



SOUTH DAKOTA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist for the Winter 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)

- ___ * Snow Goose (R)
- ___ * Ross's Goose (R)
- ___ * Greater White-fronted Goose (R)
- ___ Brant (C)
- ___ * Cackling Goose (R)
- ___ * Canada Goose (R)
- ___ Mute Swan (C)
- ___ Trumpeter Swan (R)
- ___ Tundra Swan (R)
- ___ * Wood Duck (R)
- ___ Blue-winged Teal (R)
- ___ * Northern Shoveler (R)
- ___ * Gadwall (R)
- ___ * American Wigeon (R)
- ___ * Mallard (R)
- ___ American Black Duck (C)
- ___ * Northern Pintail (R)
- ___ * Green-winged Teal (R)
- ___ * Canvasback (R)
- ___ * Redhead (R)
- ___ * Ring-necked Duck (R)
- ___ * Greater Scaup (R)
- ___ * Lesser Scaup (R)
- ___ Harlequin Duck (A)
- ___ Surf Scoter (R)
- ___ White-winged Scoter (R)
- ___ Black Scoter (R)
- ___ * Long-tailed Duck (R)
- ___ * Bufflehead (R)
- ___ * Common Goldeneye (R)
- ___ Barrow's 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)

Pigeons and Doves

(Columbidae)

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

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

(Rallidae)

- ___ Virginia Rail (R)
- ___ * American Coot (R)

Cranes (Gruidae)

- ___ Sandhill Crane (R)

Lapwings and Plovers

(Charadriidae)

- ___ Killdeer (R)

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies (Scolopacidae)

- ___ Baird's Sandpiper (R)
- ___ American Woodcock (R)
- ___ * Wilson's Snipe (R)

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

(Laridae)

- ___ Black-legged Kittiwake (C)
- ___ * Bonaparte's Gull (R)
- ___ Laughing Gull (A)
- ___ Franklin's Gull (R)
- ___ Short-billed Gull (R)
- ___ * Ring-billed Gull (R)
- ___ * California Gull (R)
- ___ * American Herring Gull (R)
- ___ * Iceland Gull (R)
- ___ * Lesser Black-backed Gull (R)
- ___ * Glaucous Gull (R)
- ___ Great Black-backed Gull (R)

Loons (Gaviidae)

- ___ Pacific Loon (R)
- ___ Common Loon (R)
- ___ Yellow-billed Loon (A)

Cormorants

(Phalacrocoracidae)

- ___ * Double-crested Cormorant (R)

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

- ___ American White Pelican (R)

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

(Ardeidae)

- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron (R)
- ___ * Great Blue Heron (R)

New World Vultures

(Cathartidae)

- ___ Turkey Vulture (R)

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and

Allies (Accipitridae)

- ___ * Golden Eagle (R)
- ___ * Northern Harrier (R)
- ___ * Sharp-shinned Hawk (R)
- ___ * Cooper's Hawk (R)
- ___ * American Goshawk (R)
- ___ * Bald Eagle (R)
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk (C)
- ___ 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)
- ___ * Snowy 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)
- ___ * 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)

- ___ * American Kestrel (R)
- ___ * Merlin (R)
- ___ * Gyrfalcon (R)
- ___ Peregrine Falcon (R)
- ___ * Prairie Falcon (R)

Tyrant Flycatchers

(Tyrannidae)

- ___ Great Kiskadee (A)

Shrikes (Laniidae)

- ___ * Northern Shrike (R)

Jays and Crows (Corvidae)

- ___ * Canada Jay (R)
- ___ * Pinyon Jay (R)
- ___ * 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)

Larks (Alaudidae)

- ___ * Horned Lark (R)

Kinglets (Regulidae)

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

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)

- ___ * Bohemian Waxwing (R)
- ___ * Cedar Waxwing (R)

Nuthatches (Sittidae)

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

Creepers (Certhiidae)

- ___ * Brown Creeper (R)

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

- ___ Canyon Wren (R)
- ___ Pacific Wren (R)
- ___ Winter Wren (R)
- ___ Marsh Wren (R)
- ___ Carolina Wren (C)

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

(Mimidae)

- ___ Gray Catbird (R)
- ___ Brown Thrasher (R)
- ___ Northern Mockingbird (R)

Starlings (Sturnidae)

- ___ * European Starling (R)

Dippers (Cinclididae)

- ___ * American Dipper (R)

Thrushes (Turdidae)

- ___ * Eastern Bluebird (R)
- ___ Mountain Bluebird (R)
- ___ * Townsend's Solitaire (R)
- ___ Varied Thrush (C)
- ___ Hermit Thrush (R)
- ___ * American Robin (R)

Old World Sparrows

(Passeridae)

- ___ * House Sparrow (R)
- ___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow (C)

Fringilline and Cardueline

Finches and Allies

(Fringillidae)

- ___ Evening Grosbeak (R)
- ___ Pine Grosbeak (R)
- ___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (C)
- ___ * House Finch (R)
- ___ * Purple Finch (R)
- ___ Cassin's Finch (R)
- ___ * Redpoll (R)
- ___ * Red Crossbill (R)
- ___ White-winged Crossbill (C)
- ___ * Pine Siskin (R)
- ___ Lesser Goldfinch (R)
- ___ * American Goldfinch (R)

Longspurs and Snow

Buntings (Calcariidae)

- ___ * Lapland Longspur (R)
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur (R)
- ___ * Snow Bunting (R)

New World Sparrows and

Towhees (Passerellidae)

- ___ Chipping Sparrow (R)
- ___ Field Sparrow (R)
- ___ * Fox Sparrow (R)
- ___ * American Tree Sparrow (R)
- ___ * Dark-eyed Junco (R)
- ___ * White-crowned Sparrow (R)
- ___ Golden-crowned Sparrow (A)
- ___ * Harris's Sparrow (R)
- ___ * White-throated Sparrow (R)
- ___ Vesper Sparrow (R)
- ___ Savannah Sparrow (R)
- ___ * Song Sparrow (R)
- ___ Swamp Sparrow (R)
- ___ * Spotted Towhee (R)

- ___ Eastern Towhee (R)

Blackbirds (Icteridae)

- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird (R)
- ___ * Western Meadowlark (R)
- ___ * Red-winged Blackbird (R)
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird (R)
- ___ * Rusty Blackbird (R)
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird (R)
- ___ * Common Grackle (R)
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle (R)

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

- ___ Cape May Warbler (R)
- ___ Pine Warbler (A)
- ___ * Yellow-rumped Warbler (R)

Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers

and Allies (Cardinalidae)

- ___ * Northern Cardinal (R)
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak (R)

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