

South Dakota - Species Checklist

This checklist identifies the roughly 430 bird species that have been seen in South Dakota. A handful of species listed here are "hypothetical", birds that haven't yet been seen, but are likely to be seen at some point in the future. The "code" column provides general information on seasonality within the state, and relative abundance. Note the emphasis on "relative". When abundance varies by season, the primary season of occurrence is provided. The "notes" column allows you to jot down a date or location for a sighting.

Codes

W - Winter	(1) Common to Abundant
M - Migrant	(2) Uncommon
S - Summer	(3) Rare or Accidental
P - Permanent Resident	(E) Likely Extirpated in the State

X	Species	Code	Notes		X	Species	Code	Notes
Ducks, Geese, and Swans (Anatidae)								
	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	(3)				Fulvous Whistling-Duck	(3)	
	Greater White-fronted Goose	M (1)				Snow Goose	M (1)	
	Ross's Goose	M (2)				Brant	M (3)	
	Cackling Goose	MW (2)				Canada Goose	P (1)	
	Mute Swan	P (3)				Trumpeter Swan	P (2)	
	Tundra Swan	M (2)				Wood Duck	S (1)	
	Gadwall	SM (1)				Eurasian Wigeon	(3)	
	American Wigeon	SM (1)				American Black Duck	(3)	
	Mallard	P (1)				Blue-winged Teal	SM (1)	
	Cinnamon Teal	SM (3)				Northern Shoveler	SM (1)	
	Northern Pintail	SM (1)				Green-winged Teal	SM (1)	
	Canvasback	SM (1)				Redhead	SM(1)	
	Ring-necked Duck	M (1)				Greater Scaup	M(3)	
	Lesser Scaup	SM (1)				Common Eider	(3)	
	Harlequin Duck	W (3)				Surf Scoter	M (3)	
	White-winged Scoter	M (3)				Black Scoter	M (3)	
	Long-tailed Duck	(3)				Bufflehead	M (1)	
	Common Goldeneye	MW (1)				Barrow's Goldeneye	MW (3)	
	Hooded Merganser	SM (2)				Common Merganser	MW (1)	
	Red-breasted Merganser	M (2)				Ruddy Duck	SM (1)	
New World Quail (Odontophoridae)								
	Northern Bobwhite	P (2)						
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail (Phasianidae)								
	Chukar	P (3)				Gray Partridge	P (2)	
	Ring-necked Pheasant	P (1)				Ruffed Grouse	P (2)	
	Greater Sage Grouse	P (2)				Dusky Grouse	P (E)	
	Sharp-tailed Grouse	P (1)				Greater Prairie Chicken	P (2)	
	Wild Turkey	P (1)						
Loons (Gaviidae)								
	Red-throated Loon	(3)				Pacific Loon	(3)	
	Common Loon	M (2)				Yellow-billed Loon	(3)	
Grebes (Podicipedidae)								
	Pied-billed Grebe	S (1)				Horned Grebe	SM (2)	
	Eared Grebe	SM (1)				Red-necked Grebe	SM (3)	
	Western Grebe	SM (1)				Clark's Grebe	(3)	
Storks (Ciconiidae)								
	Wood Stork	(3)						
Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)								
	Neotropic Cormorant	(3)				Double-crested Cormorant	SM (1)	
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)								
	American White Pelican	SM (1)				Brown Pelican	(3)	
Bitterns, Herons, and Allies (Ardeidae)								
	American Bittern	S (2)				Least Bittern	SM (2)	
	Great Blue Heron	SM (1)				Great Egret	SM (1)	
	Snowy Egret	SM (2)				Little Blue Heron	SM (3)	
	Tricolored Heron	(3)				Cattle Egret	SM (2)	
	Green Heron	S (2)				Black-crowned Night Heron	SM (2)	
	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	(3)						
Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiomithidae)								
	White Ibis	(3)				Glossy Ibis	(3)	
	White-faced Ibis	SM (2)						
New World Vultures (Cathartidae)								
	Black Vulture	(3)				Turkey Vulture	S (1)	

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Ospreys, Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies (Pandionidae and Accipitridae)							
	Osprey	SM (2)			Swallow-tailed Kite	(3)	
	White-tailed Kite	(3)			Mississippi Kite	(3)	
	Bald Eagle	P (2)			Northern Harrier	P (2)	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	P (2)			Cooper's Hawk	SM (2)	
	Northern Goshawk	P (3)			Red-shouldered Hawk	(3)	
	Broad-winged Hawk	SM (2)			Swainson's Hawk	SM (1)	
	Red-tailed Hawk	P (1)			Ferruginous Hawk	P (2)	
	Rough-legged Hawk	W (1)			Golden Eagle	(P (2)	
Caracaras and Falcons (Falconidae)							
	Crested Caracara	(3)			American Kestrel	P (1)	
	Merlin	P (2)			Gyrfalcon	W (3)	
	Peregrine Falcon	M (2)			Prairie Falcon	P (2)	
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)							
	Yellow Rail	SM (3)			Black Rail	(3)	
	King Rail	SM (3)			Virginia Rail	SM (1)	
	Sora	SM (1)			Purple Gallinule	(3)	
	Common Moorhen	S (3)			American Coot	SM (1)	
Cranes (Gruidae)							
	Sandhill Crane	M (1)			Whooping Crane	M (3)	
Lapwings and Plovers (Charadriidae)							
	Black-bellied Plover	M (2)			American Golden Plover	M (2)	
	Snowy Plover	S (3)			Semipalmated Plover	M (2)	
	Piping Plover	SM (3)			Mountain Plover	S (3)	
	Killdeer	SM (1)					
Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)							
	Black-necked Stilt	SM (3)			American Avocet	SM (1)	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)							
	Spotted Sandpiper	SM (1)			Solitary Sandpiper	M (2)	
	Greater Yellowlegs	M (1)			Lesser Yellowlegs	M (1)	
	Willet	SM (2)			Upland Sandpiper	S (1)	
	Eskimo Curlew	(E)			Whimbrel	M (3)	
	Long-billed Curlew	SM (2)			Hudsonian Godwit	M (2)	
	Marbled Godwit	SM (2)			Ruddy Turnstone	M (3)	
	Red Knot	M (3)			Sanderling	M (2)	
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	M (1)			Western Sandpiper	M (3)	
	Least Sandpiper	M (1)			White-rumped Sandpiper	M (1)	
	Baird's Sandpiper	M (1)			Pectoral Sandpiper	M (1)	
	Dunlin	M (1)			Stilt Sandpiper	M (1)	
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	M (3)			Ruff	M (3)	
	Short-billed Dowitcher	M (2)			Long-billed Dowitcher	M (1)	
	Wilson's Snipe	SM (1)			American Woodcock	SM (2)	
	Wilson's Phalarope	SM (1)			Red-necked Phalarope	M (2)	
	Red Phalarope	M (3)					
Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)							
	Black-legged Kittiwake	MW(3)			Ivory Gull	(3)	
	Sabine's Gull	(3)			Bonaparte's Gull	M (1)	
	Little Gull	(3)			Ross's Gull	(3)	
	Laughing Gull	(3)			Franklin's Gull	SM (1)	
	Mew Gull	(3)			Ring-billed Gull	P (1)	
	California Gull	SM (3)			Herring Gull	SMW (2)	
	Thayer's Gull	MW (3)			Iceland Gull	(3)	
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	(3)			Glaucous-winged Gull	(3)	
	Glaucous Gull	MW (3)			Great Black-backed Gull	(3)	
	Least Tern	SM (3)			Caspian Tern	SM (3)	
	Black Tern	S (3)			Common Tern	SM (2)	
	Arctic Tern	(3)			Forster's Tern	SM (1)	
Skuas and Jaegers (Stercorariidae) and Auks (Alcidae)							
	Pomarine Jaeger	(3)			Parasitic Jaeger	(3)	
	Long-tailed Jaeger	(3)			Ancient Murrelet	(3)	
Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)							
	Rock Pigeon	P (1)			Band-tailed Pigeon	(3)	
	Eurasian Collared Dove	P (1)			White-winged Dove	(3)	
	Mourning Dove	P (1)			Passenger Pigeon	(E)	
	Inca Dove	(3)			Common Ground-Dove	(3)	

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Lories, Parakeets, Macaws, and Parrots (Psittacidae)							
	Carolina Parakeet	(E)					
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis (Cuculidae)							
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	S (2)			Black-billed Cuckoo	S (2)	
	Groove-billed Ani	(3)					
Barn Owls and Typical Owls (Tytonidae and Strigidae)							
	Barn Owl	S (2)			Flammulated Owl	(3)	
	Eastern Screech Owl	P (1)			Great Horned Owl	P (1)	
	Snowy Owl	W (3)			Northern Hawk Owl	(3)	
	Burrowing Owl	S (2)			Barred Owl	P (3)	
	Great Gray Owl	(3)			Long-eared Owl	P (2)	
	Short-eared Owl	P (2)			Boreal Owl	(3)	
	Northern Saw-whet Owl	P (2)					
Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)							
	Common Nighthawk	S (1)			Common Poorwill	S (2)	
	Chuck-will's Widow	S (3)			Eastern Whip-poor-will	S (2)	
Swifts (Apodidae)							
	Chimney Swift	S (1)			White-throated Swift	S (2)	
Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)							
	Magnificent Hummingbird	(3)			Ruby-throated Hummingbird	S (2)	
	Anna's Hummingbird	(3)			Costa's Hummingbird	(3)	
	Calliope Hummingbird	(3)			Broad-tailed Hummingbird	S (3)	
	Rufous Hummingbird	(3)					
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)							
	Belted Kingfisher	P (1)					
Woodpeckers and Allies (Picidae)							
	Lewis's Woodpecker	P (2)			Red-headed Woodpecker	S (1)	
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	P (2)			Williamson's Sapsucker	(3)	
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	S (1)			Red-naped Sapsucker	S (2)	
	Downy Woodpecker	P (1)			Hairy Woodpecker	P (2)	
	American Three-toed Woodpecker	P (3)			Black-backed Woodpecker	P (3)	
	Northern Flicker	P (1)			Pileated Woodpecker	P (3)	
Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)							
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	M (3)			Western Wood-pewee	S (1)	
	Eastern Wood-pewee	S (1)			Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	M (3)	
	Acadian Flycatcher	(3)			Alder Flycatcher	M (2)	
	Willow Flycatcher	S (2)			Least Flycatcher	SM (1)	
	Hammond's Flycatcher	(3)			Dusky Flycatcher	S (1)	
	Cordilleran Flycatcher	S (2)			Eastern Phoebe	S (2)	
	Say's Phoebe	S (1)			Vermilion Flycatcher	(3)	
	Great Crested Flycatcher	S (1)			Great Kiskadee	(3)	
	Cassin's Kingbird	S (3)			Western Kingbird	S (1)	
	Eastern Kingbird	S (1)			Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	(3)	
Shrikes (Laniidae)							
	Loggerhead Shrike	S (2)			Northern Shrike	W (2)	
Vireos (Vireonidae)							
	White-eyed Vireo	M (3)			Bell's Vireo	SM (1)	
	Yellow-throated Vireo	SM (2)			Plumbeous Vireo	SM (2)	
	Blue-headed Vireo	M (2)			Warbling Vireo	S (1)	
	Philadelphia Vireo	M (3)			Red-eyed Vireo	S (1)	
Jays and Crows (Corvidae)							
	Gray Jay	P (2)			Pinyon Jay	P (2)	
	Steller's Jay	(3)			Blue Jay	P (1)	
	Clark's Nutcracker	P (3)			Black-billed Magpie	P (2)	
	American Crow	P (1)			Common Raven	(3)	
Larks (Alaudidae)							
	Horned Lark	P (1)					
Swallows (Hirundinidae)							
	Purple Martin	S (1)			Tree Swallow	S (1)	
	Violet-green Swallow	S (1)			Northern Rough-winged Swallow	S (1)	
	Bank Swallow	S (1)			Cliff Swallow	S (1)	
	Barn Swallow	S (1)					

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Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)							
	Black-capped Chickadee	P (1)			Mountain Chickadee	(3)	
	Boreal Chickadee	(3)			Tufted Titmouse	S (3)	
Nuthatches (Sittidae) and Creepers (Certhiidae)							
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	P (1)			White-breasted Nuthatch	P (1)	
	Pygmy Nuthatch	P (3)			Brown Creeper	P (2)	
Wrens (Troglodytidae) and Gnatcatchers (Poliptillidae)							
	Rock Wren	S (1)			Canyon Wren	P (3)	
	Carolina Wren	(3)			Bewick's Wren	(3)	
	House Wren	S (1)			Pacific Wren	(3)	
	Winter Wren	W (3)			Sedge Wren	S (1)	
	Marsh Wren	S (1)			Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	S (2)	
Dippers (Cinclidae)							
	American Dipper	P (2)					
Kinglets (Regulidae)							
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	MW (1)			Ruby-crowned Kinglet	PM (1)	
Thrushes (Turdidae)							
	Eastern Bluebird	S (1)			Western Bluebird	(3)	
	Mountain Bluebird	S (1)			Townsend's Solitaire	P (2)	
	Orange-billed Nightingale Thrush	(3)			Veery	S (2)	
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	M (2)			Swainson's Thrush	M (1)	
	Hermit Thrush	M (2)			Wood Thrush	SM (2)	
	American Robin	P (1)			Varied Thrush	(3)	
Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae), and Starlings (Sturnidae)							
	Gray Catbird	S (1)			Northern Mockingbird	S (2)	
	Sage Thrasher	S (2)			Brown Thrasher	S (1)	
	Curve-billed Thrasher	(3)			European Starling	P (1)	
Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae), and Waxwings (Bombycillidae)							
	American Pipit	M (1)			Sprague's Pipit	SM (2)	
	Cedar Waxwing	P (1)			Bohemian Waxwing	W (2)	
Longspurs and Snow Buntings (Calcaridae)							
	Lapland Longspur	W (1)			Chestnut-collared Longspur	S (1)	
	Smith's Longspur	M (3)			McCown's Longspur	SM (3)	
	Snow Bunting	W (1)					
Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)							
	Blue-winged Warbler	SM (3)			Golden-winged Warbler	M (3)	
	Tennessee Warbler	M (1)			Orange-crowned Warbler	M (1)	
	Nashville Warbler	M (2)			Virginia's Warbler	S (3)	
	Northern Parula	M (3)			Yellow Warbler	S (1)	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	M (2)			Magnolia Warbler	M (1)	
	Cape May Warbler	M (1)			Black-throated Blue Warbler	M (3)	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	SM (1)			Black-throated Gray Warbler	M (3)	
	Black-throated Green Warbler	M (2)			Townsend's Warbler	M (3)	
	Blackburnian Warbler	M (2)			Pine Warbler	M (3)	
	Prairie Warbler	SM (3)			Palm Warbler	M (2)	
	Bay-breasted Warbler	M (2)			Blackpoll Warbler	M (1)	
	Cerulean Warbler	SM (3)			Black-and-White Warbler	SM (1)	
	American Redstart	SM (1)			Prothonotary Warbler	M (3)	
	Worm-eating Warbler	M (3)			Ovenbird	S (1)	
	Northern Waterthrush	M (2)			Louisiana Waterthrush	M (3)	
	Kentucky Warbler	SM (3)			Connecticut Warbler	M (3)	
	Mourning Warbler	M (2)			MacGillivray's Warbler	S (2)	
	Common Yellowthroat	S (1)			Hooded Warbler	M (3)	
	Wilson's Warbler	M (1)			Canada Warbler	M (2)	
	Yellow-breasted Chat	S (2)					
Towhees, Sparrows, and their Allies (Emberizidae)							
	Green-tailed Towhee	(3)			Spotted Towhee	S (1)	
	Eastern Towhee	S (2)			Cassin's Sparrow	(3)	
	American Tree Sparrow	W (1)			Chipping Sparrow	S (1)	
	Clay-colored Sparrow	SM (1)			Brewer's Sparrow	S (2)	
	Field Sparrow	S (1)			Vesper Sparrow	S (1)	
	Lark Sparrow	S (1)			Black-throated Sparrow	(3)	
	Sage Sparrow	S (3)			Lark Bunting	S (1)	
	Savannah Sparrow	S (1)			Grasshopper Sparrow	S (1)	
	Baird's Sparrow	S (2)			Henslow's Sparrow	SM (3)	

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Towhees, Sparrows, and their Allies (Emberizidae) - Continued							
	Le Conte's Sparrow	SM (2)			Nelson's Sparrow	SM (3)	
	Fox Sparrow	MW (2)			Song Sparrow	S (1)	
	Lincoln's Sparrow	M (1)			Swamp Sparrow	S (2)	
	White-throated Sparrow	M (1)			Harris's Sparrow	M (1)	
	White-crowned Sparrow	M (1)			Golden-crowned Sparrow	(3)	
	Dark-eyed Junco	W (1)					
Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers, and Allies (Cardinalidae)							
	Summer Tanager	SM (3)			Scarlet Tanager	S (2)	
	Western Tanager	S (2)			Northern Cardinal	P (1)	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	S (1)			Black-headed Grosbeak	S (1)	
	Blue Grosbeak	S (2)			Lazuli Bunting	S (2)	
	Indigo Bunting	S (1)			Painted Bunting	(3)	
	Dickcissel	S (1)					
Blackbirds (Icteridae)							
	Bobolink	S (1)			Red-winged Blackbird	P (1)	
	Eastern Meadowlark	P (3)			Western Meadowlark	P (1)	
	Yellow-headed Blackbird	S (1)			Rusty Blackbird	M (2)	
	Brewer's Blackbird	S (1)			Common Grackle	S (1)	
	Great-tailed Grackle	S (2)			Brown-headed Cowbird	S (1)	
	Orchard Oriole	S (1)			Baltimore Oriole	S (1)	
	Bullock's Oriole	S (2)					
Fringilline and Careuline Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)							
	Brambling	(3)			Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	W (2)	
	Pine Grosbeak	W (3)			Purple Finch	W (2)	
	Cassin's Finch	P (2)			House Finch	P (1)	
	Red Crossbill	P (1)			White-winged Crossbill	W (3)	
	Common Redpoll	W (2)			Hoary Redpoll	W (3)	
	Pine Siskin	PW (1)			Lesser Goldfinch	S (3)	
	American Goldfinch	P (1)			Evening Grosbeak	P (2)	
Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)							
	House Sparrow	P (1)					

NOTES:
