SOUTH DAKOTA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist for the Summer Season

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Statewide status codes indicated after each species name - R = regular (7-10 of the last 10 years); C = casual (3-6 of the last 10 years); A = accidental (3 or fewer times of the last 10 years); and H = hypothetical (probable but not proven to have been seen in the state). A species preceded by an asterisk (*) is considered regular for the selected checklist.

Ducks, Geese, and Swans (Anatidae)

___Black-bellied Whistling Duck (C)
___* Snow Goose (R)
___Ross's Goose (R)
___Greater White-fronted Goose (R)
___* Canada Goose (R)
___Mute Swan (C)
___* Trumpeter Swan (R)
___* Wood Duck (R)
___* Blue-winged Teal (R)
___Cinnamon Teal (R)
___* Northern Shoveler (R)
___* Gadwall (R)
___* American Wigeon (R)
___* Mallard (R)
___* Northern Pintail (R)
___* Green-winged Teal (R)
___* Canvasback (R)
___* Redhead (R)
___* Ring-necked Duck (R)
___Greater Scaup (R)
___* Lesser Scaup (R)
___Long-tailed Duck (R)
___Bufflehead (R)
___Common Goldeneye (R)
___* Hooded Merganser (R)
___* Common Merganser (R)
___Red-breasted Merganser (R)
___* Ruddy Duck (R)

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)

___* Northern Bobwhite (R)

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail (Phasianidae)

___* Wild Turkey (R)
___Ruffed Grouse (R)
___Greater Sage-Grouse (R)
___* Sharp-tailed Grouse (R)
___* Greater Prairie-Chicken (R)
___* Gray Partridge (R)
___* Ring-necked Pheasant (R)

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

___* Pied-billed Grebe (R)
___Horned Grebe (R)
___* Red-necked Grebe (R)
___* Eared Grebe (R)
___* Western Grebe (R)
___* Clark's Grebe (R)

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

___* Rock Pigeon (R)
___* Eurasian Collared-Dove (R)
___White-winged Dove (R)
___* Mourning Dove (R)

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis (Cuculidae)

___* Yellow-billed Cuckoo (R)
___* Black-billed Cuckoo (R)

Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)

___* Common Nighthawk (R)
___* Common Poorwill (R)
___* Eastern Whip-poor-will (R)

Swifts (Apodidae)

___* Chimney Swift (R)
___* White-throated Swift (R)

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

___* Ruby-throated Hummingbird (R)
___Black-chinned Hummingbird (A)
___Calliope Hummingbird (C)
___Rufous Hummingbird (R)
___* Broad-tailed Hummingbird (R)

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

___* Virginia Rail (R)
___* Sora (R)
___Common Gallinule (C)
___* American Coot (R)

Cranes (Gruidae)

___Sandhill Crane (R)

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

___* Black-necked Stilt (R)
___* American Avocet (R)

Lapwings and Plovers (Charadriidae)

___Black-bellied Plover (R)
___American Golden-Plover (R)
___* Killdeer (R)
___* Semipalmated Plover (R)
___* Piping Plover (R)
___Snowy Plover (A)

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)

___* Upland Sandpiper (R)
___* Long-billed Curlew (R)
___Hudsonian Godwit (R)
___* Marbled Godwit (R)
___Ruddy Turnstone (R)
___* Stilt Sandpiper (R)
___* Sanderling (R)
___Dunlin (R)
___* Baird's Sandpiper (R)
___* Least Sandpiper (R)
___* White-rumped Sandpiper (R)
___Buff-breasted Sandpiper (R)
___* Pectoral Sandpiper (R)
___* Semipalmated Sandpiper (R)
___* Short-billed Dowitcher (R)
___* Long-billed Dowitcher (R)
___American Woodcock (R)
___* Wilson's Snipe (R)
___* Spotted Sandpiper (R)
___* Solitary Sandpiper (R)
___* Lesser Yellowlegs (R)
___* Willet (R)
___* Greater Yellowlegs (R)
___* Wilson's Phalarope (R)
___Red-necked Phalarope (R)

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

___Bonaparte's Gull (R)
___Laughing Gull (A)
___* Franklin's Gull (R)
___* Ring-billed Gull (R)
___* California Gull (R)
___* American Herring Gull (R)
___Lesser Black-backed Gull (R)
___Great Black-backed Gull (R)
___* Least Tern (R)
___Gull-billed Tern (A)
___* Caspian Tern (R)
___* Black Tern (R)
___* Common Tern (R)
___* Forster's Tern (R)

Loons (Gaviidae)

___* Common Loon (R)
___Yellow-billed Loon (A)

Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

___* Double-crested Cormorant (R)
___Neotropic Cormorant (C)

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

___* American White Pelican (R)
___Brown Pelican (A)

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies (Ardeidae)

___* Least Bittern (R)
___* American Bittern (R)
___Tricolored Heron (A)
___* Snowy Egret (R)
___* Black-crowned Night-Heron (R)
___Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (C)
___* Green Heron (R)
___* Great Egret (R)
___* Western Cattle Egret (R)
___* Great Blue Heron (R)

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

___Glossy Ibis (R)
___* White-faced Ibis (R)

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

___* Turkey Vulture (R)

Ospreys (Pandionidae)

___* Osprey (R)

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies (Accipitridae)

___* Golden Eagle (R)
___Mississippi Kite (C)
___* Northern Harrier (R)
___Sharp-shinned Hawk (R)
___* Cooper's Hawk (R)
___American Goshawk (R)
___* Bald Eagle (R)
___* Broad-winged Hawk (R)
___* Swainson's Hawk (R)
___* Red-tailed Hawk (R)
___Rough-legged Hawk (R)
___Ferruginous Hawk (R)

Barn Owls (Tytonidae)

___* American Barn Owl (R)

Typical Owls (Strigidae)

___* Eastern Screech-Owl (R)
___* Great Horned Owl (R)
___* Burrowing Owl (R)
___Barred Owl (R)
___Long-eared Owl (R)
___Short-eared Owl (R)
___Northern Saw-whet Owl (R)

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

___* Belted Kingfisher (R)

Woodpeckers and Allies (Picidae)

___* Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (R)
___* Red-naped Sapsucker (R)
___* Lewis's Woodpecker (R)
___* Red-headed Woodpecker (R)
___* Red-bellied Woodpecker (R)
___* American Three-toed Woodpecker (R)
___Black-backed Woodpecker (R)
___* Downy Woodpecker (R)
___* Hairy Woodpecker (R)
___* Pileated Woodpecker (R)
___* Northern Flicker (R)

Caracaras and Falcons (Falconidae)

___Crested Caracara (A)
___* American Kestrel (R)
___Merlin (R)
___Peregrine Falcon (R)
___* Prairie Falcon (R)

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

___* Olive-sided Flycatcher (R)
___* Western Wood-Pewee (R)
___* Eastern Wood-Pewee (R)
___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (R)
___Alder Flycatcher (R)
___* Willow Flycatcher (R)
___* Least Flycatcher (R)
___* Dusky Flycatcher (R)
___* Western Flycatcher (R)
___* Eastern Phoebe (R)
___* Say's Phoebe (R)
___Ash-throated Flycatcher (A)
___* Great Crested Flycatcher (R)
___Cassin's Kingbird (C)
___* Western Kingbird (R)
___* Eastern Kingbird (R)

Vireos (Vireonidae)

___White-eyed Vireo (C)
___* Bell's Vireo (R)
___* Yellow-throated Vireo (R)
___Cassin's Vireo (C)
___* Plumbeous Vireo (R)
___Philadelphia Vireo (R)
___* Warbling Vireo (R)
___* Red-eyed Vireo (R)

Shrikes (Laniidae)

___* Loggerhead Shrike (R)

Jays and Crows (Corvidae)

___* Canada Jay (R)
___Pinyon Jay (R)
___Steller's Jay (A)
___* Blue Jay (R)
___* Black-billed Magpie (R)
___* Clark's Nutcracker (R)
___* American Crow (R)
___Common Raven (R)

Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)

___* Black-capped Chickadee (R)
___Mountain Chickadee (A)
___Tufted Titmouse (A)

Larks (Alaudidae)

___* Horned Lark (R)

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

___* Northern Rough-winged Swallow (R)
___* Purple Martin (R)
___* Tree Swallow (R)
___* Violet-green Swallow (R)
___* Bank Swallow (R)
___* Barn Swallow (R)
___* Cliff Swallow (R)

Kinglets (Regulidae)

___* Golden-crowned Kinglet (R)
___* Ruby-crowned Kinglet (R)

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)

___* Cedar Waxwing (R)

Nuthatches (Sittidae)

___* Red-breasted Nuthatch (R)
___* White-breasted Nuthatch (R)
___* Pygmy Nuthatch (R)

Creepers (Certhiidae)

___* Brown Creeper (R)

Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)

___* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (R)

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

___* Rock Wren (R)
___* Canyon Wren (R)
___* Northern House Wren (R)
___Pacific Wren (R)
___* Sedge Wren (R)
___* Marsh Wren (R)
___Carolina Wren (C)

Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)

___* Gray Catbird (R)
___* Brown Thrasher (R)
___Sage Thrasher (R)
___Northern Mockingbird (R)

Starlings (Sturnidae)

___* European Starling (R)

Dippers (Cinclidae)

___* American Dipper (R)

Thrushes (Turdidae)

___* Eastern Bluebird (R)
___* Mountain Bluebird (R)
___* Townsend's Solitaire (R)
___* Veery (R)
___* Swainson's Thrush (R)
___Hermit Thrush (R)
___* Wood Thrush (R)
___* American Robin (R)

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

___* House Sparrow (R)

Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

___Sprague's Pipit (R)

Fringilline and Cardueline Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)

___Evening Grosbeak (R)
___* House Finch (R)
___Purple Finch (R)
___* Cassin's Finch (R)
___* Red Crossbill (R)
___White-winged Crossbill (C)
___* Pine Siskin (R)
___* Lesser Goldfinch (R)
___* American Goldfinch (R)

Longspurs and Snow Buntings (Calcariidae)

___* Chestnut-collared Longspur (R)

New World Sparrows and Towhees (Passerellidae)

___Cassin's Sparrow (A)
___* Grasshopper Sparrow (R)
___* Lark Sparrow (R)
___* Lark Bunting (R)
___* Chipping Sparrow (R)
___* Clay-colored Sparrow (R)
___* Field Sparrow (R)
___* Brewer's Sparrow (R)
___* Dark-eyed Junco (R)
___White-crowned Sparrow (R)
___Harris's Sparrow (R)
___White-throated Sparrow (R)
___* Vesper Sparrow (R)
___Le Conte's Sparrow (R)
___Nelson's Sparrow (R)
___Baird's Sparrow (R)
___Henslow's Sparrow (A)
___* Savannah Sparrow (R)
___* Song Sparrow (R)
___* Swamp Sparrow (R)
___* Spotted Towhee (R)
___* Eastern Towhee (R)

Yellow-breasted Chat (Icteriidae)

___* Yellow-breasted Chat (R)

Blackbirds (Icteridae)

___* Yellow-headed Blackbird (R)
___* Bobolink (R)
___Eastern Meadowlark (R)
___* Western Meadowlark (R)
___* Orchard Oriole (R)
___* Bullock's Oriole (R)
___* Baltimore Oriole (R)
___* Red-winged Blackbird (R)
___* Brown-headed Cowbird (R)
___* Brewer's Blackbird (R)
___* Common Grackle (R)
___* Great-tailed Grackle (R)

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

___* Ovenbird (R)
___Golden-winged Warbler (R)
___Blue-winged Warbler (R)
___* Black-and-white Warbler (R)
___Prothonotary Warbler (A)
___Tennessee Warbler (R)
___Orange-crowned Warbler (R)
___Nashville Warbler (R)
___* Virginia's Warbler (R)
___Connecticut Warbler (R)
___* MacGillivray's Warbler (R)
___Mourning Warbler (R)
___Kentucky Warbler (C)
___* Common Yellowthroat (R)
___Hooded Warbler (R)
___* American Redstart (R)
___Northern Parula (R)
___Magnolia Warbler (R)
___Blackburnian Warbler (R)
___* Yellow Warbler (R)
___Chestnut-sided Warbler (R)
___Blackpoll Warbler (R)
___* Yellow-rumped Warbler (R)
___Prairie Warbler (A)
___Wilson's Warbler (R)

Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers and Allies (Cardinalidae)

___Summer Tanager (C)
___* Scarlet Tanager (R)
___* Western Tanager (R)
___* Northern Cardinal (R)
___* Rose-breasted Grosbeak (R)
___* Black-headed Grosbeak (R)
___* Blue Grosbeak (R)
___* Lazuli Bunting (R)
___* Indigo Bunting (R)
___Painted Bunting (A)
___* Dickcissel (R)

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