

Breeding Species List, Safe Dates, and Special Species Organized by Beginning Safe Date

- This list includes species that regularly, rarely, or hypothetically could breed in South Dakota.
- On the Block Visit data sheet, only report observations of species from this list and within a species' safe date.
- Please submit an SDOU Rare Bird Report for all species with CAPITALIZED names.
- Highlighted dates have an end Safe Date different than 7/31.

Beginning Safe Date = February 1	
Great Horned Owl	2/1 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = March 1	
Golden Eagle	3/1 - 7/31
Gray Partridge	3/1 - 7/31
Ring-necked Pheasant	3/1 - 7/31
Ruffed Grouse	3/1 - 7/31
Greater Sage-Grouse	3/1 - 7/31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	3/1 - 7/31
Greater Prairie-Chicken	3/1 - 7/31
Wild Turkey	3/1 - 7/31
Northern Bobwhite	3/1 - 7/31
Rock Pigeon	3/1 - 8/31
Barn Owl	3/1 - 9/30
Eastern Screech-Owl	3/1 - 7/31
Long-eared Owl	3/1 - 7/31
Downy Woodpecker	3/1 - 7/31
Hairy Woodpecker	3/1 - 7/31
Gray Jay	3/1 - 7/31
Black-capped Chickadee	3/1 - 7/31
Red Crossbill	3/1 - 7/31
House Sparrow	3/1 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = April 1	
BARRED OWL	4/1 - 7/31
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4/1 - 7/31
American Three-toed Woodpecker	4/1 - 7/31
Black-backed Woodpecker	4/1 - 7/31
Pileated Woodpecker	4/1 - 7/31
Pinyon Jay	4/1 - 7/31
Clark's Nutcracker	4/1 - 7/31
Black-billed Magpie	4/1 - 7/31
American Crow	4/1 - 7/31
Horned Lark	4/1 - 7/31
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4/1 - 7/31
White-breasted Nuthatch	4/1 - 7/31
Pygmy Nuthatch	4/1 - 7/31
Brown Creeper	4/1 - 7/31
Canyon Wren	4/1 - 7/31
American Dipper	4/1 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = April 15	
Great Blue Heron	4/15 - 7/31
Canada Goose	4/15 - 7/31
Cooper's Hawk	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Goshawk	4/15 - 7/31
Red-tailed Hawk	4/15 - 7/31
Ferruginous Hawk	4/15 - 7/31
American Kestrel	4/15 - 7/31
Prairie Falcon	4/15 - 7/31
American Woodcock	4/15 - 7/31
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/15 - 8/31
Mourning Dove	4/15 - 8/31
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Flicker - Red-shafted	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Flicker - Yellow-shafted	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Flicker - hybrid	4/15 - 7/31
Eastern Phoebe	4/15 - 7/31
Loggerhead Shrike	4/15 - 7/31
Blue Jay	4/15 - 7/31
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4/15 - 7/31
Mountain Bluebird	4/15 - 7/31
American Robin	4/15 - 7/31
European Starling	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Cardinal	4/15 - 7/31
Red-winged Blackbird	4/15 - 7/31
Eastern Meadowlark	4/15 - 7/31
Western Meadowlark	4/15 - 8/5

Beginning Safe Date = May 1	
Pied-billed Grebe	5/1 - 7/31
American White Pelican	5/1 - 7/31
Turkey Vulture	5/1 - 7/31
Trumpeter Swan	5/1 - 7/31
Wood Duck	5/1 - 7/31
Mallard	5/1 - 7/31
Northern Pintail	5/1 - 7/31
Common Merganser	5/1 - 7/31
Northern Harrier	5/1 - 7/31
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	5/1 - 7/31
Swainson's Hawk	5/1 - 7/31
Merlin	5/1 - 7/31
American Coot	5/1 - 7/31
Piping Plover	5/1 - 7/31
Killdeer	5/1 - 7/31
Long-billed Curlew	5/1 - 7/31
Wilson's Snipe	5/1 - 7/31
Least Tern	5/1 - 7/31
Burrowing Owl	5/1 - 7/31
Short-eared Owl	5/1 - 7/31
White-throated Swift	5/1 - 7/31
Lewis's Woodpecker	5/1 - 7/31
Red-headed Woodpecker	5/1 - 7/31
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5/1 - 7/31
Red-naped Sapsucker	5/1 - 7/31
Say's Phoebe	5/1 - 7/31
COMMON RAVEN	5/1 - 7/31
Purple Martin	5/1 - 7/31
Tree Swallow	5/1 - 7/31
Eastern Bluebird	5/1 - 7/31
Townsend's Solitaire	5/1 - 7/31
Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco	5/1 - 7/31
Chestnut-collared Longspur	5/1 - 7/31
Common Grackle	5/1 - 7/31
Great-tailed Grackle	5/1 - 7/31
Brown-headed Cowbird	5/1 - 7/31
PINE GROSBEAK	5/1 - 7/31
Cassin's Finch	5/1 - 7/31
House Finch	5/1 - 7/31
White-winged Crossbill	5/1 - 7/31
Pine Siskin	5/1 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = May 15	
Red-necked Grebe	5/15 - 7/31
Eared Grebe	5/15 - 7/31
Western Grebe	5/15 - 7/31
Clark's Grebe	5/15 - 7/31
Double-crested Cormorant	5/15 - 7/31
Green Heron	5/15 - 7/31
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5/15 - 7/31
GLOSSY IBIS	5/15 - 7/31
White-faced Ibis	5/15 - 7/31
Gadwall	5/15 - 7/31
American Wigeon	5/15 - 7/31
American Black Duck	5/15 - 7/31
Blue-winged Teal	5/15 - 7/31
Cinnamon Teal	5/15 - 7/31
Northern Shoveler	5/15 - 7/31
Green-winged Teal	5/15 - 7/31
Canvasback	5/15 - 7/31
Redhead	5/15 - 7/31
HOODED MERGANSER	5/15 - 7/31
Ruddy Duck	5/15 - 7/31
Ring-necked Duck	5/15 - 7/31
Lesser Scaup	5/15 - 7/31
BUFFLEHEAD	5/15 - 7/31
COMMON GOLDENEYE	5/15 - 7/31
Osprey	5/15 - 7/31
Bald Eagle	5/15 - 7/31
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5/15 - 7/31
Broad-winged Hawk	5/15 - 7/31
Peregrine Falcon	5/15 - 7/31
Virginia Rail	5/15 - 7/31
Sora	5/15 - 7/31
SNOWY PLOVER	5/15 - 7/31
MOUNTAIN PLOVER	5/15 - 7/31
American Avocet	5/15 - 7/31
Spotted Sandpiper	5/15 - 7/31
Upland Sandpiper	5/15 - 7/31
Marbled Godwit	5/15 - 7/31
Wilson's Phalarope	5/15 - 7/31
Common Poorwill	5/15 - 7/31
Chimney Swift	5/15 - 7/31
Belted Kingfisher	5/15 - 7/31
Violet-green Swallow	5/15 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = May 15	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	5/15 - 7/31
Bank Swallow	5/15 - 7/31
Cliff Swallow	5/15 - 7/31
Barn Swallow	5/15 - 7/31
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	5/15 - 7/31
Rock Wren	5/15 - 7/31
BEWICK'S WREN	5/15 - 7/31
House Wren	5/15 - 7/31
Marsh Wren	5/15 - 7/31
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5/15 - 7/31
Northern Mockingbird	5/15 - 7/31
Sage Thrasher	5/15 - 7/31
Brown Thrasher	5/15 - 7/31
Sprague's Pipit	5/15 - 7/31
Spotted Towhee	5/15 - 7/31
Eastern Towhee	5/15 - 7/31
Brewer's Sparrow	5/15 - 7/31
Savannah Sparrow	5/15 - 7/31
Baird's Sparrow	5/15 - 7/31
Song Sparrow	5/15 - 7/31
Swamp Sparrow	5/15 - 7/31
Yellow-headed Blackbird	5/15 - 7/31
Brewer's Blackbird	5/15 - 7/31
LESSER GOLDFINCH	5/15 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = May 20	
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/20 - 7/31
Western Kingbird	5/20 - 7/31
Eastern Kingbird	5/20 - 7/31
Gray Catbird	5/20 - 7/31
NASHVILLE WARBLER	5/20 - 7/31
Virginia's Warbler	5/20 - 7/31
Yellow Warbler	5/20 - 7/31
Common Yellowthroat	5/20 - 7/31
HOODED WARBLER	5/20 - 7/31
Chipping Sparrow	5/20 - 7/31
Field Sparrow	5/20 - 7/31
Vesper Sparrow	5/20 - 7/31
Lark Sparrow	5/20 - 7/31
Lark Bunting	5/20 - 7/31
Grasshopper Sparrow	5/20 - 7/31
Bobolink	5/20 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = May 25	
American Bittern	5/25 - 7/31
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD	5/25 - 7/15
Willow Flycatcher	5/25 - 7/31
Least Flycatcher	5/25 - 7/31
Dusky Flycatcher	5/25 - 7/31
Cordilleran Flycatcher	5/25 - 7/31
Bell's Vireo	5/25 - 7/31
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/25 - 7/31
Plumbeous Vireo	5/25 - 7/31
Warbling Vireo	5/25 - 7/31
Red-eyed Vireo	5/25 - 7/31
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	5/25 - 7/31
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
NORTHERN PARULA	5/25 - 7/31
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5/25 - 7/31
PRAIRIE WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
CERULEAN WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
Black-and-white Warbler	5/25 - 7/31
American Redstart	5/25 - 7/31
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
Ovenbird	5/25 - 7/31
KENTUCKY WARBLER	5/25 - 7/31
MacGillivray's Warbler	5/25 - 7/31
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/25 - 7/31
SUMMER TANAGER	5/25 - 7/31
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE	5/25 - 7/31
CASSIN'S SPARROW	5/25 - 7/31
Clay-colored Sparrow	5/25 - 7/31
SAGE SPARROW	5/25 - 7/31
MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR	5/25 - 7/31
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/25 - 7/31
Black-headed Grosbeak	5/25 - 7/31
Hybrid B-H x R-B Grosbeak	5/25 - 7/31
Lazuli Bunting	5/25 - 7/31
Hybrid Lazuli x Indigo Bunting	5/25 - 7/31
Orchard Oriole	5/25 - 7/31
Bullock's Oriole	5/25 - 7/31
Baltimore Oriole	5/25 - 7/31
Hybrid - Baltimore x Bullock Oriole	5/25 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = June 1	
COMMON LOON	6/1 - 7/31
Horned Grebe	6/1 - 7/31
Least Bittern	6/1 - 7/31
Great Egret	6/1 - 7/31
Snowy Egret	6/1 - 7/31
Little Blue Heron	6/1 - 7/31
TRICOLORED HERON	6/1 - 7/31
Cattle Egret	6/1 - 7/31
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON	6/1 - 7/31
YELLOW RAIL	6/1 - 7/31
KING RAIL	6/1 - 7/31
COMMON MOORHEN	6/1 - 7/31
BLACK-NECKED STILT	6/1 - 7/31
Willet	6/1 - 7/31
Franklin's Gull	6/1 - 7/31
Ring-billed Gull	6/1 - 7/31
California Gull	6/1 - 7/31
HERRING GULL	6/1 - 7/31
CASPIAN TERN	6/1 - 7/31
Common Tern	6/1 - 7/31
Forster's Tern	6/1 - 7/31
Black Tern	6/1 - 7/31
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	6/1 - 7/31
Black-billed Cuckoo	6/1 - 7/31
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/1 - 7/31
Common Nighthawk	6/1 - 7/31
CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW	6/1 - 7/31
Whip-poor-will	6/1 - 7/31
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	6/1 - 7/31
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	6/1 - 7/31
Western Wood-Pewee	6/1 - 7/31
Eastern Wood-Pewee	6/1 - 7/31
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER	6/1 - 7/31
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD	6/1 - 7/31
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	6/1 - 7/31
WHITE-EYED VIREO	6/1 - 7/31
TUFTED TITMOUSE	6/1 - 7/31
WINTER WREN	6/1 - 7/31
Sedge Wren	6/1 - 7/31
HERMIT THRUSH	6/1 - 7/31
Wood Thrush	6/1 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = June 1	
Cedar Waxwing	6/1 - 7/31
Scarlet Tanager	6/1 - 7/31
Western Tanager	6/1 - 7/31
HENSLOW'S SPARROW	6/1 - 7/31
Le Conte's Sparrow	6/1 - 7/31
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	6/1 - 7/31
Blue Grosbeak	6/1 - 7/31
Indigo Bunting	6/1 - 7/31
Dickcissel	6/1 - 7/31
American Goldfinch	6/1 - 8/30
Evening Grosbeak	6/1 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = June 5	
ALDER FLYCATCHER	6/5 - 7/31

Beginning Safe Date = June 10	
Veery	6/10 - 7/31
Swainson's Thrush	6/10 - 7/31

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Species Monitored by the SD Natural Heritage Program

Outside of blocks, record all *Possible*, *Probable*, or *Confirmed* breeding observations of these species on the Extra Observations Form.

Horned Grebe	Sharp-Shinned Hawk	Olive-Sided Flycatcher
Red-Necked Grebe	Cooper's Hawk	Cassin's Kingbird
Clark's Grebe	Northern Goshawk	Clark's Nutcracker
American White Pelican	Broad-Winged Hawk	Pygmy Nuthatch
Great Blue Heron	Swainson's Hawk	Brown Creeper
Great Egret	Ferruginous Hawk	American Dipper
Snowy Egret	Golden Eagle	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Little Blue Heron	Merlin	Veery
Tricolored Heron	Peregrine Falcon	Wood Thrush
Green-Backed Heron	Prairie Falcon	Northern Mockingbird
Black-Crowned Night-Heron	Whooping Crane	Sage Thrasher
Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron	Mountain Plover	Sprague's Pipit
White-Faced Ibis	Long-Billed Curlew	Yellow-Throated Vireo
Piping Plover	American Woodcock	Black-And-White Warbler
Black-Necked Stilt	Barn Owl	Cerulean Warbler
California Gull	Burrowing Owl	Virginia's Warbler
Common Tern	Long-Eared Owl	Scarlet Tanager
Interior Least Tern	Northern Saw-Whet Owl	Brewer's Sparrow
Black Tern	Flammulated Owl	Baird's Sparrow
Least Bittern	Common Poorwill	Henslow's Sparrow
Bufflehead	Chuck-will's-widow	Le Conte's Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Whip-Poor-Will	Sharp-Tailed Sparrow
Common Merganser	Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	Mccown's Longspur
Yellow Rail	Lewis' Woodpecker	Eastern Meadowlark
King Rail	Three-Toed Woodpecker	Cassin's Finch
Osprey	Black-Backed Woodpecker	
Bald Eagle	Pileated Woodpecker	