

The Winter 2004-2005 Season in North Dakota

December 1, 2004 – February 28, 2005

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Conventions and Abbreviations:

County names are in italics. Species for which there are less than 20 state records are bold-faced. Other unusual species, very early or very late dates, and unusually high counts are underlined. BOP and EOP indicate the species was present at the beginning of the period or still present at the end of the period.

CSNWR - J. Clark Salyer NWR
GF Lagoons - Grand Forks Lagoons
KSNWR - Kelly's Slough NWR
L. Sak. - Lake Sakakawea
LLNWR - Long Lake NWR
MSL - Minot Sewage Lagoons
NDSU - North Dakota State University
NGP - National Game Preserve
NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
SP - State Park
TRNP - Theodore Roosevelt National Park
TRSP - Turtle River State Park
USNWR - Upper Souris NWR

General Comments:

December and February temperatures were well above average in most of the state, but January temperatures were below average. The northeast section of the state had average snow accumulations, but most of the state had very light snow cover through the winter. Run-off in McKenzie County filled stock dams only half full, and the snow was gone by mid-February.

Important Observations:

Significant sightings this period included the first Great Gray Owls in the nearly 40 years. The first bird appeared in Grand Forks County around Christmas, and two other reports followed. A Northern Hawk-Owl was noted on the Grand Forks C.B.C., and a Boreal Owl was found dead in Fargo. A possible Glaucous-winged Gull was seen and documented at Garrison Dam in December. A Northern Mockingbird was photographed on the Mayville-Portland C.B.C. A Clark's Nutcracker at a feeder in the northeast corner of the state stayed through the period. Townsend's Solitaires made a good showing in the eastern half of the state, as did Varied Thrushes. Rounding out the season was a very late Savannah Sparrow in Grand Forks County and a good showing of Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Grosbeaks, and Common Redpolls.

SPECIES:

Pied-billed Grebe - 08 Dec (1) Garrison Dam marsh (REM). Casual in winter.

Western Grebe - 10 Dec (1) Garrison Dam, *Mercer* (REM). 20 Dec (6) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT). 28 Jan (1) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (REM,CDE) present to EOP (CDE,HCT). Accidental after December.

Am. White Pelican - 06 Dec (1) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT).

Great Blue Heron - 16 Dec (3) Jamestown C.B.C., (1) Garrison Dam C.B.C., (1) Edinburg C.B.C.

Greater White-fronted Goose - 18 Dec (1) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 20 Feb (1) Heskett Station on Missouri River, Mandan (CDE), presumably the same bird as on the C.B.C., wintering among 10,000 Canada Geese at that location. This is the first wintering record for North Dakota.

Snow Goose - 16 Dec (1) LLNWR (LK), (1) Jamestown C.B.C. 02 Jan (2) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT). 22 Jan and 28 Jan (2) Heskett Station, Mandan (BMBC). 12 Feb (1) Buffalo Lodge Lake, *McHenry* (CJM). These are the first wintering records for the state.

Cackling Goose - 16 Dec (83) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 18 Dec (137) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C.

Canada Goose - 04 Dec (70,000) Washburn to Bismarck-Mandan on Missouri River (HCT). 16 Dec (8350) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 18 Dec (6239) Bismarck C.B.C. 31 Dec (180) *McKenzie* (JAH). 28 Jan (15,000) Heskett Station on the Missouri River, Mandan (REM, CDE). 03 Feb (1) LLNWR (TL). 20 Feb (1) partial albino bird. Body color of a 1st winter Glaucous Gull, with a black head and neck.

Tundra Swan - 06 Dec (1) MSL (REM) to 19 Dec (1) Minot C.B.C.

Wood Duck - 16 Dec (1) Jamestown C.B.C. 18 Dec (1) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 19 Dec (1) Minot C.B.C. 26 Dec (1) Garrison Dam (DNS). Last 01 Jan (1) Kist Livestock, Mandan (HCT).

Gadwall - 16 Dec (4) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam marsh (REM). 01 Dec to 04 Jan (2), 05 Jan to 28 Feb (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Am. Wigeon - 16 Dec (2) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 17 Dec (1) Upper Souris NWR C.B.C. 18 Dec to 28 Dec (1) Heskett Station, Mandan (HCT). 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam marsh (REM).

Mallard - 16 Dec (1450) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 17 Dec (575) LLNWR C.B.C. 22 Dec (616) *Morton, Oliver* (HCT). 02 Jan (1475) Garrison Dam (REM). First 26 Feb (2) *Steele* (DLK). 500 on Missouri River to EOP in Bismarck-Mandan (CDE, HCT).

Northern Shoveler - 18 Jan (6) over West Acres Mall in Fargo (LDI), presumably wintering at Crystal Sugar plant in Moorhead.

Northern Pintail - 7 individuals on 4 C.B.C.s with a peak of (3) on 16 Dec at Garrison Dam C.B.C. 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam (REM).

Green-winged Teal - 19 Dec (1) Grand Forks-East Grand Forks C.B.C.

Canvasback - 18 to 30 Dec (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT, BJ).

Redhead - 16 Dec (2) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 18 Dec to 25 Dec (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT, BJ). 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam (REM).

Greater Scaup - 10 Dec (3) Garrison Dam (REM). 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam (REM). Second January record.

Lesser Scaup - 22 Dec (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 01 to 14 Dec (4), down to (2) to EOP at GF Lagoons (EEF). 8 individuals on 4 C.B.C.s with a peak on 16 Dec of (3) on Garrison Dam C.B.C.

Long-tailed Duck - 1 male wintered at Garrison Dam Tailrace.

Bufflehead - 16 Dec (5) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 17 Dec (1) Upper Souris C.B.C. 1 male wintered at the Baldhill Dam tailrace (MO, KRC,CDE,JPL).

Common Goldeneye - 16 Dec (117) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 18 Dec (22) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 02 Jan (50) Garrison Dam (REM).

Hooded Merganser - 26 Dec and 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam tailrace (REM). (1) male wintered in the tailrace at Baldhill Dam (KRC,JPL,CDE). Accidental in mid-winter away from Garrison Dam.

Common Merganser - 04 Dec (320) off face of Lake Tschida Dam in *Grant* (CDE). 16 Dec (180) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 02 Jan (200) Garrison Dam (REM). 28 Jan (10) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (REM, CDE).

Red-breasted Merganser - 16 Dec (1) Lake Sak. SP (CDE, SDL, REM).

Bald Eagle - 28 Dec (1) over Oak Park, Minot (SDL). Single birds seen through Dec. and again in Feb. by many observers. 77 on 19 C.B.C.s with a peak of (19) 16 Dec on Garrison Dam C.B.C. 04 Feb (6) *Richland, Ransom* (REM).

Northern Harrier - 16 Dec (1) LLNWR C.B.C. 01 to 28 Dec (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 01 Jan (1) *Stark* (JWH). Early Jan (1) Lonetree WMA, Sheridan (Wayne Easley). 01 Feb (1) *Stark* (JWH). 06 Feb (1) *Stutsman* (CDE, JPL). 21 to 28 Feb (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 01 Feb (1) n. of Sterling (GK). 10 individuals on 5 C.B.C.s, with a peak of (3) 17 Dec on TRNP North Unit C.B.C.

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 16 Dec (3) Jamestown C.B.C. and 18 Dec (3) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. Singles reported by several observers. 14 individuals on 9 C.B.C.s.

Cooper's Hawk - 16 Dec (3) Jamestown C.B.C. 19 Dec (1) Medora C.B.C.

Northern Goshawk - 18 Dec (2) *Morton* (CDE, DA, LRE). 15 Jan (1) LLNWR (PCV). 02 Jan (1) *Stark* (JWH). 29 Jan (1) and 21 Feb (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 15 individuals on 5 C.B.C.s with a peak 16 Dec (9) on Garrison Dam C.B.C. 3 different birds near house occasionally throughout the winter at Sawyer (REM).

Red-tailed Hawk - 16 Dec (3) LLNWR C.B.C. 17 Dec (1) dark morph at Icelandic SP (CDE). 18 Dec (3) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C.

Rough-legged Hawk - 08 Dec (12) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 16 Dec (2) LLNWR C.B.C. 03 Feb (8) Chase Lake NWR (PRS). At least one bird seen on 28 days in winter season for *Grand Forks*, including (3) dark morph on 20 Dec (EEF). Scarce in early winter, but big increase the end of Jan. and Feb. in *McKenzie*(JAH).

Golden Eagle - 19 Dec (10) Medora C.B.C. 07 Jan (2) *Richland* (MO). 04 Feb (3) Sheyenne Grasslands (REM). Seven observations in Feb including 17 Feb and 21 Feb (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 18 Feb (1) *Steele*, (1) *Cass* (CDE).

Am. Kestrel - 18 Dec (3) Fargo C.B.C. Four sightings for winter season in Bismarck-Mandan (CDE). Four sightings for winter season in *Grand Forks* (EEF). 04 Feb (1) Sheyenne Grasslands (DNS).

Merlin - 16 Dec (2) *McLean* (REM). Many sightings throughout winter period of one individual by many observers.

Gyrfalcon - 11 Dec (1) gray morph in *McLean* (CDE). 15 Dec (1) Jamestown C.B.C.- count week. 05 Jan (1) during count week of Lake Ilo C.B.C. 31 Jan (several) in the last week in western ND (JK). 02 Feb (1) south of Medora (JPL).

Peregrine Falcon - 30 Dec (1) in backyard of rural Bismarck residence (Tom Thompson, EllaMae Thompson).

Prairie Falcon - 04 Dec (1) Pearl Lake (PRS). 02 Jan (2) *Stark* (JWH). 3 mid-winter sightings at LLNWR (GK, LK).

Gray Partridge - 14 Dec (49) Arrowwood C.B.C. 18 Dec (24) Tesoro Refinery (HCT). (168) in 21 coveys for winter season in *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Ring-necked Pheasant - 16 Dec (199) Long Lake C.B.C., (600) Garrison Dam C.B.C.

Ruffed Grouse - 14 Dec (1) Icelandic SP C.B.C.

Sharp-tailed Grouse - 07 Jan (25) 5 miles nw of Leonard (MO). 19 Jan (300) *Stutsman* (PRS). (180) in 15 coveys for winter season, largest (50) on 25 Feb in *Grand Forks* (EEF). Seem to be way down in *McKenzie*(JAH).

Greater Prairie Chicken - 19 Dec (5) Grand Forks-East Grand Forks C.B.C. (23) in 3 coveys in Jan in *Grand Forks* (EEF). 04 Feb (9) *Ransom* (REM).

Wild Turkey - 04 Dec (109) Burlington (SDL). 04 Feb (16) and 23 Feb (8) in Grand Forks (EEF). 09 Feb (90) Sawyer (REM).

Sora - 10 Dec (1) Garrison Dam marsh (REM, doc.). First winter season record.

American Coot - 04 Dec (3) Nelson Lake (CDE) down to 16 Dec (2) Nelson Lake (HCT). Latest recorded date for the state.

Wilson's Snipe - 10 Dec (2) Garrison Dam (REM). 16 Dec (1) Garrison Dam C.B.C.

Ring-billed Gull - 11 Dec (110) Garrison Dam (REM). 16 Dec (50) Garrison Dam C.B.C.

Herring Gull - 16 Dec (580) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 17 Dec (2) on the Missouri River in Bismarck (DNS, MAG). 02 Jan (4) Garrison Dam (REM).

Thayer's Gull - 16 Dec (8) Garrison Dam C.B.C. and 26 Dec (8) Garrison Dam (DNS).

Iceland Gull - 22 Dec (1) Garrison Dam (DNS). 02 Jan (1) Garrison Dam (REM, DNS). The 18th report for the state.

Glaucous-winged Gull - 08 Dec thru Dec 22 (1) 2nd winter individual creating some debate, pending acceptance. Seen by multiple observers (JPL, doc).

Glaucous Gull - 05 Dec (2) Garrison Dam (DNS). 16 Dec (6) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 01 Jan (3) Garrison Dam (REM, DNS).

Black-legged Kittiwake - 11 Dec to 16 Dec (1) Garrison Dam (CDE, REM, JPL, Erv Johnson).

Rock Dove - 18 Dec (679) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 21 Feb (1000) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 13 Dec (3) Mandan (VG). 18 Dec (2) Mayville-Portland C.B.C. 26 Dec (8) Dickinson C.B.C. 08 Jan (4) Steele (CDE, HCT). 06 Feb (1) Steele (CDE, JPL). 12 Feb (1) Oakes (JPL). (3-5) wintered at a feeder in Grand Forks (fide EEF).

Mourning Dove - 10 Dec (6) McVillie, *Nelson* (EEF). 18 Dec (17) Fargo Landfill (MO). Mid-Jan (1) Steele (LK).

Eastern Screech-Owl - 18 Jan (4) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 19 Jan (1) red morph using Wood Duck box in Jamestown (Marsha Sovada). 09 Feb (1) heard in Lindenwood Park, Fargo (DPW). 12 Feb (6) *Ransom* (Bryan Stotts). 20 Feb (1) calling in a Grand Forks neighborhood (Rich Crawford).

Great Horned Owl - 17 Dec (12) LLNWR C.B.C. 12 Feb (1) on nest in *Grand Forks* (EEF). 04 Feb (7) *Ransom* (REM). 27 Feb (14) nesting sites in *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Snowy Owl - 03 Dec (2) *Logan* (PMK). 12 Dec (1) *Hettinger* (Jesse Kolar). 14 Dec (1) (Jan Sailer). 17 Dec (2) LLNWR C.B.C. Seen on 6 dates in winter season in *Grand Forks* (EEF). 6 individuals on 5 C.B.C.s.

Northern Hawk-Owl - 19 Dec (1) Grand Forks C.B.C. (Rich Crawford).

Barred Owl - 05 Dec (1) Edgewood Golf Course (RG). 04 Feb (2) Sheyenne Grasslands (DNS). 17 Feb (1) Jamestown (Terry and Jill Shaffer).

Great Gray Owl - 22 Dec thru 29 Dec (1) *Grand Forks* (Tim Driscoll) photographed and seen by many. 12 Feb (1) T144N, R56W in *Steele* (DLK, doc). 20 Feb (1) *Grand Forks* (fide EEF). Eight previous reports for the state, the last in 1966.

Long-eared Owl - 19 Dec (1) Ypsilanti (Hal Kantrud). 13 Feb to 28 Feb (1) roosting in pine in corner of yard in Bismarck. Big pile of pellets were present (Erik Thompson). 02 Feb (1) south of Medora (JPL).

Short-eared Owl - 29 Dec (2) Long Lake NWR (PCV). 11 Jan (1) CSNWR (GEE). 19 Jan (16) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 20 Jan (2) *Stutsman* (PRS).

Boreal Owl - 05 Dec (1) found dead in Fargo (Paul Ode). (Photographed and possibly preserved)

Northern Saw-whet Owl - 20 Feb (1) *Grand Forks* (JJ). 02 Feb (1) south of Medora (JPL). 04 Feb (2) *Ransom* (REM). 12 Feb (2) *LaMoure* Lake WMA (JPL), (1) *Ransom* (Bryan Stotts). 20 Feb (1) *Grand Forks* (fide EEF).

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 16 Dec (2) Jamestown C.B.C. 21 Jan (1) Ft. *Ransom*, *Ransom* (MO, KRC). 04 Feb (2) Sheyenne Grasslands (DNS). (1) present throughout period at residence of both (Erik Thompson) in Bismarck, (DPW) in Fargo, and (Nancy Drew) in rural Clifford, *Trails*.

Downy Woodpecker - 16 Dec (39) Jamestown C.B.C. 04 Feb (9) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Hairy Woodpecker - 18 Dec (22) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 17 Jan (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

N. "Yellow-shafted" Flicker - 18 Dec (6) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. Seen on 3 dates at residence in Bismarck (CDE), my only observations after 01 Jan.

N. "Red-shafted" Flicker - Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. (count week).

Pileated Woodpecker - 04 Dec (2) competing for roosting cavity in light poles of Michelson Field, Fargo (DPW). 05 Dec (2) Edgewood Golf Course (RG). 15 Dec (1) Manvel, *Grand Forks* (EEF). 17 individuals on 6 counts. 17 Dec (2) Valley City C.B.C.

N. Shrike - Seen on 19 dates, 19 Jan (5) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 16 Dec (3) CSNWR (GAE). 33 individuals on 15 C.B.C.s. Peak 04 Feb (6) Sheyenne Grasslands, and 19 other observations (REM).

Blue Jay - 16 Dec (64) Jamestown C.B.C. 04 Feb (28) Sheyenne Grasslands (REM, DNS).

Clark's Nutcracker - Mid-Oct thru EOP at feeder of Ralph Werven in *Pembina* (fide DOL).

Black-billed Magpie - 16 Feb (20) *Grand Forks* (EEF), 16 Dec (23) CSNWR (GAE).

American Crow - 16 Dec (68) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 17 Dec (55) migrating through *Pembina* (CDE). 19 Dec (55) Minot (REM).

Common Raven - 14 Dec (25) Icelandic SP C.B.C. 16 Dec (1) Edinburg C.B.C. 07 Jan (1) Denbigh Exp Forest, (2) *McHenry* (REM, MAG, DNS). 12 Feb (3) *Rollette* (REM).

Horned Lark - 07 Jan (200) *McHenry* (REM). 03 Feb on territory in Ward (REM). 24 Feb (147) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Black-capped Chickadee - 14 Dec (262) Icelandic SP C.B.C.

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 18 Dec (23) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 19 Dec (26) Minot C.B.C.

White-breasted Nuthatch - 18 Dec (48) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C.

Brown Creeper - 18 Dec (3) in one flock at Mandan Experiment Station on C.B.C. (CDE, LRE, DA). 19 Dec (2) Minot C.B.C. 09 Jan (1) Mandan Exp Station (CDE). All reports.

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 19 Dec (4) Minot C.B.C. 21 Dec (3) Des Lacs NWR C.B.C. All reports.

Mountain Bluebird - 25 Feb (1) *McKenzie*(JAH). 28 Feb (3) Hettinger (Jan Sailer), (1) Long Lake NWR (HCT).

Townsend's Solitaire - 13 Dec (2) CSNWR one of which stayed throughout the period (GAE). 17 Dec (1) Icelandic SP (CDE, KRC, DWR). 19 Dec (26) Medora C.B.C. 26 Dec (1) Larimore, *Grand Forks* (DOL, CDE). 07 Jan (1) Denbigh Exp Forest, (2) Towner Nursery (REM, MAG, DNS). 12 Feb (1) Brewer Lake, *Cass* (KRC). 12 Feb (1) LaMourre Dam, *LaMoure* (JPL). Peak 13 Feb (8) near Froelich Dam, *Souix* and (1) *Morton* Co WMA (CDE). 21 Feb (1) Gackle in *Logan* (CDE, HCT). 06 Feb (1) Jamestown Reservoir remaining from the Jamestown C.B.C. Banner year for this species east of Missouri River. 40 individuals on 7 C.B.C.s.

American Robin - 17 Dec (69) TRNP North Unit C.B.C. 19 Dec (68) Medora C.B.C. 02 Jan (16) *Cass* (KRC). Peak 10 Feb (44) NDSU (BF). Completely gone from southcentral ND where they are usually present. (CDE).

Varied Thrush - 09 Dec (1) Embden Pines (KRC). 12 Dec to EOP (1) Burlington (SDL,GTL). 16 Dec (1) Edinburg C.B.C. 18 Dec (1) Mayville-Portland C.B.C. Seen also on 27 Dec (1) (CDE), and 28 Dec (1) (DLK). 01 Jan (1) Minot (Maurice Foley). 12 Jan (1) Minot (Richard Walker). One individual throughout the period just west of Medina (Bill Well).

Northern Mockingbird - 18 Dec (1) Mayville-Portland C.B.C., photographed by (DOL). Fifth C.B.C. record.

Brown Thrasher – One wintered at residence of (DOL) in Grand Forks.

European Starling - 08 Dec (1115) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 19 Dec (1179) Minot C.B.C.

Bohemian Waxwing - 11 Dec (150) Wolf Creek WMA (REM). 07 Jan (70) Denbigh Exp Forest, (100) Towner Nursery (REM, MAG, DNS). Seen 3 or 4 times per week throughout period with peak 15 Feb (90) *McKenzie*(JAH). 13 Feb (50) *Souix* (CDE).

Cedar Waxwing - 19 Dec (122) Minot (REM). 06 Feb (100) Jamestown (CDE, JPL). 22 Feb (55) Grand Forks (EEF).

Eastern Towhee - One individual through the period at residence of Marty and Barb Marchello in Fargo (fide DPW).

Accidental in winter.

Am. Tree Sparrow - 16 Dec (100) Long Lake NWR C.B.C. 21 Jan (80) *Richland* (MO, KRC). 04 Feb (27) Sheyenne Grasslands (REM).

Chipping Sparrow - 16 Jan (3) Long Lake NWR C.B.C. (No documentation). 18 Dec (1) Mayville-Portland C.B.C. Accidental in winter. Reported 4 of the last 5 winters.

Savannah Sparrow - 06 Dec (1i) GF Lagoons (EEF, doc.) Second December report.

Song Sparrow - 19 Dec (1) Grand Forks-East Grand Forks C.B.C. 29 Dec (11) Tewaukan NWR C.B.C.

White-throated Sparrow - 19 Dec (2) Grand Forks-East Grand Forks C.B.C. 29 Jan (1) Fargo (DPW).

Harris's Sparrow - 05 Dec (1) Mercer (EEF). 14 Dec (1) Arrowwood NWR C.B.C. 17-19 Dec (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Dark-eyed Junco - 19 Dec (11) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 02 Jan (15) Mandan Exp Station (CDE).

Lapland Longspur - 21 Dec (1000) Des Lacs C.B.C. 08 Jan (40) *Morton* (CDE). 10 Feb (150) *Stark* (JWH).

Snow Bunting - 29 Jan (680) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Northern Cardinal - 16 Dec (1) Grand Forks (EEF). 01 Jan, 16 Jan, 06 Feb (1) residence in Fargo (DPW). 20 Jan (2) south Fargo (KRC). 12 Feb (1) Grand Forks (EEF).

Red-winged Blackbird - 16 Dec (94) Long Lake NWR C.B.C. 26 Dec (30) *Nelson* in a cattail slough (CDE). 07 Jan (30) s of Chaffee (MO). 28 Jan (150) *Oliver* (REM).

Western Meadowlark - 17 Feb (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Yellow-headed Blackbird - 26 Dec (8) males in a mixed flock of 30 blackbirds flushed from a roadside marsh in *Nelson* (CDE).

Rusty Blackbird - 14 Dec (2) Icelandic SP C.B.C. 16 Dec (2) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 16 Dec (1) Bismarck at feeder (MAG).

Common Grackle - 16 Dec (16) Long Lake NWR C.B.C. One individual present to 16 Jan near residence in Bismarck (CDE). 19 Jan (1) *Barnes/Stutsman* (LDI).

Pine Grosbeak - 14 Dec (6) Icelandic SP C.B.C. 16 Dec (1) Garrison Dam C.B.C. (CDE). 21 Dec (5) Des Lacs NWR C.B.C. 25 Dec (1) Steele (JPL). 06 Jan to 22 Jan (1) Wilbur Boldt WMA, *Oliver* (CDE) and (CDE, DF, JJM, HCT). 07 Jan (6) Denbigh Exp. Forest (REM, MAG, DNS). 23 Jan (8) Des Lacs Valley Nursery (SDL). 06 Feb (11) Denbigh Exp Forest (REM). 23 Feb (1) Upper Souris NWR feeders (Dean and Marilyn Knauer).

Purple Finch - 14 Dec (8) Icelandic SP C.B.C. 18 Dec (5) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 16 Jan (15) Denbigh Exp. Forest (REM). Very low numbers with only 1-2 reported throughout.

House Finch - 16 Dec (282) Jamestown C.B.C.

Red Crossbill - 15 Dec (40) Beulah Mines, *Mercer* (David Farmer). 17 Dec (15) Icelandic SP (KRC, CDE, DWR). 07 Jan (12) Denbigh Exp. Forest, (28) Towner Nursery (REM, MAG, DNS). . 01 Dec to 15 Jan (2) Grand Forks (Rich Crawford).

White-winged Crossbill - 14 Dec (3) Icelandic SP C.B.C.

Common Redpoll - 16 Dec (358) CSNWR (GAE). 07 Jan (600) *McHenry* (REM). 15 Jan (200) Horace (LG). 19 Jan (535) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 2855 individuals on 19 C.B.C.s. Good numbers for an "off" year.

Hoary Redpoll - 26 Dec (1) Burlington (SDL). 15 Jan (1) Horace (LG). 04 Feb (2) Sheyenne Grasslands (REM). 20 Feb (1) *Cass* (DWR). 17 individuals on 5 C.B.C.s.

Pine Siskin - 10 Dec (200) *McLean* (REM). 18 Dec (602) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C. 19 Dec (1164) Minot C.B.C. 08 Jan (200) Burlington (SDL).

Am. Goldfinch - 16 Dec (216) Garrison Dam C.B.C. 18 Dec (127) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C.

Evening Grosbeak - 4 individuals sporadically throughout the winter in NewTown (Rita Satermo).

House Sparrow - 18 Dec (2923) Bismarck-Mandan C.B.C.

Significant birds without documentation:

Pyrrhuloxia - 04 Dec (1) in Bismarck (Bob and Caryl Rutten).

Great Gray Owl - 29 Dec (1) near Binford, but no documentation provided. (fide Sandy Hagen of ND Game & Fish).

Observers: (from west to east, compilers underlined)

Grassy Butte: John A. Heiser

Richardton: Justin W. Hoff

Dickinson: Jack P. Lefor

Upper Souris NWR: Darla M. Leslie, Duane Anderson, Dean Knauer, Marilyn Knauer

Minot: Ron E. Martin, Wayne Easley, Corey Ellingson, Eve Freeberg, Sherry D. Leslie, Gary T. Leslie, Bob and Caryl Rutten, Marsha Sovada,
Bryan Stotts, Dan N. Svingen,

Audubon NWR: Craig Hultberg, Mike Goos, Mike McEnroe

Bismarck-Mandan: H. Clark and Sandy L. Talkington, Corey Ellingson, Marlene Anderson, Dave Angell, Linda R Ellingson, David Farmer (Hazen),

Val Gabbert, Mark A. Gonzalez, Jean Hushagen, Luke Hushagen, Brock Johnson (Colorado), Jack P. Lefor, Ron E. Martin, Janelle J. Masters, Floramay Miller, Dan L. Rogers, Linda Stewart, Dan N. Svingen, EllaMae Thompson, Erik Thompson, Tom Thompson.

Long Lake NWR: Gregg and Lynda Knutsen, Natoma Buskness, Pete Finley, Cheryl Jacobs, Tyrel Lauckner, Paul VanNingen, Jason Wagner, Wendy Wolmouth

J. Clark Salyer NWR: Gary A. Eslinger, Gary E. Erickson, Todd W. Gutzke, Chase J. Marshall

Arrowwood NWR: Paulette R. Scherr, Kim Hanson, Bob J. Martin, Elaine Riebe, Mark L. Vaniman, Stacy L. Whipp

Hope: Donald L. Kubischka

Grand Forks: Eve Freeberg, Rich Crawford, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Tim Driscoll, Jack and Jean Johnston, Dave and Cec Lambeth

Fargo: Robert H. O'Conner, Keith R. Corliss, Benjamin Fritchman, Rick Gjervold, Linda Gregg, Larry Igl, Mark Otnes, Connie M. Norheim, Pat Nugent, Dean W. Riemer, Dennis P. Wiesenborn

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