



SOUTH DAKOTA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist for the Spring 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)
___ * Cackling Goose (R)
___ * Canada Goose (R)
___ Mute Swan (C)
___ * Trumpeter Swan (R)
___ * Tundra Swan (R)
___ * Wood Duck (R)
___ * Blue-winged Teal (R)
___ * Cinnamon Teal (R)
___ * Northern Shoveler (R)
___ * Gadwall (R)
___ Eurasian Wigeon (A)
___ * 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)
___ Surf Scoter (R)
___ White-winged 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)
___ * 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)
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird (R)

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

(Rallidae)

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

Cranes (Gruidae)

___ * Sandhill Crane (R)
___ * Whooping 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)
___ Whimbrel (C)
___ * Long-billed Curlew (R)
___ * Hudsonian Godwit (R)
___ * Marbled Godwit (R)
___ * Ruddy Turnstone (R)

___ Red Knot (C)

___ Ruff (A)
___ * Stilt Sandpiper (R)

___ Curlew Sandpiper (A)
___ * 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)
___ Western Sandpiper (C)

___ * 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)
___ Little Gull (C)

___ 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-winged Gull (A)
___ * Glaucous Gull (R)

___ Great Black-backed Gull (R)

___ * Least Tern (R)

___ * Caspian Tern (R)
___ * Black Tern (R)

___ * Common Tern (R)
___ Arctic Tern (C)

___ * Forster's Tern (R)

Loons (Gaviidae)

___ Red-throated Loon (C)
___ * Common Loon (R)

Cormorants

(Phalacrocoracidae)

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

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

___ * American White Pelican (R)

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

(Ardeidae)

___ Least Bittern (R)
___ * American Bittern (R)

___ Little Blue Heron (C)
___ * 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)
___ Red-shouldered Hawk (C)

___ * 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)

___ * Snowy 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)

___ * American Kestrel (R)
___ * Merlin (R)

___ Gyrfalcon (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)
___ * Cooper's Hawk (R)

___ * Willow Flycatcher (R)
___ * Least Flycatcher (R)

___ * Dusky Flycatcher (R)
___ * Western Flycatcher (R)

___ * Eastern Phoebe (R)
___ * Say's Phoebe (R)

___ * Great Crested Flycatcher (R)

___ * Western Kingbird (R)
___ * Eastern Kingbird (R)

___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (A)

Vireos (Vireonidae)

___ White-eyed Vireo (C)
___ * Bell's Vireo (R)

___ * Yellow-throated Vireo (R)
___ * Blue-headed Vireo (R)

___ Plumbeous Vireo (R)
___ * Philadelphia Vireo (R)

___ * Warbling Vireo (R)
___ * Red-eyed Vireo (R)

Shrikes (Laniidae)

___ * Loggerhead Shrike (R)
___ * 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)
___ 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)

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

Nuthatches (Sittidae)

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

___ * Pygmy Nuthatch (R)

Creepers (Certhiidae)

___ * Brown Creeper (R)

Gnatcatchers (Poliopitidae)

___ * Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (R)

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

___ * Rock Wren (R)
___ * Canyon Wren (R)
___ * Northern House Wren (R)
___ Pacific Wren (R)
___ * Winter Wren (R)
___ * Sedge Wren (R)
___ * Marsh Wren (R)
___ Carolina Wren (C)

Mockingbirds and Thrashers**(Mimidae)**

___ * Gray Catbird (R)
___ Curve-billed Thrasher (A)
___ * 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)
___ Varied Thrush (C)
___ * Veery (R)
___ * Gray-cheeked Thrush (R)
___ * Swainson's Thrush (R)
___ * Hermit Thrush (R)
___ * Wood Thrush (R)
___ * American Robin (R)

Old World Sparrows**(Passeridae)**

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

Wagtails and Pipits**(Motacillidae)**

___ * American Pipit (R)
___ Sprague's Pipit (R)

Fringilline and Cardueline**Finches and Allies****(Fringillidae)**

___ Evening Grosbeak (R)
___ Pine Grosbeak (R)
___ * 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 (Calcaridae)**

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

___ Thick-billed Longspur (C)
___ Snow Bunting (R)

New World Sparrows and Towhees (Passerellidae)

___ * Grasshopper Sparrow (R)
___ * Lark Sparrow (R)
___ * Lark Bunting (R)
___ * Chipping Sparrow (R)
___ * Clay-colored Sparrow (R)
___ * Field Sparrow (R)
___ * Brewer's 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)
___ Le Conte's Sparrow (R)
___ Nelson's Sparrow (R)
___ * Baird's Sparrow (R)
___ Henslow's Sparrow (A)
___ * Savannah Sparrow (R)
___ * Song Sparrow (R)
___ * Lincoln's Sparrow (R)
___ * Swamp Sparrow (R)
___ Green-tailed Towhee (A)
___ * 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)
___ * Rusty Blackbird (R)
___ * Brewer's Blackbird (R)
___ * Common Grackle (R)
___ * Great-tailed Grackle (R)

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

___ * Ovenbird (R)
___ Worm-eating Warbler (C)
___ * Northern Waterthrush (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)
___ * Cape May Warbler (R)
___ Cerulean Warbler (A)
___ * Northern Parula (R)
___ * Magnolia Warbler (R)
___ * Bay-breasted Warbler (R)
___ * Blackburnian Warbler (R)
___ * Yellow Warbler (R)
___ * Chestnut-sided Warbler (R)
___ * Blackpoll Warbler (R)
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler (R)
___ * Palm Warbler (R)
___ * Yellow-rumped Warbler (R)
___ Yellow-throated Warbler (A)
___ Prairie Warbler (A)
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler (A)
___ Townsend's Warbler (C)
___ * Black-throated Green Warbler (R)

___ * Canada Warbler (R)
___ * 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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