

Breeding Species List, Safe Dates, and Special Species

- 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.

Common Name	AOU Code	Safe Dates
Canada Goose	CAGO	4/15 - 7/31
Trumpeter Swan	TRUS	5/1 - 7/31
Wood Duck	WODU	5/1 - 7/31
Mallard	MALL	5/1 - 7/31
Northern Pintail	NOPI	5/1 - 7/31
Common Merganser	COME	5/1 - 7/31
Gadwall	GADW	5/15 - 7/31
American Wigeon	AMWI	5/15 - 7/31
American Black Duck	ABDU	5/15 - 7/31
Blue-winged Teal	BWTE	5/15 - 7/31
Cinnamon Teal	CITE	5/15 - 7/31
Northern Shoveler	NSHO	5/15 - 7/31
Green-winged Teal	AGWT	5/15 - 7/31
Canvasback	CANV	5/15 - 7/31
Redhead	REDH	5/15 - 7/31
HOODED MERGANSER	HOME	5/15 - 7/31
Ruddy Duck	RUDU	5/15 - 7/31
Ring-necked Duck	RNDU	5/15 - 7/31
Lesser Scaup	LESC	5/15 - 7/31
BUFFLEHEAD	BUFF	5/15 - 7/31
COMMON GOLDENEYE	COGO	5/15 - 7/31
Gray Partridge	GRPA	3/1 - 7/31
Ring-necked Pheasant	RINP	3/1 - 7/31
Ruffed Grouse	RUGR	3/1 - 7/31
Greater Sage-Grouse	GRSG	3/1 - 7/31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	STGR	3/1 - 7/31
Greater Prairie-Chicken	GRPC	3/1 - 7/31
Wild Turkey	WITU	3/1 - 7/31
Northern Bobwhite	NOBO	3/1 - 7/31
COMMON LOON	COLO	6/1 - 7/31
Pied-billed Grebe	PBGR	5/1/ - 7/31
Horned Grebe	HOGR	6/1 - 7/31

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Red-necked Grebe	RNGR	5/15 - 7/31
Eared Grebe	EAGR	5/15 - 7/31
Western Grebe	WEGR	5/15 - 7/31
Clark's Grebe	CLGR	5/15 - 7/31
American White Pelican	AWPE	5/1/ - 7/31
Double-crested Cormorant	DCCO	5/15 - 7/31
American Bittern	AMBI	5/25 - 7/31
Least Bittern	LEBI	6/1 - 7/31
Great Blue Heron	GBHE	4/15 - 7/31
Great Egret	GREG	6/1 - 7/31
Snowy Egret	SNEG	6/1 - 7/31
Little Blue Heron	LBHE	6/1 - 7/31
TRICOLORED HERON	TRHE	6/1 - 7/31
Cattle Egret	CAEG	6/1 - 7/31
Green Heron	GRHE	5/15 - 7/31
Black-crowned Night-Heron	BCNH	5/15 - 7/31
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON	YCNH	6/1 - 7/31
GLOSSY IBIS	GLIB	5/15 - 7/31
White-faced Ibis	WFIB	5/15 - 7/31
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	5/1 - 7/31
Osprey	OSPR	5/15 - 7/31
Bald Eagle	BAEA	5/15 - 7/31
Northern Harrier	NOHA	5/1 - 7/31
Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA	5/15 - 7/31
Cooper's Hawk	COHA	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Goshawk	NOGO	4/15 - 7/31
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	RSHA	5/1 - 7/31
Broad-winged Hawk	BWHA	5/15 - 7/31
Swainson's Hawk	SWHA	5/1 - 7/31
Red-tailed Hawk	RTHA	4/15 - 7/31
Ferruginous Hawk	FEHA	4/15 - 7/31
Golden Eagle	GOEA	3/1 - 7/31

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American Kestrel	AMKE	4/15 - 7/31
Merlin	MERL	5/1 - 7/31
Peregrine Falcon	PEFA	5/15 - 7/31
Prairie Falcon	PRFA	4/15 - 7/31
YELLOW RAIL	YERA	6/1 - 7/31
KING RAIL	KIRA	6/1 - 7/31
Virginia Rail	VIRA	5/15 - 7/31
Sora	SORA	5/15 - 7/31
COMMON MOORHEN	COMO	6/1 - 7/31
American Coot	AMCO	5/1 - 7/31
SNOWY PLOVER	SNPL	5/15 - 7/31
Piping Plover	PIPL	5/1 - 7/31
Killdeer	KILL	5/1 - 7/31
MOUNTAIN PLOVER	MOUP	5/15 - 7/31
BLACK-NECKED STILT	BNST	6/1 - 7/31
American Avocet	AMAV	5/15 - 7/31
Willet	WILL	6/1 - 7/31
Spotted Sandpiper	SPSA	5/15 - 7/31
Upland Sandpiper	UPSA	5/15 - 7/31
Long-billed Curlew	LBCU	5/1 - 7/31
Marbled Godwit	MAGO	5/15 - 7/31
Wilson's Snipe	WISN	5/1 - 7/31
American Woodcock	AMWO	4/15 - 7/31
Wilson's Phalarope	WIPH	5/15 - 7/31
Franklin's Gull	FRGU	6/1 - 7/31
Ring-billed Gull	RBGU	6/1 - 7/31
California Gull	CAGU	6/1 - 7/31
HERRING GULL	HERG	6/1 - 7/31
CASPIAN TERN	CATE	6/1 - 7/31
Common Tern	COTE	6/1 - 7/31
Forster's Tern	FOTE	6/1 - 7/31
Least Tern	LETE	5/1 - 7/31
Black Tern	BLTE	6/1 - 7/31
Rock Pigeon	ROPI	3/1 - 8/31
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	BTPI	6/1 - 7/31
Eurasian Collared-Dove	EUCD	4/15 - 8/31
Mourning Dove	MODO	4/15 - 8/31
Black-billed Cuckoo	BBCU	6/1 - 7/31
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	YBCU	6/1 - 7/31
Barn Owl	BNOW	3/1 - 9/30
Eastern Screech-Owl	EASO	3/1 - 7/31

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Great Horned Owl	GHOW	2/1 - 7/31
Burrowing Owl	BUOW	5/1 - 7/31
BARRED OWL	BDOW	4/1 - 7/31
Long-eared Owl	LEOW	3/1 - 7/31
Short-eared Owl	SEOW	5/1 - 7/31
Northern Saw-whet Owl	NSWO	4/1 - 7/31
Common Nighthawk	CONI	6/1 - 7/31
Common Poorwill	COPO	5/15 - 7/31
CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW	CWWI	6/1 - 7/31
Whip-poor-will	WPWI	6/1 - 7/31
Chimney Swift	CHSW	5/15 - 7/31
White-throated Swift	WTSW	5/1 - 7/31
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	RTHU	6/1 - 7/31
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD	BTLH	5/25 - 7/15
Belted Kingfisher	BEKI	5/15 - 7/31
Lewis's Woodpecker	LEWO	5/1 - 7/31
Red-headed Woodpecker	RHWO	5/1 - 7/31
Red-bellied Woodpecker	RBWO	4/15 - 7/31
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	YBSA	5/1 - 7/31
Red-naped Sapsucker	RNSA	5/1 - 7/31
Downy Woodpecker	DOWO	3/1 - 7/31
Hairy Woodpecker	HAWO	3/1 - 7/31
American Three-toed Woodpecker	ATTW	4/1 - 7/31
Black-backed Woodpecker	BBWO	4/1 - 7/31
Northern Flicker - Red-shafted	RSFL	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Flicker - Yellow-shafted	YSFL	4/15 - 7/31
Northern Flicker - hybrid	XFL	4/15 - 7/31
Pileated Woodpecker	PIWO	4/1 - 7/31
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	OSFL	6/1 - 7/31
Western Wood-Pewee	WEWP	6/1 - 7/31
Eastern Wood-Pewee	EAWP	6/1 - 7/31
ALDER FLYCATCHER	ALFL	6/5 - 7/31
Willow Flycatcher	WIFL	5/25 - 7/31
Least Flycatcher	LEFL	5/25 - 7/31
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER	HAFL	6/1 - 7/31
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	5/25 - 7/31
Cordilleran Flycatcher	COFL	5/25 - 7/31
Eastern Phoebe	EAPH	4/15 - 7/31
Say's Phoebe	SAPH	5/1 - 7/31
Great Crested Flycatcher	GCFL	5/20 - 7/31
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD	CAKI	6/1 - 7/31

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Western Kingbird	WEKI	5/20 - 7/31
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI	5/20 - 7/31
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	STFL	6/1 - 7/31
Loggerhead Shrike	LOSH	4/15 - 7/31
WHITE-EYED VIREO	WEVI	6/1 - 7/31
Bell's Vireo	BEVI	5/25 - 7/31
Yellow-throated Vireo	YTVI	5/25 - 7/31
Plumbeous Vireo	PLVI	5/25 - 7/31
Warbling Vireo	WAVI	5/25 - 7/31
Red-eyed Vireo	REVI	5/25 - 7/31
Gray Jay	GRAJ	3/1 - 7/31
Blue Jay	BLJA	4/15 - 7/31
Pinyon Jay	PIJA	4/1 - 7/31
Clark's Nutcracker	CLNU	4/1 - 7/31
Black-billed Magpie	BBMA	4/1 - 7/31
American Crow	AMCR	4/1 - 7/31
COMMON RAVEN	CORA	5/1 - 7/31
Horned Lark	HOLA	4/1 - 7/31
Purple Martin	PUMA	5/1 - 7/31
Tree Swallow	TRES	5/1 - 7/31
Violet-green Swallow	VGSW	5/15 - 7/31
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	NRWS	5/15 - 7/31
Bank Swallow	BANS	5/15 - 7/31
Cliff Swallow	CLSW	5/15 - 7/31
Barn Swallow	BARS	5/15 - 7/31
Black-capped Chickadee	BCCH	3/1 - 7/31
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	MOCH	5/15 - 7/31
TUFTED TITMOUSE	ETTI	6/1 - 7/31
Red-breasted Nuthatch	RBNU	4/1 - 7/31
White-breasted Nuthatch	WBNU	4/1 - 7/31
Pygmy Nuthatch	PYNU	4/1 - 7/31
Brown Creeper	BRCR	4/1 - 7/31
Rock Wren	ROWR	5/15 - 7/31
Canyon Wren	CANW	4/1 - 7/31
BEWICK'S WREN	BEWR	5/15 - 7/31
House Wren	HOWR	5/15 - 7/31
WINTER WREN	WIWR	6/1 - 7/31
Sedge Wren	SEWR	6/1 - 7/31
Marsh Wren	MAWR	5/15 - 7/31
American Dipper	AMDI	4/1 - 7/31

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Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI	5/15 - 7/31
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	4/15 - 7/31
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	BGGN	5/25 - 7/31
Eastern Bluebird	EABL	5/1 - 7/31
Mountain Bluebird	MOBL	4/15 - 7/31
Townsend's Solitaire	TOSO	5/1 - 7/31
Veery	VEER	6/10 - 7/31
Swainson's Thrush	SWTH	6/10 - 7/31
HERMIT THRUSH	HETH	6/1 - 7/31
Wood Thrush	WOTH	6/1 - 7/31
American Robin	AMRO	4/15 - 7/31
Gray Catbird	GRCA	5/20 - 7/31
Northern Mockingbird	NOMO	5/15 - 7/31
Sage Thrasher	SATH	5/15 - 7/31
Brown Thrasher	BRTH	5/15 - 7/31
European Starling	EUST	4/15 - 7/31
Sprague's Pipit	SPPI	5/15 - 7/31
Cedar Waxwing	CEDW	6/1 - 7/31
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	BWWA	5/25 - 7/31
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	GWWA	5/25 - 7/31
NASHVILLE WARBLER	NAWA	5/20 - 7/31
Virginia's Warbler	VIWA	5/20 - 7/31
NORTHERN PARULA	NOPA	5/25 - 7/31
Yellow Warbler	YWAR	5/20 - 7/31
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	CSWA	5/25 - 7/31
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA	5/25 - 7/31
PRAIRIE WARBLER	PRAW	5/25 - 7/31
CERULEAN WARBLER	CERW	5/25 - 7/31
Black-and-white Warbler	BAWW	5/25 - 7/31
American Redstart	AMRE	5/25 - 7/31
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	PROW	5/25 - 7/31
Ovenbird	OVEN	5/25 - 7/31
KENTUCKY WARBLER	KEWA	5/25 - 7/31
MacGillivray's Warbler	MGWA	5/25 - 7/31
Common Yellowthroat	COYE	5/20 - 7/31
HOODED WARBLER	HOWA	5/20 - 7/31
Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH	5/25 - 7/31
SUMMER TANAGER	SUTA	5/25 - 7/31
Scarlet Tanager	SCTA	6/1 - 7/31
Western Tanager	WETA	6/1 - 7/31

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GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE	GTTO	5/25 - 7/31
Spotted Towhee	SPTO	5/15 - 7/31
Eastern Towhee	EATO	5/15 - 7/31
CASSIN'S SPARROW	CASP	5/25 - 7/31
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	5/20 - 7/31
Clay-colored Sparrow	CCSP	5/25 - 7/31
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP	5/15 - 7/31
Field Sparrow	FISP	5/20 - 7/31
Vesper Sparrow	VESP	5/20 - 7/31
Lark Sparrow	LASP	5/20 - 7/31
SAGE SPARROW	SAGS	5/25 - 7/31
Lark Bunting	LARB	5/20 - 7/31
Savannah Sparrow	SAVS	5/15 - 7/31
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP	5/20 - 7/31
Baird's Sparrow	BAIS	5/15 - 7/31
HENSLOW'S SPARROW	HESP	6/1 - 7/31
Le Conte's Sparrow	LCSP	6/1 - 7/31
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	NSTS	6/1 - 7/31
Song Sparrow	SOSP	5/15 - 7/31
Swamp Sparrow	SWSP	5/15 - 7/31
Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco	WWJU	5/1 - 7/31
MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR	MCLO	5/25 - 7/31
Chestnut-collared Longspur	CCLO	5/1 - 7/31
Northern Cardinal	NOCA	4/15 - 7/31
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR	5/25 - 7/31
Black-headed Grosbeak	BHGR	5/25 - 7/31
Hybrid Black-headed x Rose-breasted Grosbeak	HGR	5/25 - 7/31
Blue Grosbeak	BLGR	6/1 - 7/31
Lazuli Bunting	LAZB	5/25 - 7/31
Indigo Bunting	INBU	6/1 - 7/31
Hybrid Lazuli x Indigo Bunting	HBU	5/25 - 7/31
Dickcissel	DICK	6/1 - 7/31
Bobolink	BOBO	5/20 - 7/31
Red-winged Blackbird	RWBL	4/15 - 7/31
Eastern Meadowlark	EAME	4/15 - 7/31
Western Meadowlark	WEME	4/15 - 8/5
Yellow-headed Blackbird	YHBL	5/15 - 7/31
Brewer's Blackbird	BRBL	5/15 - 7/31
Common Grackle	COGR	5/1 - 7/31

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Great-tailed Grackle	GTGR	5/1 - 7/31
Brown-headed Cowbird	BHCO	5/1 - 7/31
Orchard Oriole	OROR	5/25 - 7/31
Bullock's Oriole	BUOR	5/25 - 7/31
Baltimore Oriole	BAOR	5/25 - 7/31
Hybrid - Baltimore x Bullock Oriole	HOR	5/25 - 7/31
PINE GROSBEAK	PIGR	5/1 - 7/31
Cassin's Finch	CAFI	5/1 - 7/31
House Finch	HOFI	5/1 - 7/31
Red Crossbill	RECR	3/1 - 7/31
White-winged Crossbill	WWCR	5/1 - 7/31
Pine Siskin	PISI	5/1 - 7/31
LESSER GOLDFINCH	LEGO	5/15 - 7/31
American Goldfinch	AMGO	6/1 - 8/30
Evening Grosbeak	EVGR	6/1 - 7/31
House Sparrow	HOSP	3/1 - 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	