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Chris Anderson

Greetings everyone,

Recently, I made a trip to Newton Hills State Park, located about half an hour south of Sioux Falls. This park has long been a haven for woodland birds and has managed to attract a few species that are not often found in other parts of South Dakota. Perhaps most notably among these, Blue-winged Warblers have been observed there almost every year since 1997, according to the SDOU online database. A rare spring migrant in the eastern part of the state and accidental in the west, they were documented once in 2005 to be breeding at Newton Hills. It is assumed that they are breeding there annually, but there is a dearth of reporting.



Since 2019, there has also been a male Hooded Warbler observed in the park, which is even less common in the state. Almost all

reports are of a single male, but it is interesting to me and others that a bird would return to the same exact suitable habitat (down to the exact spot on the same trail) that many years in a row and NOT be breeding. Is it the same individual year after year? Is it offspring of a successful nesting attempt, and we just weren't there to witness it? Or are these different random migrants who simply got word of a neat place in South Dakota to spend the summer?

So, I decided that was to be my lofty quest on this particular Sunday – to see if I could find and observe these two species exhibiting breeding behavior. Secondarily, I wanted to be more cognizant of breeding activities by any other species as well. It's not something I've always done a good job of in the past, but it is certainly valuable information to collect.

After waiting out a quick downpour that coincided with my arrival at the park, I started down the C trail from the horse camp and could almost immediately hear a Hooded Warbler singing. Eventually I located it at the top of a dead tree, just singing its heart out. After about ten minutes in that spot, it flew into the woods about 100 yards away and started singing again. It repeated this over and over during the course of an hour. You could really sense the deliberateness of its process: "I'll try this spot for a while, and if no potential mates show up, I'll try over there instead." It was really fascinating to witness. Several times it chose a perch fairly close to me, which allowed me to get some pretty decent audio recordings.

Unfortunately, it never found a friend during that hour I was there, and I never saw it interact with any other birds. And unfortunately, I had even less luck with the Blue-winged Warblers; I could hear one singing its trademark "beee-buzzzz" song in the same area but could never get my eyes on it.

So, no breeding confirmation of these two species on this trip. I encourage others who visit the park to watch

for them as well and report any interesting behaviors you may see – the presence of a female Hooded Warbler at all would be noteworthy.

Despite not having luck in accomplishing my original goals, by no means would I say I felt unlucky. The morning served as a great reminder that there is a lot of joy to be had in being still in nature and watching the behavior of individual birds. I was able to see both male and female Yellow Warblers bring food back to an unseen nest. A few fledgling American Robins were bopping around on the ground, unafraid of their surroundings. I saw an Eastern Wood-Pewee traverse the same long flight path over and over carrying food as well. A male Northern Cardinal did some courtship-style feeding to his mate. And I watched two separate Baltimore Oriole pairs feeding young, their chicks chirping excitedly from inside their hanging sock-like nests. And all the while, I got quite the concert from two of our unique avian singers.

I hope all of you have gotten to witness some of these neat activities during the breeding season as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall 2025 meeting will be held October 3^{rd} - 5^{th} in Sioux Falls. More details will be posted on the 'Meetings' page of sdou.org, on the sd-birds listserv and the SDOU social media accounts.



SDOU Spring Meeting, May 16-18, 2025

Chris Anderson, Sioux Falls

On Friday, May 16, birders from across the Midwest converged in South Sioux City, NE for a tri-state meeting of the South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska Ornithologists' Unions. The headquarters for the weekend was the Salvation Army Western Plains Camp, on the western edge of South Sioux City. It proved to be a very good venue, with ample space for a group this large – nearly 190 people registered for the meeting, with 30 South Dakotans among them. This included a few new members – thank you for joining our organization! This was the first time SDOU has partnered with our neighboring organizations since the spring meeting in 1997.

In keeping with a tradition of the NOU, a Friday evening taco bar was available for attendees while they socialized and perused informational booths from the Loess Hills Audubon Society and others. The main attraction for Friday evening was a poster session, highlighting avian research being done across the three states and beyond. Thanks to all our presenters for attending and sharing your work with us!



- Zoe Donelan and Hannah Slattery University of South Dakota
- Kellie Hayden Hitchcock Nature Center/Pottawattamie County Conservation
- Eugene Huryn University of Nebraska at Kearney/Negaunee Integrative Research Center
- Peggy M. Huss University of Nebraska at Kearney/Negaunee Integrative Research Center
- Leyli Mammedowa University of South Dakota
- Chelsi Marolf University of South Dakota
- Ajelina Mijak University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Stephanie Nefas University of South Dakota

After Friday's very windy and rainy conditions, Saturday gave way to sunnier weather for a plethora of field trips. Birders gathered in the morning for coffee and donuts at the camp and then broke into at least three groups per state to head out for the day. South Dakota trip locations included the following in Clay and Union Counties:

- Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve
- The Pointe Nature Preserve in Dakota Dunes
- Union Grove State Park
- Myron Grove
- Clay County Park
- North Alabama Bend Wildlife Area
- Spirit Mound Historic Prairie
- Various wetland locations

Given the diversity of habitats of these locations, quite a variety of species was collectively observed. Adams Homestead, The Pointe, and Union Grove all had a good variety of warblers; a Summer Tanager was also observed at Union Grove. Eastern Meadowlarks continue to be reliable at Adams Homestead, and Myron Grove had quite a chorus of vireos and Wood Thrushes singing (not to mention a river otter swimming past the boat launch). Piping Plovers were present on sandbars at several spots on the Missouri River and Least Terns were seen at North Alabama Bend. And a flooded field on 466 Ave near 311 St provided great habitat for at least 17 shorebird species including two Piping Plovers, which were noteworthy to see over 10 miles from the banks of the Missouri.



Birders reconvened at the camp Saturday evening for a banquet and the keynote presentation by Michael Forsberg, a photographer, author, and conservationist from Lincoln, NE. Most recently, he self-published Into *Whooperland* – A photographer's journey with whooping cranes. He gave a fantastic talk on his work documenting Whooping Cranes across North America, with stunning photos and video of these majestic creatures in habitats all along their migration.

We assembled once again on Sunday morning for coffee and donuts and then dispersed to many of the same field trip locations as the day before, this time with beautiful

weather. Between the two days, a total of at least 142 species were observed on the South Dakota field trips.

Thanks to past president Mark Schmidtbauer and our friends in Iowa and Nebraska for organizing this large endeavor, and thanks to Dave Swanson and Todd Jensen for leading our South Dakota field trips. It was a successful meeting!

Distributional Checklist of South Dakota Birds – December 2024 Update

Jeffrey S. Palmer, Madison

This checklist was compiled from sightings reported to the Online Seasonal Bird Observation Report database located at https://research.dsu.edu/sdoubor/ that is operated and maintained by the South Dakota Or-

nithologists' Union. The database has been used continuously since 2002 as a repository of sightings for observers making contributions to the quarterly Seasonal Reports published in South Dakota Bird Notes. Each quarter, data is downloaded and reviewed by the Seasonal Reports Editor for South Dakota Bird Notes providing some measure of quality control. The database also includes most records of note as published in Birds of South Dakota (Tallman et al. 2002) as well as a selection of sightings prior to 2002 that individual observers have entered. Additionally, the database contains records from both the first and second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas projects and from Rare Bird Record Committee Reports published in South Dakota Bird Notes. It does not generally include eBird sightings except in cases where observers have contributed their eBird records to the database for Seasonal Reports.

Species status designation is based on the number of years out of the previous 10 in which the species has been reported during the period 01 December 2014 through 30 Nov 2024. This is slightly different than the status designations in *Birds of South Dakota*, which used the number of individual records of a species over the preceding decade to define status. The number of years in which a species has occurred in South Dakota, however, is easier to track in the SDOU database and is consistent with criteria used by Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

For this checklist, status is characterized as Regular (occurred in 8-10 of the last 10 years), Casual (occurred in 4-6 of the last 10 years) or Accidental (occurred in 0-2 of the last 10 years. Species that were reported in 3 or 7 of the last 10 years maintained the status to which they had been assigned in the previous version of this checklist (Palmer 2020). Breeding status is defined as regular (***) for 8 or more confirmations in the last 10 years, casual (**) for 3-7 confirmations in the previous 10 years, or accidental (*) for 0-2 confirmations in 10 years. In some cases, difficulty in confirming breeding behavior and/or a lack of reporting has undoubtedly resulted in a lower status than may actually be warranted and additional data are needed.

West/River/East denotes the number of years in the last 10 that the species has been reported in each region. Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter lists the number of years in the last 10 that the species was reported in each season.

Since the publication of the previous version (Palmer 2020), the species total has increased from 438 to 440. Hoary Redpoll is deleted as per changes to the AOS Checklist (Chesser et al. 2024). Ash-throated Flycatcher (Swanson 2022), Painted Redstart (Swanson 2021), and King Eider (Swanson 2025) are new additions. Other changes are summarized below:

Status Updated from Casual to Regular: Barrow's Goldeneye, Hooded Warbler

Status Updated from Accidental to Casual (these would no longer require a Rare Bird Report): Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Brant, Mute Swan, Yellow Rail, Western Sandpiper, Mississippi Kite, Eurasian Tree Sparrow

<u>Status Downgraded from Regular to Casual</u>: American Black Duck, Neotropic Cormorant, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Cassin's Kingbird, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, Summer Tanager

<u>Status Downgraded from Casual to Accidental</u> (these would require a Rare Bird Report): Chuck-will's Widow, Cassin's Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Green-tailed Towhee, Pine Warbler

Status Downgraded from Regular to Accidental (would require a Rare Bird Report): Snowy Plover

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Large Clark's Nutcracker Flock

Brad and Connie McKinney, Custer County, and Ricky D. Olson, Fort Pierre

On April 22, 2025 (Earth Day!), mid-afternoon, Brad and Connie McKinney saw a large flock of Clark's Nutcrackers. The location was six miles west of Custer, off of Hwy 16, south on Harry Mills Road, where the road dead ends at Lightning Creek Ranch. Upon exiting their pickup truck, their attention was immediately drawn to a rather large flock of gray birds flitting about the tops of ponderosa pines, perhaps 50 yards away. They were on a wildflower hunt, without binoculars. Their first thought was that it was a mob of Canada Jays. Their home is within a mile of this location and jays are a common sight, at least in small numbers.

However, these birds were making a rather raucous noise that they were unaccustomed to. Bringing up "Merlin" on the phone, they then realized that they were listening to and seeing Clark's Nutcrackers. Had they thought about a count at this time, they would have guessed a number of perhaps 50 birds.

They enjoyed this sighting for a few minutes more before moving on to their intended hike. As they returned to their truck, perhaps 45 minutes later, they began seeing Clark's Nutcrackers passing overhead at tree-top level. Although the birds were not vocalizing at this time, they got some great looks at the birds. In about a 5 minute span, they estimated at least 100 Nutcrackers had flown over. Then, walking back to the truck, they saw even more flying over, east to west, and estimated that it could have been an additional 100 Clark's Nutcrackers.

A flock this size is unprecedented in South Dakota. Three days later, on April 25th, Mary Braley and Ricky Olson tried to relocate the flock. When they arrived in the area they came upon 30 Clark's Nutcrackers. Over the hill they could hear many more calling, as the birds were very raucous. Ricky and Mary then went north to the Comanche Campground and in the distance, could see many Clark's Nutcrackers flying and calling.

The best guess is that this observation was an irruption caused by a pine cone failure in their normal range. Clark's Nutcrackers are known for their nomadic behavior and can be found in flocks. Below is a summary of their nomadic tendencies and flock behavior, generated by AI Overview on a Google Search (combined information from Cornell's *Birds of the World* website, the *All About Birds* website, and information from the US Forest Service and National Park Service websites).

Nomadic Nature:

- Clark's Nutcrackers are considered nomadic because they move frequently in search of food, primarily pine seeds.
- They tend to move to lower elevations in the fall and winter, especially if cone crops are poor, and back to higher elevations in the spring after their young fledge.
- Their nomadic nature contributes to their wide distribution in montane habitats throughout the western United States and southwestern Canada.

Flock Behavior:

- Loose Flocks: After the young fledge in late spring, family groups of nutcrackers join together into loose flocks.
- Constant Grouping: Nutcrackers are almost always found in groups, except when they are caching seeds.
- Foraging with Others: They are often seen foraging with other bird species and mammals.
- Mobbing Predators: Clark's Nutcrackers may mob and taunt predators like hawks and owls.
- Irruptions: Occasionally, especially when pine cones are scarce, large numbers of nutcrackers may
 move longer distances outside their usual range. These movements are sometimes referred to as
 irruptions. For example, in the fall of 2023, large numbers of nutcrackers were reported in unusual
 locations, such as coastal California and Minnesota.

In summary: Clark's Nutcrackers are nomadic birds that form loose flocks, particularly during the late spring and summer after their young become independent. They are almost always found in groups, except when caching seeds, and they may be observed foraging with other species. Their nomadic behavior, coupled with occasional large-scale irruptions due to food scarcity, can lead to their presence in locations outside their typical range.



Notable Sightings: March - May 2025

By Ricky D. Olson, Ft Pierre

March

A Short-billed Gull returned to the Oahe Tailrace. A White-winged Scoter was observed on a pond at the Adam's Homestead in Union County, an odd time of year and location. An early or over-wintering Smith's Longspur was photographed near Brookings.

April

A Great Gray Owl was discovered at La Framboise Island in Pierre. Before 2025, South Dakota had only one Great Gray Owl documented record. Then three sightings were reported this year. One in February near

Madison, one at La Framboise Island in Pierre, and finally one near Brookings. What a crazy year!

A Eurasian Tree Sparrow was photographed at Warner. This species has experienced another odd change in bird observations: only a few records, then in the last few years, many sightings all over the state.

A long overdue South Dakota's first state record of Common Crane was photographed near Wessington. Several Whooping Cranes were also in the area.

<u>May</u>

During this month several notable species were seen: a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, a couple of Whimbrels, a Yellow-throated Warbler, Cassin's Kingbird, a couple of Prothonotary Warblers, and a Golden-crowned Sparrow at, of all places, the Whitney Preserve in Fall River County.

Common Ravens bred for the 2^{nd} year in Hell Canyon (Custer County). There had been no known breeding attempts for 100 years in South Dakota, then two years in a row. It appears that Common Ravens were confirmed breeding in Nebraska for the first time in 100 years this spring.



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 2025. All photos reproduced with permission of the photographers.



Wood Duck, Davison County, 4/30/2025. Photo by Gordon Fahey



Greater Prairie-Chicken, Buffalo County, 3/17/2025. Photo by Perry Coleman



Black-necked Stilt, south of Florence, May 2, 2025. Photo by Devin Pitts



Franklin's Gull, Oahe Dam Tailrace, March 16, 2025. Photo by Elizabeth Almlie



Caspian Tern, Oahe Dam Tailrace, April 30, 2025. Photo by Elizabeth Almlie



Loggerhead Shrike, Pierre, April 19, 2025. Photo by Ted Uecker



Eastern Bluebirds, Bon Homme County, May 5, 2025. Photo by Randy Hoeck



Mountain Bluebird, Custer State Park, May 13, 2025. Photo by Sam Uttecht Heltibridle



Northern Mockingbird, Randall Creek Campground, May 10, 2025. Photo by Kelly Preheim



White-winged Junco, Spearfish Canyon, May 1, 2025. Photo by Aileen Brunner



Black-throated Blue Warbler, Aberdeen, May 18, 2025. Photo by Tim Ray



Black-throated Green Warbler, Mitchell, May 23, 2025. Photo by Lonnie Wiese



Blue-winged Warbler, Newton Hills SP, May 10, 2025. Photo by Mick Zerr



Canada Warbler, Watertown, May 30, 2025. Photo by Devin Pitts



Chestnut-sided Warbler, Mitchell, May 23, 2025. Photo by Lonnie Wiese



Prothonotary Warbler, Aberdeen, May 18, 2025. Photo by Tim Ray



Blue Grosbeak, Buffalo County, May 27, 2025. Photo by Perry Coleman



Lazuli Bunting, Ipswich, May 18, 2025. Photo by Tim Ray



Summer Tanager, Aberdeen, May 18, 2025. Photo by Jeffrey Shulz



The 2024 Fall Season 01 August 2024 to 30 November 2024

Compiled By: Chris Anderson, Sioux Falls

There were 299 species, including 6 rarities (Red-throated Loon, Mississippi Kite, Harlequin Duck, Brambling, Thick-billed Longspur, Yellow-throated Warbler) and 11 first county records reported to the SDOU online database during the 2024 Fall season. The ten-year (2014-2023) average is 312. 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. A full listing of all reported sightings can be obtained

from the online database (https://research.dsu.edu/sdousbor/default.aspx).

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: 24 Aug Aurora ND; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 19 Oct Marshall GO; 25 Oct Buffalo JSP ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 19 Nov Yankton RND;

Ross's Goose All Reports: 22 Nov Douglas KP; 23 Nov Hughes KM; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 25 Aug Stanley RDO; 06 Oct Roberts CV; 12 Oct Charles Mix KP; 28 Oct Haakon ND ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Cackling Goose Early: 27 Sept Dewey CV; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 28 Oct Pennington CLG ... Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 26 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 25 Nov Pennington CLG

Trumpeter Swan All Reports: 05 Aug Pennington ND; 19 Sept Harding ND; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 14 Oct Roberts JSP; 12 Nov Tripp RDO; 30 Nov Lyman RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 19 Sept Harding ND (PY)

Tundra Swan All Reports: 19 Oct Brown, Marshall GO; 04 Nov Spink CV (first county record); 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Wood Duck Late: 12 Nov Lawrence JSP; 10 Nov Minnehaha CA; 09 Nov Hutchinson CA; 15 Oct Hughes KM

Blue-winged Teal Late: 15 Nov Roberts CV; 04 Nov Codington CV; 27 Oct Hutchinson KP; 19 Oct Charles Mix KP; 29 Sept Butte RND ... Confirmed Breeding: 05 Aug Pennington ND (PY); 06 Aug Roberts CV (PY); 10 Aug Roberts CV (PY)

Northern Shoveler Late: 16 Nov Hutchinson KP; 16 Nov Marshall GO; 15 Nov Roberts CV; 14 Nov Pennington JSP; 09 Nov Hughes KM; 09 Nov Bon Homme CA

Gadwall Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Pennington OCW; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 16 Nov Day GO Mallard Confirmed Breeding: 27 Aug Pennington ND (PY)

American Wigeon Late: 29 Nov Pennington OCW; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 19 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Lake CA

Northern Pintail Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 22 Nov Sully KM; 16 Nov Marshall GO; 01 Oct Pennington ND

Green-winged Teal Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Pennington OCW; 16 Nov Day, Marshall GO Canvasback Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 28 Nov Butte ND; 19 Nov Minnehaha CA Redhead Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 24 Nov Yankton GJS; 21 Nov Minnehaha CA Confirmed Breeding: 10 Aug Roberts CV (PY)

Ring-necked Duck Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Pennington OCW; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 16 Nov Hutchinson KP

Greater Scaup All Reports: 02, 11, and 27 Nov Yankton DS

Lesser Scaup Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 12 Nov Tripp RDO

Surf Scoter All Reports: 26 Oct Stanley DS, RDO; 27 Oct Hutchinson KP; 01 Nov Hughes ND; 02 Nov Minnehaha CA; 09 Nov Hutchinson CA; 11 Nov Yankton RND, DS

Black Scoter All Reports: 06 Nov Lyman JSP; 09 Nov Buffalo, Lyman RDO; 11 Nov Lyman JSP; 24 Nov Brookings JSP

Long-tailed Duck All Reports: 21-29 Nov Yankton RND, GJS, DS; 22 Nov Lake JSP (first county record)

Bufflehead Early: 12 Oct Charles Mix KP; 13 Oct Hutchinson CA; 14 Oct Day JSP; 14 Oct Moody CA; 14 Oct Pennington CLG; 14 Oct Yankton DS ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Pennington OCW; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Common Goldeneye Early: 14 Oct Day JSP; 26 Oct Lyman RDO; 11 Nov Pennington CLG ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 29 Nov Yankton RND; 28 Nov Butte ND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Hooded Merganser Early: 02 Sept Pennington CLG; 16 Sept Minnehaha CA; 06 Oct Roberts CV; 25 Oct Lyman JSP ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 28 Nov Butte ND; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 16 Nov Day GO **Common Merganser** Early: 05 Aug Pennington CLG; 12 Aug Stanley KM; 12 Oct Roberts CV ... Late: 30 Nov Lyman RDO; 28 Nov Butte ND; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Red-breasted Merganser All Reports: 02 Nov Yankton DS; 09 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Fall River ND; 16 Nov Yankton DS; 29 Nov Yankton RND

Ruddy Duck Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 16 Nov Marshall GO; 01 Nov Pennington ND ... Confirmed Breeding: 10 Aug Roberts CV (PY)

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 07 Aug Douglas KP; 12 Aug Lincoln CA

Greater Prairie Chicken All Reports: 28 Aug Jones RDO; 15 Oct Hughes KM; 23 Oct Pennington KM; 29 Oct Hyde ND

Gray Partridge All Reports: 05 Aug Meade ND; 11 Sept Meade ND; 27 Sept Butte JSP, DS; 17 Oct Meade ND

Pied-billed Grebe Late: 24 Nov Yankton RND; 12 Nov Minnehaha CA; 09 Nov Bon Homme, Hutchinson CA; 01 Nov Pennington ND ... Confirmed breeding: 10 Aug Roberts CV (PY)

Horned Grebe Early: 07 Sept Charles Mix KP; 14 Oct Yankton DS; 25 Oct Buffalo JSP ... Late: 16 Nov Hutchinson KP; 09 Nov Hughes KM; 31 Oct Minnehaha CA

Red-necked Grebe Late: 25 Nov Sully RDO; 10 Nov Hughes RDO; 17 Oct Meade ND

Eared Grebe Late: 11 Nov Fall River ND; 29 Oct Buffalo ND; 27 Oct Butte ND; 19 Oct Marshall GO

Western Grebe Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 22 Nov Sully KM; 11 Nov Fall River ND; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 07 Sep Charles Mix KP (PY)

Clark's Grebe All Reports: 24 Aug Aurora ND; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS; 14 Sept Charles Mix KP

Mourning Dove Late: 15 Nov Brown GO; 11 Nov Hughes EDS; 09 Nov Hutchinson CA; 25 Oct Pennington OCW ... Confirmed Breeding: 16 Aug Douglas KP (ON)

Eurasian Collared-Dove Confirmed Breeding: 27 Aug Douglas KP (NB)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 03 Aug Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS

Black-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 06 Aug Stanley RDO; 10 Aug Minnehaha, Turner CA; 14 Aug Yankton KP

Common Nighthawk Late: 24 Sept Douglas KP; 16 Sept Hughes KM; 10 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Sept Fall River MMM

Common Poorwill Only Report and Confirmed Breeding: 03 Aug Sully KM (NY)

Eastern Whip-poor-will Only Report: 01 Oct Stanley RDO

Chimney Swift Late: 07 Sept Douglas KP; 06 Sept Minnehaha CA; 02 Sept Pennington CLG; 03 Aug Charles Mix KP

White-throated Swift All Reports: 02 Sept Pennington CLG; 08 Sept Fall River MMM

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Late: 30 Sept Clay DS; 25 Sept Lake JSP; 20 Sept Brown GO; 06 Sept Tripp RDO

Calliope Hummingbird All Reports: 11 Aug Hughes RDO; 18-23 Aug Stanley RDO (first county record)

Rufous Hummingbird Only Report: 04 Aug Hughes KM

Virginia Rail Late: 13 Nov Fall River JSP; 10 Aug Turner CA; 07 Aug Douglas KP; 03 Aug Hanson CA Sora Late: 23 Sept Hughes KM; 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 13 Sept Clay GJS; 02 Sept Fall River MMM; 25 Aug Moody CA

American Coot Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Sandhill Crane Early: 07 Oct Hughes KM; 09 Oct Butte ND; 13 Oct Pennington JLB ... Late: 20 Nov Douglas KP; 11 Nov Lyman JSP; 31 Oct Hyde ND; 31 Oct Pennington JLB

Black-necked Stilt All Reports: 03 Aug Bennett ND; 09 Aug Potter, Sully RDO

American Avocet Late: 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Spink CV; 12 Oct Charles Mix; 26 Aug Butte ND American Golden-Plover Only Report: 22 Sept McCook CA

Killdeer Late: 07 Nov Clay GJS; 06 Nov Lyman JSP; 30 Oct Minnehaha CA; 01 Oct Tripp RND ... Confirmed Breeding: 06 Aug Roberts CV (PY); 10 Aug Roberts CV (PY)

Semipalmated Plover Early: 03 Aug Hanson CA; 09 Aug Clay GJS; 09 Aug Potter RDO ... Late: 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 26 Aug Butte ND; 24 Aug Lincoln CA

Piping Plover Only Report: 09 Aug Clay GJS

Upland Sandpiper Late: 31 Aug Custer MMM; 18 Aug Lake CA; 17 Aug Yankton GJS

Marbled Godwit Late: 08 Sept Potter RDO; 26 Aug Butte ND; 05 Aug Pennington ND

Short-billed Dowitcher Only Report: 03 Aug Aurora CA

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 03 Aug Aurora CA; 05 Aug Pennington ND; 09 Aug Potter, Sully RDO ...
Late: 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 20 Oct Fall River ND; 19 Oct Brown GO

Wilson's Snipe Late: 16 Nov Day GO; 15 Nov Brown GO; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 07 Nov Clay GJS; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND

Wilson's Phalarope Late: 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 26 Aug Butte ND; 14 Aug Lake CA

Red-necked Phalarope All Reports: 09 Aug Potter RDO; 10 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 26 Aug Butte ND; 06 Sept Kingsbury JSP

Spotted Sandpiper Late: 29 Oct Hyde ND; 28 Sept Charles Mix KP; 18 Sept Douglas KP; 16 Sept Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding 06 Aug Roberts CV (PY); 10 Aug Roberts CV (PY)

Solitary Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Aurora, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson CA; 03 Aug Douglas KP; 06 Aug Roberts CV; 09 Aug Potter RDO; 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS ... Late: 10 Oct Clay DS; 06 Oct Brown GO; 27 Sept Butte JSP, DS

Lesser Yellowlegs Late: 29 Oct Hyde ND; 19 Oct Brown GO; 06 Oct Clay DS; 30 Aug Fall River JSP Willet Late: 26 Aug Butte ND; 23 Aug Hughes KM; 11 Aug Minnehaha CA; 09 Aug Potter RDO; 03 Aug Bennett ND

Greater Yellowlegs Late: 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Codington, Spik CV; 03 Nov Brookings JSP; 19 Oct Charles Mix KP; 29 Sept Butte RND

Ruddy Turnstone All Reports: 10 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 06 Sept Stanley DS

Stilt Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Aurora, Hanson, Hutchinson CA; 14 Aug Lake CA; 16 Aug Douglas KP ... Late: 12 Oct Roberts CV; 29 Sept Butte CA; 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP

Buff-breasted Sandpiper All Reports: 03 Aug Aurora, Hanson CA (first county records); 03 Aug Davison CA; 10 Aug Hutchinson CA (first county record); 17 Aug Yankton GJS

Sanderling Early: 10 Aug Kingsbury JSP; 27 Aug Lincoln CA; 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 29 Sept Butte CA, RND; 27 Sept Spink CV (first county record)

Dunlin All Reports: 03 Aug Aurora CA; 30 Oct Minnehaha CA; 26 Nov Brookings JSP

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Bennett ND; 03 Aug Charles Mix KP; 03 Aug Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson CA; 09 Aug Potter RDO; 10 Aug Minnehaha CA ... Late: 29 Sept Butte RND; 28 Sept Meade CV; 27 Sept Potter CV; 22 Sept Minnehaha CA

Least Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Aurora, Hanson CA; 03 Aug Bennett ND; 03 Aug Charles Mix KP; 05 Aug Pennington ND; 06 Aug Roberts CA ... Late: 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 14 Oct Brookings JSP; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND; 10 Aug Charles Mix KP

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Aurora, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson CA; 03 Aug Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 06 Aug Roberts CV ... Late: 20 Oct Fall River ND; 14 Oct Clay DS; 27 Sept Dewey CV; 23 Sept Brookings JSP

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 03 Aug Charles Mix KP; 03 Aug Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson CA; 26 Aug Butte ND ... Late: 22 Sept Minnehaha CA; 06 Sept Codington CV; 06 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 06 Sept Lincoln CA

Sabine's Gull All Reports: 17 Sept Stanley DB, RDO; 23 Oct Sully RDO

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 22 Sept Lyman RDO; 27 Sept Spink CV; 14 Oct Day JSP; 27 Oct Butte ND ... Late: 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 24 Nov Yankton RND; 15 Nov Hughes JSP; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP

Franklin's Gull Late: 14 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov Lake, Moody CA; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Sept Fall River ND

Short-billed Gull All Reports: 25 Oct Stanley RDO; 06 Nov Stanley JSP; 10-27 Nov Stanley RDO
Ring-billed Gull Late: 29 Nov Yankton RND; 28 Nov Butte ND; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

California Gull Late: 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 05 Nov Sully RDO; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND

Herring Gull Early: 10 Aug Roberts CV; 26 Aug Butte ND; 08 Oct Minnehaha CA; 27 Oct Yankton RND ... Late: 28 Nov Butte ND; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 24 Nov Yankton RND; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP

- Iceland Gull All Reports: 02 Nov Yankton DS; 25 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Yankton DS
- Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 18 Sept Stanley RDO; 01 Oct Lyman RDO... Late: 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 27 Nov Yankton DS; 09 Nov Hughes KM; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP
- Least Tern Late: 17 Aug Clay DS; 12 Aug Stanley KM; 09 Aug Clay GJS; 01 Aug Sully KM
- Caspian Tern All Reports: 10 Oct Yankton RND; 27 Sept Marshall CV; 26 Aug Butte ND; 25 Aug Hughes KM; 25 Aug Moody CA
- Black Tern Late: 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS; 25 Aug Hughes KM; 18 Aug Lake CA
- Forster's Tern Late: 26 Oct Lyman RDO; 08 Sept Hutchinson KP; 06 Sept Codington CV; 26 Aug Butte ND
- Pacific Loon All Reports: 21 Oct Sully DB, RDO
- Common Loon Early: 16 Aug Stanley RDO; 26 Aug Pennington CLG; 04 Sept Fall River ND; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 24 Nov Brookings JSP; 22 Nov Sully KM; 14 Nov Yankton RND; 11 Nov Fall River ND
- **Double-crested Cormorant** Late: 28 Nov Butte ND; 27 Nov Stanley RDO; 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 16 Nov Day, Marshall GO; 16 Nov Hutchinson KP
- White-faced Ibis Late: 24 Nov Brookings JSP; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 04 Nov Codington CV; 28 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS
- American Bittern All Reports: 03 Aug Aurora CA; 03 Aug Bennett ND; 10 Aug Turner CA; 14 Oct Roberts JSP
- Black-crowned Night-Heron Late: 19 Oct Charles Mix KP; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 07 Oct Kingsbury JSP Snowy Egret Late: 19 Oct Marshall GO; 12 Oct Charles Mix KP; 06 Oct Hutchinson KP; 03 Aug Bennett ND
- Green Heron Late: 08 Sept Brookings JSP; 07 Sept Minnehaha CA; 27 Aug Lincoln CA; 10 Aug Charles Mix KP
- Western Cattle-Egret Late: 31 Oct Hyde ND; 12 Oct Charles Mix KP; 05 Sept Douglas KP
- Great Egret Late: 05 Nov Brookings JSP; 27 Oct Hutchinson KP; 21 Oct Aurora KM; 12 Oct Charles Mix KP
- **Great Blue Heron** Late: 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 16 Nov Day GO; 07 Nov Clay GJS ... Confirmed Breeding: 19 Aug Pennington CLG (NY)
- American White Pelican Late: 26 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 13 Nov Fall River JSP; 09 Nov Hutchinson CA; 03 Nov Yankton RND
- Turkey Vulture Late: 04 Nov Brown GO; 17 Oct Clay GJS; 16 Oct Lincoln CV; 11 Oct Pennington OCWOsprey Late: 14 Oct Pennington CLG: 14 Oct Yankton KP, DS; 13 Oct Stanley RDO; 11 Oct Brookings JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 05 Aug Pennington CLG (NY)
- Golden Eagle Early: 28 Oct Haakon ND; 06 Nov Sully KM; 09 Nov Lyman RDO
- Sharp-shinned Hawk Early: 14 Sept Charles Mix KP; 30 Sept Hughes CV; 10 Oct Minnehaha CA
- American Goshawk Only Report: 23 Nov Hughes KM
- Mississippi Kite All Reports: 01 Aug Minnehaha CA; 06 Aug Minnehaha KM; 12 Aug Minnehaha JSP; 24 Aug Minnehaha CA, ND
- **Broad-winged Hawk** Early: 30 Aug McCook CA; 30 Aug Yankton RDN; 06 Sept Brookings JSP; 08 Sept Union CA ... Late: 12 Oct Roberts CV; 22 Sept Charles Mix KP; 13 Sept Stanley RDO
- Swainson's Hawk Late: 12 Oct Brown GO; 12 Oct Clay GJS; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 29 Sept Jones CA
- Rough-legged Hawk Early: 19 Oct Butte ND; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 04 Nov Butte, Harding ND; 04 Nov Hyde CV
- Ferruginous Hawk Late: 27 Nov Custer MMM; 11 Nov Jackson JSP; 09 Nov Lyman RDO; 25 Oct Hand JSP
- American Barn Owl Only Report: 10 Aug Sully KM
- Burrowing Owl Late: 06 Oct Custer MMM; 27 Sept Lyman CA; 04 Sept Pennington MMM
- **Barred Owl** Only Report: 08 Sept Union CA **Long-eared Owl** Only Report: 22 Nov Sully KM

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 08 Aug Custer MMM; 22 Sept Custer MMM; 05 Oct Custer MMM; 23 Oct Pennington KM; 26 Nov Lake JSP

Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 01 Oct – 07 Nov Harding ND; 30 Oct Hyde ND (first county record)

Belted Kingfisher Late: 25 Nov Pennington CLG; 24 Nov Yankton RND; 04 Nov Minnehaha CA

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Late: 18 Oct Minnehaha CA; 14 Oct Yankton DS; 22 Sept Clay GJS

Red-naped Sapsucker Only Report: 31 Aug Lawrence JSP, DS

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 29 Sept Butte ND, JSP, DS

Red-headed Woodpecker Late: 05 Oct Yankton CA; 02 Oct Hughes EDS; 24 Sept Douglas KP; 30 Aug Pennington OCW ... Confirmed Breeding: 06 Aug Douglas KP (FY)

Black-backed Woodpecker All Reports: 28 Sept Lawrence RDO; 10 Nov Pennington ND

Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 17 Aug – 29 Nov Roberts CV

Merlin Early: 03 Sept Douglas KP; 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 15 Sept Charles Mix KP

Peregrine Falcon All Reports: 24 Aug Aurora ND; 26 Aug Butte ND; 06 Sept Minnehaha CA

Prairie Falcon Early: 30 Oct Hyde ND; 31 Oct Hand ND; 09 Nov Stanley RDO; 22 Nov Sully KM

Olive-sided Flycatcher Early: 04 Aug Hughes KM; 24 Aug Minnehaha ND ... Late: 15 Sept Charles Mix KP; 07 Sept Lincoln CA; 07 Sept Stanley RDO

Western Wood-Pewee Late: 13 Sept Pennington OCW; 12 Sept Fall River MMM

Eastern Wood-Pewee Late: 20 Sept Minnehaha CA; 15 Sept Charles Mix KP; 12 Sept Clay GJS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Only Report: 24 Aug Douglas KP

Willow Flycatcher Late: 17 Sept Stanley RDO; 25 Aug Moody CA; 10 Aug Charles Mix KP; 03 Aug Bennett ND

Least Flycatcher Late: 05 Sept Minnehaha CA; 02 Sept Stanley RDO; 01 Sept Custer JSP, DS; 01 Sept Hutchinson KP

Dusky Flycatcher Only Report: 29 Aug Custer JSP, DS

Western Flycatcher Late: 16 Sept Pennington CLG; 02 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Eastern Phoebe Late: 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 01 Nov Hughes KM; 15 Oct Minnehaha CA; 27 Sept Fall River MMM ... Confirmed Breeding: 14 Aug Yankton KP (FY)

Say's Phoebe Late: 07 Sept Charles Mix KP; 29 Aug Custer JSP, DS; 18 Aug Oglala Lakota, Pennington ND; 03 Aug Douglas KP

Great Crested Flycatcher Late: 09 Sept Lake JSP; 08 Sept Union CA; 07 Sept Roberts CV; 08 Aug Pennington MMM

Western Kingbird Late: 18 Sept Stanley RDO; 07 Sept Charles Mix KP; 03 Sept Roberts CV; 30 Aug Pennington OCW

Eastern Kingbird Late: 12 Oct Roberts CV; 18 Sept Stanley RDO; 15 Sept Charles Mix KP; 13 Sept Pennington OCW ... Confirmed Breeding: 19 Aug Yankton RND (FL)

Bell's Vireo Late: 07 Sept Lincoln CA; 04 Sept Stanley RDO; 30 Aug McCook CA; 03 Aug Bennett ND

Yellow-throated Vireo Late: 09 Sept Lake JSP; 23 Aug Lincoln CA; 14 Aug Yankton KP

Blue-headed Vireo All Reports: 27 Aug Hughes KM; 06 Sept Brookings JSP; 06 Sept Union DS; 07 Sept Lincoln CA; 08 Sept Union CA

Plumbeous Vireo All Reports: 01 Sept Custer JSP, DS; 12 Sept Fall River MMM

Philadelphia Vireo All Reports: 27 Aug Minnehaha CA; 05 Sept Minnehaha CA; 11 Sept Minnehaha CA
Warbling Vireo Late: 22 Sept Clay GJS; 15 Sept Charles Mix, Gregory KP; 14 Sept Douglas KP; 13 Sept Pennington OCW

Red-eyed Vireo Late: 23 Sept Brookings JSP; 22 Sept Roberts CV; 22 Sept Clay GJS; 13 Sept Pennington OCW ... Confirmed Breeding: 03 Aug Bennett ND (FY)

Loggerhead Shrike Late: 28 Sept Custer MMM; 11 Sept Ziebach ND; 25 Aug Hughes KM

Northern Shrike Early: 14 Oct Moody CA; 14 Oct Roberts JSP; 17 Oct Meade ND; 24 Oct Minnehaha CA; 25 Oct Buffalo JSP

Canada Jay All Reports: 31 Aug Lawrence JSP, DS; 26 Sept Lawrence JSP, DS; 12 Nov Lawrence JSP; 13 Nov Custer MMM

Common Raven Only Report: 26 Sept Custer JSP, DS

Bank Swallow Late: 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 06 Sept Brookings JSP; 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS Tree Swallow Late: 14 Oct Brookings JSP; 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 08 Sept Hutchinson KP; 08 Sept Union

Tree Swallow Late: 14 Oct Brookings JSP; 13 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 08 Sept Hutchinson KP; 08 Sept Union CA

Violet-green Swallow Late: 31 Aug Pennington JSP, DS

Purple Martin Late: 02 Sept Douglas KP; 30 Aug McCook CA; 25 Aug Hughes KM; 25 Aug Moody CA
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Late: 02 Sept Pennington CLG; 25 Aug Moody CA; 10 Aug Roberts
CV

Barn Swallow Late: 12 Oct Charles Mix KP; 10 Oct Clay DS; 30 Sept Minnehaha CA; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND, JSP, DS ... Confirmed Breeding: 26 Aug Pennington CLG (NY)

Cliff Swallow Late: 06 Sept Kingsbury JSP; 04 Sept Stanley RDO; 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS; 30 Aug Yankton RND ... Confirmed Breeding: 03 Aug Bennett ND (NY)

Golden-crowned Kinglet Early: 01 Oct Minnehaha CA; 03 Oct Roberts CV; 12 Oct Charles Mix KP Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 27 Aug Hughes KM; 05 Sept Clay GJS; 07 Sept Lincoln CA ... Late: 04 Nov Brown GO; 26 Oct Clay GJS; 25 Oct Pennington OCW

Red-breasted Nuthatch Early: 11 Aug Brown GO; 13 Sept Hughes KM; 28 Sept Edmunds GO

Pygmy Nuthatch reported 02 Aug – 08 Nov Pennington RND, ND, OCW, CV

Brown Creeper Early: 30 Sept Minnehaha CA; 06 Oct Brown GO; 13 Oct Hughes KM

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher All Reports: 07 Sept Union DS; 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS; 11 Aug Lincoln CA

Rock Wren Late: 05 Oct Fall River MMM; 29 Sept Lawrence CV; 27 Sept Pennington GJS

Canyon Wren All Reports: 02 Sept Custer JSP, DS; 29 Sept Lawrence CV

Northern House Wren Late: 07 Oct Minnehaha CA; 06 Oct Douglas KP; 04 Oct Pennington OCW; 28 Sept Charles Mix KP; 28 Sept Hughes KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 03 Aug Charles Mix KP (CF); 19 Aug Yankton RND (FL)

Winter Wren All Reports: 01-15 Oct Minnehaha CA; 18 Nov Hughes KM

Sedge Wren Late: 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 11 Oct Hughes KM; 23 Aug Lincoln CA

Marsh Wren Late: 16 Nov Hughes KM; 15 Nov Fall River MMM; 19 Oct Marshall GO

American Dipper All Reports: 31 Aug Lawrence JSP, DS; 04 Sept Lawrence ND; 27-30 Sept Lawrence CA, RND, JSP, DS, CV; 12 Nov Lawrence JSP

Gray Catbird Late: 11 Oct Minnehaha CA; 28 Sept Edmunds GO; 27 Sept Pennington OCW; 24 Sept Douglas KP; 24 Sept Hughes KM

Brown Thrasher Late: 01 Nov Hughes KM; 04 Oct Pennington OCW; 02 Oct Minnehaha CA

Eastern Bluebird Late: 21 Nov Brookings JSP; 10 Nov Yankton KP; 04 Nov Hughes KM; 27 Sept Ziebach CA

Mountain Bluebird Late: 01 Oct Custer RND; 26 Sept Jackson GJS; 21 Sept Fall River MMM

Townsend's Solitaire Early: 25 Sept Hughes KM; 11 Nov Stanley KM; 22 Nov Sully KM

Veery All Reports: 08 Sept Hughes KM; 09 Sept Stanley RDO

Gray-cheeked Thrush All Reports: 13 Sept Hughes KM; 17 Sept Stanley RDO

Swainson's Thrush Early: 25 Aug Clay GJS; 08 Sept Hughes KM; 13 Sept Minnehaha CA ... Late: 21 Sept Fall River MMM; 17 Sept Brown GO; 17 Sept Minnehaha CA; 17 Sept Stanley RDO

Hermit Thrush Early: 06 Sept Pennington OCW; 11 Oct Hughes KM; 11 Oct Minnehaha CA ... Late: 01 Nov Brown GO; 14 Oct Roberts JSP; 13 Oct Hughes KM

Wood Thrush Only Report: 01 Oct Minnehaha CA

American Pipit Early: 05 Sept Douglas KP; 23 Sept Brookings JSP; 27 Sept Meade JSP, DS; 10 Oct Clay DS ... Late: 02 Nov Minnehaha CA; 27 Oct Clay GJS; 24 Oct Kingsbury JSP; 01 Oct Custer RND

Sprague's Pipit All Reports: 08 Sept Jones DB; 27 Sept Jones CA

Purple Finch Early: 29 Oct Roberts CV; 31 Oct Hughes KM; 01 Nov Brown GO

Red Crossbill Early: 09 Sept Clay GJS

Pine Siskin Early: 23 Sept Brown GO; 28 Sept Edmunds GO; 02 Oct Lake JSP; 13 Oct Hughes KM

Lesser Goldfinch All Reports: 17 Aug Fall River ND; 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS **Lapland Longspur** Early: 25 Oct Hand JSP; 27 Oct Butte ND; 30 Oct Hyde ND

Chestnut-collared Longspur All Reports: 28 Sept Custer MMM; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND

Smith's Longspur Only Report: 13 Oct Stanley RDO

- **Snow Bunting** Only Report: 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP
- Grasshopper Sparrow Late: 12 Oct Roberts CV; 11 Aug Lincoln CA; 03 Aug McCook CA
- Chipping Sparrow Late: 05 Nov Brown GO; 02 Nov Lake JSP; 01 Nov Clay DS; 29 Sept Butte CA ... Confirmed Breeding: 23 Aug Douglas KP (FY)
- Clay-colored Sparrow Late: 15 Oct Minnehaha CA; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 11 Oct Stanley RDO; 19 Sept Meade ND
- **Field Sparrow** Late: 20 Oct Clay RND; 14 Oct Yankton DS; 12 Oct Brown GO; 12 Oct Charles Mix KP; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 07 Oct Pennington CLG
- Lark Sparrow Late: 05 Sept Custer MMM; 26 Aug Butte ND; 15 Aug Hughes KM; 03 Aug Charles Mix KP; 03 Aug Davison CA
- Lark Bunting All Reports: 15 Aug Hughes KM; 26 Aug Butte ND; 29 Aug Custer JSP, DS; 05 Sept Custer MMM
- American Tree Sparrow Early: 12 Oct Brown GO; 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 12 Oct Roberts CV; 20 Oct Hughes KM
- Fox Sparrow Early: 09 Oct Hughes KM; 11 Oct Brookings JSP; 11 Oct Minnehaha CA; 19 Oct Deuel CA (first county record) ... Late: 30 Nov Hughes KM; 10 Nov Roberts CV; 06 Nov Clay GJS
- Dark-eyed Junco Early: 22 Sept Clay GJS; 22 Sept Lake JSP; 22 Sept Roberts CV; 26 Sept Jackson GJS
- White-crowned Sparrow Early: 15 Sept Custer MMM; 20 Sept Pennington OCW; 22 Sept Stanley RDO; 24 Sept Douglas KP ... Late: 17 Nov Roberts CV; 06 Nov Clay GJS; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 28 Oct Haakon ND
- Harris's Sparrow Early: 26 Sept Jackson GJS; 27 Sept Brown GO; 01 Oct Minnehaha CA; 11 Oct Hughes KM; 11 Oct Stanley RDO ... Late: 15 Nov Hughes KM; 11 Nov Minnehaha CA; 09 Nov Hutchinson CA; 09 Nov Stanley RDO; 28 Oct Haakon ND
- White-throated Sparrow Early: 20 Sept Brown GO; 22 Sept Stanley RDO; 23 Sept Hughes KM; 28 Sept Lawrence ND... Late: 07 Nov Hughes RDO; 05 Nov Brookings JSP; 02 Nov Clay GJS; 21 Oct Pennington CLG
- Vesper Sparrow Late: 09 Nov Stanley RDO; 20 Oct Clay RND; 20 Oct Lincoln CA; 04 Oct Pennington OCW
- **LeConte's Sparrow** Early: 21 Sept Minnehaha CA; 09 Oct Lincoln CA; 11 Oct Hughes KM ... Late: 05 Nov Clay GJS; 20 Oct Lincoln CA; 14 Oct Moody CA
- Savannah Sparrow Late: 02 Nov Minnehaha CA; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 29 Oct Hyde ND; 07 Oct Pennington CLG
- Song Sparrow Late: 15 Nov Hughes KM; 09 Nov Bon Homme CA; 08 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 28 Oct Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding: 24 Aug Douglas KP (FY)
- **Lincoln's Sparrow** Early: 07 Sept Minnehaha CA; 08 Sept Union CA; 09 Sept Pennington CLG ... Late: 25 Oct Pennington OCW; 20 Oct Clay RND; 19 Oct Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 19 Oct Lake JSP
- Swamp Sparrow Late: 02 Nov Minnehaha CA; 01 Nov Hughes KM; 19 Oct Lake JSP; 03 Aug Bennett ND
- Spotted Towhee Late: 16 Nov Hughes KM; 22 Oct Stanley RDO; 11 Oct Minnehaha CA; 11 Oct Pennington OCW
- Eastern Towhee Late: 07 Sept Lincoln CA; 09 Aug Clay GJS; 03 Aug Davison CA
- Yellow-breasted Chat All Reports: 11 Aug Hughes KM; 28 Aug Hughes KM; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS Yellow-headed Blackbird Late: 02 Nov Charles Mix KP; 02 Nov Minnehaha CA; 01 Nov Lake JSP; 26
- Aug Pennington CLG **Bobolink** Late: 21 Sept Clay DS; 25 Aug Moody CA; 16 Aug Faulk MMM; 05 Aug Meade ND
- Eastern Meadowlark Only Report: 11 Aug Lincoln CA
- Western Meadowlark Late: 28 Nov Butte ND; 26 Nov Custer MMM; 16 Nov Hutchinson, Turner KP; 16 Nov Marshall GO; 09 Nov Stanley RDO
- Orchard Oriole Late: 08 Sept Union CA; 07 Sept Charles Mix KP; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS; 16 Aug Douglas KP
- Bullock's Oriole Only Report: 12 Sept Fall River MMM

Baltimore Oriole Late: 22 Sept Charles Mix KP; 08 Sept Union CA; 07 Sept Lincoln CA; 16 Aug Pennington OCW

Red-winged Blackbird Late: 23 Nov Douglas KP; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 16 Nov Day, Marshall GO; 16 Nov Hutchinson KP; 10 Nov Yankton KP; 04 Nov Pennington CLG

Brown-headed Cowbird Late: 09 Nov Hutchinson CA; 06 Nov Clay GJS; 03 Nov Brookings JSP; 01 Oct Custer RND ... Confirmed Breeding: 06 Aug Roberts CV (FL, Horned Lark host)

Rusty Blackbird Early: 08 Oct Minnehaha CA; 14 Oct Moody CA; 07 Nov Hughes KM ... Late: 19 Nov Hughes KM; 09 Nov Hutchinson, McCook CA

Brewer's Blackbird Late: 02 Nov Charles Mix KP; 30 Oct Hyde ND; 13 Oct Stanley RDO; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND

Common Grackle Late: 26 Nov Clay GJS; 23 Nov Kingsbury JSP; 20 Nov Roberts CV; 14 Oct Pennington CLG

Great-tailed Grackle All Reports: 09 Aug Sully RDO; 23 Aug Douglas KP; 26 Aug Butte ND; 29 Sept Butte CA, RND

Ovenbird All Reports: 05 Aug Pennington CLG; 27 Aug Hughes KM

Northern Waterthrush All Reports: 26-28 Aug Minnehaha CA

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 13 Aug Hughes KM; 23 Aug Lincoln CA; 26 Aug Minnehaha CA ... Late: 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 08 Sept Union CA; 06 Sept Brookings JSP

Tennessee Warbler Early: 20 Aug Minnehaha CA; 22 Aug Union DS; 23 Aug Lincoln CA ... Late: 28 Aug Minnehaha CA; 27 Aug Hughes KM; 25 Aug Moody CA

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 27 Aug Minnehaha CA; 01 Sept Custer JSP, DS; 02 Sept Pennington CLG; 22 Sept Stanley RDO ... Late: 19 Oct Lake JSP; 14 Oct Roberts JSP; 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 11 Oct Stanley RDO; 07 Oct Pennington CLG

Nashville Warbler Early: 22 Aug Union DS; 23 Aug Lincoln CA; 25 Aug Clay GJS... Late: 12 Oct Minnehaha CA; 05 Oct Stanley RDO; 05 Oct Yankton CA

Mourning Warbler All Reports: 23 Aug Lincoln CA; 27 Aug Minnehaha CA; 13 Sept Hughes KM Common Yellowthroat Late: 11 Oct Hughes KM; 11 Oct Pennington OCW; 28 Sept Lawrence CA; 23 Sept Brookings JSP

American Redstart Late: 17 Sept Minnehaha CA: 15 Sept Charles Mix KP; 13 Sept Pennington OCW

Cape May Warbler Only Report: 07 Sept Lincoln CA Northern Parula Only Report: 28 Sept Hughes KM

Magnolia Warbler All Reports: 20 Aug Stanley RDO; 27 Aug Minnehaha CA

Bay-breasted Warbler Early: 20 Aug Minnehaha CA; 22 Aug Union DS ... Late: 17 Oct Hughes DB; 23 Sept Minnehaha CA; 15 Sept Clay GJS

Blackburnian Warbler Early: 19 Aug Minnehaha CA; 22 Aug Union DS ... Late: 28 Aug Hughes KM; 26 Aug Minnehaha CA; 23 Aug Lincoln CA

Yellow Warbler Late: 23 Sept Hughes KM; 20 Sept Pennington OCW; 09 Sept Stanley RDO; 08 Sept Lake JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 03 Aug Bennett ND (FY)

Chestnut-sided Warbler All Reports: 23 Aug Lincoln CA; 26 Aug Clay GJS; 28 Aug Minnehaha CA; 31 Aug Lawrence JSP, DS

Blackpoll Warbler Only Report: 28 Aug Hughes KM

Black-throated Blue Warbler Only Report: 27 Sept Hughes EDS

Palm Warbler All Reports: 29 Sept Brown GO; 11 Oct Stanley RDO

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 06 Sept Brookings JSP; 08 Sept Clay GJS; 09 Sept Douglas KP ... Late: 26 Oct Clay GJS; 20 Oct Charles Mix, Gregory KP; 19 Oct Deuel CA; 11 Oct Pennington OCW

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 17 Sept Minnehaha CA; 05 Oct Yankton CA (first county record)

Canada Warbler Early: 19 Aug Minnehaha CA; 26 Aug Clay DS ... Late: 08 Sept Stanley RDO; 06 Sept Union DS; 05 Sept Minnehaha CA

Wilson's Warbler Early: 19 Aug Hughes KM; 20 Aug Minnehaha CA; 22 Aug Union DS; 29 Aug Custer JSP, DS ... Late: 07 Oct Hughes KM; 29 Sept Butte CA; 29 Sept Lawrence CV; 17 Sept Minnehaha CA

Scarlet Tanager All Reports: 11 Aug Lincoln CA; 30 Aug McCook CA (first county record); 07 Sept Union DS; 08 Sept Union CA; 09 Sept Clay GJS

Western Tanager Late: 20 Sept Pennington OCW; 18 Sept Fall River MMM; 13 Sept Pennington OCW

Northern Cardinal West River: 9 reports 02 Aug – 29 Nov Pennington OCW

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Late: 11 Nov Roberts CV; 09 Sept Clay GJS; 08 Sept Union CA; 30 Aug Pennington OCW

Black-headed Grosbeak Late: 08 Sept Hughes KM; 01 Sept Fall River JSP, DS; 30 Aug Pennington OCW Blue Grosbeak Late: 15 Sept Custer MMM; 25 Aug Hughes KM; 25 Aug Moody CA; 25 Aug Stanley RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 07 Aug Custer MMM (NY)

Lazuli Bunting Only Report: 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS

Indigo Bunting Late: 24 Sept Roberts CV; 13 Sept Minnehaha CA; 30 Aug McCook CA; 23 Aug Hughes KM

Dickcissel Late: 21 Sept Clay DS; 25 Aug Moody CA; 25 Aug Stanley RDO; 03 Aug Bennett ND

Species Expected But Not Reported

White-winged Scoter, Ruffed Grouse (3), Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Black-bellied Plover, Hudsonian Godwit (4), White-rumped Sandpiper (4), Little Gull (2), Glaucous Gull (4), Common Tern (3), Neotropic Cormorant (2), Least Bittern (2), Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (4), American Three-toed Woodpecker, Gyrfalcon (3), Alder Flycatcher, Clark's Nutcracker, Carolina Wren (3), Varied Thrush (2), Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (3), Cassin's Finch, Redpoll, White-winged Crossbill (3), Nelson's Sparrow, Golden-winged Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Virginia's Warbler (2), MacGillivray's Warbler

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Red-throated Loon: 21 Oct Sully DB, RDO; approved by committee

Mississippi Kite: 22 Sept McCook CA (first county record); approved by committee

Harlequin Duck: 31 Aug Lawrence JSP, DS (first county record)

Brambling: 03-04 Nov Hughes DB, EDS, ND, KM, RDO, CV (first county and third state record); approved by committee

Thick-billed Longspur: 14 Oct Stanley DB (approved by committee); 30 Aug Fall River JSP, DS **Yellow-throated Warbler:** 24 Oct Clay GJS (first county record); approved by committee

Additional Notable Reports from eBird:

King Eider: 27 Oct Edmunds M. Twedt (report of harvested bird approved by committee; first state record)

Red Knot: 13-14 Sept Marshall K. Bardon; approved by committee **Yellow-billed Loon:** 27 Nov Butte T. Brett; approved by committee

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