



SOUTH DAKOTA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist for the River Region

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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)
___ Brant (C)
___ * 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)
___ * 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)
___ * 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)

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

___ * Ruby-throated Hummingbird (R)
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird (A)
___ Anna's Hummingbird (C)
___ Calliope Hummingbird (C)
___ Rufous Hummingbird (R)

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

(Rallidae)

___ * Virginia Rail (R)
___ * Sora (R)
___ * 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)
___ * 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)
___ Anna's Hummingbird (C)
___ * Solitary Sandpiper (R)
___ * Lesser Yellowlegs (R)
___ * Willet (R)
___ * Greater Yellowlegs (R)
___ * Wilson's Phalarope (R)
___ * Red-necked Phalarope (R)

Skuas and Jaegers

___ Pomarine Jaeger (A)
___ Parasitic Jaeger (A)

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

(Laridae)

___ Black-legged Kittiwake (C)
___ Sabine's Gull (R)
___ * 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)
___ Ruff (A)
___ Pacific Loon (R)
___ * Common Loon (R)
___ Yellow-billed Loon (A)

Cormorants

(Phalacrocoracidae)

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

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

___ * American White Pelican (R)
___ Brown Pelican (A)

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

(Ardeidae)

___ Least Bittern (R)
___ * American Bittern (R)
___ * 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)
___ * Red-headed Woodpecker (R)
___ * Red-bellied Woodpecker (R)
___ * Downy Woodpecker (R)
___ * Hairy 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)
___ * Willow Flycatcher (R)
___ * Least Flycatcher (R)
___ Hammond's Flycatcher (A)
___ * Eastern Phoebe (R)

___ * Say's Phoebe (R)
___ * Great Crested Flycatcher (R)
___ * Western Kingbird (R)
___ * Red-shouldered Hawk (C)
___ * Broad-winged Hawk (R)
___ * Swainson's Hawk (R)
___ * Red-tailed Hawk (R)
___ * Rough-legged Hawk (R)
___ * Ferruginous Hawk (R)

Vireos (Vireonidae)

___ White-eyed Vireo (C)
___ * Bell's Vireo (R)
___ * Yellow-throated Vireo (R)
___ Cassin's Vireo (C)
___ * Blue-headed Vireo (R)
___ * Philadelphia Vireo (R)
___ * Warbling Vireo (R)
___ * Red-eyed Vireo (R)

Shrikes (Laniidae)

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

Jays and Crows (Corvidae)

___ Pinyon Jay (R)
___ * Blue Jay (R)
___ * Black-billed Magpie (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)

Creepers (Certhiidae)

___ * Brown Creeper (R)

Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)

- ___ * Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (R)
- Wrens (Troglodytidae)**
- ___ Rock 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)
- ___ * Brown Thrasher (R)
- ___ Sage Thrasher (R)
- ___ * Northern Mockingbird (R)

Starlings (Sturnidae)

- ___ * European Starling (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)
- ___ Brambling (A)
- ___ * House Finch (R)
- ___ * Purple Finch (R)
- ___ * Common 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)
- ___ Smith's Longspur (C)
- ___ 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)
- ___ * 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)
- ___ * Tennessee Warbler (R)
- ___ * Orange-crowned Warbler (R)
- ___ * Nashville 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)
- ___ * 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)
- ___ Pine Warbler (A)
- ___ * Yellow-rumped Warbler (R)
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler (A)
- ___ Black-throated Gray Warbler (A)
- ___ Townsend's Warbler (C)
- ___ * Black-throated Green Warbler (R)
- ___ * Canada Warbler (R)
- ___ * Wilson's Warbler (R)
- ___ Painted Redstart (A)

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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