



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)
- ____ * Semipalmented Plover (R)
- ____ * Piping Plover (R)
- ____ Snowy Plover (A)

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)

- ____ * Upland Sandpiper (R)
- ____ * Long-billed Curlew (R)
- ____ Hudsonian Godwit (R)

Pigeons and Doves

(Columbidae)

- ____ * 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)
- ____ * Semipalmented 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)

Lapwings and Plovers

(Charadriidae)

- ____ Black-bellied Plover (R)
- ____ American Golden-Plover (R)
- ____ * Killdeer (R)
- ____ * Semipalmented Plover (R)
- ____ * Piping Plover (R)
- ____ Snowy Plover (A)

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)

- ____ * Upland Sandpiper (R)
- ____ * Long-billed Curlew (R)
- ____ Hudsonian Godwit (R)

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies (Ardeidae)

- ____ * 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)
- ____ * Semipalmented 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)

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

- ____ Glossy Ibis (R)
- ____ * White-faced Ibis (R)

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

- ____ * Turkey Vulture (R)
- ____ 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)
- ____ * Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (R)
- ____ * Red-naped Sapsucker (R)

Woodpeckers and Allies (Picidae)

- ____ * 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)

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 (*Icteriidae*)

___* 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)