



# 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

- (\*) 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)

## Ducks, Geese, and Swans

- (\*) 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)
  - (\*) 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

### (*Scolopacidae*)

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

## Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

### (*Laridae*)

- (\*) Black-legged Kittiwake (C)
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- (\*) 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)
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## Loons (Gaviidae)

- (\*) Pacific Loon (R)
- (\*) Common Loon (R)
- (\*) Yellow-billed Loon (A)

## Cormorants

### (*Phalacrocoracidae*)

- (\*) Double-crested Cormorant (R)

## Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

- (\*) American White Pelican (R)
- (\*) Pied-billed Grebe (R)
- (\*) Horned Grebe (R)
- (\*) Red-necked Grebe (R)
- (\*) Eared Grebe (R)
- (\*) Western Grebe (R)

## Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

### (*Ardeidae*)

- (\*) Black-crowned Night-Heron (R)
- (\*) Great Blue Heron (R)
- (\*) Western Grebe (R)

## New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

### (*Cathartidae*)

- (\*) Turkey Vulture (R)

## Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and

### (*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)

## 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 (Cinclidae)

- (\*) American Dipper (R)

## Thrushes (Turdidae)

- (\*) Eastern Bluebird (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)

## 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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