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Broad-winged Hawk, Bon Homme County, 9/18/2025

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President's Page

Chris Anderson

Greetings everyone,

Birding can be a serious business. From careful considerations when selecting one's optics or photography equipment, to conducting laborious avian research, to participating in citizen science projects, there's almost always a serious-minded aspect of our birding. And of course, there is the concept of listing – keeping detailed lists of birds observed for a place or time. Life lists, year lists, big day lists. Lists by state, county, country, favorite local patch or personal yard. Lists of birds photographed, birds heard but not seen, birds observed while bicycling. The possibilities of geographic and time-based frameworks are endless. And of course, listing can give rise to serious competition.



In August of this year, a new documentary was released on YouTube called *Listers: A Glimpse into Extreme Birdwatching*. The film was made by a pair of brothers from St. Louis who, knowing almost nothing about birds, embarked on a big year to see as many species as possible in the Lower 48 United States in 2024. It follows their adventures traveling around the country, sleeping in their aging minivan, and interviewing various birders and other interesting characters they meet along the way. Colorful language may prevent the documentary from being entirely family-friendly, but I thought it was a pretty amusing look at birding.

While the brothers develop their birding skills and climb the ranks of other big year listers, they also highlight some of the absurdities of birding, competitive and otherwise. As I watched the movie with my girlfriend (who is not necessarily a birder, but is a very tolerant partner), she was quick to point out – with a laugh – all the birder behaviors she's witnessed that could be construed as nonsensical by non-birders. Making strange noises (aka pishing) while on a walk in a park, being part of what she calls “bird paparazzi” waiting for a rare bird to show up at a stakeout, and regularly falling silent mid-sentence because a bird caught your eye or made a sound – totally normal, right? Apparently not for everyone. Visting the local landfill, sewage lagoon, or power plant pond in the middle of nowhere in search of a single bird that looks almost identical to all the other birds? Surely that's how everyone spends their Saturday mornings (my tolerant girlfriend and I certainly have, anyway). Her favorite behavior might be the excitement some birders feel in logging birds in new counties while traveling, when they are species that the observer has seen hundreds of times before.

As the brothers in *Listers* poke fun at birding and listing culture, they also celebrate the sense of discovery in finding birds. Their chases brought them more tick marks on their list, but also eventually an appreciation of birds strictly for the sake of the birds. Part of the takeaway for me is that listing has its place in birding, and our travels can lead to unexpected discoveries. The movie closes with a quote from Kenn Kaufman, from his book *Kingbird Highway*: “As trivial as our listing pursuit may be, it gets us out there in the real world,

paying attention, hopeful and awake. Any day could be a special day, and probably will be, if we just go out and look.”

It’s also important to keep the simple joy of observing birds a prominent part of our pastime, whether it’s in some far-flung destination or right in our own backyard. And it’s important not to take ourselves too seriously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are not a Life Member of SDOU, it’s time to renew your membership! The easiest way to renew is on our website, sdou.org. Once logged into your account, choose your level of membership and whether to remit payment via PayPal or a written check. In addition, you can donate to the General Fund or to specific Scholarship and Grant programs. See the web site for details and contact information of our Treasurer.

The Spring 2026 meeting will be held May 15 - 17, 2026 in Pierre. More details will be posted on the ‘Meetings’ page of sdou.org, on the sd-birds listserv and the SDOU social media accounts.



2025 Report of the Rare Birds Records Committee

David L. Swanson, University of South Dakota, Vermillion

The SDOU Rare Bird Records Committee (RBRC) met on 18 May 2025 in Vermillion for the spring meeting and on 5 October 2025 in Sioux Falls for the fall meeting. The RBRC acted on records submitted since the last meeting of the committee on 1 October 2024. Rare Bird Reports were circulated to all members electronically and the committee acted on reports not receiving unanimous ratings electronically during the meetings. The members of the committee were David Swanson (Chair and Secretary), Chris Anderson, Nancy Drilling, Todd Jensen, Ricky Olson, Jeffrey Palmer, and Scott Stolz.

Springer (1988. *South Dakota Bird Notes* 40:67-70) outlined the purpose and voting procedures of the RBRC. The RBRC strongly encourages observers of rare or unusual birds in South Dakota to report their observations to the secretary of the RBRC (David Swanson of Vermillion, SD), preferably via email at david.swanson@usd.edu. A *Rare Bird Report Form* is available in electronic format for this purpose from David Swanson, or a form can be downloaded from <http://www.sdou.org/>, by clicking on the *Birds* link, then on the *Rare Birds* link, and then clicking on the *Download MS Word template* link for the report form. A summary of the type of information desired by the RBRC in a rare bird report can be found in Swanson (2015. *South Dakota Bird Notes* 67:64-71).

The RBRC requests rare bird reports for species listed as hypothetical or accidental in the state. The Species Review List is available from the SDOU website by clicking on the *Species Review List* tab under the *Rare Birds* link. The RBRC also requests reports of bird species from a portion of the state or time of year where that species is listed as accidental. A listing of birds belonging to these categories in South Dakota is provided in the latest versions of the Distributional and Seasonal checklists of South Dakota birds, accessible at <http://www.sdou.org/> by clicking on the *Birds* link and then clicking on the links for the *Seasonal* or *Distributional checklists*. The RBRC regularly adds or removes species from the review list, based on current data, and these changes to the review list are summarized in the annual reports of the RBRC in *South Dakota Bird Notes*. In addition, reports are requested for observations listed in the “Species Requiring Acceptance by the Rare Bird Records Committee” section in the Seasonal Reports of *South Dakota Bird Notes*. Observers whose records are accepted (Classes 1 and 2) are encouraged to publish these records in *South Dakota Bird Notes*, so details

of the observation can be communicated to a wider audience.

Following are the results of the committee's action for records acted upon in 2025. The parenthetical numbers accompanying some reports indicate the committee's vote. If no numbers are listed, the vote was unanimous. The committee wishes to emphasize that a rating of Class 3 or 4 (non-accepted record) does not imply any personal criticism of the observer. Such a rating only means that the information provided in the report, in the opinion of the committee, did not conclusively eliminate other similar species.

CLASS 1 (Accepted - Specimen, photograph, tagged, or recording).

King Eider. 27 October 2024. One first-winter male near Bowdle, Edmunds Co. Photograph of specimen killed while waterfowl hunting, Michael Twedt. 1st state record.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird. 22 June-21 July 2025. One adult female at Ft. Pierre, Stanley Co. Photographed, Ricky Olson. Accidental away from Black Hills.

Common Crane. 28-30 March 2025. One adult near Wessington, Beadle Co. Photographed, Sandra Uecker, Ricky Olson, et al. 1st state record.

Mountain Plover. 12 August 2025. One adult near Rumford, Fall River Co. Satellite transmitter detection of bird tagged in eastern Montana in June 2025, Steve Dinsmore. Accidental migrant.

Great Black-backed Gull. 8-11 July 2024. Bitter Lake, Day Co. Photographed, Sam Manning et al. Accidental visitor East.

Red-throated Loon. 10 May 2025. One in basic plumage near Bullhead Lake, Roberts Co. Photographed, Cheryl Vellenga. Casual.

Yellow-billed Loon. 27 November 2024. Belle Fourche Reservoir, Butte Co. Photographed, Tom Brett. 5th state record.

Mississippi Kite. 22 September 2024. One juvenile near Salem, McCook Co. Photographed, Chris Anderson. Casual.

Mississippi Kite. 20 August 2025. Pair with fledgling at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co. Photographed, Bob Bork. Casual nesting species Minnehaha Co.

Great Gray Owl. 14 February 2025. One near Colton, Minnehaha Co. Photographed, Mitchell Brooks. 3rd state record.

Great Gray Owl. 26 March -11 April 2025. One at LaFramboise Island, Hughes Co. Photographed, Kenny Miller, Ricky Olson, et al. 4th state record.

Long-eared Owl. 10-12 June 2025. Two adults and four juveniles at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co. Photographed, Peter Binstock, Jo and Mike Sugrue. Accidental breeder East.

Crested Caracara. 5 August 2025. One adult near Roscoe, Edmunds Co. Photographed, Tim Ray. 3rd state record.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow. 22 December 2024. One at Sanborn Co. Photographed, Jeff Hansen. Casual.



Eurasian Tree Sparrow. 6-7 February 2025. Three at Grant Co. Photographed, Cheryl Vellenga and K.C. Jensen. Casual.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow. 27 March 2025. One found dead at Warner, Brown Co. Photographed, Tim Ray. Casual.

Brambling. 2-4 November 2024. One adult male in non-breeding plumage at Farm Island, Hughes Co. Photographed, Doug Backlund. 3rd state record.

Thick-billed Longspur. 14 October 2024. One juvenile female at Ft. Pierre National Grasslands, Stanley Co. Photographed, Doug Backlund. Casual.

Magnolia Warbler. 2 June 2024. Pair on nest at Roughlock Falls, Lawrence Co. Photographed, Michael Kurtz. 1st nesting record for the state.

Painted Redstart. 3 June 2025. One adult at Haslo Road, Lawrence Co. Photographed, Zach Mergen. 2nd state record.

CLASS 2 (Accepted – Satisfactory written description).

Eurasian Wigeon. 3 April 2025. One adult male near Wolsey, Beadle Co. Karl Bardon. 8th state record.

Red-throated Loon. 21 October 2024. One juvenile at Cow Creek, Lake Oahe, Sully Co. (5 Class 2, 1 Class 3). Doug Backlund. Casual.

Clark's Nutcracker. 24-25 April 2025. At least 30 individuals at Harry Mills Road, Custer Co. Ricky Olson and Mary Braley. Unusual concentration.

White-crowned Sparrow. 28 July 2024. One adult at Ward Draw, Lawrence Co. (4 Class 2, 2 Class 1R). Nancy Drilling. 7th summer record. A recording submitted with the report was considered supportive, but not diagnostic, by the committee.

Golden-crowned Sparrow. 14 May 2025. One adult at Whitney Preserve, Fall River Co. Nate Peterson, et al. 6th state record.

White-throated Sparrow. 22 June 2025. One singing bird near Sisseton, Roberts Co. Cheryl Vellenga. Accidental summer.

Bullock's Oriole. 16 May 2025. One first-year male along Big Sioux River near Horseshoe Lake, Union Co. David Swanson. Accidental East.

Yellow-throated Warbler. 24 October 2024. One at Vermillion, Clay Co. Gary and Jan Small. Accidental migrant.

Summer Tanager. 30 May 2025. One adult male at Duck Creek Road, Perkins Co. Nancy Drilling. Casual migrant.

CLASS 3 (Not accepted – Identification possibly correct but description not completely convincing).

Acadian Flycatcher. 29 June 2024. One at Sica Hollow State Park, Roberts Co. (4 Class 2, 2 Class 3). Dissenting committee members noted that, while the report was suggestive of the identification, the absence of supporting photos or sound recordings made it difficult to conclusively rule out some other flycatcher species.

Sage Thrasher. 21 August 2024. One at Ft. Pierre National Grasslands, Stanley Co. Photographed (5 Class 3, 2 Class 2). A photograph accompanied this report, but was a poor, rather distant photo. The dissenting committee members noted that the photographed bird had odd proportions for a Sage Thrasher and the tail seemed too short for this species.

CLASS 4 (Not accepted – Identification probably or certainly incorrect).

Ash-throated Flycatcher. 17 August 2024. One at Lost Spring, Custer Co. Photographed. (4 Class 4, 2 Class 3, 1 Class 1P). Dissenting committee members noted that the head and bill of the photographed bird were smaller than on an Ash-throated, the primary projection was too long and the tail too short for Ash-throated Flycatcher, and did not rule out a Western Wood-Pewee.

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee added a new rating category, 1T, for approved records of birds in South Dakota detected by satellite tags, Motus tags, or radio-tracking. The committee also voted to add Tricolored Heron back to the Review List because of an absence of recent records and to remove Mississippi Kite from the Review List, but only in Sioux Falls, because of recent, repeated nesting documented there.



SDOU Fall Meeting, October 3 - 5, 2025

Chris Anderson, Sioux Falls

On Friday, October 3rd, birders convened at the Froiland Science Complex on the campus of Augustana University in Sioux Falls for the fall meeting. This was the first time in several decades an SDOU meeting has been held at Augustana. A few members that had never been to a meeting before were in attendance – we thank them for being part of our organization, it was nice meeting you and getting to spend some time together!

Our Friday evening speaker was Dennis Skadsen, who gave a great presentation about his bird banding efforts at Good Earth State Park. It was very interesting to hear about the species he and his crew were able to band, as well as the species that were expected but not captured or observed.

Saturday morning saw breezy conditions and temperatures already at 80 degrees (on the way to a near-record high of 90 degrees – probably a record for a fall SDOU meeting). Attendees began the day with an hour of birding at the Outdoor Campus at Sertoma Park, where the wind was a hindrance, followed by another hour at Elmwood Park, which was somewhat sheltered. Despite the conditions, a number of migrants were observed, including White-throat-



ed, Lincoln's, and Harris's Sparrows; Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warblers; Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Winter Wren, and Merlin.

The remainder of Saturday was spent at Wagoner Hall at Augustana, first listening to the research paper sessions organized by Dr. Dave Swanson, and then conducting the General Membership and Board of Directors meetings. The paper session presenters and titles of their presentations were as follows:

1. *Kat Milligan* – An assessment of avian and vegetation communities of USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement wetlands in eastern South Dakota
2. *Kyle Jorgensen* and *David Swanson* – Tracking Least Terns: On-river and off-river foraging movements along the Missouri National Recreational River
3. *Stephanie Nas* – Bird occurrence in early successional riparian vegetation along the Missouri River during migration
4. *Ricky Olson* – Lake Oahe breeding gulls and terns
5. *Chelsi Marolf* – Effects of unpredictable food and variable cold on the winter phenotype of house sparrows
6. *Sampath Kumar Anandan* – The role of cold-induced metabolic upregulation in mitochondrial respiration dynamics in house sparrows
7. *Jillian Murphy* – Cutaneous water loss of nestling songbirds
8. *Andrea Liebl* – Female tradeoffs in a cooperatively breeding species from Australia
9. *David Swanson* – Extralimital records and potential range expansion of Eurasian Tree Sparrow into the Dakotas

Of note from the General Membership meeting, members voted on a constitutional amendment to reinstate past SDOU presidents as lifetime members of the board of directors. This amendment required a 2/3-majority vote and passed by a vote of 12 yes, 4 no, with 1 abstention.



We continued at the Center for Visual Arts atrium for our evening banquet and featured speaker, Joe Blastick. Joe serves as the Prairie Coteau Conservation Manager for The Nature Conservancy, and he gave a comprehensive and captivating talk about all the land and work that TNC oversees in South Dakota. Hopefully we can incorporate some of these locations as field trip destinations for future SDOU meetings.

Birders assembled again on Sunday morning for more field trips, with one group going to Good Earth State Park and another visiting various wetlands west of Sioux Falls (Wall Lake, Dewey Gevik Conservation Area, Grass Lake, and others). The group at Good Earth found a large fall migrant flock of warblers and many Ruby-crowned Kinglets, as well as a Blue-headed Vireo and a late Eastern Towhee. The wetlands group observed quite a few waterfowl species, plus gulls, pelicans, wading birds, and late shorebirds. Between the two days of field trips, 82 species of birds were observed (see list at end of article).

Thanks to Dr. Diane Roeder and others at Augustana University for hosting us and helping to facilitate the meeting. Thanks also to Dave Swanson for organizing the paper sessions, and to all the presenters who informed and entertained us with their research talks.

Bird species recorded during the 2025 SDOU fall meeting in Sioux Falls, October 3-5. Observations included those in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall

American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Pheasant
Rock Pigeon

Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
American Coot
Killdeer
Long-billed Dowitcher

Lesser Yellowlegs
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Franklin's Gull
 Ring-billed Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
 Pied-billed Grebe
 Double-crested Cormorant
 Green Heron
 Great Egret
 Great Blue Heron
 American White Pelican
 Turkey Vulture
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Cooper's Hawk
 Bald Eagle
 Red-tailed Hawk
 Great Horned Owl
 Belted Kingfisher
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Hairy Woodpecker
 Northern Flicker

American Kestrel
 Merlin
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Blue Jay
 American Crow
 Black-capped Chickadee
 Tree Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 Northern House Wren
 Winter Wren
 Sedge Wren
 Marsh Wren
 European Starling
 Gray Catbird
 American Robin
 Cedar Waxwing
 House Sparrow
 House Finch
 American Goldfinch
 Chipping Sparrow

Clay-colored Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco
 Harris's Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 Eastern Towhee
 Western Meadowlark
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Common Grackle
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Nashville Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Wilson's Warbler
 Northern Cardinal
 Indigo Bunting



Notable Sightings: September - November 2025

By Ricky D. Olson, Ft Pierre

These are some of the notable sightings I noticed being reported during this time period, in person or on social media platforms. Notable being in the eye of the beholder, I probably missed some sightings. The warm fall weather made the start of the fall season very slow for notable bird sightings. November had many reported species of note.

September

No notable sightings

October

A Golden-Crowned Sparrow was reported from Fall River County. A Little Gull was observed in the Big Bend Dam tailrace.

November

Mute Swans and Whooping Cranes were photographed in Bon Homme County. A Varied Thrush was seen in the Brookings area. In Yankton County, along the face of Gavins Point Dam, the following were photographed: Black Scoter (photo by Roger Dietrich), Pacific Loon, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck and Surf Scoter.





A very surprising find was a Prothonotary Warbler that was reported and photographed in Hot Springs. This bird was both out of its normal range and outside its usual season.

There were a couple of reports of Snowy Owls, including one Lincoln County I-29 interstate owl that became a famous star through Facebook and a Keloland TV news story (photo by Sharon Koller).



Significant Breeding Records in South Dakota in 2025

Nancy Drilling, Rapid City

While there were no known first state breeding records of any species in summer 2025, observers documented a number of uncommon or otherwise interesting breeding attempts. In this article, I give details of these records and some background history of breeding in the state.

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

In 2024, Common Ravens nested for the first time in over 120 years in South Dakota (Drilling 2024). The birds, assumed to be the same pair, were back in May 2025, breeding on a Black Hills cliff about 250 yards from the Hell Canyon trail head in Custer County. Ravens were seen at this cliff in May 2024, but they ultimately nested successfully about 2.5 miles farther north in June and July 2024. This suggests that in 2024, they attempted a nest near the trail head that failed, and that they then renested farther down the canyon. In 2025, ravens were seen carrying food to the near-trail head location on May 9, and the nest was reported as active on May 23 and 29. Later in the summer, up to four birds were reported nearby in Jewel Cave National Monument on multiple occasions.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*)

Broad-tailed Hummingbirds were first confirmed breeding during the second Breeding Bird Atlas when an active nest was discovered in Hell Canyon (Drilling *et al.* 2018). Since then, observers regularly report females bring their fledglings to feeders but there have not been other confirmations of breeding, especially in the wild. On July 13, 2025, I observed a female feeding a very young fledgling perched in a shrub at the Willow Creek Horse Camp near Mount Rushmore.

Although not a breeding record, an individual spent June 25 until at least July 18 at a residence in Fort Pierre.

Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)

Long-eared Owl is a regular breeding species in appropriate habitat West River and along the Missouri River. This summer, a homeowner in southeastern Sioux Falls took a photo of a very young juvenile on 10 June. The bird was accompanied by an adult, indicating it was still in its parents' territory and it clearly was too young to be able to fly well. This is the first known East River breeding confirmation. The homeowner said that there was a total of two adults and four juveniles present. Photo by Peter Binstock.



Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

Another Sioux Falls breeder, the Mississippi Kite has been breeding in the city every year since at least 2021. However, in 2025, the birds nested about five miles southeast of the nesting location of previous years. The birds are not banded so we do not know if this year's pair were the same birds or offspring of previous years' nests.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)

Over the years, Olive-sided Flycatcher 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). In recent years, singing birds have been reported every summer. In 2024, most reports of a singing bird came from Black Fox Campground in eastern Pennington County. In 2025, many hikers reported a singing bird near Cathedral Spires, Custer County, from June through July 9. There also were reports from Ward Draw in Lawrence County. All of these records are from high elevation locations with mixed spruce-pine-deciduous forest and open meadow areas.

Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*)

For the seventh year in row, a Hooded Warbler was singing in the Horse Camp area of Newton Hills State Park in Lincoln County. See Drilling (2024) for background information on this species in the state. This summer, a brief, unsuccessful attempt was made to locate a female or any evidence of breeding, and continuing presence of a single singing male is still a mystery.

Colonial Waterbirds

Depending on water levels, the Prairie Pothole region of northeastern South Dakota can host extremely large and diverse colonies of nesting waterbirds (Drilling, 2007, 2008). In 2025, the largest known colonies were at Collins Slough, a large marsh in Hand County, and the Hecla marshes and tree colony in Brown County.

On June 7th, many waterbird species were already nesting in Collins Slough. This included about 350 Franklin's Gulls building nests in two sections of the marsh (the only known FRGU colony in the state in 2025), 50 White-faced Ibis (many building nests), 80 pairs of Western Grebes with chicks, and 8 nesting Forster's Terns. A visit in July added Eared Grebes with chicks, nesting Great, Snowy, and Western Cattle egrets, nesting Black-crowned Night-herons, and many American Coots with chicks to the list. Many other marsh-dwelling species were confirmed as breeding here, including several waterfowl species, shorebirds such as American Avocet, Killdeer, and Black-necked Stilt, and songbirds such as Sedge and Marsh wrens, Yellow-headed and Red-winged blackbirds, and Common Yellowthroat.

Nesting activity at the Hecla ponds in Brown County also started early. By April 20th, the flooded trees on the east side were already full, with around 225 Double-crested Cormorant nests, 39 Great Blue Heron nests, and at least four Great Egret nests. By May 4th, American Avocets and Black-necked Stilts were nesting in the marsh, but floods in late May destroyed most of those nests. American Coots and several waterfowl species also nested in the ponds.

Other large waterbird colonies reported in 2025 included Hazelden Lake in northern Day County (hundreds of egrets, Black-crowned Night-herons) and Oakwood Lakes in Brookings County (Great Blue Heron, Double-crested Cormorant).

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Fall 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 Fall 2025. All photos printed with permission of the photographers.



White-winged Scoters, Gavin's Point, 11/12/2025. Photo by Roger Dietrich



Great Egret, 9/20/2025. Photo by Jeffrey Shulz



Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Fort Pierre, 9/1/2025. Photo by Liz Aimlie



Ferruginous Hawk, Yankton Co., 11/5/2025. Photo by Roger Dietrich



Mississippi Kite fledgling, Sioux Falls, 8/23/2025. Photo by Dale Nordlie



Juvenile Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk, Tabor, 11/16/2025. Photo by Roger Dietrich



Red-tailed Hawk, Brookings Co., 9/17/2025. Photo by KC Jensen



Great Horned Owl, Stanley Co., 10/3/2025. Photo by Aileen Brunner



Snowy Owl, Lincoln Co., 11/21/2025. Photo by Cathy Logue



Eastern Screech-Owl, Codington Co., 10/25/2025. Photo by Devin Pitts



Long-eared Owl, Codrington Co., 11/14/2025. Photo by Devin Pitts



Rufous Hummingbird, central Black Hills, 8/2/2025. Photo by Mary Clark Braley



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Northern Flicker, Yankton, 11/1/2025. Photo by Sharon Koller



Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yankton, 11/13/2025. Photo by Sharon Koller



Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Mitchell, 9/26/2025. Photo by Lonnie Wiese



Purple Finch, Armour, 10/24/2025. Photo by Kelly Preheim



LeConte's Sparrow, Artesian, 10/24/2025. Photo by Linda Scher



The 2025 Spring Season 01 March 2025 to 31 May 2025

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There were 320 species, including 10 rarities (Common Crane, Western Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, Red-throated Loon, Mississippi Kite, Great Gray Owl, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Bullock's Oriole, Kentucky Warbler, Summer Tanager) and 25 first county records reported to the SDOU online database during the season. The ten-year (2015-2024) average is 314. 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. 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.

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 Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 02 Mar Sully KM; 03 Mar Bon Homme RND ... Late: 28 May Brookings CV; 26 May Hutchinson KP; 18 May Turner CV; 17 May Union CV

Ross's Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Charles Mix RND ... Late: 02 May Codington JSP; 12 Apr Hutchinson CA; 10 Apr Spink ND; 03 Apr Yankton RND

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RND; 11 Mar Haakon RDO ... Late: 03 May Hand KM; 19 Apr Day ND; 15 Apr Marshall GO; 12 Apr Bon Homme CA; 28 Mar Tripp RDO

Cackling Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RND; 11 Mar Haakon RDO ... Late: 14 May Stanley RDO; 01 May Brown GO; 15 Apr Marshall GO

Trumpeter Swan Early: 10 Mar Roberts CV; 12 Mar Meade RDO; 22 Mar Yankton RND ... Late: 20 May Roberts CV; 10 May Harding KM; 04 May Brookings CV ... Confirmed Breeding: 10 May Meade (ON) ND

Tundra Swan Early: **09 Mar Turner CA (first county record)**; 28 Mar Day ND; 29 Mar Marshall GO; 29 Mar Roberts CV ... Late: 15 Apr Brown GO; 05 Apr Hand KM

Wood Duck Early: 09 Mar Turner CA; 14 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA; 28 Mar Tripp RDO

Blue-winged Teal Early: 22 Mar Yankton RND, DS; 23 Mar Union CA; 24 Mar Brookings CV; 18 Apr Pennington OCW

Cinnamon Teal All Reports: **23 Mar Union CA; 25 Mar Union GJS; 05 Apr Union DS (first county records)**; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA; 09 May Haakon RDO; 09 May Harding KM; 30 May Fall River JSP

Northern Shoveler Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 09 Mar Turner CA; 11 Mar Minnehaha CA; 28 Mar Tripp RDO

Gadwall Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 09 Mar Clay GJS; 09 Mar Turner CA

American Wigeon Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Pennington CLG

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RND; 24 Mar Meade ND

Green-winged Teal Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Bon Homme RND; 24 Mar Pennington CLG

Canvasback Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 09 Mar Turner CA; 11 Mar Haakon RDO

Redhead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Pennington CLG

Ring-necked Duck Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 03 Mar Pennington CLG

Greater Scaup Early: 01 Mar Lyman KM; 09 Mar Turner CA; 18 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 15 Apr Marshall GO; 08 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Mar Roberts CV

Lesser Scaup Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Lyman KM; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 06 Mar Minnehaha CA; 24 Mar Meade ND

Surf Scoter All Reports: 03-21 Mar Stanley KM, RDO

Long-tailed Duck Only Report: 03 Mar Charles Mix RND

Bufflehead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 04 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 02 May Day JSP; 28 Apr Pennington CLG

Common Goldeneye Late: 20 Apr Beadle CA; 19 Apr Charles Mix KP; 12 Apr Bon Homme CA; 03 Mar Pennington CLG

Hooded Merganser Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 03 Mar Stanley KM; 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 09 Mar Clay GJS; 12 Mar Brookings CA ... Late West River: 28 May Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding: 17 May Union (PY) GJS

Common Merganser Late: 28 May Pennington CLG; 16 May Stanley KM; 10 May Charles Mix KP; 20 Apr Faulk CA

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 03 Mar Stanley KM; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 24 May Stanley RDO; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 05 Apr Lake JSP

Ruddy Duck Early: 09 Mar Turner CA; 13 Mar Stanley KM; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA; 16 Apr Tripp RDO

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 12 Apr Bon Homme CA; 26 Apr Clay CA; 29-30 Apr Douglas KP; 19 May Lincoln CA; 25 May Hutchinson KP

Ruffed Grouse Only Report: 30 May Custer JSP

Greater Sage-Grouse Only Report: 11 Mar Harding KM

Gray Partridge All Reports: 10 May Meade ND; 30 May Perkins ND

Mourning Dove Early: 10 Mar Minnehaha CA; 21 Mar Brown GO; 22 Mar Hughes KM; 05 Apr Pennington OCW

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 15 May Lincoln RDO; 15 May Union JSP, DS; 16 May Lincoln RDO; 22 May Roberts CV; 31 May Union DS

Black-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 23 May Roberts CV; 24 May Day GO; 28-29 May Roberts CV

Common Nighthawk Early: 15 May Clay JSP, DS; 22 May Lincoln KM; 24 May Day CV; 25 May Dewey, Meade, Ziebach ND

Common Poorwill All Reports: 10 May Stanley RDO; 28-29 May Harding KM; 30 May Custer JSP

Eastern Whip-poor-will All Reports: 10 May Lincoln CA; 15 May Lincoln CA; 15 May Union DS; 20 May Lincoln KM

Chimney Swift Early: 28 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Douglas KP; 02 May Minnehaha CA; 04 May Union CA; 08 May Fall River MMM

White-throated Swift Early: 08 May Harding KM; 09 May Custer RDO; 12 May Fall River KM

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: 04 May Clay GJS; 08 May Minnehaha CA; 12 May Roberts CV

Virginia Rail Early: 27 Apr Brown GO; 03 May Roberts CV; 04 May Brookings CV; 04 May Marshall GO; 14 May Hughes KM; 30 May Fall River JSP

Sora Early: 26 Apr Clay CA; 01 May Roberts CV; 03 May Charles Mix GJS; 03 May Hand KM; 09 May Harding KM

American Coot Early: 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 18 Mar Minnehaha CA; 21 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 22 Mar Yankton RND ... Confirmed Breeding: 26 May Turner (ON) KP

Sandhill Crane Early: 12 Mar Douglas KP; 12 Mar Lawrence DS; 24 Mar Pennington, Stanley KM ... Late: 11 May Harding KM; 03 May Brown GO; 30 Apr Clay DS

Whooping Crane All Reports: 29 Mar Beadle KM, RDO, JSP; 29 Mar Charles Mix KP, DS

Black-necked Stilt Early: 20 Apr Beadle CA; 20 Apr Brown ND; 21 Apr Charles Mix KP; 27 Apr Sully RDO

American Avocet Early: 05 Apr Charles Mix RND; 05 Apr Hand KM; 10 Apr Spink ND; 09 May Harding KM

Black-bellied Plover All Reports: 03 May Hand KM; 17 May Clay CA; 17 May Union CV; 25 May Brown GO; 31 May Marshall GO

American Golden-Plover Early: 27 Mar Minnehaha CA; 19 Apr Brown GO; 20 Apr Hand CA; 03 May Clay RND, GJS ... Late: 25 May Brown GO; 17 May Union CV; 15 May Hanson RDO

Killdeer Early: 03 Mar Bon Homme RND; 09 Mar Clay GJS; 09 Mar Turner CA; 12 Mar Fall River MMM

Semipalmated Plover Early: 17 Apr Stanley RDO; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 22 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 23 Apr Brookings CV; 23 Apr Clay GJS ... Late: 28 May Brookings CV; 23 May Douglas KP; 23 May Miner KM; 18 May Clay JSP, DS

Piping Plover Early: **11 Apr Clay GJS (ties earliest date)**; 16 Apr Stanley KM; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Brown GO

Upland Sandpiper Early: 29 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Stanley RDO; 01 May Brown GO; 02 May Harding ND

Long-billed Curlew Early: 03 Apr Custer MMM; 08 Apr Stanley RDO; 13 Apr Fall River JSP, DS

Hudsonian Godwit Early: 09 Apr Clay DS; 12 Apr McCook CA; 18 Apr Hyde KM... Late: 24 May Day GO; 24 May Hutchinson, McCook CA; 18 May Brookings, Turner CV; 18 May Moody CA; 17 May Clay CA, GJS, CV; 17 May Union GJS

Marbled Godwit Early: 11 Apr Sully RDO; 13 Apr Stanley KM; 16 Apr Brown ND; 16 Apr Tripp RDO

Short-billed Dowitcher Early: 12 Apr McCook CA; 27 Apr Sully KM; 11 May Turner CA ... Late: 31 May Beadle JSP; 18 May Brookings CV; 18 May Moody CA; 17 May Clay CA, GJS, CV

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 05 Apr Hand KM; 09 Apr Clay DS; 12 Apr Bon Homme, McCook CA ... Late: 18 May Brookings CV; 18 May Douglas KP; 15 May Stanley RDO; 11 May Meade ND

American Woodcock Early: 28 Mar Day ND; 28 Mar Marshall, Roberts CV; 31 Mar Codington CV; 31 Mar Lincoln CA; 06 Apr Hughes KM

Wilson's Snipe Early: 20 Mar Fall River MMM; 21 Mar Pennington OCW; 31 Mar Minnehaha CA; 05 Apr Clay GJS

Wilson's Phalarope Early: 16 Apr Tripp RDO; 18 Apr Clay DS; 18 Apr Hand KM; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Kingsbury CA; 19 Apr Sully RDO

Red-necked Phalarope Early: 03 May Brown GO; 15 May Hutchinson RDO; 15 May Minnehaha CA; 15 May Union JSP, DS; 16 May Clay CA, JSP, DS ... Late: 24 May Walworth KM; 23 May Douglas KP; 23 May Miner KM; 18 May Brookings CV; 18 May Moody CA

Spotted Sandpiper Early: 19 Apr Brookings CA; 20 Apr Brown ND; 24 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Beadle JSP; 25 Apr Fall River RDO

Solitary Sandpiper Early: 20 Apr Brown ND; 25 Apr Douglas KP; 25 Apr Moody CA; 25 Apr Pennington OCW; 26 Apr Sully RDO ... Late: 19 May Stanley KM; 17 May Clay, Union GJS; 04 May Marshall GO; 02 May Pennington OCW

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 29 Mar Charles Mix KP, DS; 30 Mar Aurora, Beadle CA, KP; 05 Apr Hand KM; 16 Apr Tripp RDO ... Late: 29 May Clay GJS; 22 May Lincoln KM; 18 May Brookings, Minnehaha CV; 11 May Meade ND

Willet Early: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 16 Apr Tripp RDO; 18 Apr Hand KM; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Sully RDO ... Late: 28 May Harding KM; 18 May Brookings CV; 18 May Moody CA; 15 May Union JSP, DS

Greater Yellowlegs Early: 24 Mar Brookings CV; 26 Mar Brown ND; 29 Mar Charles Mix DS; 29 Mar Roberts CV; 13 Apr Custer JSP, DS ... Late: 23 May Douglas KP; 19 May Lincoln CA; 18 May Brookings CV; 17 May Clay CA; 17 May Union RDO, GJS; 11 May Harding KM

Ruddy Turnstone All Reports: 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 16 May Marshall GO; 18 May Brookings CV; **18 May Moody CA, CV (first county record); 23 May Buffalo JSP (first county record);** 25 May Brown GO

Stilt Sandpiper Early: 26 Apr Douglas KP; 29 Apr Sully RDO; 30 Apr Hyde KM ... Late: 31 May Beadle JSP; 31 May Clay DS; 31 May Marshall GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 26 May Butte JSP

Buff-breasted Sandpiper Only Report: 16 May Clay JSP, DS

Sanderling Early: 22 Apr Kingsbury JSP; 27 Apr Douglas KP; 15 May Buffalo RDO; 15 May Union JSP, DS ... Late: 29 May Fall River JSP; 25 May Brown GO; 23 May Buffalo JSP; **18 May Moody CA, CV (first county record)**

Dunlin Early: 05 Apr Clay GJS, DS; 05 Apr Hand KM; 11 Apr Sully RDO; 19 Apr Brookings CA ... Late: 31 May Beadle JSP; 29 May Clay GJS; 28 May Brookings CV

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 21 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 24 Mar Brookings CA; 26 Mar Minnehaha CA; 27 Mar Clay GJS ... Late: 31 May Marshall GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 25 May Brown GO; 23 May Douglas KP; 23 May Hughes JSP

White-rumped Sandpiper Early: 30 Apr Hyde KM; 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 03 May Clay RND, DS; 03 May Hand KM; 03 May Hutchinson CA; 04 May Brookings CV ... Late: 31 May Beadle JSP; 31 May Clay DS; 31 May Marshall GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 25 May Brown GO; 24 May Perkins JSP

Least Sandpiper Early: 11 Apr Brown ND; 18 Apr Hand KM; 19 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Sully RDO ... Late: 29 May Clay GJS; 28 May Brookings CV; 24 May McCook CA

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 27 Mar Minnehaha CA; 29 Mar Charles Mix DS; 06 Apr Clay GJS ... Late: 31 May Clay DS; 28 May Brookings CV; 24 May Perkins JSP

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 05 Apr Hand KM; 12 Apr McCook CA; 19 Apr Sully RDO; 20 Apr Beadle, Hyde CA ... Late: 31 May Beadle JSP; 31 May Clay DS; 31 May Marshall GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 24 May Lincoln, McCook CA

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 27 Mar Clay GJS; 13 Apr Fall River JSP, DS; 14 Apr Stanley KM; 17 Apr Day ND ... Late: 15 May Stanley KM; 02 May Marshall JSP; 23 Apr Hughes KM

Franklin's Gull Early: 06 Mar Stanley KM; 31 Mar Hughes KM; 03 Apr Yankton RND; 11 Apr Brown ND; 09 May Perkins ND

Short-billed Gull All Reports: 21 Mar Hughes RDO; 25 Mar Hughes RDO; 01 Apr Hughes KM; 02 Apr Hughes RDO; 18 Apr Hughes RDO

Ring-billed Gull Early: 03 Mar Charles Mix RND; 03 Mar Stanley KM; 04 Mar Lake JSP; 06 Mar Hughes KM; 24 Mar Ziebach ND

California Gull Early: 17 Mar Meade RDO; 27 Mar Brown ND; 02 Apr Hughes RDO

Herring Gull Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 17 Mar Brown GO; 21 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 21 Mar Stanley KM ... Late: 15 May Stanley KM; 05 May Clay GJS; 22 Apr Kingsbury JSP

Iceland Gull All Reports: 21 Mar Stanley KM; 25 Mar Hughes RDO; 02 Apr Hughes RDO

Glaucous Gull All Reports: 14 Apr Stanley KM; 16 Apr Hughes KM

Lesser Black-backed Gull All Reports: **24 Mar Brookings CV (first county record)**; 09 Apr Stanley RDO; 11 Apr Butte JSP, DS; 14 Apr Stanley KM; 19 May Stanley KM

Least Tern All Reports: 15 May Union JSP, DS; 17 May Clay CA; 18 May Charles Mix KP; 25 May Clay GJS; 26 May Hughes KM; 27 May Stanley RDO

Caspian Tern Early: 14 Apr Stanley KM; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Charles Mix CA; 10 May Roberts CV; 26 May Butte JSP

Black Tern Early: 03 May Charles Mix GJS; 10 May Meade ND; 10 May Minnehaha CA; 11 May Clay CA

Common Tern All Reports: 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 14 May Stanley RDO; 16 May Stanley KM

Forster's Tern Early: 14 Apr Aurora JSP; 14 Apr Day ND; 17 Apr Stanley RDO; 17 Apr Yankton RND; 18 Apr Hand KM; 14 May Fall River ND

Pied-billed Grebe Early: 26 Mar Day ND; 27 Mar Clay GJS; 31 Mar Minnehaha CA; 26 Apr Fall River RDO

Horned Grebe Early: 22 Mar Yankton RND; 28 Mar Hughes CA, KM; 31 Mar Pennington CLG; 03 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 10 May Charles Mix KP; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Marshall GO; 16 Apr Tripp RDO

Red-necked Grebe All Reports: 27 Apr Roberts CV; 28-29 Apr Stanley KM; 02 May Marshall JSP; 10 May Roberts CV; 24 May Roberts CV; 31 May Brown GO

Eared Grebe Early: 12 Apr Bon Homme, Hutchinson CA; 13 Apr Fall River JSP; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 16 Apr Tripp RDO

Western Grebe Early: 26 Mar Day ND; 14 Apr Aurora JSP; 15 Apr Marshall GO; 20 Apr Charles Mix KP; 25 Apr Fall River RDO

Clark's Grebe All Reports: 28 Apr Hughes KM; 04 May Dewey ND; 15 May Stanley RDO; 29 May Fall River JSP; 31 May Marshall GO

Common Loon Early: 31 Mar Brookings JSP; 02 Apr Hughes KM; 03 Apr Yankton RND; 13 Apr Fall River JSP, DS ... Late: 10 May Gregory KP; 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 03 May Yankton GJS; 02 May Stanley KM; 26 Apr Marshall GO

Double-crested Cormorant Early: 15 Mar Minnehaha CA; 23 Mar Hughes KM; 24 Mar Brookings CV; 28 Mar Tripp RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 08 Apr Day (ON) ND; 09 Apr Day (NB) ND; 20 Apr Brown (ON) ND; 23 May Douglas (ON) KP; 28 May Brookings (ON) CV

Glossy Ibis All Reports: 18 Apr Hand KM; 15 May Stanley RDO; 27 May Sully RDO

White-faced Ibis Early: 15 Apr Marshall GO; 16 Apr Brown ND; 18 Apr Hand, Hyde KM; 25 May Perkins JSP

American Bittern Early: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Roberts CV; 21 May Douglas KP; 25 May Dewey ND

Least Bittern Only Report: 24 May Day GO

Black-crowned Night-Heron Early: 26 Apr Marshall GO; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA; 28 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 04 May Brown, Marshall GO

Snowy Egret Early: 14 Apr Day ND; 20 Apr Brown ND; 26 Apr Charles Mix KP; 26 Apr Marshall GO

Green Heron Early: 29 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Codington CV; 03 May Charles Mix GJS; 03 May Clay RND, DS

Western Cattle Egret Early: 14 Apr Minnehaha CA; 21 Apr Charles Mix KP; 02 May Day JSP

Great Egret Early: 05 Apr Codington CV; 05 Apr Lake JSP; 12 Apr Brown ND; 12 Apr Hutchinson CA; 19 May Stanley KM, RDO ... **Confirmed Breeding: 20 Apr Brown (ON) ND; 28 May Brookings (ON) CV**

Great Blue Heron Early: 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 23 Mar Brookings JSP; 27 Mar Minnehaha CA; 03 Apr Yankton RND ... Confirmed Breeding in 6 counties (Brookings, Brown, Day, Hutchinson, Meade, Pennington); CN, ON, NY

American White Pelican Early: 14 Mar Hughes KM, RDO; 24 Mar Brookings CV; 24 Mar Douglas KP; 27 Mar Clay GJS; 11 Apr Butte JSP, DS

Turkey Vulture Early: 22 Mar Clay GJS; 24 Mar Brookings CV; 24 Mar Minnehaha CA; 27 Mar Davison KP; 28 Mar Fall River MMM

Osprey Early: 31 Mar Pennington CLG; 04 Apr Fall River MMM; 12 Apr Charles Mix KP; 07 May Brown GO

Golden Eagle Late: 24 Mar Campbell ND; 06 Mar Hughes KM ... Confirmed Breeding in 4 counties (Custer, Harding, Pennington, Perkins); 02 Apr – 10 May (ON)

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 02 May Sully KM; **17 Apr Hamlin ND (first county record)**; 12 Apr Fall River MMM; 11 Apr Brown ND

Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 11 Apr Brown (NB) GO; 30 Apr Stanley (ON) RDO; 02 May Sully (ON) KM

American Goshawk Only Report: 08 Mar Clay GJS

Northern Harrier Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Fall River MMM; 02 Mar Hand RDO; 02 Mar Sully KM; 12 Mar Brookings CA; 18 Mar Meade RDO

Bald Eagle Confirmed Breeding in 18 counties (6 West River, 9 East River, 3 Missouri River); CN, ON, NE, NY

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 16 Apr Hughes KM; 19 Apr Day ND; 25 Apr Beadle JSP; 03 May Bennett MMM ... Late: 26 May Hughes KM; 22 May Lincoln KM; 20 May Edmunds GO

Swainson's Hawk Early: 15 Apr Brown ND; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Charles Mix KP; 20 Apr Faulk, Hand, Hyde CA; 02 May Harding ND; 02 May Roberts JSP

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 09 Apr Brown ND; 08 Apr Stanley RDO; 04 Apr Fall River MMM

Ferruginous Hawk All Reports: 10 Mar Fall River ND; 24 Mar Ziebach ND; 28 Mar Lyman CA; 09 May Harding KM; 25 May Harding JSP

American Barn Owl All Reports: 06 Apr Stanley KM; 17 Apr Sully RDO; 19 Apr Sully KM; 27 Apr Sully KM; 16 May Hughes KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 19 Apr Sully (ON) KM

Snowy Owl All Reports: 01 Mar Grant RDO; 28 Mar Day ND

Great Horned Owl Confirmed Breeding: 20 Apr Douglas (NY) KP; 09 May Harding (ON) KM; 27 May Fall River (NY) MMM

Burrowing Owl Early: 05 Apr Stanley RDO; 06 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Brown ND; 02 May Perkins ND

Barred Owl All Reports: 31 Mar Lincoln CA; 03 May Lincoln DS; 15 May Lincoln RDO; 21-22 May Lincoln KM

Long-eared Owl All Reports: 02 Mar Sully KM; 27 Apr Turner CA

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 02 Mar Day RDO, CV; 26 Mar Marshall CV; 15 Apr Day ND

Northern Saw-whet Owl All Reports: 01 Mar Roberts RDO, CV; 15 Mar Hughes KM

Belted Kingfisher Early: 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 15 Mar Hughes KM; 22 Mar Roberts CV; 22 Mar Yankton RND; 29 Mar Minnehaha CA

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: 17 Apr Day ND; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 27 Apr Roberts CV

Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 09 May Custer RDO; 28-30 May Custer JSP

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 12 Mar Lawrence RDO; 09 May Custer RDO; 28-30 May Custer JSP

Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP, GJS; 03 May Clay, Union RND; 03 May Lincoln DS; 08 May Douglas KP; 09 May Brookings JSP; 10 May Meade ND ... **Confirmed Breeding: 11 May Douglas (NB) KP; 17 May Union (ON) CV**

American Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 17 Mar Lawrence RDO; 09 May Custer RDO

Black-backed Woodpecker Only Report: 09 May Custer RDO

Pileated Woodpecker Reported: 02 Mar Day, Roberts RDO, CV; 16 May Marshall GO; 20 May Lincoln KM

Northern Flicker Early: 03 Mar Brown GO; 03 Mar Charles Mix, Gregory RND; 03 Mar Pennington CLG; 04 Mar Hughes KM; 06 Mar Stanley RDO

Merlin Late: 06 May Roberts CV; 26 Apr Charles Mix KP; 15 Apr Marshall GO

Peregrine Falcon Early: 30 Mar Davison CA; 05 Apr Grant CV; 09 Apr Minnehaha CA; 26 Apr Hughes KM ... Late: 16 May Clay JSP, DS; 02 May Stanley KM; 28 Apr Lake JSP

Prairie Falcon All Reports: 24 Mar Dewey ND; 10 May Harding KM; 12 May Fall River KM; 30 May Harding KM

Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 24 May Fall River MMM; 27 May Hughes KM; 28 May Brown GO; 28-29 May Harding KM; 31 May Day GO

Western Wood-Pewee Early: 12 May Fall River KM; 17 May Pennington OCW; 28 May Harding KM
Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 03 May Union RND; 15 May Minnehaha CA; 16 May Marshall GO
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Early: 21 May Lincoln KM; 21 May Minnehaha CA; 22 May Marshall, Roberts CV; 22 May Union DS ... Late: 31 May Brown, Day GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 27 May Charles Mix KP
Alder Flycatcher Early: 15 May Brown GO; 24 May Day GO; 25 May Hughes RDO ... Late: 31 May Day GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 27 May Charles Mix KP
Willow Flycatcher Early: 13 May Minnehaha CA; 15 May Brown GO; 16 May Brookings CV; 21 May Stanley RDO
Least Flycatcher Early: 01 May Stanley KM; 02 May Sully KM; 04 May Ziebach ND; 06 May Lake JSP; 08 May Harding KM
Dusky Flycatcher All Reports: 27 May Lawrence JSP; 28-30 May Custer JSP
Western Flycatcher Early: 28 Apr Pennington CLG
Eastern Phoebe Early: 29 Mar Fall River MMM; 07 Apr Clay DS; 13 Apr Minnehaha CA
Say's Phoebe Early: 06 Apr Stanley KM; 13 Apr Fall River JSP, DS; 20 Apr Douglas KP; 20 Apr Hyde CA
Great Crested Flycatcher Early: 09 May Charles Mix KP; 10 May Minnehaha CA; 10 May Douglas KP; 10 May Roberts CV; 29 May Fall River JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 31 May Roberts (CN) CV; 31 May Union (NB) DS
Cassin's Kingbird Only Report: 12 May Fall River KM
Western Kingbird Early: 28 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Gregory CA, KP; 04 May Douglas KP; 09 May Harding KM; 09 May Perkins ND
Eastern Kingbird Early: 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 04 May Brookings CV; 04 May Douglas KP; 04 May Stanley KM; 04 May Union CA; 04 May Ziebach ND; 06 May Stanley KM
Bell's Vireo Early: 13 May Stanley KM; 15 May Union JSP, DS; 16 May Hughes KM; 25 May Hutchinson KP
Yellow-throated Vireo Early: 03 May Charles Mix KP; 04 May Union CA; 05 May Clay GJS; 06 May Lake JSP
Blue-headed Vireo Early: 26 Apr Union DS; 04 May Clay GJS; 05 May Lake JSP ... Late: 23 May Brown GO; 23 May Clay GJS; 22 May Marshall CV
Plumbeous Vireo Only Report: 28 May Custer JSP
Philadelphia Vireo Early: 09 May Brookings JSP; 15 May Union JSP, DS; 16 May Lincoln RDO ... Late: 26 May Hughes KM; 24 May Day GO, CV; 24 May Marshall GO; 24 May Union DS; 24 May Walworth KM; 23 May Brown GO
Warbling Vireo Early: 30 Apr Clay DS; 03 May Charles Mix KP; 03 May Gregory CA, KP; 04 May Union CA; 06 May Lake JSP; 17 May Pennington OCW
Red-eyed Vireo Early: 09 May Douglas KP; 10 May Charles Mix KP; 10 May Roberts CV; 10 May Union GJS; 11 May Clay, Turner CA; 27 May Lawrence JSP
Loggerhead Shrike Early: 06 Apr Brown GO; 12 Apr Charles Mix KP; 16 Apr Custer MMM ... **Confirmed Breeding: 10 May Meade (ON) ND**
Northern Shrike All Reports: 28 Mar Lake JSP; 24 Mar Ziebach ND; 21 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 08 Mar Douglas KP; 02 Mar Sully KM
Canada Jay Only Report: 27 May Lawrence JSP
Pinyon Jay Only Report: 30 May Fall River JSP
Blue Jay **Confirmed Breeding: 15 Apr Fall River (NB) MMM; 04 May Union (ON) CA; 10 May Lincoln (CN) CA**
Clark's Nutcracker All Reports: 25 Apr Custer RDO; 27 May Lawrence JSP
Common Raven All Reports: 03 Mar Custer ND; 25 Apr Custer RDO; **03 May Tripp RDO (first county record)**; 09 May Custer RDO; **12 May Roberts CV (first county record)**; 28 May Custer JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 09 May Custer (CF) RDO
Bank Swallow Early: 17 Apr Hughes KM; 04 May Union CA; 10 May Kingsbury JSP; 10 May Roberts CV ... Confirmed Breeding: 25 May Clay (NY) GJS
Tree Swallow Early: 03 Apr Yankton RND; 05 Apr Charles Mix RND; 09 May Clay GJS; 09 Apr Douglas KP; 13 Apr Fall River JSP, DS

Violet-green Swallow Early: 28 Apr Pennington CLG; 09 May Harding KM; 12 May Fall River KM

Purple Martin Early: 13 Apr Douglas KP; 15 Apr Marshall GO; 15 Apr Minnehaha CA; 16 Apr Lyman RDO

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: 17 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Marshall GO; 26 Apr Roberts CV; 27 Apr Turner CA; 05 May Pennington CLG

Barn Swallow Early: 11 Apr Custer MMM; 12 Apr Charles Mix KP; 12 Apr Fall River MMM; 14 Apr Minnehaha CA

Cliff Swallow Early: 28 Apr Stanley KM; 03 May Brown GO; 03 May Charles Mix KP; 09 May Harding KM

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 28 Mar Brown GO; 13 Apr Hughes KM; 15 Apr Day ND; 18 Apr Pennington OCW ... Late: 27 May Hughes KM; 24 May Day GO; 23 May Brown GO

Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 15 Apr Day, Marshall GO; 06 Apr Brown GO; 28 Mar Day ND

Pygmy Nuthatch Reported: 07 Mar – 30 May Pennington ND, KM, OCW, JSP, DS

Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: 24 May Day GO; 05 May Hughes KM; 01 May Brown GO ... Confirmed Breeding: 30 May Harding (ON) KM

Brown Creeper Late: 29 Apr Minnehaha CA; 26 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Brown GO

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: 01 May Lake JSP; 04 May Union CA; 10 May Charles Mix KP; 10 May Lincoln CA; 10 May Roberts CV

Rock Wren Early: 08 May Harding KM; 09 May Custer RDO; 12 May Fall River KM

Canyon Wren Only Report: 28 May Custer JSP

Northern House Wren Early: 23 Apr Brookings CV; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 28 Apr Clay GJS; 08 May Harding KM

Winter Wren Only Report: 28 Mar Day ND

Sedge Wren Early: 10 May Roberts CV; 18 May Clay KSP, DS; 19 May Stanley KM

Marsh Wren Early: 01 Mar Fall River MMM; 23 Apr Brookings CV; 23 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Clay CA

American Dipper All Reports: 17 Mar Lawrence RDO; 27 May Lawrence JSP

Gray Catbird Early: 30 Apr Clay GJS; 02 May Minnehaha CA; 03 May Union RND; 09 May Pennington OCW

Brown Thrasher Early: 23 Apr Clay GJS; 27 Apr Brown GO; 27 Apr Douglas KP; 09 May Harding KM

Northern Mockingbird All Reports: 10 May Gregory KP; 25 May Brown GO; 29 May Fall River JSP

Eastern Bluebird Early: 22 Mar Hutchinson KP; 03 Apr Yankton RND; 07 Apr Hughes KM; 09 May Custer RDO; 09 May Harding KM ... **Confirmed Breeding: 11 Apr Clay (CN) GJS; 17 May Union (FL) GJS**

Mountain Bluebird Early: 02 Mar Fall River MMM; 03 Mar Custer ND; 11 Mar Pennington RDO

Townsend's Solitaire Late: 14 Apr Brown GO; 02 Mar Sully KM

Veery Early: 14 May Hughes EDS; 16 May Lincoln RDO; 16 May Roberts GO ... Late: 24 May Union DS; 22 May Marshall, Roberts CV; 22 May Minnehaha CA

Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 07 May Brown GO; 08 May Hughes RDS; 09 May Minnehaha CA; 10 May Harding KM ... Late: 23 May Clay DS; 22 May Roberts CV; 20 May Brown GO

Swainson's Thrush Early: 29 Apr Minnehaha CA; 29 Apr Roberts CV; 30 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Brown GO; 02 May Clay GJS; 09 May Harding KM; 09 May Perkins ND ... Late: 30 May Hughes RDS; 29 May Roberts CV; 28 May Brookings CV

Hermit Thrush Early: 17 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Marshall GO; 27 Apr Brown GO; 29-30 Apr Minnehaha CA

Wood Thrush Early: 10 May Lincoln CA; 11 May Clay CA; 15 May Union JSP, DS

American Pipit Early: 29 Mar Charles Mix DS; 30 Mar Beadle CA, KP; 14 Apr Aurora JSP, DS ... Late: 17 May Clay GJS; 11 May Turner CA; 10 May Meade ND

Evening Grosbeak Only Report: 17 Mar Lawrence RDO

Purple Finch Late: 06 May Roberts CV; 01 May Brown GO; 15 Apr Hyde KM

Red Crossbill Late East: 20 May Edmunds GO ... Confirmed Breeding: 11 May Harding (FL) KM

White-winged Crossbill All Reports: 03 Mar Brown RDO; 07-09 Mar Brown GO

Pine Siskin Late East: 25 May Roberts CV; 24 May Day GO; 23 May Brown GO; 07 May Hughes KM

Lesser Goldfinch Only Report: 28 May Custer JSP

Lapland Longspur All Reports: 21 Apr Day ND; 19 Apr Brown ND; 10 Apr Spink ND; 08 Apr Deuel JSP
Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 05 Apr Hand KM; 11 Apr Butte JSP, DS; 11 Apr Sully RDO; 14 Apr Day ND
Grasshopper Sparrow Early: 03 May Hyde KM; 04 May Marshall GO; 08 May Dewey KM; 10 May Harding KM; 10 May Meade ND; 10 May Roberts CV
Chipping Sparrow Early: 06 Apr Brown GO; 12 Apr Bon Homme CA; 13 Apr Clay GJS; 13 Apr Minnehaha CA; 16 Apr Tripp RDO
Clay-colored Sparrow Early: 26 Apr Roberts CV; 27 Apr Brown GO; 29 Apr Hughes KM; 05 May Pennington CLG
Field Sparrow Early: 11 Apr Clay GJS; 19 Apr Charles Mix KP; 22 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Roberts CV; 08 May Harding KM
Brewer's Sparrow All Reports: 09-10 May Harding KM; 14 May Fall River ND; 30 May Fall River JSP
Lark Sparrow Early: 23 Apr Clay GJS; 26 Apr Brown GO; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA; 30 Apr Brule KM; 09 May Harding KM; 09 May Perkins ND
Lark Bunting Early: 04 May Meade ND; 08 May Harding KM; 09 May Custer MMM; 15 May Buffalo RDO
American Tree Sparrow Late: 19 Apr Day ND; 15 Apr Marshall GO; 12 Apr Bon Homme CA; 12 Apr Brown ND
Fox Sparrow Early: 15 Mar Clay DS; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA; 15 Mar Roberts CV; 28 Mar Day ND; 31 Mar Brookings JSP ... Late: 03 May Brown GO; 15 Apr Day ND; 15 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Roberts CV
Dark-eyed Junco Late: 01 May Brown GO; 01 May Roberts CV; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Hughes KM
White-crowned Sparrow Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 06 Mar Hughes KM; 08 Mar Pennington OCW; 25 Apr Douglas KP ... Late: 21 May Clay DS; 20 May Edmunds GO; 15 May Union JSP, DS; 14 May Custer ND; 14 May Stanley RDO
Harris's Sparrow Early: 06 Mar Clay GJS; 06 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 22 May Clay GJS; 17 May Douglas KP; 14 May Roberts CV; 09 May Perkins ND
White-throated Sparrow Early: 12 Apr Brown GO; 19 Apr Douglas KP; 22 Apr Clay GJS; 09 May Pennington OCW; 09 May Perkins ND ... Late: 24 May Campbell KM; 24 May Day GO, CV; 22 May Charles Mix KP; 22 May Roberts CV
Vesper Sparrow Early: 29 Mar Charles Mix KP; 30 Mar Aurora KP; 08 Apr Custer MMM
Nelson's Sparrow All Reports: 31 May Brown, Marshall GO
Savannah Sparrow Early: 05 Apr Charles Mix RND; 05 Apr Lake JSP; 18 Apr Hand KM; 09 May Custer MMM; 09 May Harding KM
Baird's Sparrow Only Report: 26 May Butte JSP
Song Sparrow Early: 02 Mar Charles Mix KP; 10 Mar Pennington CLG; 11 Mar Haakon RDO; 12 Mar Douglas KP
Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 30 Mar Hughes KM; 12 Apr Bon Homme CA; 23 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Fall River MMM; 23 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 23 May Clay DS; 22 May Lincoln KM; 21 May Douglas KP; 21 May Lake JSP; 17 May Pennington OCW
Swamp Sparrow Early: 13 Apr Minnehaha CA; 19 Apr Brown GO; 27 Apr Stanley KM; 27 Apr Turner CA
Spotted Towhee Early: 12 Apr Brown ND; 14 Apr Fall River MMM; 17 Apr Hughes KM
Eastern Towhee Early: 31 Mar Clay GJS; 02 May Minnehaha CA; 03 May Roberts CV; 03 May Union RND
Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 12 May Fall River KM; 13 May Stanley KM; 14 May Custer ND
Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 21 Mar Clay GJS; 29 Mar Beadle KM, RDO; 31 Mar Day ND; 04 May Ziebach ND
Bobolink Early: 03 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 10 May Harding KM; 11 May Meade ND; 11 May Turner CA
Western Meadowlark Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 08 Mar Douglas KP; 09 Mar Clay GJS; 09 Mar Turner CA; 24 Mar Ziebach ND
Eastern Meadowlark Early: 25 Mar Union GJS; 30 Apr Clay DS; 15 May Lincoln RDO
Orchard Oriole Early: 03 May Yankton GJS; 04 May Clay GJS; 08 May Douglas KP; 12 May Fall River KM
Bullock's Oriole All Reports: 12 May Fall River KM; 29-30 May Fall River JSP; see also rare birds section

Baltimore Oriole Early: 01 May Clay GJS; 01 May Douglas KP; 03 May Charles Mix GJS ... **Confirmed Breeding: 23 May Lincoln (NB) KM**

Red-winged Blackbird Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 03 Mar Bon Homme RND; 04 Mar Hughes KM; 08 Mar Minnehaha CA; 21 Mar Pennington OCW

Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 07 Mar Clay GJS; 07 Mar Douglas KP; 17 Mar Codrington CV; 21 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 04 May Ziebach ND

Rusty Blackbird All Reports: 11 Mar Clay GJS; 14 Mar Brown GO; 15 Mar Clay GJS; 15 Mar Minnehaha CA; 15 Apr Marshall GO; 26 Apr Roberts CV

Brewer's Blackbird Early: 28 Mar Lyman CA; 09 Apr Day ND; 12 Apr Charles Mix CA, KP; 09 May Harding KM ... **Confirmed Breeding: 14 May Custer (CN) ND**

Common Grackle Early: 06 Mar Clay GJS; 07 Mar Douglas KP; 13 Mar Lake JSP; 28 Mar Tripp RDO

Great-tailed Grackle Early: 28 Mar Brule CA; 09 Apr Brown ND; 15 Apr Douglas KP; 25 May Butte JSP

Ovenbird Early: 07 May Brown GO; 07 May Hughes KM, EDS; 07 May Stanley RDO; 10 May Harding KM; 10 May Lincoln CA

Northern Waterthrush Early: 04 May Stanley KM; 04 May Union CA; 05 May Hughes KM; 05 May Minnehaha CA; 17 May Pennington OCW ... Late: 24 May Marshall GO; 24 May Day GO; 23 May Brown GO; 23 May Minnehaha CA; 21 May Pennington CLG; 18 May Yankton CV

Golden-winged Warbler All Reports: 15 May Union JSP, DS; 20 May Brown GO; 20 May Lincoln KM; 20 May Minnehaha CA; 22 May Union DS; 24 May Day GO

Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: 10 May Lincoln CA; 15 May Brown GO; 16 May Lincoln RDO, JSP, DS; 20-22 May Lincoln KM

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 26 Apr Union DS; 29 Apr Brown GO; 29 Apr Minnehaha CA; 29 Apr Roberts CV; 05 May Clay GJS; 09 May Perkins ND ... Late: 26 May Brown GO; 24 May Campbell KM; 24 May Day GO, CV; 24 May Marshall GO; 24 May Union DS; 23 May Minnehaha CA

Prothonotary Warbler: 06 May Stanley KM (first county record); 18 May Brown GO

Tennessee Warbler Early: 05 May Hughes KM; 06 May Stanley KM; 08 May Dewey KM; 08 May Minnehaha CA; 09 May Pennington OCW ... Late: 31 May Day GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 27 May Brown GO; 27 May Hughes KM

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 17 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Pennington OCW; 26 Apr Marshall GO; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 24 May Day GO; CV; 23 May Brown GO; 22 May Roberts CV; 21 May Hughes EDS

Nashville Warbler Early: 05 May Minnehaha CA; 06 May Roberts CV; 07 May Stanley RDO ... Late: 31 May Day GO; 28 May Brookings CV; 26 May Brown GO; 18 May Hughes KM; 18 May Union CA

Virginia's Warbler Only Report: 28 May Custer JSP

MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 27 May Lawrence JSP; 28 May Custer JSP

Mourning Warbler Early: 14 May Minnehaha CA; 15 May Union JSP, DS; 19 May Clay DS; 19 May Brown GO; **21 May Codrington CV (first county record)** ... Late: 31 May Day GO; 26 May Hughes KM; 24 May Union DS

Common Yellowthroat Early: 26 Apr Marshall GO; 01 May Stanley KM; 02 May Pennington OCW

Hooded Warbler All Reports: **09 May Brookings JSP (first county record);** 10-23 May Lincoln CA, KM, RDO, JSP, DS

American Redstart Early: 03 May Lincoln DS; 06 May Stanley KM; 08 May Clay GJS; 09 May Charles Mix KP; 09 May Pennington OCW

Cape May Warbler All Reports: 26 Apr Roberts CV; 04 May Brookings CV

Northern Parula Early: 17 Apr Hughes KM; **11 May Turner CA (first county record);** 15 May Brown GO ... Late: 28 May Brookings CV; 23 May Roberts CV; 18 May Union CA

Magnolia Warbler Early: 07 May Hughes KM; 09 May Brookings JSP; 10 May Brown GO ... Late: 28 May Brookings CV; 27 May Hughes EDS; 25 May Roberts CV

Bay-breasted Warbler Early: 14 May Minnehaha CA; 15 May Brown GO; 15 May Hughes KM; 16 May Union RDO ... Late: 26 May Brown GO; 24 May Day, Marshall GO; **24 May Campbell KM (first county record)**

Blackburnian Warbler Early: 15 May Union JSP, DS; 16 May Marshall GO; 19 May Minnehaha CA ... Late 31 May Day GO; 24 May Union DS; 23 May Clay DS

Yellow Warbler Early: **19 Apr Day ND (earliest date)**; 27 Apr Douglas KP; 28 Apr Stanley KM; 04 May Ziebach ND

Chestnut-sided Warbler Early: 10 May Charles Mix KP; 14 May Clay GJS; 14 May Minnehaha CA; 15 May Brown GO; 15 May Union JSP, DS; **16 May Turner CA (first county record)**; **18 May Bon Homme, Yankton CV (first county records) ...** Late: 28 May Brookings CV; 27 May Brown GO; 27 May Hughes KM; 24 May Day GO, CV; 24 May Marshall GO; 24 May Union DS

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 06 May Lake JSP; 06 May Stanley KM; 07 May Hughes KM; 08 May Brown GO ... Late: 26 May Hughes KM; 24 May Campbell KM; 24 May Day GO, CV; 24 May Douglas KP; 24 May Hutchinson, Lincoln CA; 24 May Marshall GO

Palm Warbler Early: 27 Apr Brown GO; 01 May Lake JSP; 04 May Brookings CV; 04 May Stanley KM; 04 May Union CA ... Late: 24 May Day GO; 23 May Brown GO; 22 May Lake JSP; 17 May Union RDO

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 26 Mar Hughes KM; 15 Apr Hyde KM; 15 Apr Marshall GO; 17 Apr Day ND; 18 Apr Pennington OCW ... Late: 24 May Day, Marshall GO; 23 May Brown GO; 22 May Lake JSP; 18 May Hughes KM

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 26 Apr Union DS; 01 May Stanley KM; 16 May Union JSP, DS; 17 May Union RDO, GJS; 18 May Brown GO; 18 May Union CA; 24 May Day GO

Canada Warbler Early: 16 May Marshall GO; 19 May Clay DS; 19 May Minnehaha CA; 20 May Lincoln KM; 20 May Roberts CV; 20 May Union DS ... Late: 31 May Union DS; 24 May Day GO; 24 May Minnehaha BB; 22 May Brown GO; 22 May Lincoln KM; 22 May Marshall CV

Wilson's Warbler Early: 08 May Minnehaha CA; 10 May Douglas KP; 10 May Lincoln CA; 10 May Roberts CV; 15 May Union JSP, DS ... Late: 25 May Roberts CV; 24 May Day GO, CV; 24 May Marshall GO; 23 May Brown GO; 21 May Hughes EDS

Summer Tanager All Reports: 17 May Union JSP, DS, CV; 20 May Union DS; see also rare birds section

Scarlet Tanager Early: 10 May Lincoln CA; 11 May Clay CA; 15 May Brown GO; 15 May Union JSP, DS

Western Tanager All Reports: 08 May Fall River MMM; 10 May Harding KM; 28 May Custer JSP; 28 May Harding KM

Northern Cardinal Reported West River: 13 reports 08 Mar – 28 May Pennington CLG, RDO, OCW

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 30 Apr Clay DS; 03 May Brown GO; 03 May Union RND; 05 May Roberts CV; 10 May Meade ND

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 Early: 15 May Union JSP, DS; 18 May Douglas KP; 23 May Buffalo JSP; 24 May Haakon JSP

Lazuli Bunting Early: 04 May Hughes KM; 06 May Stanley KM; 12 May Fall River KM

Indigo Bunting Early: 05 May Minnehaha CA; 10 May Charles Mix KP; 10 May Lincoln CA; 10 May Roberts CV; 11 May Brown GO

Dickcissel Early: 15 May Union JSP, DS; 17 May Clay CV; 18 May Yankton CV; 20 May Roberts CV

Species Expected But Not Reported

Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Great Black-backed Gull (3), Neotropic Cormorant (4), Carolina Wren (4), Sage Thrasher (3), Sprague's Pipit (3), Bohemian Waxwing, Cassin's Finch, Redpoll, LeConte's Sparrow (2), Connecticut Warbler (3)

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Common Crane: 29 Mar Beadle KM, RDO, JSP (first state record, found by S. Uecker; already approved by committee)

Western Sandpiper: 27 Apr Sully KM, RDO

Laughing Gull: 16 May Stanley KM

Red-throated Loon: 10 May Roberts CV (first county record; already approved by committee)
Mississippi Kite: 22 May Lincoln KM (first county record)
Great Gray Owl: 26 Mar – 11 Apr Hughes KM, RDO, CA, ND, CV (first county record, second live state record, already approved by committee)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow: 31 Mar Brookings JSP (first county record)
Bullock's Oriole: 15 May Union DS (first county record; already approved by committee)
Kentucky Warbler: 16 May Brookings CV (first county record)
Summer Tanager: 30 May Perkins ND (first county record; already approved by committee)

Additional Notable Reports from eBird:

American Black Duck: 12 Mar Spink K. Bardon; 27 Mar Beadle K. Bardon
Whimbrel: May 18 May Fall River J. Cosentino, M. Daw, S. Huntley, B. Schwab; 25 May Brown K. Bardon; 28 May Pennington C. Little
Sprague's Pipit: 24 Apr Jackson C. Catto; 02 May Perkins T. Ray
Thick-billed Longspur: 06, 20 Apr Fall River B. Muenchau
Pine Warbler: 01-15 Mar Codington O. McElroy; 02 Mar – 05 Apr Hughes B. and L. McCullough
Black-throated Blue Warbler: 18 May Brown T. Ray; 21 May Brown J. and K. Schultz

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