of paper presentations given at the Fall 2024 meeting in Spearfish. An \* denotes a student presenter.

1. Mark Dixon, University of South Dakota - Vegetation associations of riparian birds in successional woodlands along the regulated Missouri River
2. Hannah Slattery\* and Zoe Donelan\*, University of South Dakota – Relative abundance of Least Terns at on-river and off-river sites along the Missouri National Recreational River
3. Roger Dietrich, Yankton, and David Swanson, Vermillion – First photographic documentation of probing tool use by White-breasted Nuthatch

4. Kathryn Yurek\*, University of South Dakota - Impacts of overabundant deer and three species of invasive ground cover on forest understory regeneration: potential effects on the bird community
5. Chelsi Marolf\*, University of South Dakota – Variation in metabolic rates and organ mass in summer vs. winter phenotype House Sparrows
6. Sampath Anandan, University of South Dakota – Does cold exposure result in oxidative stress in summer and winter House Sparrows?
7. David Swanson, University of South Dakota – Does oxidative stress vary seasonally in birds from cold winter climates?
8. Jeff Palmer, Madison – Fifteen years of Labor Day birding in the Black Hills: Trends in bird observations

The final presentation of the day was given by Dr. Jessica Graham of Black Hills State University after the evening banquet. Dr. Graham summarized her first field season of studying American Dippers in the Black Hills, a continuation of previous three previous studies 1998 – 2016 of this state-threatened species. Besides capturing and banding the birds, she is restarting monitoring of nest locations and nest success. As always happens during the first field season, she and her students faced a variety of challenges but they are already looking forward to next season.

Two important votes occurred during the General Membership meeting. First, members elected five Directors to serve on the Board of Directors 2025 – 2027. They are Chris Anderson (Sioux Falls), Joshua Boldt (Madison), Laural Bidwell (Rapid City), Dan Kemp (Brookings) and Barry Parkins (Aberdeen). Secondly, members voted on several changes to SDOU’s Constitution and Bylaws. The most significant changes will reduce the size of the Board Directors. This includes gradually reducing the number of Directors to nine, instead of the current fifteen Directors, and limiting the duration of Past-Presidents’ time on the Board to five years. At the Board of Directors meeting, the following were elected as 2025 officers: Chris Anderson for President, Joshua Boldt for Vice-President, David Swanson for Secretary, Bob Bork for Treasurer, Nancy Drilling for Editor, and Mick Zerr for librarian.

For birding, the weather was beautiful, albeit a bit windy, the entire weekend. Saturday and Sunday field trips went to Spearfish Canyon, Bear Butte Lake, Fort Meade Recreation Area, Nisland Slough, Belle Fourche sewage lagoons and Belle Fourche Reservoir, with 106 species tallied overall.

Many thanks to Jessica Graham for organizing the meeting, Dave Swanson for putting together the presentation schedule, Todd Jensen and Dave Swanson for leading the field trips, and all of the speakers for their excellent presentations.

Bird species recorded during the 2024 Fall meeting in Spearfish, September 27 – 29. Observations include those in Lawrence, Meade, and Butte counties.

Canada Goose	Northern Pintail	Sharp-tailed Grouse
Wood Duck	Green-winged Teal	Wild Turkey
Blue-winged Teal	Canvasback	Pied-billed Grebe
Northern Shoveler	Redhead	Eared Grebe
Gadwall	Ring-necked Duck	Western Grebe
American Wigeon	Ruddy Duck	Rock Pigeon
Mallard	Gray Partridge	Eurasian Collared-Dove

Mourning Dove  
American Coot  
Killdeer  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Sanderling  
Baird's Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Wilson's Snipe  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Franklin's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
California Gull  
Double-crested Cormorant  
American White Pelican  
Great Blue Heron  
Turkey Vulture  
Osprey  
Bald Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Ferruginous Hawk  
Golden Eagle  
Great Horned Owl

Belted Kingfisher  
Lewis's Woodpecker  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Black-backed Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Canada Jay  
Blue Jay  
Black-billed Magpie  
American Crow  
Horned Lark  
Barn Swallow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Rock Wren  
Canyon Wren  
American Dipper  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Mountain Bluebird  
Townsend's Solitaire  
American Robin  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
House Sparrow

American Pipit  
House Finch  
Red Crossbill  
Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch  
Chestnut-collared Longspur  
Spotted Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Western Meadowlark  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler



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## FLEDGLING TRACTS: Eighty-five Percent

*Maggie Figura, Sioux Falls*

Today I want you to think about the places you go birding, or at least locations you're looking up when deciding where your next birding trip will be. You're looking for public access, right? Only 3.8% of South Dakota is open to public access. Or if not, is it private land owned by someone you know granting you permission to bird there? Around 85% of South Dakota is privately owned and managed, and this constitutes the vast majority of the bird habitat in the state.

Much of these privately-owned lands are working lands, lands being put to current, often agricultural, human use. It is a popular misconception that these working lands and how they are managed can only be detrimental to the environment and our avian neighbors. This may be the truth under many conventional practices; however sustainable practices in regenerative agriculture are actually our strongest tool for rejuvenating habitat and restoring its suitability for use by birds. Landowners are the stewards for these private lands and make the management decisions that can take a degraded monoculture landscape and create a biodiverse oasis with healthy soil, clean water, and a sky full of bird song.

Many landowners are often unsung heroes in conservation as a whole and in avian science in particular. It is these individuals that make decisions to implement bird-friendly land management to preserve, improve, or

restore remaining habitat for birds. Additionally, much of this group, as well as many landowners not yet implementing bird-friendly practices, are granting permission to field biologists to enter their property and study avian populations on that 85% of land we otherwise would not have access to. Moreover, it is concerned landowners that are contributing substantial funding to avian monitoring and conservation efforts.

Conservation scientists rely heavily on fostering positive and trusting relationships with private landowners; otherwise, we would be severely limited in opportunities for data collection and conservation implementation. It is my strongly held belief that recreational birders have a role, even a duty, to play in promoting functional relationships between landowners and conservation scientists, of the avian pursuit or otherwise. When I, as an avian ecologist, ask a new landowner for permission to access their property, they are going to first consider their interactions with similar-minded individuals. If a landowner had a negative interaction with a birder, say they caught someone trespassing onto their property to do nothing more than observe a particular species, they may not be inclined to give me that permission to come onto their land to scientifically monitor birds. But if all they've had are positive interactions with birders, they will look far more favorably upon my request, even welcome the opportunity to have me visit their property and tell them about the birds their land supports. Recreational birders represent one of the most mainstream and charismatic faces for all nature enthusiasts and thus also those wishing to study and conserve nature.

But don't feel that being a proxy representative for avian ecologists and other natural scientists to be too heavy of a burden. Successful "landowner etiquette" is really very straightforward. The most important rule is to NEVER trespass onto private property unless permission is clear. This is so fundamental that it is even mentioned in the American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics: "Never enter private property without the landowner's permission. Respect the interests of and interact positively with people living in the area where you are birding". If you unwittingly trespass and are caught, be respectful, immediately apologize, and quickly exit the property. Never argue with a landowner about whether or not you really are on someone's land; it is always best to just apologize and leave. You can verify whether a parcel is public or private with publicly available hunting maps such as those provided by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, or mapping applications such [OnX](#).

If you are birding on private property that is not yours and keeping an eBird checklist, you should always report the observation to the county level rather than at the exact coordinates from which you birded. This is for two reasons. One is that landowners greatly value the confidentiality of their property and often do not like having such information shared. The other is that, per the [Code of Birding Ethics](#), we do not want to encourage some less scrupulous birder to trespass onto the property to look for some interesting species you may have reported there. Even if you are birding private property from a nearby public road, it is still best practice to report observations to the county level. Don't point your optics at any buildings or livestock that may be present. Leave no trace and never litter on private property. Instead you could pick up other people's litter as you go; the landowner may thank you! If you pass through gates on the property, always leave them open or closed as you first found them. Only drive on tracks that are clearly used by other motor vehicles and not in muddy condition; otherwise it is best to always go about on foot. And when you do park the car, make sure it is not somewhere that tall dry grass is touching the hot undercarriage and could start a fire. Finally, if a local stops to ask if you are all right or what you are doing, just be friendly and honest. Chances are you'll have a good chat about some birds!

I hope this article gave you some food for thought and that you are ready to go on more birding adventures knowing yourself to be a proud ambassador for other birders, nature enthusiasts, and conservation scientists everywhere. Like a drop of water on the surface of a pond, every interaction has ripples that can lead to waves of force for the movement of avian science and conservation as a whole. If now you are inspired to go explore the other 85% of land in South Dakota and to meet these bird-friendly landowners doing their part for conservation, you can follow the [South Dakota Grassland Coalition](#) for their annual bird tours and pasture bird walks or go to [Landtrust.com](#) and search for private properties that allow birders to schedule time to come onto their land and explore.



## Notable Sightings September- November 2024

*Ricky D. Olson, Fort Pierre*

It was a good fall season. There was a Little Gull at Big Bend Dam. Several Sabine's Gulls were reported (photo by Doug Backlund). At Pierre, Short-billed and Lesser Black-backed were the highlights.

A third state record Brambling was found at the Farm Island feeders near Pierre (see photo on the front cover). This was the first one people were able to observe as it stayed for at least two days. The previous two were short stays and other observers were unable to see the bird.



If accepted by the SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee, a King Eider shot by a hunter in north central South Dakota would be the first state record. Most of the sea ducks were reported: Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, and Long-tailed Duck. In addition, Common, Pacific, Red-throated and Yellow-billed loons were reported throughout the state.

An uncommon Yellow-throated Warbler was seen at a Vermillion area home in October and a Pine Warbler was reported in late November. Other good songbirds seen during this period were Carolina Wren and White-winged Crossbills (away from Black Hills).





## Fall Season Bird Photos

*Compiled by Kelly Preheim, Armour*

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



*Trumpeter Swan brood, Slim Buttes, Harding County, Aug. 19, 2024. Photo by Dale Nordlie*



*Clark's and Western grebes, Lake Andes NWR, Sept. 15, 2024. Photo by Kelly Preheim*



*Lesser Black-backed Gull among Ring-billed Gulls, Lake Yankton. Nov. 11, 2024. Photo by Roger Dietrich*



*American Avocet, Lake Andes NWR, October 12, 2024. Photo by Kelly Preheim*



*Great Blue Heron with fish, Hipple Lake, Hughes County, Sept. 6, 2024. Photo by Doug Backlund*



*Broad-winged Hawk, Lake Andes NWR, Sept. 22, 2024. Photo by Kelly Preheim*



*Cooper's Hawk, Sioux Falls, Sept. 7, 2024. Photo by Steve Johnson*



*Merlin, Pierre, Fall 2024. Photo by Doug Backlund*



*Peregrine Falcon, Pierre area, Fall 2024. Photo by Doug Backlund*



*Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Sioux Falls, Aug. 7, 2024. Photo by Dale Nordlie*



*Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Brookings, Aug. 25, 2024. Photo by Terry Spitzenberger*



*Rufous Hummingbird, Mitchell, Sept. 17, 2024. Photo by Lonnie Weise*



*Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Good Earth State Park, Aug. 3, 2024. Photo by Steve Johnson*



*Winter Wren, Dewey Gevik Nature Area, Oct. 14, 2024. Photo by Mick Zerr*



*Golden-crowned Kinglet, Pickeral Lake, Nov. 16, 2024. Photo by Devin Pitts*



*LeConte's Sparrows, Dewey Gevik Nature Area, October 19, 2024. Photo by Mick Zerr*





*Harris's Sparrow, Dewey Gevik Nature Area, Oct. 14, 2024. Photo by Mick Zerr*



*Bay-breasted Warbler, Pierre area, Fall 2024. Photo by Doug Backlund*



*Yellow Warbler, Springfield area, Aug. 16, 2024. Photo by Randy Hoeck*



*Indigo Bunting, Springfield area, Aug. 16, 2024. Photo by Randy Hoeck*



# Significant Summer 2024 Breeding Records in South Dakota

*Nancy Drilling, Rapid City*

In summer 2024, observers documented two new state records of breeding birds in South Dakota (Common Raven and Magnolia Warbler) while individuals of several other species persisted in appropriate habitat throughout the breeding season. In this article I give details of these records and some background history of each species in the state.

## Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

Before European settlement, Common Ravens probably were a common resident and breeder in South Dakota, at least in the Black Hills and along the Missouri River, but there are few records. Accounts from expeditions during the mid-1800's mention the bird, and members of the Custer Expedition mention its nests on 'lofty buttes' in the western Dakotas (summarized in Pettingill and Whitney 1965, Tallman et al. 2002). However, these accounts did not provide specific locations. The species disappeared from the western Dakotas by 1900, likely because of shooting, poisoning, and the loss of bison, which provided a food source (Borman and Heinrich 2020). However, Common Raven is reoccupying its former range. According to Breeding Bird Survey data, the species has been expanding in North Dakota at a rate of 9% per year since 2000, and in Wyoming, at a rate of 2% per year. Thus it seemed to be just a matter of time before Common Ravens reestablish themselves in South Dakota.

Early in spring 2024, birders began to report seeing Common Ravens along the Hell Canyon trail in west-central Custer County. On May 11th, I hiked the lower trail, with the express purpose of finding the ravens. About 200 meters from the trail head, I observed a raven pull a billful of white fluffy material from a crevice and fly north along the canyon wall. Shortly thereafter I heard two birds croaking simultaneously. Continuing down the trail, I saw a raven three more times: once, again flying along the west canyon wall with white fluff, once soaring down canyon, and at 1.9 miles, I observed a raven catch a small animal and eat it. On the way back to the trail head, I recorded one bird calling, then watched it soar up and down the rimrock on the west side, apparently hunting.

Common Ravens continued to be reported throughout May, including sightings during the spring SDOU meeting that was based out of Custer. Then on June 14th, Katy Fitzgerald, a visiting birder, found the nest on a cliff face northwest of the north end of the trail turn-around (Figure 1). It was a large stick nest on a cliff ledge. Although Common Ravens will nest on a wide variety of substrates, such as trees, power poles, and other human-made structures, their preferred nest location is on a cliff ledge. It is not known if the nest was successful but Common Ravens continued to be observed along the Hell Canyon trail through September 2024.

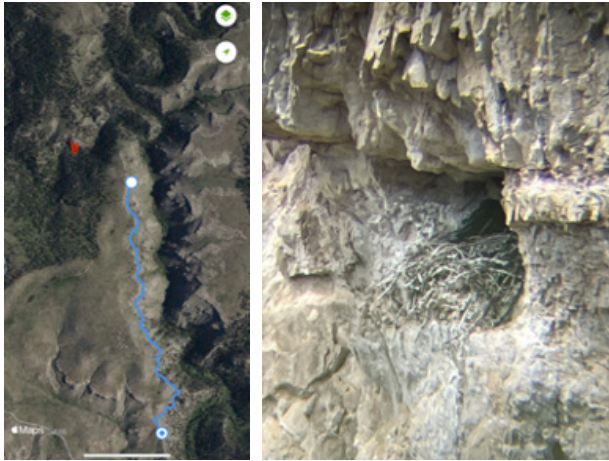


Figure 1. Map of the location of the Common Raven nest in Hell Canyon (left) and photo of the nest (right). The blue line on the map is the path of the upper trail while the red mark is the approximate location of the nest. Map and photo by Katy Fitzgerald

Magnolia Warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*)

The most astonishing nesting record occurred in Lawrence County. In late May, birders began to report sightings of a pair of Magnolia Warblers upstream of Roughlock Falls in Spearfish Canyon. Then on June 2nd, birder Michael Kurtz photographed the birds while nest building (photos at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S179080856>). He subsequently noted that the female was incubating eggs on June 16th. The nest was not monitored after this date. This is the first record of nesting in the state.

Magnolia Warblers breed in boreal forests in Canada and the northeastern U.S. In South Dakota, the species is a migrant, primarily in the eastern half of the state, and almost never in the Black Hills (Pettingill and Whitney 1965). The nearest breeding population to South Dakota is northeastern Minnesota, where the species is a common breeder (Pfanmuller et al. 2017). Thus this nesting occurred approximately 500 miles from the nearest population. In addition, this species typically nests in dense stands of young conifers, especially spruce (Pfanmuller et al. 2017; Dunn and Hall 2020). However, this pair nested in a box-elder tree along the creek.

Thick-billed Longspur (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*)

The Thick-billed Longspur is a short-grass habitat specialist that nested in western South Dakota until the early 1900s (Tallman et al. 2002). During both the first (1988-1992) and second (2008-2012) South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlases, territorial males were documented in Harding and Perkins counties, respectively, but nesting was never confirmed (Peterson 1995, Drilling et al. 2018). The species is a regular migrant in the western quarter of the state and breeds in northwestern Nebraska and eastern Wyoming and thus might be expected to breed again in South Dakota.

In 2024, multiple singing males and females were observed May through August near Crow Creek Dam in south-central Fall River County. Because of an ongoing drought, the pastures in the area had relatively short grass. In addition, a moderate-sized prairie dog town provided possible breeding habitat.

### Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

The first confirmed nesting record of Great-tailed Grackles in South Dakota occurred in 1999 in Clay and Minnehaha counties (Swanson and Liknes 2001). These nests, as well as those reported during the second Breeding Bird Atlas, were in marshes, the habitat used by colonizing birds (Drilling et al. 2018; Johnson and Peer 2022). Once this species becomes established in an area, they utilize other habitats for breeding, such as farmland, pastures, and urban areas. This summer, a nest with young was discovered in a planted spruce tree at the Rapid City Airport, the first non-marsh breeding birds reported in the state.

### Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)

Over the years, this species has occasionally been reported in the Black Hills during the summer, but breeding was not confirmed until 2022, when a bird was observed carrying food near Keough Draw in Lawrence County (Swanson 2022). This summer, the location with the most reports of a singing bird was Black Fox Campground in eastern Pennington County. A singing bird also was reported along South Rochford Road in Pennington County.

### Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*)

The Hooded Warbler breeds in forests in the eastern U.S., with the nearest breeding populations located in isolated pockets in southeastern Iowa and southeastern Minnesota. In South Dakota, it is an uncommon migrant East River, although the one nesting record in the state occurred in 1998 in Meade County. Interestingly, the species is well-known for ‘extralimital’ records; occurring far from its usual area (Mumme et al. 2023). This includes multiple breeding records in the southwestern U.S., including in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. Thus, the continuing singing male at Newton Hills State Park, Lincoln County, is an intriguing situation. The species was first reported there in spring 2019 and at least one male has been singing in the Horse Camp area every year since. Birders have reported two to four birds but no female has been reported, nor has there been an attempt to document nesting.

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## The 2024 Spring Season 01 March 2024 to 31 May 2024

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There were 309 species, including 7 rarities (Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Laughing Gull, Snowy Egret, Glossy Ibis, White-eyed Vireo, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Black-throated Gray Warbler) and 18 first county records reported to the SDOU online database during the season. The ten-year (2014-2023) average is 316. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (early/late dates as given in the online database or first county records, indicated in bold; species that are significantly out of range; or confirmed breeding for species that breed early). For early/late migration dates, I have listed the three earliest/latest dates (by county). However, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have included the earliest/latest reported date from the missing region also. Included in this report is a list of species that were not reported this year but might be expected during the Spring Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during spring in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season. Having not been reported during the season for the last 5 years, Surf Scoter has been removed from this list.

At the end of this report is a list of additional validated species reported to eBird during the season, including species that were not reported to the SDOU online database or were otherwise noteworthy.

**Snow Goose** Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Clay GJS; 01 Mar Douglas KP ... Late: 04 May Kingsbury JSP; 02 May Stanley KM; 24 Apr Clay GJS

**Ross's Goose** Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 02 Mar Davison, Hanson, McCook, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 30 Mar Lincoln CA; 14 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Mar Stanley RDO

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 02 Mar Davison, McCook, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 29 Apr Roberts CV; 05 Apr Day, Marshall GO; 04 Apr Clay GJS

**Canada Goose Confirmed Breeding: 15 Apr-28 May 7 East River counties, 4 West River counties (ON, PY)**

**Cackling Goose** Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Douglas KP; 01 Mar Harding, Meade ND; 01 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Mar Stanley RDO ... Late: 05 Apr Day, Marshall GO; 02 Apr Brown GO; 18 Mar Pennington CLG; 08 Mar Clay GJS

**Trumpeter Swan** Early: 18 Mar Sully KM; 28 Mar Tripp RDO; **30 Mar Marshall CV; 05 Apr Marshall GO (first county records)** ... Late: 29 May Bennett JSP, DS; 28 May Harding ND; 18 May Roberts CV ... Confirmed Breeding: 12 May Harding KM (ON); 29 May Bennett JSP, DS (PY)

**Tundra Swan** All Reports: 05 Mar Lake CA; 15 Mar Brown GO; 30 Mar Marshall CV; 05 Apr Brown GO

**Wood Duck** Early: 04 Mar Minnehaha CA; 05 Mar Clay DS; 11 Mar Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding: 20 Apr-27 May Clay, Hughes, Lawrence, Minnehaha, Pennington counties (PY)

**Blue-winged Teal** Early: 23 Mar Roberts CV; 29 Mar Hughes KM; 30 Mar Stanley RDO; 31 Mar Bennett ND; 31 Mar Lincoln KP ... Confirmed Breeding: 24 May Jackson CA (PY)

**Cinnamon Teal** All Reports: 25 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 May Hughes KM, RDO

**Northern Shoveler** Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 07 Mar Minnehaha CA; 08 Mar Clay GJS; 28 Mar Tripp RDO

**Gadwall** Early: 01 Mar Pennington OCW; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 02 Mar Davison, Hanson, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP

**American Wigeon** Early: 01 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 02 Mar Hanson, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Pennington CLG

**Mallard Confirmed Breeding 11-30 May Brown, Fall River, Hughes, Jackson, Meade, Pennington, Union counties (NE, PY)**

**Northern Pintail** Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Hanson, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 12 Mar Harding, Perkins ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 15 May Fall River JSP (PY); 28 May Harding ND (PY)

**Green-winged Teal** Early: 01 Mar Butte ND; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 02 Mar Davison, Hanson, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP

**Canvasback** Early: 01 Mar Butte ND; 01 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Mar Miner CA

**Redhead** Early: 01 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Davison, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Pennington CLG

**Ring-necked Duck** Early: 01 Mar Douglas KP; 01 Mar Pennington OCW; 02 Mar Davison, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 05 Mar Hughes KM

**Greater Scaup** All Reports: 09 Mar Minnehaha CA; 03 Apr Minnehaha CA; 05 Apr Marshall GO; 07 Apr Charles Mix KP; 14 Apr Roberts CV; 23 Apr Deuel CV

**Lesser Scaup** Early: 01 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Davison, Miner CA; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 05 Mar Hughes KM; 13 Mar Butte ND

**Bufflehead** Early: 01 Mar Douglas KP; 01 Mar Pennington OCW; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 17 May Hyde KM; 10 May Harding KM; 04 May Hutchinson CA

**Common Goldeneye** Late: 13 Apr Charles Mix KP; 12 Apr Hughes KM; 11 Apr Marshall GO; 17 Mar Meade ND

**Hooded Merganser** Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Mar Minnehaha CA; 13 Mar Butte ND ... Late West River: 26 May Fall River ND; 29 Apr Pennington CLG; 21 Apr Butte EK

**Common Merganser** Late: 27 May Pennington CLG; 11 May Charles Mix KP; 11 May Clay GJS; 11 May Harding KM; 29 Apr Roberts CV

**Red-breasted Merganser** Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 09 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 31 May Hughes CV; 11 May Charles Mix KP; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 04 Apr Minnehaha CA

**Ruddy Duck** Early: 02 Mar Lake JSP; 10 Mar Moody CA; 13 Mar Clay GJS; 14 Apr Butte ND

**Northern Bobwhite** Only Report: 04 May Gregory CA

**Ruffed Grouse** Only Report: 31 May Custer JSP

**Greater Sage-Grouse** All Reports: 12 Mar Harding ND; 11 May Harding KM

**Greater Prairie Chicken** All Reports: 10 Mar Sully KM; 18 Mar Sully KM; 28 Mar Tripp RDO; 29 Mar Faulk MMM; 09 Apr Hyde KM; 10 May Hyde KM; 11 May Roberts CV

**Gray Partridge** All Reports: 13 Mar Meade RDO; 17 Mar Meade ND; 14 Apr Butte ND; 25 Apr Custer MMM; 10 May Custer MMM

**Pied-billed Grebe** Early: 31 Mar Lincoln KP; 02 Apr Minnehaha CA; 04 Apr Clay GJS; 12 May Harding KM

**Horned Grebe** Early: 04 Apr Charles Mix KP; 04 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Roberts CV ... Late: 29 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Hand KM; 20 Apr Clay DS

**Red-necked Grebe** All Reports: 01 May Roberts CV; 11 May Marshall GO

**Eared Grebe** Early: 20 Apr Lincoln CA; 22 Apr Hand KM; 22 Apr Sully RDO; 27 Apr Pennington ND

**Western Grebe** Early: 12 Apr Marshall GO; 14 Apr Harding ND; 22 Apr Hand KM; 23 Apr Stanley RDO

**Clark's Grebe** All Reports: 26 Apr Hughes KM, RDO; 26 Apr Stanley RDO; 11 May Marshall GO

**Mourning Dove** Early: 07 Mar Clay GJS; 07 Mar Roberts CV; 09 Mar Brown GO; 05 Apr Pennington OCW ... Confirmed Breeding: 20-31 May Faulk MMM (NY, FL)

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** All Reports: 20 May Lincoln DS; 20 May Stanley KM; 30 May Oglala Lakota ND; 31 May Hughes KM

**Black-billed Cuckoo** Only Report: 23 May Minnehaha CA

**Common Nighthawk** Early: 16 May Hughes KM; 16 May Roberts CV; 18 May Brown GO; 24 May Jackson CA

**Common Poorwill** All Reports: 27 May Harding KM; 27 May Stanley RDO

**Eastern Whip-poor-will** Only Report: 10 May Clay JSP

**Chimney Swift** Early: 26 Apr Douglas KP; 29 Apr Clay DS; 01 May Brown GO; 13 May Pennington CLG

**White-throated Swift** Early: 09 May Harding KM; 13 May Pennington RDO; 14 May Custer JSP

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** Early: 07 May Lake JSP; 09 May Clay GJS; 10 May Roberts CV

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** All Reports: 05 May Pennington JF; 31 May Pennington RDO

**Virginia Rail** Early: 28 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Minnehaha CA; 01 May Marshall CV; 12 May Sully RDO

**Sora** Early: 23 Apr Grant CV; 28 Apr Brown GO; 29 Apr Roberts CV; 06 May Clay DS; 11 May Harding KM

**American Coot** Early: 04 Mar Pennington CLG; 11 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Brookings JSP

**Sandhill Crane** Early: 26 Mar Douglas KP; 31 Mar Minnehaha CA; 01 Apr Lawrence EK; 04 Apr Charles Mix, Gregory KP; 04 Apr Hughes KM ... Late: 06 May Marshall CV; 14 Apr Hughes, Stanley KM

**Whooping Crane** Only Report: 07 Apr Potter RDO

**Black-necked Stilt** All Reports: 17 Apr Minnehaha CA; 17 May Hyde KM; **29 May Bennett JSP (first county record)**

**American Avocet** Early: 13 Apr Charles Mix KP; 13 Apr Hughes RDO; 14 Apr Harding ND; 14 Apr Lincoln CA

**Black-bellied Plover** All Reports: 05 May Lincoln CA; 12 May Hughes RDO; 17 May Hyde KM; 17 May Stanley RDO

**American Golden-Plover** Early: 13 Apr Minnehaha CA; 18 Apr Brown JSP; 21 Apr Clay, Union CA ... Late: 17 May Clay GJS; 11 May Hanson RDO; 05 May Lincoln CA

**Semipalmated Plover** Early: 22 Apr Beadle KM; 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 01 May Lincoln CA ... Late: 12 May Hughes RDO; 10 May Harding KM; 10 May Union JSP, DS; 04 May Hutchinson CA

**Piping Plover** Early: 14 Apr Clay GJS; 27 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 10 May Union JSP, DS

**Killdeer** Early: 07 Mar Minnehaha CA; 10 Mar Moody CA; 12 Mar Clay GJS 12 Mar Douglas KP; 12 Mar Lake JSP; 27 Mar Pennington ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 11-28 May Faulk, Hyde, Jackson, Meade, Sully, Union counties (PY)

**Upland Sandpiper** Early: 22 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Stanley RDO; 27 Apr Turner KP; 28 Apr Custer MMM

**Whimbrel** All Reports: **18 May Union GJS (first county record); 27 May Meade JLB, JF (first county record)**

**Long-billed Curlew** Early: 05 Apr Custer MMM; 15 Apr Fall River ND; 10 May Harding KM; 29 May Stanley MMM ... Confirmed Breeding: 30 May Fall River JSP (PY)

**Hudsonian Godwit** Early: 13 Apr Minnehaha CA; 14 Apr Brown GO; 14 Apr Clay GJS ... Late: 21 May Clay GJS; 20 May Charles Mix GJS; 18 May Roberts CV



**Marbled Godwit** Early: 13 Apr Hughes RDO; 14 Apr Custer MMM; 14 Apr Stanley KM; 17 Apr Minnehaha CA

**Ruddy Turnstone** Only Report: 20 May Charles Mix GJS

**Red Knot** Only Report: 19 May Stanley KM, RDO

**Stilt Sandpiper** Early: 24 Apr Clay DS; 27 Apr Hutchinson KP; 04 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 04 May Hughes KM; 04 May Kingsbury JSP; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 25 May Brookings CV; 25 May Stanley KM; 22 May Clay GJS; 11 May Harding KM

**Sanderling** Early: 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 04 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 10 May Harding KM ... Late: 20 May Charles Mix GJS; 18 May Roberts CV; 17 May Stanley RDO

**Dunlin** Early: 19 Apr Roberts CV; 21 Apr Union DS; 22 Apr Beadle KM ... Late: 25 May Brookings CV; 25 May Marshall GO; 20 May Codrington CV; 18 May Clay GJS

**Baird's Sandpiper** Early: 07 Apr Brown GO; 07 Apr Potter RDO; 09 Apr Roberts CV; 10 May Harding KM ... Late: 30 May Hand CV; 28 May Meade ND; 25 May Brookings CV; 18 May Clay GJS; 18 May Roberts CV

**Least Sandpiper** Early: 21 Apr Clay GJS; 27 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 04 May Hutchinson CA; 10 May Harding KM ... Late: 20 May Charles Mix GJS; 20 May Stanley KM; 18 May Clay GJS; 12 May Roberts CV

**White-rumped Sandpiper** Early: 10 May Clay JSP, DS; 12 May Hughes RDO; 17 May Clay GJS; 17 May Hyde KM; 18 May Roberts CV... Late: 30 May Hand CV; 28 May Meade ND; 25 May Brookings CV; 25 May Stanley KM

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Early: 07 Apr Potter RDO; 09 Apr Roberts CV; 12 Apr Brookings CV ... Late: 25 May Brookings CV; 19 May Clay GJS; 19 May Stanley KM, RDO

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Early: 21 Apr Clay CA; 21 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Beadle KM; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 30 May Hand CV; 25 May Brookings CV; 20 May Stanley KM; 11 May Harding KM

**Short-billed Dowitcher** All Reports: 04 May Butte EK; 10 May Union JSP, DS; 17 May Clay GJS; 18 May Roberts CV; 19 May Stanley Km, RDO; 20 May Charles Mix GJS

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Early: 09 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Charles Mix KP; 21 Apr Clay GJS; 21 Apr Union CA; 22 Apr Beadle KM; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 25 May Stanley KM; 17 May Brule, Hughes KM; 08 May Minnehaha CA

**American Woodcock** All Reports: 18 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Apr Lincoln CA; 06 Apr Roberts CV; 10 Apr Marshall, Roberts CV

**Wilson's Snipe** Early: 29 Mar Pennington OCW; 10 Apr Marshall CV; 12 Apr Brookings CV; 12 Apr Custer MMM

**Wilson's Phalarope** Early: 17 Apr Minnehaha CA; 20 Apr Clay DS; 21 Apr Union CA; 27 Apr Fall River ND

**Red-necked Phalarope** Early: 04 May Kingsbury JSP; 09 May Harding KM; **11 May Douglas KP (first county record)**; 12 May Hughes RDO ... Late: 28 May Harding ND; 27 May Meade ND; 25 May Brookings CV; 25 May Stanley KM

**Spotted Sandpiper** Early: 25 Apr Lincoln KM; 27 Apr McCook KP; 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Stanley RDO; 05 May Pennington OCW

**Solitary Sandpiper** Early: 23 Apr Union KM; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 29 Apr Pennington CLG; 30 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 10 May Harding KM; 10 May Pennington OCW; 06 May Roberts CV; 04 May Clay GJS

**Greater Yellowlegs** Early: 23 Mar Clay DS; 29 Mar Faulk MMM; 30 Mar Douglas KP; 30 Mar Lincoln CA; 04 Apr Custer MMM ... Late: 25 May Marshall GO; 19 May Douglas KP; 11 May Charles Mix KP; 11 May Clay GJS; 11 May Roberts CV; 10 May Harding KM

**Willet** Early: 19 Apr Douglas KP; 21 Apr Charles Mix KP; 21 Apr Union CA; 04 May Butte EK ... Late: 31 May Faulk MMM; 30 May Day CV; 28 May Harding ND; 17 May Stanley RDO

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Early: 31 Mar Turner KP; 03 Apr Minnehaha CA; 07 Apr Potter RDO; 15 Apr Meade ND; ... Late: 19 May Clay GJS; 12 May Hughes RDO; 12 May Roberts CV; 10 May Harding KM

**Bonaparte's Gull** Early: 03 Apr Minnehaha CA; 04 Apr Charles Mix KP; 05 Apr Stanley RDO ... Late: 11 May Marshall GO; 09 May Harding KM; 04 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 04 May Stanley RDO

**Franklin's Gull** Early: 15 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 23 Mar Clay DS; 26 Mar Stanley RDO; 14 Apr Meade ND

**Short-billed Gull** All Reports: 06 Apr Stanley RDO; **14 Apr Roberts CV (first county record)**

**Ring-billed Gull** Early: 01 Mar Meade ND; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 02 Mar Fall River ND; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Mar Stanley RDO

**California Gull** Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 08 Mar Butte ND; 17 Mar Meade ND; 14 Apr Roberts CV

**American Herring Gull** Early: 01 Mar Sully KM; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Mar Hughes KM; 12 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 06 Apr Roberts CV; 02 Apr Minnehaha CA; 26 Mar Stanley RDO; 23 Mar Fall River ND; 23 Mar Lake JSP

**Iceland Gull** Only Report: 06 Mar Stanley RDO

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** Early: 06 Mar Stanley RDO; **23 Mar Fall River ND (first county record)**; 02 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 24 Apr Stanley RDO; **19 Apr Butte RDO (first county record)**

**Least Tern** Early: 10 May Union JSP, DS; 18 May Clay GJS; 20 May Stanley KM; **29 May Hyde MMM (first county record)**

**Caspian Tern** All Reports: 24 Apr – 08 May Stanley KM, RDO; 03 May Hughes KM

**Black Tern** Early: 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 29 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Brookings JSP

**Common Tern** All Reports: 01 May Hughes RDO; 02 May Hughes KM; 04 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 15 May Hughes KM; 20 May Stanley KM

**Forster's Tern** Early: 10 Apr Marshall CV; 14 May Clay GJS; 18 Apr Codington CV

**Common Loon** Early: 23 Mar Fall River ND; 23 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Apr Minnehaha CA; 04 Apr Charles Mix KP; 04 Apr Hughes KM ... Late: 25 May Stanley RDO; 15 May Hughes KM; 12 Apr Marshall GO

**Double-crested Cormorant** Early: 03 Apr Minnehaha CA; 06 Apr Stanley KM; 07 Apr Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 07 Apr Clay DS; 07 Apr Hughes KM; 12 Apr Pennington OCW

**American White Pelican** Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 13 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 23 Mar Fall River ND

**American Bittern** Early: 29 Apr Roberts CV; 04 May Hand KM; 09 May Dewey KM

**Great Blue Heron** Early: 04 Mar Pennington CLG; 29 Mar Hughes KM; 29 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 15 Apr-30 May Fall River, Hughes, Oglala Lakota, Pennington counties (CN, ON, NY)

**Great Egret** Early: 07 Apr Hughes RDO; 18 Apr Brown JSP; 18 Apr Codington CV

**Snowy Egret** Early: 18 Apr Brown JSP; 27 Apr McCook KP; 02 May Sully RDO

**Western Cattle Egret** Early: 18 Apr Brown JSP; 22 Apr Hyde KM; 01 May Marshall CV

**Green Heron** All Reports: 29 Apr Roberts CV; 03 May Brookings JSP; 11 May Brown GO; 20 May Minnehaha CA

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Early: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Stanley RDO; 29 Apr Roberts CV

**Glossy Ibis** All Reports: 02 May Sully RDO; see also rare birds section

**White-faced Ibis** Early: 14 Apr Douglas KP; 18 Apr Brown JSP; 22 Apr Hand KM; 23 Apr Union KM; 15 May Fall River JSP, DS

**Turkey Vulture** Early: 21 Mar Lake JSP; 23 Mar Clay DS; 27 Mar Roberts CV

**Osprey** Early: 09 Apr Pennington CLG; 15 Apr Lawrence EK; 16 Apr Stanley RDO; 17 Apr Douglas KP ... **Confirmed Breeding 15 Apr Lawrence EK (CN); 22 Apr-27 May Pennington CLG (CN, ON); 20 May Stanley KM (ON)**

**Golden Eagle** All Reports: 01 Mar Butte, Harding ND; 12 Mar Perkins ND; 28 Mar Hughes KM; 05 May Custer MMM; 10 May Harding KM; 15 May Fall River JSP; 31 May Pennington CV ... Confirmed Breeding: 12 Mar Perkins ND (ON); 10 May Harding KM (NY)

**Northern Harrier** Early: 01 Mar Sully KM; 05 Mar Hughes KM; 07 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Mar Stanley RDO; 04 Apr Custer MMM

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** Late: 03 May Brookings JSP; 26 Apr Pennington OCW; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Meade RDO

**Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 03 May Minnehaha CA (ON); 08 May Stanley KM (ON); 09 May Dewey KM (ON)**

**American Goshawk** Only Report: 03 Apr Hughes KM

**Bald Eagle** Confirmed Breeding: 02 Mar–27 May Bennett, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Clay, Fall River, Harding, Marshall, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, and Perkins counties (ON, NY)

**Broad-winged Hawk** Early: 16 Apr Brown GO; 20 Apr Union DS; 24 Apr Lincoln, Minnehaha KM; 11 May Harding KM ... Late: 27 May Roberts CV; 25 May Hughes KM; 22 May Stanley KM

**Swainson's Hawk** Early: 31 Mar Marshall CV; 11 Apr Stanley RDO; 13 Apr Douglas KP; 14 Apr Butte ND; 14 Apr Jackson KM

**Red-tailed Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 17 Mar-27 May Custer, Harding, Lawrence, Marshall, Pennington, Roberts counties (NB, ON, NY)**

**Rough-legged Hawk** Late: 01 May Douglas KP; 11 Apr Stanley RDO; 23 Mar Custer ND

**Ferruginous Hawk** All Reports: 12 Mar Harding ND; 10 May Harding KM; 28 May Harding ND

**American Barn Owl** Only Report: 11 Apr Stanley KM

**Great Horned Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 20 Apr-26 May Brookings, Fall River, Harding, Hughes, Marshall, Roberts, and Stanley counties (ON, NY, FL)

**Burrowing Owl** Early: 11 Apr Hughes KM; 04 May Hand KM; 10 May Harding KM

**Barred Owl** Only Report: 28 Apr Union DS

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Confirmed Breeding: 14 Apr Harding ND ... Late: 10 Mar Sully KM; 03 Mar Stanley KM

**Belted Kingfisher** Early: 04 Mar Pennington CLG; 30 Mar Lincoln CA; 03 Apr Hughes KM

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Early: 05 Apr Minnehaha CA; 07 Apr Roberts CV; 24 Apr Lincoln KM; 04 May Clay GJS

**Red-naped Sapsucker** Early: 13 Apr Lawrence EK; 11 May Custer ND; 25 May Meade CA

**Lewis's Woodpecker** All Reports: 01 Mar Meade ND; 13 Mar Meade RDO; 14 Apr Meade ND; 14 May Custer JSP, DS; 26-27 May Custer CA

**Red-headed Woodpecker** Early: 27 Apr Clay GJS; 27 Apr Turner KP; 01 May Roberts CV; 25 May Lawrence CA ...**Confirmed Breeding: 12 May Clay GJS (ON)**

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** Only Report: 13 Apr Lawrence EK

**Downy Woodpecker** **Confirmed Breeding: 16 May Stanley KM (ON)**

**Pileated Woodpecker** Reported 01 Apr – 27 May Roberts CV; 06-11 May Marshall CV

**Northern Flicker** Early: 02 Mar Pennington OCW; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Douglas KP

**Merlin** Late: 09 Apr Douglas KP; 04 Apr Charles Mix KP; 29 Mar Faulk MMM

**Peregrine Falcon** Early: 24 Mar Hughes KM; 01 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 12 May Sully RDO; 10 May Harding KM; 04 May Charles Mix CA; 04 May Kingsbury JSP

**Prairie Falcon** All Reports: 01 Mar Harding ND; 01 Mar Sully KM; 05 Apr Stanley RDO; 10 May Harding KM

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** All Reports: 22-23 May Minnehaha CA

**Western Wood-Pewee** Early: 10 May Pennington OCW; 25 May Lawrence CA; 26 May Harding KM

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** Early: 04 May Charles Mix KP; 18 May Roberts CV; 19 May Clay DS

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** Only Report: 22 May Minnehaha CA

**Alder Flycatcher** Early: 18 May Roberts CV; 19 May Brown GO; 20 May Minnehaha CA; 20 May Stanley KM ... Late: 31 May Hughes KM; 27 May Roberts CV; 27 May Pennington ND

**Willow Flycatcher** All Reports: 11-18 May Roberts CV; 20 May Minnehaha CA; 21 May Hughes RDO

**Least Flycatcher** Early: 30 Apr Minnehaha CA; 02 May Hughes KM; 03 May Brookings CV; 06 May Pennington CLG ... **Confirmed Breeding: 28 May Harding ND (CN)**

**Dusky Flycatcher** All Reports: 11 May Custer ND; 14 May Custer JSP, DS; 24 May Pennington OCW; 25 May Meade CA; 27 May Custer CA

**Western Flycatcher** All Reports: 10 May Pennington OCW; 24 May Pennington OCW; 31 May Fall River JSP

**Eastern Phoebe** Early: 05 Apr Clay DS; 05 Apr Minnehaha CA; 07 Apr Douglas KP; 12 Apr Pennington OCW; 12 Apr Stanley RDO

**Say's Phoebe** Early: 06 Apr Douglas KP; 11 Apr Hughes RDO; 12 Apr Brookings CV; 12 Apr Stanley RDO; 10 May Harding KM

**Great Crested Flycatcher** Early: 05 May Clay DS; 06 May Minnehaha CA; 07 May Lincoln CA; 30 May Oglala Lakota ND

**Western Kingbird** Early: 30 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Pennington MMM; 04 May Charles Mix, Gregory CA, KP; 04 May Kingsbury JSP; 04 May Stanley RDO

**Eastern Kingbird** Early: 02 May Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 03 May Brookings JSP; 10 May Harding KM

**Bell's Vireo** Early: 10 May Union JSP, DS; 15 May Stanley KM, RDO; 16 May Yankton KP; 25 May Pennington CA

**Yellow-throated Vireo** Early: 04 May Gregory CA, KP; 06 May Marshall CV; 11 May Charles Mix KP

**Blue-headed Vireo** Early: 02 May Minnehaha CA; 04 May Clay GJS; 04 May Union DS ... Late: 30 May Hughes CV; 11 May Union GJS; 07 May Lincoln CA

**Plumbeous Vireo** All Reports: 26-27 May Custer CA

**Philadelphia Vireo** Early: 11 May Union GJS; 15 May Stanley KM, RDO ... Late: 22 May Minnehaha CA; 18 May Roberts CV

**Warbling Vireo** Early: 03 May Clay GJS, DS; 04 May Gregory CA, KP; 06 May Minnehaha CA; 11 May Custer ND

**Red-eyed Vireo** Early: 11 May Charles Mix KP; 13 May Harding KM; 14 May Hughes KM; 16 May Roberts CV; 16 May Stanley KM; 16 May Yankton KP

**Loggerhead Shrike** Early: 07 Apr Custer MMM; 12 Apr Day, Marshall GO; 14 Apr Stanley KM

**Northern Shrike** Late: 10 Apr Marshall CV; 30 Mar Brown GO; 23 Mar Roberts CV; 17 Mar Meade ND; 10 Mar Charles Mix KP

**Canada Jay** All Reports: 12 Mar Pennington RDO; 13 Apr Lawrence EK; 20 Apr Lawrence EK; 26 May Custer, Lawrence CA

**Blue Jay Confirmed Breeding: 27 May Pennington ND (CF)**

**Clark's Nutcracker** All Reports: 12 Mar Pennington RDO; 26 May Custer CA

**Common Raven** All Reports: 04 Apr Hughes KM; 11 May Custer ND; 12 May Harding KM; 14 May Custer JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: **11 May Custer ND (CN) (first state breeding record)**

**Black-capped Chickadee Confirmed Breeding: 05 Apr-28 May Codington, Fall River, Harding, Pennington counties (CN, NB, FS, ON)**

**Bank Swallow** Early: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Minnehaha CA; 26 Apr Brown CV; 15 May Fall River JSP, DS; 15 May Stanley RDO

**Tree Swallow** Early: 08 Apr Custer MMM; 09 Apr Hand, Hyde KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 21 Apr Clay CA (ON); 11 May Roberts CV (NB); 27 May Harding KM (ON)

**Violet-green Swallow** Early: 27 Apr Pennington ND; 10 May Harding KM; 11 May Custer ND

**Purple Martin** Early: 04 Apr Douglas KP; 10 Apr Clay GJS; 13 Apr Brown GO

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** Early: 11 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Lincoln KM; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Fall River, Pennington ND

**Barn Swallow** Early: 07 Apr Clay DS; 12 Apr Brookings CV; 16 Apr Stanley RDO; 27 Apr Fall River ND ... **Confirmed Breeding: 28 May Harding ND (CN)**

**Cliff Swallow** Early: 16 Apr Stanley RDO; 27 Apr Fall River ND; 27 Apr Minnehaha CA ... **Confirmed Breeding: 20 May Charles Mix GJS (ON); 25 May Jackson CA (ON)**

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** Late: 09 Apr Hand, Hyde KM; 08 Apr Hughes KM

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early: 05 Apr Codington CV; 05 Apr Minnehaha CA; 07 Apr Hughes KM; 12 Apr Pennington OCW ... Late: 19 May Brown GO; 18 May Hughes KM; 16 May Stanley KM

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Late: 25 May Marshall, Roberts GO; 17 May Lake JSP; 03 May Hughes KM; 03 May Minnehaha CA ... **Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Lawrence CA (ON)**

**White-breasted Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding: 11 May Marshall GO (ON)**

**Pygmy Nuthatch** Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Pennington CA (ON)

**Brown Creeper** Late: 24 Apr Lincoln KM; 23 Apr Union KM; 12 Apr Marshall GO

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** Early: 23 Apr Union KM; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Brookings CV; 05 May Pennington MMM

**Rock Wren** Early: **03 May Brookings CV (first county record)**; 05 May Pennington MMM; 09 May Harding KM

**Canyon Wren** All Reports: 02 Mar Custer ND; 11 May Custer ND; 14 May Custer JSP, DS; 27 May Custer CA

**Northern House Wren** Early: 13 Apr Lake JSP; 22 Apr Minnehaha CA; 23 Apr Union KM; 05 May Pennington OCW ... Confirmed Breeding 04 May-22 May Charles Mix, Clay counties (CN, ON)

**Winter Wren** All Reports: 07-08 Apr Hughes KM; **09 Apr Hyde KM (first county record)**

**Sedge Wren** Early: 30 Apr Minnehaha CA; 01 May Lincoln CA; 11 May Roberts CV; 17 May Brule KM

**Marsh Wren** Early: 24 Mar Lawrence EK; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 28 Apr Brown GO

**American Dipper** Only Report: 25 May Lawrence CA

**Gray Catbird** Early: 04 May Clay GJS; 04 May Union DS; 05 May Lincoln CA; 10 May Pennington OCW

**Brown Thrasher** Early: 14 Apr Lincoln CA; 16 Apr Clay DS; 20 Apr Stanley RDO; 28 Apr Custer MMM

**European Starling Confirmed Breeding: 02 Mar-28 May Fall River, Harding, Pennington counties (CN, CF)**

**Eastern Bluebird** Early: 06 Mar Stanley KM; 15 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Apr Charles Mix KP; 15 Apr Pennington JLB; 22 Apr Minnehaha CA

**Mountain Bluebird** Early: 01 Mar Sully KM; 02 Mar Fall River ND; 06 Mar Stanley KM ... **Confirmed Breeding: 11 May Custer ND (CN)**

**Townsend's Solitaire** Late: 04 Apr Hughes KM; 06 Mar Stanley KM; 02 Mar Brown GO

**Varied Thrush** Only Report: 31 May Custer DS

**Veery** All Reports: 21 May Hughes RDO; 25 May Marshall, Roberts GO

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** Early: 05 May Clay DS; 05 May Lincoln CA; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 28 May Harding ND; 24 May Stanley KM; 18 May Roberts CV

**Swainson's Thrush** Early: 01 May Stanley KM; 02 May Minnehaha CA; 03 May Brookings JSP; 03 May Brown GO; 03 May Hughes KM; 05 May Pennington OCW ... Late: 31 May Hughes CV; 25 May Roberts CV; 24 May Stanley KM

**Hermit Thrush** Early: 06 Apr Douglas KP; 17 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Union CA ... Late: 06 May Roberts CV; 01 May Brown GO; 28 Apr Stanley RDO

**American Robin Confirmed Breeding: 15 Apr-28 May Brown, Clay, Harding, Hughes, Pennington, Stanley counties (CN, ON, CF, NY, FY, FL)**

**Wood Thrush** Early: 05 May Lincoln CA; 08 May Minnehaha CA; 10 May Union JSP, DS

**Bohemian Waxwing** Only Report: 12 Mar Pennington RDO

**Evening Grosbeak** Only Report: 13 Mar Lawrence RDO

**Pine Grosbeak** All Reports: 04 Mar Hughes KM, RDO; 05 Mar Union DS; 12 Mar Harding ND; 15 Mar Hughes KM

**Purple Finch** Late: 09 May Clay GJS; 29 Apr Lake JSP; 14 Apr Roberts CV

**Cassin's Finch** Only Report: 27 May Custer CA

**Common Redpoll** All Reports: 16 Mar Lake JSP; 11 May Lawrence EK;

**Red Crossbill** Late East: 31 May Hughes KM; 18 May Brown GO; 12 Apr Marshall GO

**White-winged Crossbill** All Reports: 26 May Custer CA; 31 May Custer JSP

**Pine Siskin** Late East: 31 May Hughes KM; 29 May Roberts CV; 25 May Marshall GO

**Lesser Goldfinch** Only Report: 31 May Fall River RDO

**Lapland Longspur** Late: 23 Mar Roberts CV; 10 Mar Faulk MMM; 07 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Mar Roberts CV

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** Early: 04 Apr Custer MMM; 07 Apr Sully RDO; 09 Apr Hand, Hyde KM

**Grasshopper Sparrow** Early: 03 May Lincoln CA; 04 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 09 May Dewey KM; 10 May Harding KM

**Chipping Sparrow** Early: 06 Apr Lake JSP; 11 Apr Clay DS; 13 Apr Brown GO; 22 Apr Pennington CLG ... **Confirmed Breeding: 18 May Roberts CV (CN)**

**Clay-colored Sparrow** Early: 27 Apr Stanley KM; 28 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Roberts CV; 01 May Custer MMM

**Field Sparrow** Early: 14 Apr Clay GJS; 14 Apr Lincoln CA; 21 Apr Union CA; 10 May Harding KM

**Brewer's Sparrow** All Reports: 10 May Harding KM; 27 May Harding KM; 30 May Fall River JSP, DS

**Lark Sparrow** Early: 27 Apr Clay DS; 30 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Douglas KP; 10 May Harding KM

**Lark Bunting** Early: 09 May Stanley KM; 10 May Custer MMM; 10 May Harding KM

**American Tree Sparrow** Late: 13 May Pennington JLB; 18 Apr Brown JSP; 18 Apr Codington CV; 12 Apr Brookings CV; 12 Apr Douglas KP; 12 Apr Hughes KM

**Fox Sparrow** Early: 29 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Apr Hughes KM; 07 Apr Roberts CV; 09 Apr Hand KM

**Dark-eyed Junco** Late: 01 May Brown GO; 20 Apr Douglas KP; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Hughes KM

**White-crowned Sparrow** Early: 25 Apr Lincoln KM; 26 Apr Stanley RDO; 27 Apr Brown GO; 27 Apr McCook KP; 05 May Pennington OCW ... Late: 19 May Brown GO; 17 May Pennington OCW; 15 May Fall River JSP; 15 May Stanley KM, RDO

**Harris's Sparrow** Early: 16 Mar Lake JSP; 25 Mar Minnehaha CA; 17 Apr Douglas KP; 30 Apr Hughes KM; 30 Apr Stanley RDO; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 16 May Stanley KM; 15 May Hughes KM; 15 May Roberts CV; 11 May Harding KM

**White-throated Sparrow** Early: 07 Apr Roberts CV; 13 Apr Brown GO; 16 Apr Clay GJS, DS; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 19 May Brown GO; 15 May Stanley KM; 11 May Harding KM

**Vesper Sparrow** Early: 07 Apr Clay DS; 12 Apr Brookings CV; 13 Apr Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 13 Apr Minnehaha CA; 19 Apr Meade RDO

**Savannah Sparrow** Early: 07 Apr Charles Mix KP; 14 Apr Lincoln CA; 16 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 12 May Harding KM

**Baird's Sparrow** All Reports: 04 May Butte EK; 12 May Harding KM

**Song Sparrow** Early: 02 Mar Fall River ND; 05 Mar Lake CA; 13 Mar Faulk MMM; 29 Mar Pennington OCW

**Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 13 Apr Brown GO; 17 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Hughes KM; 19 Apr Pennington OCW ... Late: 13 May Harding KM; 11 May Day GO; 11 May Union GJS

**Swamp Sparrow** Early: 08 Apr Hughes KM; 13 Apr Lake JSP; 17 Apr Clay GJS

**Spotted Towhee** Early: 14 Mar Douglas KP; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 19 Apr Pennington OCW

**Eastern Towhee** Early: 14 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Union KM; 24 Apr Lincoln KM

**Yellow-breasted Chat** Early: 08 May Stanley KM; 14 May Custer JSP, DS; 21 May Hughes KM

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Early: 02 Mar Lake JSP; 04 Apr Douglas KP; 05 Apr Marshall GO; 14 Apr Haakon KM

**Bobolink** Early: 04 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 10 May Clay JSP, DS; 11 May Marshall GO; 11 May Roberts CV; 16 May Meade JSP, DS

**Western Meadowlark** Early: 01 Mar Sully KM; 02 Mar Fall River ND; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar McCook CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 29 Apr Custer MMM (NE); 03 May Hughes KM (NE); 11 May Custer ND (CN)

**Eastern Meadowlark** Early: 14 Apr Clay GJS; 14 Apr Lincoln CA; 29 May Bennett JSP

**Orchard Oriole** Early: 01 May Clay GJS; 06 May Lake JSP; 06 May Roberts CV; 19 May Fall River MMM ... Confirmed Breeding 30 May Oglala Lakota ND (CN)

**Bullock's Oriole** All Reports: 15-31 May Fall River ND, MMM, RDO, JSP, DS; 27 May Custer CA

**Baltimore Oriole** Early: 30 Apr Clay GJS; 04 May Charles Mix CA; 04 May Douglas KP ... **Confirmed Breeding: 16-24 May, Roberts, CV (CN)**

**Red-winged Blackbird** Early: 01 Mar Minnehaha CA; 02 Mar Brown GO; 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 02 Mar Fall River ND; 02 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Mar Miner CA

**Brown-headed Cowbird** Early: 03 Mar Lincoln CA; 14 Mar Clay GJS; 15 Mar Gregory KP; 15 Mar Lake JSP; 14 Apr Haakon KM

**Rusty Blackbird** All Reports: 12 Mar Minnehaha CA; 31 Mar Lincoln CA; 05 Apr Brookings CV; 05 Apr Clay GJS; 09 Apr Hyde KM; 11 May Roberts CV

**Brewer's Blackbird** Early: 29 Mar Roberts CV; 07 Apr Charles Mix KP; 20 Apr Douglas KP; 27 Apr Pennington ND ... **Confirmed Breeding: 11 May Custer ND (CN)**

**Common Grackle** Early: 01 Mar Lake JSP; 02 Mar Clay GJS; 07 Mar Roberts CV; 15 Mar Tripp RDO ... **Confirmed Breeding: 27-30 May Harding, Oglala Lakota, Pennington counties (CN, FS)**

**Great-tailed Grackle** Early: 31 Mar Lincoln KP; 05 Apr Codington CV; 05 Apr Douglas KP; 12 May Sully RDO; 15 May Fall River JSP

**Ovenbird** Early: 04 May Union DS; 05 May Lincoln CA; 06 May Roberts CV; 06 May Stanley KM

**Northern Waterthrush** Early: 30 Apr Minnehaha CA; 04 May Clay GJS; 04 May Union DS; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 24 May Pennington OCW; 23 May Minnehaha CA; 19 May Brown GO; 18 May Roberts CV; 17 May Pennington OCW; 15 May Hughes KM

**Blue-winged Warbler** All Reports: 05-07 May Lincoln CA; 10 May Minnehaha CA

**Black-and-white Warbler** Early: 02 May Minnehaha CA; 03 May Lincoln CA; 04 May Clay GJS; 04 May Hand KM; 04 May Union DS; 12 May Harding KM ... Late: 26 May Roberts CV; 25 May Clay DS; 25 May Marshall GO

**Tennessee Warbler** Early: 05 May Lincoln CA; 08 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Sanborn JSP; 09 May Dewey KM; 09 May Harding KM ... Late: 27 May Roberts CV; 25 May Marshall GO; 23 May Lincoln CA; 22 May Stanley KM

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Early: 15 Apr Brown GO; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Douglas KP; 26 Apr Pennington OCW ... Late: 27 May Harding KM; 27 May Roberts CV; 19 May Brown GO; 15 May Stanley RDO

**Nashville Warbler** Early: 02 May Minnehaha CA; 06 May Clay DS; 07 May Lincoln CA ... Late: 27 May Roberts CV; 25 May Marshall GO; 19 May Brown GO; 12 May Clay GJS

**Virginia's Warbler** Only Report: 27 May Custer CA

**MacGillivray's Warbler** All Reports: 25 May Lawrence CA; 27 May Custer CA

**Mourning Warbler** Only Report: 18 May Hughes KM

**Common Yellowthroat** Early: 26 Apr Minnehaha KM; 30 Apr Hughes KM; 01 May Stanley KM; 05 May Pennington OCW

**Hooded Warbler** Only Report: 05 May Lincoln CA

**American Redstart** Early: 05 May Lincoln CA; 06 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Marshall CV; 10 May Pennington OCW; 11 May Charles Mix KP; 11 May Roberts CV .... Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Roberts GO (ON)

**Northern Parula** All Reports: 01 May Roberts CV; 07 May Hughes KM; 11 May Harding KM; 30 May Hughes CV

**Magnolia Warbler** Early: 15 May Stanley KM, RDO; 19 May Brown GO; 21 May Union DS ... Late: 30 May Hughes CV; 27 May Roberts CV; 22 May Minnehaha CA

**Bay-breasted Warbler** All Reports: 18-19 May Brown GO; 20 May Stanley KM

**Blackburnian Warbler** Only Report: 21 May Union DS

**Yellow Warbler** Early: 26 Apr Minnehaha KM; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 30 Apr Hughes KM; 06 May Pennington CLG

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** Early: 07 May Lincoln CA; 09 May Minnehaha CA; 18 May Brown GO ... Late: 26 May Roberts CV; 22 May Minnehaha CA; 21 May Stanley KM, RDO

**Blackpoll Warbler** Early: 05 May Pennington OCW; 08 May Minnehaha CA; 09 May Dewey, Harding KM ... Late: 23 May Minnehaha CA; 21 May Hughes, Stanley KM; 15 May Fall River JSP, DS

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** Only Report: 05 May Roberts CV

**Palm Warbler** Early: 26 Apr Minnehaha KM; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Brookings JSP; 03 May Custer MMM ... Late: 29 May Roberts CV; 08 May Sanborn JSP; 08 May Stanley RDO

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Early: 06 Apr Stanley KM; 07 Apr Hughes KM; 08 Apr Brown GO; 12 Apr Pennington OCW ... Late: 31 May Hughes CV; 29 May Roberts CV; 20 May Stanley KM

**Black-throated Green Warbler** Only Report: 06 May Marshall CV

**Canada Warbler** All Reports: 21 May Union DS; 23 May Minnehaha CA; 25 May Roberts CV

**Wilson's Warbler** Early: 01 May Stanley KM; 10 May Brown GO; 10 May Pennington OCW ... Late: 25 May Roberts CV; 19 May Brown GO; 11 May Marshall GO

**Scarlet Tanager** Early: 07 May Lincoln CA; 08 May Marshall CV; 10 May Union JSP

**Western Tanager** Early: 12 May Harding KM; 14 May Custer JSP, DS; 24 May Pennington OCW

**Northern Cardinal** Reported West River: 11 reports 01 Mar – 31 May Pennington CA, OCW

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Early: 30 Apr Clay GJS; 03 May Lincoln CA; 04 May Roberts CV; 24 May Pennington OCW

**Black-headed Grosbeak** Early: 30 Apr Hughes KM; 01 May Stanley RDO; 05 May Sully KM; 11 May Roberts CV; 12 May Harding KM

**Blue Grosbeak** All Reports: 17 May Stanley RDO; 19 May Custer MMM; 20 May Stanley KM; 25 May Jackson, Pennington CA; 30 May Fall River JSP, DS  
**Lazuli Bunting** Early: 07 May Hughes KM; **12 May Douglas KP (first county record)**; 13 May Harding KM  
**Indigo Bunting** Early: 02 May Roberts CV; 06 May Clay DS; 12 May Douglas KP  
**Dickcissel** Early: 18 May Clay GJS; 20 May Charles Mix GJS; 22 May Minnehaha CA

### Species Expected But Not Reported

Long-tailed Duck, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Glaucous Gull, Great Black-backed Gull (2), Neotropic Cormorant (3), Least Bittern (2), Snowy Owl (2), Black-backed Woodpecker (2), Carolina Wren (3), Sage Thrasher (2), Northern Mockingbird, American Pipit, Sprague's Pipit (2), LeConte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow (2), Golden-winged Warbler, Connecticut Warbler (2), Cape May Warbler, Summer Tanager

### Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC)

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck: 17 May Sully RDO (first county record) (accepted by RBRC)**

**Laughing Gull: 16 Apr Stanley RDO**

**Snowy Egret: 27 Apr Fall River ND (first county record)**

**Glossy Ibis: 09-29 Apr Pennington ND, CLG (first county record) (accepted by RBRC)**

**White-eyed Vireo: 13 May Clay GJS (first county record) (accepted by RBRC)**

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow: 10 May Clay JSP, DS; 14-27 May Pennington CA, JLB, ND (first county record) (both accepted by RBRC)**

**Black-throated Gray Warbler: 12 May Harding KM (first county record)**

### Additional Notable Reports from eBird:

**Eurasian Wigeon:** 25 Apr Brown K. Bardon (requires acceptance by Rare Bird Records Committee)

**American Black Duck:** 03 Mar Beadle K. Bardon; 12 May Day E. Gunderson

**Long-tailed Duck:** 18 Mar Charles Mix R. Dietrich

**Snowy Plover:** 31 May Bon Homme K. Miklos

**Whimbrel:** 24 Apr Fall River B. Martinka, S. Turner; 04 May Brown W. Britton, J. Morelli, B. Parkin; 18 May Union J. Young

**Least Bittern:** 08 May Brookings B. Lang; 14 May Brown J. Moore; 26 May Day S. Manning

**Black-backed Woodpecker:** 13 Apr Custer A. Donley, W. Westerkamp; 02 May Custer J. and A. Blumenthal

**Cassin's Kingbird:** 16 May Fall River S. Cozart, Z. McClay, N. Peterson

**Pinyon Jay:** 21 Apr Custer A. Gurzenda, N. Pierro; 17 May Fall River S. Cozart, Z. McClay, N. Peterson; 18 May Butte LP; 22 May Custer M. Pate; 27 May Lawrence A. Boynton, M. Pate

**Northern Mockingbird:** 07 May Clay J. Katrenak; 16 May Custer M. Keppen; 26 May Aurora J. Olsson; 30 May Lyman D. Crouch

**American Pipit:** Reported in Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Edmunds, Hanson, Hutchinson, Lake, McPherson, Miner, Pennington, and Stanley counties

**Sprague's Pipit:** 25 May Perkins A. Ward

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch:** 09 Mar Jackson I. Haradon; 19 Mar Jackson O. McElroy

**Lesser Goldfinch:** 26 Apr Pennington T. Haffley

**Thick-billed Longspur:** 04 Apr – 25 May Fall River B. Muenchau (accepted by Rare Bird Committee)

**LeConte's Sparrow:** 08 May McPherson W. Britton, K. Whipple

**Golden-winged Warbler:** 04 May Union K. Schmidt; 09 May Lincoln L. Koth; 22 May Edmunds T. Ray

**Prothonotary Warbler:** 11-13 May Brookings numerous observers

**Hooded Warbler:** 07 May Brookings T. Spitzenberger

**Cape May Warbler:** 09 May Lincoln L. Koth; 19 May Brown J. Schulz

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 10 May Codington A. Brown



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