

N. D. Birding Society – North American Birds Spring Report

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

This was a season of ups and downs in North Dakota. In the Bismarck area, the season started with 21 inches of snowpack. Thawing on 6 March was the first since 23 January. The Red River was again over flood stage, but that was short lived and conditions in March improved quickly. A two-week stretch of warm weather in April coupled with high winds from the south probably aided in a lot of flyover activity. The first two weeks of May were cold, with little insect activity, and this seemed to put migration behind schedule. However, once again, warm weather and winds may have aided in more flyover events in mid-May. Temperatures finished 8 degrees above average for both March and April, then below average for May 1-13, then above average again the remainder of the month. Precipitation was said to be average throughout the period by some, but Bismarck was 1.62 inches above average for precipitation for April.

This season was described as “one of the poorest bird shows I can remember” by Eve Freeberg. Generally, numbers were very low, with few weather events. The habitat for waterfowl was good with abundant moisture in late winter. However, this meant that the shorebird showing was generally poor outside of lagoon systems, due to the high water. Piping Plovers nested in fallow fields rather than alkaline sloughs this spring, for example.

MOST IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

From the top of the list, the first intriguing item was a second-hand report of a Black-bellied Whistling Duck in *Barnes* County. Trumpeter Swans continue their comeback in ND with eastern reports, and a lingering individual in *Stutsman*. Two different reports of male Eurasian Wigeons were received, along with an unusual spring Surf Scoter and Long-tailed Duck. A Yellow-crowned Night Heron was found in Jamestown turning a 7 May snowfall. In mid-May, two more banded individuals from the Wisconsin Whooping Crane flock were found in *Ransom* County.

Three Black-necked Stilt reports were received, along with a Western Sandpiper. Lesser Black-backed Gulls are now regular in Bismarck in April, and this year the area had the state's second spring report of Iceland Gull. A White-winged Dove showed up at a Horace residence for the second consecutive year. Good numbers of Short-eared Owls were reported, along with Northern Saw-whet Owls. A good find in Jamestown in mid-May was a Plumbeous Vireo. Photographed at Long Lake NWR was a Rock Wren, a first for that refuge. In the warbler family, a Blue-winged Warbler was found near Larimore, and a Kentucky Warbler was found singing for a day in Turtle River State Park. At the end of the month, a photo was received of a Worm-eating Warbler at Cross Ranch State Park. Two Summer Tanager reports and two Western Tanager reports were received. Two Great-tailed Grackles were reported in ND, showing signs that maybe they will finally expand into North Dakota. Lastly, White-winged Crossbills made a push into ND during the CBC season, and fair numbers stayed to nest.

ABBREVIATIONS:

CSNWR - J. Clark Salyer NWR
GF Lagoons - Grand Forks Lagoons
KSNWR - Kelly's Slough NWR
LLNWR – Long Lake NWR
NDBS - North Dakota Birding Society (Fieldtrip)
NPWRC - Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center - Jamestown
NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
TRSP - Turtle River State Park
TRNP - Theodore Roosevelt National Park
USNWR - Upper Souris NWR

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck – 11 May (1) southern *Barnes* along Hwy 1 (Jason Smith of NDGF, fide BJA). (*third state report*)

Gr. White-fronted Goose – First 17 Mar (6) *Morton* (HCT), (6) *Burleigh* (CDE). Peak 28 Mar (12,200) se ND (DWR). Last 16 May (20) *McHenry* (REM,DOL). (*second peak*)

Snow Goose – First 17 Mar (1) *Morton* (HCT), (1) *Burleigh* (CDE). Peak 28 Mar (20k) *Richland*, (210k) *Foster,Wells* (REM). Last EOP.

Ross's Goose – First 21 Mar (2) *Jamestown* (LDI). Peak 28 Mar (78) ND (REM). Last 22 May (2) *Benson* (REM).

Cackling Goose – 15 Mar (2) *Mandan* (HCT). Peak 30 Mar (6250) *Ward* (REM). Last 15 May (1) *McHenry* (DOL).

Canada Goose – Wintering (13,000) in Bismarck-Mandan. First spring migrant 13 Mar (2) *Grand Forks* (DOL), (2) *Jamestown* (CZ). Peak 28 Mar (6200) *Eddy, McHenry, Ward* (REM).

Tundra Swan – First 22 Mar (331) *Cass* (DWR), (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF), (5) *Fargo* (MAO). Peak 28 Mar (4400) se ND (REM,DWR). Last 25 May (2) *Steele* (KRC).

Trumpeter Swan – 05 Apr to 07 May (1) *Jamestown* (CMD,AB, et al). 14 Apr (2) *Stutsman* (CMD). 16 to 23 May (1-2) flyovers in *Grand Forks* (Todd Leake, fide DOL).

Wood Duck – First 20 Mar (1) *Kist Livestock, Mandan* (CDE,HCT). Peak 30 May (55) *Oak Park* (CJT). 13 May (brood) *Mickelson Park* (DPW).

Gadwall – Wintering 13 Mar (1) *Gar Dam marsh* (REM). First 20 Mar (1) *Kist Livestock, Mandan* (CDE,HCT), (2) *Garrison Dam* (REM). Peak 08 May (480) *Kidder* (HCT,BM).

American Wigeon – First 20 Mar (6) *Garrison Dam* (REM). Peak 10 Apr (75) *McHenry* (REM), 11 Apr (75) *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT).

Eurasian Wigeon – 06 May to 09 May (1) *Fargo Lagoons* (KRC, DWR et al). 12 May (1) *Ward* (Ryan Shively of USFWS). (*now 20 reports for ND*).

American Black Duck – 03 Apr (1) *Barnes* (JML). 07 May (1) *Fargo Lagoons* (DWR,DOL,REM). (*ties 6th early*)

Mallard – Overwintered (3) at *GF Lagoons* (EEF). 13 Mar (3000) *Garrison Dam* (REM). First 16 Mar (3) *KSNWR* (SJA). Peak 30 Mar (600) *Burleigh* (HCT). 05 Apr (2 eggs) *Jamestown* (LDI). 06 May (12y) *GF Lagoons* (EEF).

Blue-winged Teal – First 28 Mar (1) *Richland* (REM,DWR). Peak 04 May (600) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Cinnamon Teal – First 05 May (1) *CSNWR* (GAE). 09 May (1) *Stark* (JWH). 26 May (1) *Stark* (JWH). 31 May (1) *McKenzie Slough* (DNS,IS).

Northern Shoveler – First 17 Mar (4) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE). Peak 13 Apr (2050) *Burleigh, Kidder, Logan* (HCT). 10 May (2000) *GF Lagoons* (EEF).

Northern Pintail – First 13 Mar (4) *Gar Dam* (REM). Peak 26 Mar (6000) *McKenzie Slough* (HCT). 09 May (6y) *GF Lagoons* (EEF).

Green-winged Teal – First 20 Mar (1) *Garrison Dam* (REM). Peak 13 Apr (600) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Canvasback – First 26 Mar (6) *Cass* (DWR), (1) *Burleigh* (AGV,KJV). Peak 06 Apr (600) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). 19 May (8y) *GF Lagoons* (EEF).

Redhead – First 17 Mar (2) CSNWR (GEE). Peak 31 Mar (1000) McKenzie Slough (HCT,CDE). 11 May (8y) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Ring-necked Duck – First 24 Mar (1) GF Lagoons (EEF), (1) Minot Lag (REM). Peak 09 Apr (140) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Greater Scaup – First 27 Mar (8) *Cass* (DWR). Peak 13 Apr (290) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last 15 May (4) *Burleigh* (HCT,BM).

Lesser Scaup – First 20 Mar (1) Garrison Dam (REM). Peak 13 Apr (7000) *Burleigh, Kidder, Logan* (HCT).

Surf Scoter – 12 May (1) Pipestem Reservoir (Gary Edwards of PA, fide LDI). (*5th spring report*)

Long-tailed Duck – Winter to 20 Mar (1) Gar Dam boat ramp (REM). 09 May (1) Fargo Lagoons (KRC,DWR,MM) (*5th late report*)

Bufflehead – Wintering 13 Mar (14) Garrison Dam (REM). First 15 Mar (2) CSNWR (GEE). Peak 09 Apr (104) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Common Goldeneye – Wintering 13 Mar (33) Garrison Dam (REM). First 17 Mar (1) Minot Lagoons (REM). Peak 23 Mar (240) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last 31 May (1) Des Lacs NWR (RR).

Hooded Merganser – First 18 Mar (2) Jamestown (JAS). Peak 12 Apr (14) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT).

Common Merganser – 17 Mar (1) Jamestown (CZ). Peak 11 Apr (436) *Burleigh, Sheridan, McLean* (HCT). For the last 6 years now, birds have been seen in summer on the Missouri River between Bismarck and Washburn. 31 May (2 pr) *Oliver* (CDE,HCT).

Red-breasted Merganser – First 30 Mar (1) McKenzie Slough (HCT). Peak 06 Apr (5) Crystal Springs (CDE). Last 07 May (2) Fargo Lagoons (DWR,DOL,REM).

Ruddy Duck – First 28 Mar (2) Arrowwood NWR (CMD,SLW). Peak 06 May (750) Minot Lagoons (REM).

Chukar (exotic) – 11-12 May (2) at feeder, plus 2 other sightings in NE Bismarck. (CDE)

Gray Partridge – 01 Mar (30) *Stutsman* (SLW). 06 Mar (33) Kenmare area (RR). 08 Mar (38) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Ring-necked Pheasant – 13 Mar (120) nc ND (REM).

Ruffed Grouse – 17 Apr (2) Jay Wessels WMA, drumming at 3:45am! (REM,CDE). 26 May (2) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE).

Greater Sage-Grouse – 30 May (1) ne of Marmarth (DOL,PRo).

Sharp-tailed Grouse – 16 May (40) on a lek in *Pierce* (DOL). Good numbers throughout season (REM).

Greater Prairie-Chicken – 23 Mar (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 17 Apr (10) *Grand Forks* (DOL).

Wild Turkey – 21 Mar (98) *Ward, McHenry* (REM).

Common Loon – First 09 Apr (1) Crystal Springs (MAO). Peak 11 Apr (3) *Cavalier* and (1) *Towner* (REM), (3) New John's Lake (HCT). 07 May (1) Fargo Lagoons (DWR,DOL). 30 May (1) USNWR (REM).

Pied-billed Grebe – First 28 Mar (2) *Richland* (REM,DWR). Peak 06 May (13) *McIntosh* (HCT).

Horned Grebe – 04 Apr (1) Spiritwood Lake (HG). Peak 22 Apr (42) GF Lagoons (EEF). (*third early report*)

Red-necked Grebe – First 01 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 16 Apr (12) *Towner*, *Cavalier* (REM,CDE), 06 May (12) GF Lagoons (EEF), 23 May (12) *Bottineau* (CD,DD). 18 May (ON) in *GF Co*, providing first county nesting record. (DOL,EEF). (*new early report by 2 days*)

Eared Grebe – First 09 Apr (3) *Barnes* (MAO). Peak 15 May (250) CSNWR (REM,DOL). 17 May (140) *Burleigh*, *Kidder* (HCT).

Western Grebe – First 11 Apr (1) LLNWR (CDE,HCT). Peak 04 May (145) *Burleigh*, *Kidder* (HCT).

Clark's Grebe – First 24 Apr (1) Lake Bertha (DWR). 30 Apr (1) *Towner* (CDE,REM). 11 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 28 May (1) w. of Ellendale on Hwy 11 (DOL). (*ties 7th early report*)

Am. White Pelican – 02 Apr (flock) *Cass* (ALI). Peak 15 Apr (200) CSNWR (GAE).

Double-crested Cormorant – 04 Apr (4) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 11 May (210) *McIntosh* (HCT).

Am. Bittern – First 11 Apr (1) Harwood (KRC), (1) LLNWR (AGV,PCV). 19 May (9) *Richland* (ER). Peak 26 May (11) *McIntosh*, (1) *Logan* (HCT). (*5th early report, ties 4th peak*)

Least Bittern –

Great Blue Heron – First 28 Mar (1) TRSP (CM). 01 May (30) *Grand Forks*, including (25 nests) near Orr (DOL).

Great Egret – First 07 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 28 May (12) *Dickey* (DOL). (*ties 4th peak*)

Snowy Egret – First 13 Apr (1) DeWald Slough (HCT). Peak 08 May (6) DeWald Slough (HCT). (*2nd early report*)

Cattle Egret – First 13 Apr (1) LLNWR (PCV). 14 Apr (1) Patterson Lake (JK), quite rare out there. 13 May (1) Minot Lag (REM). Peak 28 May (81) Hyatt Slough, *Dickey* (DOL,PRo). (*ties 4th early, 4th peak*)

Green Heron – First 07 May (1) Hobart Lake, *Barnes* (LDI). 25-26 May (1) Grand Forks (DOL).

Black-crowned Night Heron – First 13 Apr (1) DeWald Slough (HCT). 26 May (21) *Towner* (REM).

Yellow-crowned Night Heron – 07 May (1) Jamestown (MAO),(REM) also seen 17 May (CC,JH). (*now over 20 state reports*)

White-faced Ibis – First 18 Apr (1) Lake Etta, *Kidder* (HCT). 16 May (33) Jamestown airport (LDI). Peak 28 May (130) Hyatt Slough, *Dickey* (DOL,PRO). (*7th early, new spring peak by 110*)

Turkey Vulture – First 30 Mar (1) Grand Forks (GCBC). Peak 10 Apr (45) Fargo (RHO). 11 Apr (20) Bismarck (MJR). (*ties 7th early, new peak by 22*)

Osprey – First 17 Apr (1) Pembina Gorge (CDE,REM). Several reports of singles. Last 08 May (2) *Pembina* (REM).

Bald Eagle – 27 Mar (21) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Reports of nests are increasing over the years.

Northern Harrier – First 02 Mar (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 31 Mar (31) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 16 Apr (32) *Towner*, (7) *Benson*, *Cavalier* (REM,CDE).

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 24 Mar (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 20 May (1) Forest River (KRC,BJA).

Cooper's Hawk – First 29 Mar (1) Grand Forks (DOL), (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). Peak 08 May (4) Bismarck (CDE).

Northern Goshawk – 11 Mar (1) Kenmare (RR). 28 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (DOL). Last 18 Apr (1) Dawson WMA (HCT).

Broad-winged Hawk – First 16 Apr (1) Cando (REM,CDE). 30 Apr (1) dark morph, Lakota (REM,CDE). Peak 05 May (8) Grand Forks (DOL), (7) Grand Forks (EEF). 30 May (14I,1dk) Minot (REM).

Swainson's Hawk – First 28 Mar (1) *Stutsman* (SLW). Peak 30 Apr (12) se ND (REM). 08 May (11) *Kidder* (HCT,BM).

Red-tailed Hawk – 03 Mar (2) Bismarck Airport (CDE), after none seen in winter. 28 Mar (38) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Ferruginous Hawk – First 27 Mar (1) *Burleigh* (HCT), (1) *McLean* (DNS,IS). 10 Apr (1) *Barnes* (DLK). Peak 08 May (5) *Kidder* (HCT,BM). Six active nests in Bismarck-Mandan checklist area (HCT).

Rough-legged Hawk – 11 Apr (25) *Towner*, *Cavalier* (REM). 16 Apr (17) *Towner* (REM,CDE). Last 15 May (1) *McHenry* (REM,DOL)

Golden Eagle – 14 Apr (1) CSNWR (GAE). 08 May (2) *Kidder* (HCT,BM). 14 May (1) *Divide* (CDE,REM).

American Kestrel – First 10 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 16 Apr (13) *Towner*,*Cavalier*,*McHenry* (REM,CDE).

Merlin – 12 Mar territorial bird on UND Campus (fide DOL), along with several others later. 18 and 22 Mar, 06 Apr (pairs) in Jamestown (fide LDI). Peak 11 Apr (3) Cando Cemetery (REM,CDE). Last 20 May (1) Devils Lake (PHS).

Gyr Falcon –

Peregrine Falcon – First 14 Mar (1) arrived at the bank nestbox in Fargo. Pair is Miracle and Dakota Ace (WC, fide KRC). 02 Apr (1) *Barnes* (ALI). Peak 09 May (4) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 30 May (1) USNWR (REM). (*4th early report, ties spring peak*)

Prairie Falcon – 14 Mar (1) *Ward* (RF). 12 Apr (1) *McLean* (HCT).

Yellow Rail – First 16 May (3) *McHenry* (REM,DOL). 17 May (1) *Grand Forks* (CM). 27 May (5) in *Grand Forks* (DOL,PRo).

Virginia Rail – First 23 Apr (1) *Sargent* (MAO). Peak 29 Apr (4) in *Grand Forks* (DOL,CM). 24 May (4) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). 27 May (5) *Grand Forks* (DOL,PRo). (*ties 4th early report*)

Sora – First 16 Apr (1) *Barnes* (SPL). Peak 31 May (21) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). (*4th early report*)

American Coot – First 26 Mar (2) *McKenzie Slough* (HCT). Peak 13 Apr (1744) *Burleigh, Kidder, Logan* (HCT).

Sandhill Crane – First 20 Mar (1) *McIntosh* (HCT). Peak 08 Apr (325) *Towner, Cavalier* (REM). Last 08 May (1) *Cass* (DWR).

Whooping Crane – First 08-16 Apr (2) *Ward* (fide REM, et al). 14 Apr (4) *Divide* (fide TN). 15-16 Apr (2) north of *Flasher, Morton* (MJR). 16 Apr (2) *Niobe* (RR). 22 May (2) near *Fort Ransom*, which were marked with color bands. The birds appeared to be subadults, so possibly from the introduced flock in Wisconsin (Mark Joy, fide LDI).

Black-bellied Plover – First 20 Apr (1) east end *Lake Etta* (HCT). Peak 20 May (85) *Fargo Lagoons* (KRC). Last 31 May (2) *Minot Lag* (REM). (*ties earliest report*)

Am. Golden Plover – First 24 Apr (22) *Lake Bertha* (DWR). Peak 16 May (130) *McHenry* (REM,DOL). Last 25 May (94) *Nelson*, (5) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). (*7th early report*)

Semipalmated Plover – First 18 Apr (3) east end *Lake Etta* (HCT). Peak 18 May (30) *KSNWR* (DOL). Last 30 May (1) *USNWR* (REM). (*5th early report*)

Piping Plover – First 26 Apr (1) east end *Lake Etta* (HCT). 01 May (4) *Mountrail* (REM,CDE). Peak 08 May (5) *Lincoln Rd, Burleigh* (CDE), eventually nested there. 23 May (2) *Minnewauken* (RSt). 31 May (1) *Minot Lag* (REM).

Killdeer – First 21 Mar (1) *Jamestown* (MSo). Peak 17 May (42) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Black-necked Stilt – 16 May (1) *Richland* (visiting birder, fide KRC). 20 May (1) *LLNWR* (AGV). 21 May (1) *KSNWR* (SJA).

American Avocet – First 09 Apr (2) *Minot Lag* (REM). Peak 02 May (252) *Divide* (REM). (*ties 8th early, 2nd peak*)

Spotted Sandpiper – First 20 Apr (1) *Kidder* (BN, BScherr). Peak 10 May (23) *Grand Forks* (EEF). (*ties 6th early*)

Solitary Sandpiper – First 19 Apr (1) *Menoken* (BN, BScherr). Peak of (2) by several. Last 19 May (1) *Richland* (ER). (*5th early*)

Greater Yellowlegs – First 30 Mar (1) *KSNWR* (EB,GCBC). Peak 21 Apr (18) *KSNWR* (EEF). Last 20 May (4) *Fargo Lagoons* (KRC).

Willet – First 14 Apr (1) *Ward* (DL,EL). 16 Apr (2) *Barnes* (SPL). Peak 02 May (36) *West Fargo* (DWR).

Lesser Yellowlegs – First – 31 Mar (1) *Lake Bertha* (CMN,BO). Peak 15 May (250) *CSNWR*, (10) *Bottineau* (REM,DOL). 17 May (210) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 24 May (5) *Cass* (REM,CDE).

Upland Sandpiper – First 19 Apr (1) Cottonwood Lake (SPL). Peak 17 May (25) *McHenry* (REM). (*7th early*)

Whimbrel –

Long-billed Curlew – 29 May (1) *Billings* (ER). 29-30 May (1) *Slope* (DOL,PRO).

Hudsonian Godwit – First 13 Apr (1) east end Lake Etta (HCT). 20 May (38) Fargo Lagoons (KRC). Last 22 May (2) *Steele* (DLK). (*ties 2nd early*)

Marbled Godwit – First 01 Apr (13) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 20 Apr (50) *Kidder, Burleigh* (HCT). (*2nd early report*)

Ruddy Turnstone – First 01 May (1) Fordville Dam (DOL). Peak 22 May (4256) Devils Lake, NDBS weekend (PHS). Last 27 May (5) *Ramsey*, (1) *Towner* (REM,CDE). (*ties early report, new peak by 1250*)

Red Knot –

Sanderling – First 08 May (9) east end Lake Etta (HCT,BM). Peak 22 May (188) Devils Lake, NDBS weekend (PHS). Last EOP.

Semipalmated Sandpiper – First 24 Apr (3) east end Lake Etta (CDE,HCT,BM). Peak 15 May (230) *McHenry,Bottineau* (REM,DOL). Last EOP.

Western Sandpiper – 01 May (1) *Mountrail* (REM). (*ties 2nd early report*)

Least Sandpiper – First 20 Apr (4) east end Lake Etta (HCT). Peak 20 May (200) Fargo Lagoons (KRC). Last 31 May (2) *Burleigh* (HCT).

White-rumped Sandpiper – First 06 May (1) Minot Lag (REM). Peak 24 May (350) *Cass* (REM,CDE). 31 May (300) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Baird's Sandpiper – First 05 Apr (3) *Steele* (DLK). Peak 15 May (200) *McHenry,Bottineau* (REM,DOL). Last 31 May (10) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Pectoral Sandpiper – First 07 Apr (1) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 15 May (90) *McHenry,Bottineau* (REM,DOL). Last 23 May (10) *Cavalier* (REM). (*ties 8th early report*)

Dunlin – First 24 Apr (5) east end Lake Etta (CDE,HCT,BM). Peak 22 May (335) Devils Lake, NDBS weekend (PHS). Last EOP.

Stilt Sandpiper – First 08 May (2) east end Lake Etta (CDE,HCT,BM). Peak 15 May (520) *McHenry,Bottineau* (REM,DOL). Last EOP.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – 15 May (2) *Bottineau* (DOL,REM). Last 22 May (2) *Stutsman* (ER).

Short-billed Dowitcher – First 02 May (2) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 17 May (116) KSNWR (EEF). Last 22 May (5) *Cass* (DWR), (4) Davis Flats (PHS), (4) *Towner,Ramsey*(REM). (*ties 8th early report, 2nd high number*)

Long-billed Dowitcher – First 13 Apr (2) east end Lake Etta (HCT). Peak 05 May (150) east end Lake Etta (HCT). Last 22 May (1) Davis Flats, NDBS weekend (PHS). Very few notes (REM). (*ties 2nd early report*)

Wilson's Snipe – First 30 Mar (1) *McIntosh* (HCT). Peak 11 Apr (20) KSNWR (CM), 19 May (20) *Richland* (ER). (*6th early report*)

Am. Woodcock – First 02 Apr (1) Fargo (KRC), but dead as a Peregrine cache in Fargo. 03 Apr (1) Grand Forks (CM). 05 Apr (1) Thompson gravel pits (DOL). 16 Apr (2) CSNWR (CDE,REM). Peak 17 Apr (5) *Towner, Cavalier* (REM,CDE). 17 Apr (1) e of Jamestown (MSO), (2) *Walsh* (REM,CDE). 09 May (1) *Barnes* (DLK). (*new high count*)

Wilson's Phalarope – First 24 Apr (6) east end Lake Etta (CDE,HCT,BM). Peak 15 May (230) *McHenry,Bottineau* (REM,DOL).

Red-necked Phalarope – First 06 May (1) Minot Lag (REM). Peak 30 May (500) Minot Lag (REM). Last EOP.

Franklin's Gull – First 27 Mar (2) Bismarck Landfill (CDE,HCT). 16 May (10,000) Rush Lake, *Pierce* (DOL,REM). (*new 4th high*)

Bonaparte's Gull – First 09 Apr (1) Chase Lake (MAO). Peak 07 May (165) *Barnes,Cass* (REM). 30 May (1) USNWR (REM).

Ring-billed Gull – First 17 Mar (3) Bismarck (CDE). Peak 27 Mar (2800) Bismarck Landfill (HCT,CDE).

California Gull – First 16 Mar (10) Bismarck (CDE). 06 Apr (90) *Grand Forks* (CM). 14 May (200) *Divide* (REM,CDE). Peak 15 May (6000) *Burleigh* (HCT,BM). (*ties 6th early report, new high by 1k*)

Herring Gull – First 17 Mar (2) Bismarck (CDE). Peak 31 Mar (55) *Burleigh* (CDE). Last 24 May (1) *Cass* (REM,CDE).

Thayer's Gull – 24 Apr (1st cycle) at Bismarck Landfill (CDE,HCT,BM). 04 May (1) Fargo Landfill (DWR). (*now well over 20 spring reports after having just 12 thru spring 2007*)

Iceland Gull – 27 Mar (1st cycle/2nd cycle) at Bismarck Landfill (CDE,HCT,CC,JH). Photographed and notes taken. First report for Bismarck-Mandan area. (*Second spring report, now over 20 reports for ND*).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – First 31 Mar (2) LLNWR (CDE). Last 24 Apr (2) Bismarck Landfill (CDE,HCT,BM). Now regular in Bismarck in the month of April. Seen on 3 other trips to Bismarck Landfill, only missed once. (CDE). (*6th March report*)

Glaucon Gull – First 27 Mar (1) Bismarck Landfill (CDE,HCT). 07 Apr (1) LLNWR (WSW). (*14th and 15th spring reports, definitely increasing in recent years*)

Least Tern – First 29 May (1) n. Bismarck (DOL,PRo). 31 May (1) Cross Ranch SP (CDE,HCT).

Caspian Tern – First 01 May (1) Spiritwood Lake (PP). 15 May (2) Missouri River (CDE). Peak 17 May (15) *Kidder* (HCT,BM). (*ties 7th early*)

Black Tern – First 04 May (1) *Kidder* (HCT). Peak 15 May (250) *McHenry,Bottineau* (REM,DOL). 25 May (250) USNWR (DD).

Common Tern – First 20 Apr (1) LLNWR (MJR). Peak 17 May (50) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Forster's Tern – First 23 Apr (1) *Ransom*, (2) *Sargent* (MAO). Peak 17 May (110) *Burleigh*, *Kidder* (HCT). (4th peak)

Rock Pigeon – 13 May (75) Greenway, GF (DOL). 29 May (50) Mandan (HCT).

Eurasian Collared-Dove – BOP (22) in yard, but dispersed in next couple weeks down to 1 pair (CDE). 11 Apr (1) Hope (DLK). 15 May (30) Bismarck (LAG, fide HCT).

White-winged Dove – 29 Apr to 08 May (1) Harwood (LLG,JMG). (11th state report)

Mourning Dove – First 23 Mar (1) Grand Forks (DOL). 16 Apr (nest) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). Peak 08 May (170) *Kidder* (HCT,BM).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo –

Black-billed Cuckoo – 18 May (1) TRSP (DOL,CM). 19 May (1) Forest River (KRC,BJA). 24 May (2) *Cass* (CDE,REM,DWR). Several other sightings end of May. Earlier and more than usual.

Eastern Screech-Owl – 05 Mar, 18-19 Apr (1) calling in Fargo (DLK). 06 Apr (1) calling in Jamestown, young appeared 23 May (Jen Traut, fide JML). 17 Apr (1) *Stark* (JK). 25 Apr and 18 May (1) TRSP (DOL). Nesting in central Bismarck for several years now (AV).

Great Horned Owl – 18 Mar (arctic) in Grand Forks (DOL). 20 May (3y) on 2 nests in *Grand Forks* (EEF). In doing surveys, (HCT) reports 12 nests in *McIntosh* county in a 15x15 mile area.

Snowy Owl – Several sightings in March. Peak 04 Mar (4) *Grand Forks* (DOL). 01 Apr (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). 02 Apr (1) *Barnes* (HAK). Last 08 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Burrowing Owl – First 16 Mar (3) *Morton* (HCT). 27 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (KAS). 08 May (2) *Kidder* (HCT,BM). 14 May (1) flew across road from *Ward* to *Mountrail* Co 1 mile west of Coulee (CDE,REM). 14 May (1) *Towner* (SDL). (2nd early report)

Barred Owl – 16 Mar (1) n. Grand Forks (Ann Flower), also 10,18 May (DOL). **17 Apr (1) Homme Dam, Walsh (REM,CDE)**. 19 May (1) Forest River (KRC,BJA).

Long-eared Owl – First 16 Apr (1) Cando Cemetery (birder later found to have yg in June), (1) *Cavalier* (CDE,REM). 01 May (2) *Oliver* (AV). 15 May (1) CSNWR (REM,DOL). 21 May (2y) *Towner* (CDE,REM). Bird found to be nesting, about the 3rd record of nesting for *Grand Forks* (TGD).

Short-eared Owl – 03 Mar, 04 Apr (8) *Kidder* (WE,WE,LJ,JJ). 07 Apr (30) *Grand Forks*, still present mid-May, nesting(?). (DOL). 09 Apr (22) GF Lagoons (CM). 11 Apr (21) *Towner*, *Cavalier* (REM). 20 May (7y) in a nest in *Stark* (JWH). Many other reports. (3rd spring high)

Northern Saw-whet Owl – 15 Mar (4) responding to tapes in Grand Forks (DOL). 25 Mar (2) Jay Wessels (DOL). 04 Apr (1) roosting Lincoln Golf Course, GF (CV,DOL, and 10 others). 25 Apr (2) Turtle River (DOL). 03 May (1) Greenway, GF (DOL).

Common Nighthawk – First 17 May (1) Grand Forks (CM). Peak 25 May (8) *Cass*, *Cavalier* (REM,CDE).

Poor-will – 10 May (1) Dickinson (JK). 31 May (1) *Slope* (ER). (3rd early spring report)

Whip-poor-will – First 10 May (1) Mickelson field (DPW). 11 May (1) GF Cemetery (R JL),(DOL,DH), (1)Lincoln GC, GF (CLF).

Chimney Swift – First 15 May (3) Hope (DLK), (2) Jamestown (LDI), (3) Fargo (KRC). Peak 18 May (10) Grand Forks (DOL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 10 May (1) Grand Forks (GCBC). Peak 26 May (2) *Cavalier*, (1) *Pembina* (REM,CDE).

Belted Kingfisher – Wintering 21 Mar (1) Garrison Dam (REM). First 09 Apr (1) W. Fargo (KRC), (1) Oak Park (REM). Peak 06 May (3) Fargo (KRC). (*9th wintering report*)

Red-headed Woodpecker – First 11 May (1) Harwood (CA). Peak 29 May (3) *Slope* (DOL).

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 28 Mar (3) *Richland* (DWR). 08 May (1) Lake Isabelle, *Kidder* (HCT,BM). 13 May (1) CSNWR (GAE). **20 May to EOP (pair) Lake Upsilon, Rolette (Armand Lagasse)**. Peak 20 May (4) Forest River, Fargo (KRC,BJA). 31 May (1) Sawyer (SH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – First 02 Apr (1) Fargo (KRC). Peak 21 Apr (19) in a 4 mile walk, Grand Forks (DOL). (*ties 5th early*)

Downy Woodpecker – 15 May (1) at a nest hole in Bismarck (CDE).

Hairy Woodpecker – 15 May (1) at a nest hole in Bismarck (CDE).

N. “Yellow-shafted” Flicker – Peak 12 Apr (80) *Grand Forks* (EEF), (25) Bismarck (CDE). 16 Apr (63) *Towner*, *Cavalier* (REM,CDE).

N. “Red-shafted” Flicker – One wintered in n. Bismarck (ET). 06 May (2) MacLean Bottoms (HCT). 18 May (1) LLNWR (GPS). 30 May (1) Marmarth (DOL,PRo)

Pileated Woodpecker – 24 May (1) *Bottineau* (CD,DD). Otherwise present, only reports from Fargo and Grand Forks.

Olive-sided Flycatcher – First 13 May (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Last 30 May (1) Oak Park (REM).

W. Wood-Pewee – First 22 May (1) Marmarth (WE,WE,LJ,JJ), 30 May (1) (DOL, PRo). 31 May (1) Cottonwood CG, TRNP S. Unit (DOL,PRo). (*5th early spring*)

E. Wood-Pewee – First 19 May (1) *Richland* (ER), (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 25 May (4) *Cass*, *Griggs* (REM,CDE), 28 May (4) *Cass* (KRC).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – First 21 May (1) Forest River (ER). 25-26 May (1) Grand Forks (DOL). 27 May (1) Cando (REM,CDE). 29-30 May (1) Hope (DLK). 31 May (1) Sawyer (SH). All reports.

Alder Flycatcher – First 11 May (1) Armour Park (KRC). 24 May (2) TRSP (CM). Peak 30 May (12) Oak Park (REM). (*ties 7th early*)

Willow Flycatcher – First 19 May (1) *Ransom* (ER). 27 May (2) *Grand Forks* (DOL).

Least Flycatcher – First 04 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE,HCT). Peak 21 May (84) *Pierce, Towner* (REM,CDE).

Eastern Phoebe – First 03 Apr (1) Ashtabula Res (DLK). 12-14 Apr (2) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). 13 Apr (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 17 Apr (11) ne ND (REM,CDE). 17 Apr (NB) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Say's Phoebe – First 07 Apr (1) NPWRC (LDI). 08 May (2) Oak Grove Park (DPW), (1) Greenway, GF (DOL), (1) *Cavalier* (REM). 27 May (1) *Niagara, Grand Forks* (DOL). 27 May (8) *Billings* (ER), 28 May (7) *Slope* (ER). (*ties 5th early, 2nd high*)

Great Crested Flycatcher – First 18 May (1) Oak Park (REM). 28 May (3) Smith's Grove, *Oliver* (HCT). Peak 24 May (8) *Cass* (REM,CDE)

Western Kingbird – First 06 May (1) Valley City (RJT), (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 31 May (52) *Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Eastern Kingbird – First 10 May (1) Cottonwood Lake study area (SPL). Peak 31 May (66) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Loggerhead Shrike – First 30 Apr (1) *Sargent* (MAO). 08 May (1) *Kidder* (HCT,BM). 23 May (5) sw ND (WE,WE,LJ,JJ). Three observations in 2 days EOM in *Badlands* (DOL,PRO).

Northern Shrike – 30-31 Mar (1) singing lustily in Greenway of GF (DOL). Last 07 Apr (1) *McIntosh* (HCT).

Bell's Vireo – First 26 May (2) Beaver Bay RA (HCT), where has been present for nearly 10 years now. 27 May (1) heard in *Bismarck* (CC).

Yellow-throated Vireo – First 15 May (1) Trefoil Park (DPW). 17 May (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 22 May (13) *Benson, Ramsey* (REM). (*new 3rd high*)

Plumbeous Vireo – 15 May (1) *Jamestown Dam* (LDI), no documentation. (*7th state report*)

Blue-headed Vireo – First 06 May (1) Trefoil Park (KRC). Peak 13 May (2) *Grand Forks* (DOL). Last 22 May (1) *Grahams Island SP* (PHS).

Warbling Vireo – First 15 May (1) Trefoil Park (DPW), (1) *Bismarck* (CDE). Peak 31 May (12) *Oliver, Kidder* (HCT).

Philadelphia Vireo – First 12 May (1) *Fargo* (DLK). Last 26 May (1) *English Coulee, GF* (DOL,PRO), (1) *Kenmare* (RR). Few reports.

Red-eyed Vireo – First 15 May (1) *Kidder* (HCT,BM), (1) *Sawyer* (SH). Peak 26 May (17) *Cavalier, Pembina* (REM,CDE).

Blue Jay – 19 Mar (20) *Sawyer* (REM). 09 Apr (9) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 14 May (10) *Greenway, GF* (DOL).

Black-billed Magpie – 14 Mar (4) *Ward* (REM). 26 Mar (4) *KSNWR* (SJA). 30 Mar (8) *Kenmare* (RR). 10 Apr (4) *Morton* (HCT).

American Crow – 22 Mar (50) *Grand Forks* (DOL). 23 Mar (ON) in *Grand Forks* (EEF). 04 Apr (165) *Ward, McHenry* (REM).

Common Raven – 08 Mar (8) Kenmare area (RR). **23 Mar (2) at nest on a powerline structure for first nesting record in Grand Forks Co.** 06 May (2) large young, 18 May (5) at nest, so 3 juveniles, 26 May (4) fledged young (DOL). 22 Apr carrying food south of Drayton in *Walsh* (TGD,EEF,DOL). Now could be expected anywhere in the top two tier counties east to west (DOL).

Horned Lark – 08 Mar (1489) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 13 Mar (1400) nc ND (REM).

Purple Martin – First 17 Apr (1) Buxton (SW,AW), 08 May (5) died at same location due to no food (SW,AW). Peak 14 May (26) *Divide* (REM,CDE).

Tree Swallow – First 04 Apr (1) KSNWR (DH). Peak 07 May (2500) Lake Isabelle, *Kidder* in the midst of a spring snow storm (CDE). (*ties 2nd early, new high*)

Violet-green Swallow – 31 May (3), including (1) at nest hole in TRNP S. Unit (DOL,PRo).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – First 23 Apr (2) Patterson Lake (JK). 05 May (11) *Ward* (REM). 20 May (12) *Sargent* (ER). (*ties 7th early*)

Bank Swallow – First 21 Apr (5) LLNWR (WSW). Peak 10 May (300) GF Lagoons (EEF), 18 May (300) *McIntosh* (HCT).

Cliff Swallow – First 21 Apr (50) LLNWR (WSW). Peak 10 May (1000) GF Lagoons (EEF). (*ties 5th early*)

Barn Swallow – First 14 Apr (1) CSNWR (GAE). Peak 10 May (400) GF Lagoons (EEF). (*6th early report*)

Black-capped Chickadee – 08 May carrying nest material into a nestbox in our yard (DOL). 15 Mar (12) Greenway, GF (DOL). Peak 13 Apr (15) Oak Park (REM). 17 Apr (12) Forest River (KRC).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – Peak 16 Apr (9) *Towner* (REM,CDE). 10 May (4) Bismarck,Mandan (HCT). Widely reported (1-3) throughout the period after very few last year. 28 Apr (nest) in Oak Park (REM). (*new spring high*)

White-breasted Nuthatch – 10 Apr (10) Orchard Glen, Fargo (KRC). Otherwise present.

Brown Creeper – Peak 12-14 Apr (10) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). 16 Apr (7) *Towner* (REM,CDE). Last 11 May (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). (*ties 2nd high*)

Rock Wren – First 08 May (1) along causeway at LLNWR (John & Sigrid McFarland of Toronto, Ontario), photos by (PCV,AGV,KJV). New for the LLNWR checklist. 23 May (2) *Morton* (HCT). 27 May (5) *Billings* (ER), 31 May (4) *Slope* (ER).

House Wren – First 29 Apr (1) *Nelson* (DOL). Peak 31 May (45) *Oliver, Kidder* (HCT).

Winter Wren – 12 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) S. Fargo (MAO). 14 Apr (1) West Fargo (KRC). 17 Apr (1) Trefoil Park, Fargo (CA). Last 29 Apr (1) Mickelson (DPW). All reports.

Sedge Wren – First 29 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 16 May (8) *McHenry* (REM). 19 May (8) *Richland* (ER). (*6th early report*)

Marsh Wren – First 03 May (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 31 May (56) *Kidder, Burleigh* (HCT). (*3rd spring high*)

Golden-crowned Kinglet – First 07 Mar (2) NewTown (PKS). 30 Mar (6) Fargo (DPW). 08 Apr (8) Grand Forks (CM). Last 17 Apr (1) *Cavalier* (CDE,REM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – First 02 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (SJA), (1) Forest River (KRC). Peak 11 May (110) Armour Park (KRC). 12 May (50) *Cass* (DWR). Last 20 May (1) Forest River (KRC). (*new spring high*)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 06 May (1) Fargo (DPW,CMN). 08 May (1) a few blocks north in Fargo (DPW), same bird(?). (*6th early report*)

Eastern Bluebird – First 22 Mar (1) NPWRC (LDI). 06 Apr (6) Gen. Sibley Park (CDE). Peak 10 Apr (10) CSNWR (REM).

Mountain Bluebird – First 09 Mar (1) CSNWR (GAE). 30 Mar (1) GFafb (SJA). Peak 15 May (10) CSNWR (DOL,REM). 27 May (12) *Billings* (ER).

Townsend's Solitaire – 15 Mar (1) CSNWR (GAE). Only report. Missed in Bismarck-Mandan last winter, first in many years.

Veery – First 11 May (1) Fargo (DLK). 15 May (2) Jamestown Dam (LDI). Peak 26 May (8) *Cavalier, Pembina* (REM,CDE). (*2nd spring high*)

Gray-cheeked Thrush – First 08 May (2) *Steele* (DLK), (1) Tuttle (HCT,BM). Peak 14 May (5) *Stutsman,Ransom* (MAO). Last 21 May (1) Fargo (DLK).

Swainson's Thrush – First 30 Apr (1) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). Peak 10 May (30) Grand Forks (EEF). 30 May (9) Marmarth (DOL, PRo). 31 May (1) Cross Ranch SP (CDE,HCT).

Hermit Thrush – First 02 Apr (11) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 26 Apr (16) English Coulee, GF (CM). Last 14 May (2) Grand Forks (SJA). (*ties 6th early*)

Wood Thrush –

American Robin – 06 Apr (500) Kenmare (RR). 12 Apr (250) Greenway, GF (DOL). 16 Apr (275) *Towner, Cavalier* (REM,CDE).

Varied Thrush –

Gray Catbird – First 12 May (1) Fargo (CMN,BO). Peak 22 May (30) *Benson, Ramsey* (REM). (*ties 4th high*)

N. Mockingbird – First 27 Apr (1) Greenway GF (DOL). 18 May (1) *Wells* (LJ,JJ). 21 May (1) *Towner* (REM,CDE). (*5th early*)

Brown Thrasher – Wintering bird present to 13 May (1) Bismarck (LAG,fide HCT). First 25 Apr (1) Pipestem Reservoir (BE), (1) Buxton (SW,AW). Peak 08 May (10) Grand Forks (DOL). (*8th wintering report*)

European Starling – 27 Mar (4000) Bismarck (HCT,CDE). 06 Apr (1000) Grand Forks (CM).

American Pipit – First 01 Apr (5) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 06 May (66) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last 19 May (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). (*ties 4th early, 2nd high, ties 8th late*)

Sprague's Pipit – First 23 Apr (1) Patterson Lake (JK). 24 Apr (3) *Mountrail* (TB,JK). 03 May (2) *Burleigh* (MJR). 15 May (9) *McHenry* (REM,DOL). Nest found in *Burleigh* (DNS,IS).

Bohemian Waxwing – 06 Apr (several) NPWRC (MAS). 09 Apr (3) Grand Forks (DOL). Only reports.

Cedar Waxwing – 09 Apr (90) Grand Forks (DOL). 17 Apr (130) Mandan Tesoro Refinery (HCT). 31 May (90) *Ward, McHenry* (REM).

Blue-winged Warbler – 29 May (1) Larimore (TL). (*18th state report*)

Golden-winged Warbler – First 10 May (1) Fargo (MCB). 18, 19 May (1) Forest River Fargo (KRC,BJA). Last 24 May (1) Oak Grove area (DPW). (*ties 5th late*)

Tennessee Warbler – First 10 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 19 May (50) Forest River (KRC). Last EOP.

Orange-crowned Warbler – First 15 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE,HCT). Peak 08 May (61) Bismarck (CDE). Last EOP in Oak Park (REM). (*ties earliest report, 2nd high, ties late migrant*)

Nashville Warbler – First 06 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 13 May (7) Greenway, GF (DOL). Last 22 May (1) *Ramsey* (PHS).

Northern Parula –

Yellow Warbler – First 21 Apr (1) photographed in Grand Forks (Ron Fischer, fide DOL). Peak 21 May (109) *Pierce, Towner* (REM,CDE). (*New early spring*)

Chestnut-sided Warbler – First 16 May (1) GF Cemetery (SJA). Peak 20 May (5) Forest River (KRC,BJA). Last 27 May (1) Fargo (DLK).

Magnolia Warbler – First 11 May (1) Armour Park (KRC). Peak 21 May (11) *Towner* (REM,CDE). Last 27 May (1) *Towner* (REM,CDE).

Cape May Warbler – First 10 May (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 21 May (6) *Pierce, Towner* (CDE,REM). Last 27 May (1) *Towner* (CDE,REM).

Black-throated Blue Warbler –

Yellow-rumped Warbler – First 11 Apr (4) Menoken Grove, *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT). Peak 08 May (276) Bismarck (CDE). 15 May (200) Jamestown Dam (LDI). Last 26 May (1) English Coulee, GF (DOL).

Black-throated Green Warbler – First 10 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 12 May (2) N. Fargo (CMN,BO) Last 19 May (2) Forest River (KRC,BJA).

Blackburnian Warbler – First 14 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 20 May (5) Forest River (KRC,BJA). Last 26 May (1) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). (*ties 2nd high*)

Pine Warbler –

Palm Warbler – First 26 Apr (1) English Coulee, GF (CM). Peak 13 May (30) Greenway, GF (DOL). Last 21 May (1) *Pierce* (REM,CDE). (*ties 7th early*)

Bay-breasted Warbler – First and Peak 15 May (3) Jamestown Dam (LDI). 18 May (1) Forest River (KRC,BJA). 23 May (1) Grand Forks (REM,CDE,TGD,BJA,DWR). Last 26 May (1) *Cavalier* (CDE,REM).

Blackpoll Warbler – First 10 May (1) GF Cemetery (GCBC), (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 21 May (14) *Pierce, Towner* (REM,CDE). Last 30 May (1) Oak Park (REM).

Black-and-white Warbler – First 30 Apr (1) Grand Forks (CM). 13 May (15) Forest River (KRC). 15 May (50) Jamestown Dam (LDI). (*3rd high report*)

American Redstart – First 11 May (1) Armour Park (KCR). Peak 26 May (42) *Cavalier, Towner* (REM,CDE).

Worm-eating Warbler – 30 May (1) photographed at Cross Ranch State Park (KS,SS, fide CDE). (*12th state report*)

Ovenbird – First 08 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 11 May (15) Forest River, Fargo (KRC).

Northern Waterthrush – First 30 Apr (2) *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). Peak 11 May (20) Armour Park (KRC). Last 26 May (20) *Cavalier, Pembina* (REM,CDE).

Kentucky Warbler – 23 May (1) singing in TRSP (REM,CDE),(BJA,SJA,KRC,TGD,DOL,RJL,PHS,DWR), *Photo*. (*8th state report*)

Connecticut Warbler – First 17 May (1) Fargo (DLK). 23 May (1) TRSP (DOL), (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). Peak and Last 24 May (2) Trefoil Park (DPW), (1) *Cass* (REM).

Mourning Warbler – First 10 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 19 May (3) Forest River (KRC,BJA). Peak 24 May (5) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 30 May (1) Hope (DLK). (*ties 4th early*)

MacGillivray's Warbler –

Common Yellowthroat – First 05 May (1) Bismarck (CDE). Peak 31 May (32) *Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Hooded Warbler –

Wilson's Warbler – First 10 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 19 May (3) Forest River (KRC). Last 27 May (1) *Towner* (REM,CDE).

Canada Warbler – First 19 May (1) Forest River (KRC). Peak 19 May (6) Forest River (KRC,BJA). Last 27 May (1) *Towner* (REM,CDE).

Yellow-breasted Chat – First 23 May (4) *Morton* (HCT), Marmarth (WE,WE,LJ,JJ). Peak of (8) 27 May *Billings*, 31 May *Slope* (ER).

Spotted Towhee – First 18 Apr (1) Burlington (SDL). 06 May (1) Fargo (DPW,CMN). Peak 27 May (14) *Billings* (ER). (*ties 6th early*)

Eastern Towhee – First 29 Apr (1) Valley City (JML). 07 May (1) Steele (CDE). 12 May (1) Harvey (WE,WE). 14 May (2) *Barnes* (MAO). 23 May (1) singing both songs at Mystical Horizons, Turtle Mtns (DOL). 26 May (8) *Pembina, Cavalier* (REM,CDE). (*New early, new high “spring” count*)

American Tree Sparrow – Peak 22 Mar (75) LLNWR (MJR), (80) *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT). Last 18 Apr (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Chipping Sparrow – First 10 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 15 May (435) sc ND (HCT). (*New 2nd high*)

Clay-colored Sparrow – First 20 Apr (1) Bismarck (LAG). Peak 21 May (40) CSNWR (CD,DD). (*ties 5th early*)

Brewer’s Sparrow – 30 May (3) s. of Marmarth (DOL,PRo).

Field Sparrow – First Apr 15 (1) in MN yard on the Red River (DPW). 02 May (1) Mandan Exp Station (CDE). 30 Apr (8) *Sargent* (MAO). Peak 23 May (10) *Morton* (HCT). 27 May (10) *Billings* (ER). 29 May (1) West Fargo (KRC). (*New high*)

Vesper Sparrow – First 13 Apr (4) *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 24 Apr (15) *Mountrail* (TB,JK).

Lark Sparrow – First 30 Apr (1) Grand Forks (EEF), (1) *Sargent* (MAO). Peak 27 May (20) *Billings* (ER). 31 May (16) *Kidder* (HCT).

Lark Bunting – First 23 May east of Marmarth (WE,WE,LJ,JJ). 24 May (2) LoNWR (CD,DD). Peak 28 May (30) *Billings* (ER).

Savannah Sparrow – First 14 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 17 May (47) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Baird’s Sparrow – First 15 May (1) *McHenry* (REM,DOL). 19 May (1) Pearl Lake, *Stutsman* (LDLKM). Peak 28 May (7) Lostwood NWR, (4) *McHenry* (REM,DOL).

Grasshopper Sparrow – First 22 Apr (1) LLNWR (MJR). Peak 27 May (12) *Billings* (ER). (*ties 2nd early, ties 4th high*)

LeConte’s Sparrow – First 29 Apr (1) *Nelson* (DOL,CM). 19 May (8) *Richland* (ER).

Nelson’s Sparrow – First 25 Apr (2) *Sargent* (MAO,DWR). Peak 27 May (5) *Grand Forks* (DOL). (*3rd early report*)

Fox Sparrow – First 30 Mar (1) GF Cemetery (EEF), (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 16 Apr (9) *Towner, Cavalier* (REM,CDE). Last 18 Apr (1) NDSU (KRC).

Song Sparrow – First 28 Mar (2) Jamestown (LDI). Peak 14 Apr (48) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Lincoln’s Sparrow – First 21 Apr (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 13 May (10) Greenway, GF (DOL). Last 20 May (2) *Sargent* (ER).

Swamp Sparrow – First 12 Apr (2) Grand Forks (DOL), (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). Peak 22 May (6) *Stutsman* (ER).

White-throated Sparrow – Wintering 06 Mar (2) UND Campus (DOL). First 12 Apr (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 30 Apr (500) ne ND (REM,CDE). Last 25 May (1) Grand Forks (DOL). (*ties 4th peak*)

Harris's Sparrow – First 29 Apr (1) Harwood (CA), W. Fargo (JR). Peak 10 May (31) *Kidder* (HCT). Last 26 May (1) *Starkweather* (CDE,REM).

White-crowned Sparrow – First 27 Apr (1) W. Fargo (JR). Peak 10 May (21) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 18 May (1) *Emmons* (HCT), (1) *Bismarck* (LAG), (1) *Sawyer* (REM).

Dark-eyed Junco – Peak 12 Apr (500) Grand Forks (DOL). 13 Apr (370) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 14 May (1) *Greenway*, GF (DOL).

McCown's Longspur – 22 May (sev) on *Rhame Prairie* (WE,WE,LJ,JJ), 30 May (6) singing males (DOL,PRo).

Lapland Longspur – Peak 23 Mar (10,000) *McIntosh* (HCT,Jim Kowalski). 16 Apr (8000) *Towner*, *Cavalier* (REM,CDE). Last 19 May (1) *GF Lagoons* (EEF).

Smith's Longspur – First 11 Apr (3) *Towner* (REM). 16 Apr (4) *Barnes* (MAO). Last 25 Apr (6) *Fairfield Township*, *Grand Forks* (DOL). (*New early by 6 days*)

Chestnut-collared Longspur – First 25 Mar (1) *Burleigh* (IS,Jim Kowalski). 24 Apr (10) *Grand Forks* (DOL). Peak 31 May (66) *Burleigh*, *Kidder* (HCT). (*ties 6th early*)

Snow Bunting – Peak 07 Mar (120) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 16 Apr (29) *Towner* (REM,CDE).

Summer Tanager – Mid-May report in *Valley City* (fide BJA). 27 May thru EOP (1) *Burlington* (fide SDL). (*2nd June report*)

Scarlet Tanager – First 18 May (1) *TRSP* (DOL,CM). 19 May (2) *Arrowwood NWR* (PRS). Peak 23 May (1) *Cass*, (2) *Grand Forks* (DWR). 26 May (4) *Cavalier*, *Pembina* (REM,CDE). (*ties 4th high "spring"*)

Western Tanager – 25 May (1) *Marmarth* (WE,WE,LJ,JJ). 27 May (1) *Horace* (LLG,JMG).

Northern Cardinal – 26 Mar (1) *NPWRC* (CMD). Five territories in *Grand Forks* (DOL). 23 Apr (6) *Greenway*, GF (DOL). All but one report from the 2 *Red River* cities.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – First 07 May (1) n. *Bismarck* (ET). Peak 15 May (16) *Kidder* (HCT,BM), 20 May (16) *Forest River* (KRC).

Black-headed Grosbeak – First 07 May (1) *Bismarck* (CDE), (1) *Mandan* (HCT). 12 May (2) *Minot* (CJT,ST). Peak 16 May (14) *Bismarck* (CDE). 31 May (2) *Sawyer* (SH). (*4th high*)

Blue Grosbeak – 26 May (2) *Beaver Bay RA* (HCT). 29 May (1) down-slope into *MacLean Bottoms* (CDE), still present 30 May (JJM). 31 May (2) *Emmons* at MM 17 and 27 of *Hwy 1804* (JJM). (*5th early report*)

Lazuli Bunting – **First 01-04 May (1) photographed, Horace (LLG,JMG, et al)**. 15 May (sev) *Minot* (RF). 29 May (2) *Morton* (HCT). 30 May (several) in the *Badlands* (DOL,PRo). 31 May (3) *Sawyer* (SH). (*new early report by 3 days*)

Indigo Bunting – First 11 May (2) Grand Forks (CM). 24 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW). 25 May (1) Mandan Union Cemetery (HCT). 26 May (3) *Cavalier, Pembina* (REM,CDE).

Dickcissel – First 29 May (1) *Emmons* (DOL,PRo).

Bobolink – First 10 May (3) GF Lagoons (CM), (1) *Stutsman* (KAS). Peak 22 May (30) *Stutsman* (ER).

Red-winged Blackbird – First 05 Mar (2) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 11 Apr (6000) *Burleigh* (HCT,CDE).

Western Meadowlark – First 14 Mar (4) *Morton* (BScherr). Peak 08 May (90) *Kidder* (HCT,BM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird – First 27 Mar (7) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 10 May (1500) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT,BM).

Rusty Blackbird – Wintering(?) 06 Mar (flock) n. of Medina (DBu). First 24 Mar (2) Embden (CMN). Peak 28 Mar (18) *Richland* (REM). Last 24 Apr (2) *Cavalier* (REM).

Brewer's Blackbird – First 06 Apr (3) *Grand Forks* (CM),(EEF). Peak 25 Apr (600) *Williams, Divide* (REM). (*ties 3rd high*)

Common Grackle – Wintering(?) 11 Mar (1) *LaMoure* (JML). First 22 Mar (1) Grand Forks (DOL), (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 13 Apr (1100) *Burleigh, Kidder, Logan* (HCT).

Great-tailed Grackle - 23 Apr (1) *Sargent* (MAO). 31 May (1) *McHenry*(REM, and visiting birders). (*6th and 7th state reports*)

Brown-headed Cowbird – First 09 Apr (5) e. Jamestown (LDI). Peak 08 May (250) *Kidder* (HCT,BM).

Orchard Oriole – First 10 May (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 31 May (25) *Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). (*ties 5th early report*)

Bullock's Oriole – First 23 May (1) Marmarth (WE,WE,LJ,JJ), 30 May (1) (DOL,PRo). 31 May (2) Cottonwood Campground, TRNP (DOL,PRo). (*6th early report*)

Baltimore Oriole – First 07 May (1) Dawson (CDE). 24 May (6) in a flock flyover in W. Fargo (KRC). Peak 25 May (13) east central ND (REM,CDE).

Pine Grosbeak – 21 Mar (2) Devils Lake (TI).

Purple Finch – 13 Apr (9) Grand Forks (EEF). 17 Apr (17) ne ND (REM,CDE).

House Finch – 15 May (20) sc ND (HCT). Present in small numbers (REM).

Red Crossbill - No Reports.

White-winged Crossbill – 07 Mar (8) Mandan Union Cemetery (CDE), two pair stayed to nest. Present to 05 May (HCT). 21 Mar (8) Cando Cemetery (SDL). 28 Mar (2 pair) Jamestown Res. (MSo). 30 Apr (13) ne ND (REM,CDE). 16 May (15) Greenway, GF (DOL). 16, 27 May (juveniles) at Rugby Cemetery (REM,CDE,DOL). (*ties 2nd high*)

Common Redpoll – 20 Mar (1), 21 Mar (2) Hope (DLK). Only report.

Pine Siskin – 15 Mar (25) Bismarck (LAG). 22 May (2 fledged yg) Grand Forks (EEF). First week of may seeing juveniles (DOL).

American Goldfinch – 07 Mar (36) Hope (DLK). 04 May (60) Kenmare (RR). 15 May (102) Dawson, *Kidder* (HCT).

House Sparrow – 08 May (135) *Kidder* (HCT). 22 Apr (100) Drayton (DOL).

Requiring more documentation:

Virginia Rail – 14 Apr (1) *Ward* (DL,EL).

Common Nighthawk – 29 Apr (1) Valley City (RJT).

Baltimore Oriole – 07, 11 Apr (1) Fargo (fide CMN) in two different hearsay reports.

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