



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
- ____ * 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)

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

(Anatidae)

- ____ * 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)

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- ____ * Semipalmed Plover (R)
- Grebes (Podicipedidae)**
 - ____ * 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)
 - ____ * Semipalmed 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)
- Skuas and Jaegers (Stercorariidae)**
 - ____ 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)

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- ____ * 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)
 - ____ 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)

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(Anatidae)

- ____ * 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)
 - ____ Brown Pelican (A)
- 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)
- Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)**
 - ____ * Black-capped Chickadee (R)
 - ____ Tufted Titmouse (A)
- Larks (Alaudidae)**
 - ____ * Horned Lark (R)
- Swallows (Hirundinidae)**
 - ____ * Northern Rough-winged Swallow (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)
- 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)**
 - ____ * Say's Phoebe (R)
 - ____ * Great Crested Flycatcher (R)
 - ____ * Western Kingbird (R)
 - ____ * Eastern Kingbird (R)

___* 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)

___* 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)

___* 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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