



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 (Cinclidae)

- ___* 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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