

## THE SPRING SEASON IN NORTH DAKOTA

March 1 thru May 31, 2006

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### GENERAL COMMENTS:

(EEF). The spring was warm early on in March, but April and May temperatures were about average. Moisture levels for the northeast, southeast and northwest were good to average, but the central and southwest areas of the state are in the grips of another drought. The summer residents were present, but migrants seemed sparse outside of a few good days. The number of vagrants was above average. The shorebird peak was late, and large numbers staying through the end of the period. The Grand Forks area had impressive duckling numbers early with 75 broods on 24 May. Lark Buntings and Burrowing Owls made a good showing further east than normal, and Black-billed Cuckoos and Dickcissels showed up earlier than in past years.

### MOST IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

The Spring Season was filled with vagrants, highlighted by the appearance a state first - a flyover Anhinga in Kidder County April 9th. The next day, a Mountain Plover was observed and videotaped in *Slope* county, the first 70 years. A Green-tailed Towhee successfully wintered near Grafton. In late March a Red-shouldered Hawk was photographed at Turtle River State Park, and a Gray Jay was a good find in south Grand Forks shortly thereafter. The following weekend, Eurasian Wigeon was found in Stutsman, and two(!) Great Black-backed Gulls were observed in southcentral ND April 8th. Near the end of April a Pine Warbler was observed in the Grand Forks Cemetery, followed shortly thereafter by a Black-necked Stilt at Kelly's Slough NWR, becoming a pair by the end of the week. The end of April brought a White-winged Dove to south Fargo. May started out with a sighting of Barn Owl in Dunn County, the Gray-headed subspecies of Junco in Stutsman, Little Gull at the Fargo Lagoons, and a Western Tanager in Hettinger. In late May, a Sage Thrasher spent the day in north Fargo, a Hooded Warbler was found in Fargo, plus 4 sightings of Whimbrel and 3 sightings of N. Mockingbird were reported.

### SPECIES:

Gr. White-fronted Goose - First 07 Mar (20) nw of Long Lake NWR (HCT). 05 Apr (800) *Cass* (RHO). Peak 07 Apr (1000) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 22 Apr (2) Fargo Lagoons (DPW).

Snow Goose - BOP in Bismarck area. Peak 01 Apr (50,000) *Foster, Eddy* (PRS). Last EOP.

Ross's Goose - First BOP in Bismarck area. Peak 04 Apr (50) LLNWR (HCT). Last 25 May (1) MSL (CDE).

Cackling Goose - BOP in Bismarck area. Peak 24 Mar (17,000) *McLean* (REM). Last 08 Apr (2) Sweetbriar Lake, *Morton* (REM,CDE,HCT).

Canada Goose - Peak 07 Mar (33,000) *Burleigh* (HCT). First brood 04 May at LLNWR (PCV,GK).

Tundra Swan - First 25 Mar (2) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 07 Apr (4727) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 18 May (3) KSNWR (EEF).

Wood Duck - First 10 Mar (2) *Cass* (DWR). 29 Mar (30) *Morton* (HCT). Peak 18 Apr (34) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 29 May (18) in a brood at Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Gadwall - First BOP at Nelson Lake (1), wintering? (CDE). 07 Mar (6) LLNWR (PCV). Peak 11 Apr (550) *Burleigh* (HCT).

**Eurasian Wigeon** - 08 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (SS). The 16<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

Am. Wigeon - First 07 Mar (2) *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 03 Apr (100) LLNWR (HCT). 08 Apr (100) *Stutsman* (CDE,JPL).

Am. Black Duck - 07 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough (TN). 15 May (1) Hillsboro Lagoons (REM,CDE,DWR). 19 May (1) *Cass* (REM,CDE). 22 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Mallard - BOP. Peak 07 Apr (1000) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 16 May (brood) LLNWR (JK).

Blue-winged Teal - First 24 Mar (1) LLNWR (HCT). Peak 20 Apr (1000) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT).

Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal - 22 Apr (1) Salt Lake, *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT).

Cinnamon Teal - First 15 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough (DNS), (HCT), (REM,CDE), still present 21 Apr (CDE). 15 Apr (1) Gascoyne (DAG,CG). 29 Apr (1) Mirror Lake (DAG,CG), (JSa), (CDE,DLR,JPL,REM). 30 Apr (1) Lake Tschida (JPL). 10 May (1) Stark (JWH),(JPL). 20 May (1) *McIntosh* (JPL). 28 May (1) Belfield Lagoons (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR). All reports.

Northern Shoveler - First 04 Mar (1) Rice Lake, *Emmons* (PCV). Peak 11 Apr (4500) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT). 31 May (brood) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Northern Pintail - A male wintered in Mandan (HCT). First 04 Mar (30) Rice Lake, *Emmons* (PCV). Peak 01 Apr (5000) *Burleigh* (HCT). 15 May (brood) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Green-winged Teal - First 07 Mar (4) LLNWR (LK,PCV), (HCT). Peak 03 Apr (1000) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Canvasback - First 20 Mar (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 11 Apr (750) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT). 26 May (brood) KSNWR (EEF).

Redhead - First 01 Mar (10) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT). Peak 06 Apr (700) MSL (REM)..

Ring-necked Duck - First 28 Feb (1) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (CDE). Peak 11 Apr (900) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT).

Greater Scaup - First 20 Mar (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 22 Apr (170) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last EOP in GF.

Lesser Scaup - First 06 Mar (1) *Morton* (HCT). Peak 11 Apr (4500) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT).

**Long-tailed Duck** - 15 Apr (1) Hillsboro (REM). Two reports last spring.

Bufflehead - First 22 Mar (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 11 Apr (300) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT).

Common Goldeneye - Wintering on Missouri River, Nelson Lake. First 04 Mar (5) Rice Lake, *Emmons* (PCV). Peak 08 Apr (150) *Kidder* (CDE,REM,HCT). Last 22 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Hooded Merganser - First away from Garrison Dam, 11 Mar (1) Jamestown (BE). Peak 10 Apr (44) *Morton* (HCT). 31 May (19) Oak Park, Minot (SDL).

Common Merganser - Wintering on Missouri River, Nelson Lake. First 04 Mar (9) Rice Lake, *Emmons* (PCV). Peak 11 Apr (300) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT). Last 05 May (2) *McLean* (REM).

Red-breasted Merganser - First 07 Apr (3) Alkaline Lake, *Kidder* (BS). 14 Apr (9) Kraft Slough, *Sargent* (MAO). Last 20 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 05 Apr (1) *McLean* (REM). Few reports.

Ruddy Duck - First 29 Mar (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 25 Apr (2000) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Gray Partridge - 04 Mar (10) *Steele* (DLK). 06 Mar (22) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 14 Mar (4 pairs) on territory (EEF).

Ring-necked Pheasant - 05-06 Mar (600) *Slope, Bowman* (DPW). 30 May (brood) Slade NWR (CER).

Greater Sage Grouse - 06 Mar (3) displaying ne of Marmarth (DPW). 24 Mar (1) flushed south of Marmarth (JPL,CDE,REM).

Sharp-tailed Grouse - 10 Mar (64) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 30 May (brood) KSNWR (EEF).

Gr. Prairie-Chicken - 27 Mar (55) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 15 Apr (10) *Richland* (REM,CDE).

Wild Turkey - 06 Mar (221) southcentral ND (HCT). 21 Mar (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Common Loon - First 27 Mar (1) Lake Bertha (CMN,BO). Peak 22 Apr (4) New John's Lake, *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT). Last 25 May (2) Fargo Lagoons (RHO).

Pied-billed Grebe - 26 Mar (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 28 Apr (28) *Grand Forks, Nelson* (CDE,REM).

Horned Grebe - First 08 Apr (2) *Stutsman* (SS), (4) *Emmons, Logan* (CDE,REM,HCT). Peak 18 Apr (570) MSL (REM). Last 11 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Red-necked Grebe - 08 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (SS). Peak 18 Apr (7) MSL (REM). 22 Apr (3 pairs) on a slough on *Burleigh-Sheridan* line (CDE,HCT).

Eared Grebe - First 07 Apr (2) LLNWR (GK). Peak 30 May (400) *Ward* (REM).

Western Grebe - First 08 Apr (1) *Logan* (CDE,REM,HCT). Peak 22 Apr (200) nc ND (REM). 30 May (67) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Clark's Grebe - 22 Apr (1) LLNWR (HCT,CDE), (1) Lake Tschida (JPL). 14 May (1) Stack Slough, *Richland* (PB). 25 May (1) LLNWR (JK). 26 May (1) Des Lacs NWR (REM). 28 May (1) Belfield Lagoons (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR).

Am. White Pelican - First 30 Mar (30) *Cass* (LDI), (3) LLNWR (RS), (3) *Stutsman* (PRS), (2) *Stutsman*(JF). Peak 28 Apr (250) *Nelson* (REM,CDE).

Double-crested Cormorant - First 29 Mar (1) LLNWR (PCV). Peak 22 Apr (740) nc ND (REM).

**Anhinga** - 09 Apr (1) soaring over Dawson WMA, Kidder with Sandhill Cranes (REM,SDL). A first state record if accepted.

Am. Bittern - First 17 Apr (1) Horsehead Lake, *Kidder* (JJM,DLR). 27 Apr (2) LLNWR (HCT). Peak 18 May (3) *Richland* (CDE,REM). 21 May (1) Schnell Ranch, *Stark* (JWH).

Great Blue Heron - First 28 Mar (1) LLNWR (GK), (HCT). 05 Apr (8) on nests, KSNWR (EEF). Peak 21 Apr (70) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 02 May (26) nests at Lake Ilo NWR in *Dunn* (CDE,REM).

Great Egret - First 31 Mar (1) LLNWR (PCV), (HCT,CDE). Peak 18 May (12) *Richland* (CDE,REM). 21 Apr (2) on nests at KSNWR (EEF). Far west: 26 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT).

Snowy Egret - First 11 Apr (1) LLNWR (WW). Peak 15 Apr (4) *Richland* (CDE,REM), 29 Apr (4) *Kidder, Burleigh* (HCT). 10 May (1) CSNWR (GAE). 30 May (1) KSNWR (EEF).

Cattle Egret - First 19 Apr (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 18 May (70) *Richland* (CDE,REM). (3) then (2) present in *Walsh* the second half of May (Tom Olson, fide EEF).

Green Heron - First 06 May (1) English Coulee, GF (EEF), (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 13 May (3) N. Fargo (DPW). 16 May (4) *Richland* (CDE,REM).

Black-crowned Night Heron - First 06 Apr (1) MSL (REM). Peak 19 May (20) *Richland* (CDE,REM). 10 May (1) Cedar Dam, *Slope* (JPL).

White-faced Ibis - First 15 Apr (14) Lake Betha, *Cass* (RHO), (1) *Towner* (SKH). 25 Apr (1) e of Audubon NWR (CH). 15 May (14) *Cass* (PRS). 30 May (22) McKenzie Slough (CDE,HCT).

Turkey Vulture - First 01 Apr (1) Pipestem Reservoir (BE). 07 Apr (3) Grand Forks (DOL). 19 May (7) *Cass* (CDE,REM). Peak 28 May (12) *Morton, McLean, Burleigh* (HCT). 28 May (3) over Hope (DLK).

Osprey - First 26 Mar (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 22 Apr (2) *Morton* (DLR). Last 06 May (1) *Steele* (DLK). Early.

Bald Eagle - 10 Mar (1) on nest at Fordville Dam (EEF), (1) on nest at Garrison Dam (REM). Peak 01 Apr (50) migrating up the Red River at Grand Forks. (EEF). 07 May (1) on nest at CSNWR (REM). 24 May (1) imm at Arrowwood NWR (PRS). 25 May (1) N. Fargo perched (DPW).

Northern Harrier - 01 Mar (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). 05-06 Mar (4-5) *Slope, Bowman* (DPW). Peak 29 Apr (24) *Kidder, Burleigh* (HCT,FM).

Sharp-shinned Hawk - Peak 01 Apr (7) migrating up the Red R. at Grand Forks (EEF).

Cooper's Hawk - 03 Mar (1) Dickinson (JK). First 25 Mar (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 24 Apr (9) Grand Forks (EEF). 05 May (nest building) at GF Cemetery (EEF).

Northern Goshawk - 02 Mar (1) Sawyer (REM). 24 Mar (1) *McLean* (REM). 30 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 31 Mar

(1) Fargo (PB). 12 Apr (1) MacLean Bottoms, *Burleigh* (PCV). Last 20 Apr (1) *Burleigh* (HCT). All reports.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 28 Mar (1) TRSP (TGD), and 29 Mar (DOL). Photographed.

Broad-winged Hawk - First 17 Apr (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). Peak 28 Apr (6) GF Cemetery (REM,CDE). 06 May (6) visible at one time in Hettinger (CDE). Last 29 May (1) Minot (CDE,SDL,REM).

Swainson's Hawk - First 03 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (RK). Peak 29 Apr (19) sw ND (CDE,REM).

Red-tailed Hawk - Peak 01 Apr (468) migrating up the Red R. at Grand Forks (EEF).

Ferruginous Hawk - 03 Mar (1) *Slope* (DPW). First 11 Mar (1) *Morton* (DLR). Peak 27 Apr (5) *Kidder, Burleigh* (HCT). 02 May (1) *Sheridan* (SKH).

Rough-legged Hawk - Peak 29 Mar (23) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 27 Apr (1) *Stutsman*, (1) *Cass* (PRS).

Golden Eagle - Peak 18 Mar (6) *Morton* (DLR). 27 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 30 Mar (1) *Barnes* (LDI). 06 and 10 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (PRS).

American Kestrel - First 07 Mar (1) *Stutsman* (PRS), (1) *Stutsman* (TB). Peak 08 Apr (11) *Burleigh* (RD).

Merlin - 24 Mar (1) taiga race in *Slope* (CDE,REM,DWR). Peak 17 Apr (3) Grand Forks (EEF). 01 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT).

Gyrfalcon - A few March sightings by DPW and others, but no specifics. Several birds were present including a white morph in the Hwy 67 area in February.

Peregrine Falcon - First 17 Mar (2) returned to nest box location on Bank in Fargo (Wick Corwin). Many reports of singles in April and May. One bird was reported to have set up territory on the Capitol building of Bismarck through EOP, seen 13 May by (CDE).

Prairie Falcon - 01 Mar (1) LLNWR (GK,LK). 06 Mar (1) *Bowman* (DPW). 29 Mar (1) picked up injured in *Kidder* (Jmy). 08 Apr (1) LLNWR (CDE), (1) *Burleigh* (HCT). 21 Apr (1) Fairfield (JK). All reports.

Yellow Rail - Peak 16 May (19) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Virginia Rail - First 14 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (DB). 15 May (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 19 May (15) *Richland* (CDE,REM).

Sora - First 26 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 08 May (15) *Grand Forks* (EEF), 19 May (15) *Richland* (CDE,REM).

Am. Coot - Wintered (1) at Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT,CDE). First 11 Mar (1) Jamestown (JAS). Peak 16 Apr (2500) GF Lagoons (EEF), (REM,CDE).

Sandhill Crane - First 08 Mar (3) LLNWR (JW), (CDE). Quite early. Peak 09 Apr (385) central ND (REM,SDL). Last 21 May (1) McKenzie Slough (JW).

Whooping Crane - First 05 Apr (6) *Stutsman* (fide PRS). 10 Apr (1) flying over Bismarck (KG). 16 Apr (2) over Minot (DL). 18 Apr (3) *Stutsman* (fide PRS). 19-20 Apr (3) nw of Carrington (REM),(CDE), (fide GK,PRS). 23 Apr (6) Mercer (DMF),(JPL). 04 May (2) ne of Wilton (Mike Szymanski).

Black-bellied Plover - First 12 May (1) McKenzie Slough (CDE), (1) *Pierce* (REM). Peak 23 May (5) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last EOP. Very few reports/numbers reported.

Am. Golden Plover - First 07 May (50) *McHenry* (REM). 08 May (1) KSNWR (EEF). 13 May (5) *Kidder* (REM). 23 May (15) *Grand Forks* (BBC). Last 31 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). ALL reports!

Semipalmated Plover - First 25 Apr (5) LLNWR (HCT). Peak 27 Apr (27) *Kidder* (HCT). Last EOP.

Piping Plover - First 17 Apr (2) McKenzie Slough (HCT). 30 Apr (1) *Souix* (JPL), (1) Mallard Island, *McLean* (SKH). Peak 06 May (6) GF Lagoons (EEF). 13 May (3) Sibley Park, Bismarck (CDE), (2) *Kidder* (REM). 27 May (1) Missouri River, *Emmons* (CDE,HCT,DWR). All reports.

Killdeer - First 25 Mar (1) *Oliver* (CDE,REM). Peak 08 Apr (100) sc ND (CDE,REM,HCT). 22 May (brood) GF Lagoons (EEF).

**Mountain Plover** - 09 Apr (1) Observed and videotaped on a Sage Grouse lek in *Slope* (Dr. Alan VanNorman). First ND report since 1936.

**Black-necked Stilt** - 26 Apr (1) KSNWR, then (2) 28 Apr to 02 May ( C. Tomkins, EEF). Photographed.

Am. Avocet - First 05 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough (HCT). Peak 22 Apr (46) *McHenry, Wells, Pierce* (REM).

Greater Yellowlegs - First and Peak 01 Apr (5) *Burleigh* (HCT), (1) Upper Souris NWR (SDL). Peak 26 Apr (5) KSNWR (EEF). Last 24 May (1) *Grand Forks* (REM).

Lesser Yellowlegs - First 30 Mar (1) *Barnes* (LDI). Peak 02 May (472) KSNWR (EEF). Last 30 May (1) *Ward* (REM).

Solitary Sandpiper - First 16 Apr (6) LLNWR (HCT). Peak 25 Apr (20) *Burleigh* (HCT). Last 21 May (1) Tesoro Refinery (HCT).

Willet - First 10 Apr (1) LLNWR (PCV). Peak 25 Apr (13) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Spotted Sandpiper - First 24 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 09 May (15) LLNWR (CDE).

Upland Sandpiper - First 23 Apr (1) *Morton* (HCT). Peak 08 May (5) *Steele* (DLK).

**Whimbrel** - First 11 May (2) Bowman-Haley Res. (DNS). 24 May (1) Fargo Lagoons (CDE,REM,LM,DWR,DLR,PHS,HCT). 24 May (2) GF Lagoons (REM). 28 May (2) LLNWR (PCV). Above average number of reports.

Long-billed Curlew - First 18 Apr (2) *Slope* (DLR). 05 May (1) *Adams* (REM,JPL). 16 May (1) nw of Amidon (SKH).

25 Apr (19) *Slope* (JK). 28 May (3) *Billings* (JPL,CDE,REM,DWR).

Hudsonian Godwit - First 15 Apr (1) LLNWR (HCT). Peak 22 May (96) KSNWR (EEF). Last EOP.

Marbled Godwit - First 09 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough (SKH). Peak 16 Apr (71) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Ruddy Turnstone - First 04 May (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). 11 May (1) Gascoyne (DNS). Peak 24 May (150) *Benson*, (15) *Cass*, (15) *Grand Forks* (REM). Last EOP.

Red Knot - First 22 May (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). 23 May (BBC) thru Last 26 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Sanderling - First 07 May (2) GF Lagoons (EEF), (1) McKenzie Slough (CDE). Peak 30 May (71) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last EOP.

Semipalmated Sandpiper - First 12 Apr (4) *Morton* (DLR). Peak 28 May (500) McKenzie Slough (HCT). Last EOP.

Least Sandpiper - First 11 Apr (4) *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 20 May (200) *Cass* (CDE,REM). Last 30 May (1) MSL (REM).

White-rumped Sandpiper - First 09 May (1) LLNWR (CDE). Peak 28 May (500) McKenzie Slough (HCT). Last EOP.

Baird's Sandpiper - First 04 Apr (17) *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 27 Apr (400) *Burleigh*, *Kidder* (HCT). Last EOP.

Pectoral Sandpiper - First 15 Apr (12) LLNWR (HCT), (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 30 May (78) KSNWR (EEF). Last EOP.

Dunlin - First 03 May (4) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 23 May (540) KSNWR (EEF). Last EOP.

Stilt Sandpiper - First 16 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough (HCT). Very Early. Peak 30 May (120) KSNWR (EEF). Last EOP.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper - 22-24 May (9-20) MSL (REM,SDL).

Short-billed Dowitcher - First 27 Apr (2) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 20 May (70) *Cass* (CDE,REM). Last EOP.

Long-billed Dowitcher - First 15 Apr (6) *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 05 May (90) *McLean*, (50) *Adams* (REM).

Wilson's Snipe - First 08 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (DB). Peak 15 Apr (30) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Am. Woodcock - 07 Apr (1) Menoken Grove (HCT,CDE). 21 Apr (on nest) TRSP (TRSP staff, TGD,EEF,DOL), 06 May (4) fledged young (TGD). 26 Apr (1) NPWRC, third spring in a row (LDI). 19 May (5) *Richland* (CDE,REM). Birds also reported displaying from Kimball Bottoms, *Burleigh* (Bill Bicknell, fide CDE).

Wilson's Phalarope - First 11 Apr LLNWR (RD). Peak 09 May (996) LLNWR shorebird survey (CDE).

Red-necked Phalarope - First 06 May (6) *Dunn* (REM). 23 May (1500) MSL (REM). Last 30 May (23) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Franklin's Gull - 27 Mar (1) GF Lagoons (EEF), (1) *Stutsman* (JAS). 07 May (1000s) at CSNWR (REM).

**Little Gull** - 15 May (1) adult at Fargo Lagoons (CDE,REM), (CMN,BO,DWR). Photographed. The 15<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

Bonaparte's Gull - First and Peak 08 Apr (1350) *Kidder, Emmons, Logan* (REM,CDE,HCT), (8) Jamestown Lagoons (LDI). A new high count for spring. 26 May (3) *Ward* (REM).

Ring-billed Gull - First 17 Mar (116) Nelson Lake (HCT), (40) Missouri River, Bismarck (CDE). 08 Apr (1500) *Burleigh* (HCT,CDE,REM). Peak 22 Apr (2000) *McHenry* (REM).

California Gull - First 17 Mar (2) Nelson Lake (HCT), (1) Bismarck Landfill (CDE). Peak 11 Apr (2000) *Burleigh* (HCT). 18 May (5) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Herring Gull - First 17 Mar (2) Nelson Lake (HCT), (1) Bismarck Landfill (CDE). Peak 08 Apr (82) sc ND (CDE,REM,HCT). 15 May (9) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last 30 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Thayer's Gull - First 15 Apr (1) Bismarck Landfill (DNS). 21 Apr (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). 27-29 Apr (1) Lake Etta, *Kidder* (HCT).

Lesser Black-backed Gull - First 07 Apr (1) Bismarck Landfill (BS,DNS). Peak 15 Apr (2) Bismarck Landfill (DNS). Last 21 Apr (1) Bismarck Landfill (CDE,LRE,HCT).

Glaucous Gull - 21 Apr (1) second winter at Bismarck Landfill (CDE,LRE,HCT). 21 May (1) Lake Etta, *Kidder* (HCT).

04 May - EOP (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Late.

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 08 Apr (1) first winter at Bismarck Landfill (REM,CDE,HCT), later (DNS). 08 Apr (1) 3<sup>rd</sup> winter at McKenna Lake, Napoleon (REM,CDE,HCT). Both photographed. The second and third reports for the state.

Caspian Tern - First 23 Apr (2) Pipestem Res, Jamestown (SS). 02 May (1) Cottonwood Lake, Bismarck (MGM). 12 May (3) *Stutsman* (CDE,REM). 15 May (2) LLNWR (GK,JK). Peak 20 May (7) *Cass* (CDE,REM).

Common Tern - First 22 Apr (10) Salt Lake, *Burleigh* (HCT,CDE). Peak 16 May (38) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Forster's Tern - First 15 Apr (1) *Richland* (CDE,REM). Peak 27 Apr (60) *Kidder, Burleigh* (HCT).

Least Tern - First 18 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 28 May (9) *Morton, Oliver, McLean* (HCT).

Black Tern - First 10 May (2) McKenzie Slough (HCT). 22 May (115) GF Lagoons (EEF). 24 May (150) MSL (REM).

Rock Pigeon - Peak 27 Mar (150) Bismarck, Mandan (HCT).

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 07 and 13 Mar (2) MSL (REM). 22 Mar (2) and continued in Harwood, *Cass* (Pete Meyer). 28 Mar (4) Steele (GK,LK). 08 Apr (2) Hazelton (CDE,REM,HCT). 03 Apr (nest building) in Grand Forks (EEF). 22 Apr (1) Hope (DLK), (1) Elgin (JPL). 29 Apr (5) *Adams* (CDE,REM,DLR). 22 May (2) Oakes (JLe). 24 Apr (1) Bowman (MLJ). 29 May (4) Marmarth, *Slope* (REM,CDE,JPL,DWR). Also (3-5) in Devils Lake, no date (Roger Holovedt).

**White-winged Dove** - 30 Apr (1) S. Fargo (MAO). Photographed. The 5<sup>th</sup> record for the state.

Mourning Dove - 11 Mar (2) Moffit WMA (PCV). Peak 28 May (75) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT).

Black-billed Cuckoo - First 26 May (1) *Barnes* (JLe), (1) Sawyer (REM). 29 May (2) Oak Park, Minot (REM,SDL). 31 May (1) Burlington (SDL).

**Barn Owl** - 01 May (1) Dunn Center (JPL). Photographed.

Eastern Screech-Owl - Mar - May (1) on many dates heard in Fargo. 14 Apr (1) *Ransom* (CDE,REM,BS). 25 Apr (1) in a cavity in Bismarck (CDE, Will Kincaid). The cavity eventually fledged (3) young in early June.

Great Horned Owl - 07 Mar (1) arctic race in Fargo (PB). 16 Mar (3) on nests in *Grand Forks* (EEF). (7) on nests *Burleigh*, (2) *Morton*, (1) *Emmons* (HCT,CDE). 9 nests found in March (REM).

Snowy Owl - Peak 31 Mar (4) LLNWR (HCT,CDE). 08 Apr (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 22 Apr (1) Fargo Lagoons (DPW).

Burrowing Owl - First 10 Apr (1) Oakville Prairie (EEF), 11 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 23 Apr (15) *Morton*, Souix (HCT). 02 May (1) *McLean* (KAB). 03 May (2) w of Strasburg (GK,JSt). 06 May (1) *Barnes* (JLe). Four reports east of the Missouri R. is encouraging.

Barred Owl - 15 Apr (2) at Paintner Bridge, *Ransom* (REM,CDE).

Long-eared Owl - 05 Apr (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). 07 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough WMA (CDE,HCT). 07 Apr (1) Kimball Bottoms, *Burleigh* (REM,CDE,DNS,HCT). 06 May (2) Lake Ilo NWR (JPL). 07 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (CDE).

Short-eared Owl - 24 Mar (1) *Bowman* (REM,CDE,JPL). 03 Apr (1) Walsh (RK). 14 Apr (2) *Barnes* (CDE,REM). Peak 21 Apr (7) sw ND (JK). 27 May (2) *Billings* (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR).

Northern Saw-whet Owl - 31 Mar (1) GF Cemetery (DOL). 09 and 28 Apr (1) Sawyer (REM).

Common Nighthawk - First 19 May (1) Fargo (DLK). 28 May (4) *Morton* (CDE,REM,DWR). Peak 28 May (6) Burlington (SDL).

Poor-will - 27 May (4) calling and then seen at close range floating by in Ponderosa Pines, *Slope* (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR).

Whip-poor-will - 10 May (1) second hand report of a bird heard calling near Oak Grove Park (fide DPW). 19 May (1) flyover migrant in Hankinson unit of Sheyenne Nat'l Grasslands (CDE,REM).

Chimney Swift - First 02 May (2) Trefoil Park, Fargo (DPW). 15 May (12) *Stutsman* (CDE,REM). 27 May (7) Hope (DLK).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - First 07 May (1) Horace (LG,JG). Peak 21 May (3) Burlington (SDL).

Belted Kingfisher - First 19 Mar (1) Garrison Dam (REM). Peak 20 Apr (5) *Grand Forks* (EEF), 22 Apr (5) *McHenry, Ward* (REM).

Red-headed Woodpecker - First 16 May (1) Trefoil Park (CMN,BO). Peak 28 May (2) *Slope*, (1) *Bowman* (JPL,CDE,REM,DWR).

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 29 Apr (1) resident in Horace (LG,JG). 17 May (3) *Cass* (CDE,REM).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - First 28 Mar (1) El Zagal (DPW). Peak 16 Apr (2) Grand Forks (EEF,REM), 16-18 Apr (2) my yard in Bismarck in large Weeping birch trees (CDE). Peak 07 May (11) *McHenry* (REM).

Downy Woodpecker - 07 Apr (5) Oak Park (REM). Otherwise present, nothing noted.

Hairy Woodpecker - 21 Apr (7) *Ward*, Renville (REM). Otherwise present, nothing noted.

Northern "Yellow-shafted" Flicker - First 06 Apr (20) *Grand Forks* (EEF), (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 12 Apr (74) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Northern "Red-shafted" Flicker - 05 May (1) *Adams* (REM,JPL).

Pileated Woodpecker - 29 Apr (1) Horace (LG,JG). 13 May (1) Goose River Valley (DLK). 15 May (1) *Trail* (CDE,REM). 16 May (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Olive-sided Flycatcher - First 21 May (1) Schnell Ranch, *Stark* (JWH). 24 May (1) Mickelson Field (CDE,DLR,HCT), (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 26 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). All reports.

W. Wood-Pewee - First 28 May (2) Marmarth, *Slope* (JPL,CDE,REM,DWR).

E. Wood-Pewee - First 24 May (1) Burlington (SDL), (1) Oak Park, Minot (REM). Peak 30 May (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - First 20 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Alder Flycatcher - First 21 May (1) *Burleigh* (CDE,REM). 25 May (3) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 29 May (7) N. Fargo (DPW).

Willow Flycatcher - First 21 May (4) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 28 May (8) *Morton*, *Burleigh* (HCT), 31 May (8) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Least Flycatcher - First 02 May (1) Dunn Center (REM,CDE). Peak 23 May (25) Minot (REM). 30 May (20) *Grand*

*Forks* (EEF).

Eastern Phoebe - First 05 Apr (2) Trefoil Park (DPW), (1) NPWRC (LDI). Peak 18 Apr (16) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 02 May (1) Lake Ilo NWR (REM,CDE). 20 May (1) Seeman Park, Linton (JPL).

Say's Phoebe - First 08 Apr (1) *Morton* (REM,CDE,HCT). 14 Apr (1) *Towner* (RL). 22 Apr (1) *Bowman* (MLJ). Peak 28 May (5) sw ND (CDE,JPL,REM,DPW). All reports.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher - First 15 May (1) Jamestown (REM,CDE). 21 May (2) Dawson WMA, *Kidder* (HCT). Peak 30 May (8) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Western Kingbird - First 07 May (2) Bismarck (LRE,CDE). Peak 29 May (25) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT).

Eastern Kingbird - First 16 May (1) *Richland* (REM,CDE). Peak 29 May (20) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT).

Loggerhead Shrike - First 16 Apr (1) LLNWR (DBa). Peak 21 Apr (20) sw ND (JK). 17 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Northern Shrike - 25 Mar (2) *Slope, Billings* (CDE,JPL,REM). 28 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 29 Mar (1) *Morton* (HCT).

Bell's Vireo - First 27 May (2) Beaver Bay Rec area, *Emmons* (HCT,CDE,DWR).

Yellow-throated Vireo - First 11 May (1) Lindenwood Park (CMN,BO). Peak 30 May (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Blue-headed Vireo - First 07 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 19 May (17) *Cass* (REM,CDE). Last 24 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Warbling Vireo - First 11 May (1) Trefoil Park, Fargo (DPW). 30 May (24) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Philadelphia Vireo - First 19 May (2) *Cass* (REM,CDE), (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). 21 May (1) Dawson WMA, *Kidder* (HCT). Last 23 May (1) *Minot* (REM).

Red-eyed Vireo - First 19 May (1) *Cass* (CDE,REM). Peak 24 May (20) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

**Gray Jay** - 01 Apr to 12 Apr (1) south *Grand Forks* (EEF,BBC,TGD,CDE,DOL,JPL,CMN,BO,RHO,DWR,DNS,HCT). Photographed. Accidental in spring.

Blue Jay - 06 Mar (2) *Marmarth, Slope* (DPW). 28 Mar (14) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 17 May (13) *Cass* (REM,CDE).

Black-billed Magpie - 24 Mar (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Am. Crow - 28 Mar (on nest) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 16 Mar (100) Des Lacs Nursery (SDL), (88) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 30 Mar (300) Des Lacs Nursery, Burlington (SDL).

Com Raven - 12 Mar (3) *McHenry* (REM). 16 Apr (1) *Pierce* (REM).

Horned Lark - Peak 23 Mar (733) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Purple Martin - First 10 Apr LLNWR (PCV). 27 May (4) Killdeer (JPL). Peak 05 May (10) Ashtabula Reservoir (DLK).

Tree Swallow - First 04 Apr (1) NDG&F headquarters (RD). Peak 04 May (1000) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Violet-green Swallow - First 27 May (2) *Billings* (REM,CDE,JPL,DWR). 28 May (2) *Marmarth Lagoons* (REM,CDE,JPL,DWR).

N. Rough-winged Swallow - 12 May (8) *Pierce, Stutsman* (REM). 29 May (2) building a nest in a vent of a house in N. Fargo (DPW).

Bank Swallow - First 18 Apr (2) MSL (REM), (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 26 Apr (300) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT).

Cliff Swallow - 18 Apr (2) MSL (REM), (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 20 May (3000) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Barn Swallow - First 18 Apr (2) MSL (REM). Peak 20 May (200) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Black-capped Chickadee - 12 Mar (20) *McHenry* (REM). 21 Apr (20) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 08 Apr (1) at nest hole in Linton (CDE,REM,HCT). 14 Apr (6) Denbigh Exp Forest (REM). 06 May (3) Hettinger (CDE). 21 May (1) Dawson WMA,*Kidder* (HCT). 30 May (1) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

White-breasted Nuthatch - 21 Apr (8) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Brown Creeper - Peak 18 Mar (3) Trefoil Park (DPW), 07 Apr (3) *Burleigh* (HCT,CDE). Last 02 May (2) Trefoil Park (DPW).

Rock Wren - First 23 Apr (1) *Morton* (HCT). 05 May (1) *Adams* (REM,JPL). 13 May (2) *Sioux* (CDE). 27 May (1) *Emmons* (HCT,CDE,DWR).

House Wren - First 28 Apr (1) Bismarck (DNS). Peak 30 May (35) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Winter Wren - First 07 Apr (1) Menoken Grove, *Burleigh* (REM). 09 Apr (1) Napoleon (CDE,JPL). Peak 18 Apr (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 09 May (1) *Grand Forks* (Rich Crawford).

Sedge Wren - First 03 May (1) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 16 May (86) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Marsh Wren - First 28 Apr (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF), (4) *Grand Forks*, (3) *Nelson* (REM,CDE). 09 May (18) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 19 May (100) *Richland* (REM,CDE).

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 12 Mar (1) Sawyer (REM). Peak 07 Apr (21) c ND (REM). Last 27 Apr (1) Dawson WMA, *Kidder* (HCT).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - First 01 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 20 Apr (52) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 26 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Eastern Bluebird - First 08 Mar (1) Bismarck (MGM). Peak 03 Apr (6) Burlington (SDL). 18 May (6) *Richland* (REM,CDE).

Mountain Bluebird - First 03 Mar (2) *Bowman* (JK ). 25 Mar (8) *Billings* (CDE,JPL,REM). 07 May (3) CSNWR (REM).

Townsend's Solitaire - Peak 06 Mar (2) Burning Coal Vein CG (DPW). 24 Mar (1) Sweetbriar Lake (HCT,CDE). 07 Apr (1) Mandan Exp. Station (REM). Last 01 May (1) Mott (DNS).

Veery - First 30 Apr (1) Fargo (BO). 15 May (3) Fargo (REM,CDE). Peak 18 May (7) *Ransom*, *Richland* (REM,CDE). 25 May (2) Trefoil Park (DPW).

Gray-cheeked Thrush - First 05 May (1) *Adams* (REM,JPL). Peak 19 May (21) *Cass* (REM,CDE). Last 26 May (1) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Swainson's Thrush - First 21 Apr (10) *Bowman* (MLJ). Next 30 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 19 May (85) *Cass*, *Richland* (REM,CDE). Last 29 May (2) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Hermit Thrush - First 01 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 29 Apr (15) N. Fargo (DPW). 06 May (1) Lake Ilo NWR (JPL). 14 May (1) *Souix* (JPL). Last 16 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Wood Thrush - 18 May (1) singing in Sheyenne Nat'l Grasslands, *Richland* (REM,CDE).

American Robin - Good winter for this species. 01 Apr (250) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 06 Apr (830)

*Grand Forks* (EEF).

Gray Catbird - First 12 May (1) ne of Washburn (JSh). Peak 24 May (7) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

N. Mockingbird - 09 May (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). 20 May (1) Fargo (DWR,CDE,REM). 20 May (1) south of U of Mary (SRD).

**Sage Thrasher** - 21 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW,PB,CDE,DOL,JPL,REM,CMN,BO,RHO,DWR,PHS,HCT). Photographed. 28 May (1) *McHenry* (Steve Schultz). About the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> reports for the state, and the first in 6 years.

Brown Thrasher - First 10 Apr (1) *Morton* (DLR). Peak 10 May (24) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

European Starling - 27 Mar (850) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 31 Mar (2000) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT,CDE).

Am. Pipit - First 15 Apr (3) McKenzie Slough (DNS),(REM,CDE). Peak 28 Apr (6) *Grand Forks* (REM,CDE). Last 19 May (1) *Cass* (REM,CDE).

Sprague's Pipit - First 21 Apr (11) *Ward* (REM). 26 May (10) *Burke* (REM).

Bohemian Waxwing - Peak 12 Mar (400) *McHenry* (REM,CDE). 02 Apr (400) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 14 Apr (30) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Cedar Waxwing - Peak 17 Apr (95) Tesoro Refinery (HCT). 24 May (100) N. Fargo (DPW). 30 May (100) Oak Park (REM).

Golden-winged Warbler - 22 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Tennessee Warbler - First 08 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) Trefoil Park (CMN). Peak 19 May (220) *Cass, Richland* (REM,CDE). Last EOP.

Orange-crowned Warbler - First 19 Apr (1) Oak Grove Park (RHO). Peak 05 May (30) ND (REM). Last 21 May (1) *Cass* (REM,CDE).

Nashville Warbler - First 01 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 19 May (5) *Cass* (REM,CDE), 21 May (5) *Cass, Barnes* (REM,CDE). Last 24 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Northern Parula - 20 May (1) Armour Park, West Fargo (REM,CDE,DWR).

Yellow Warbler - First 20 Apr (1) Pioneer Park, Bismarck (RD). Peak 23 May (75) Minot (REM).

Chestnut-sided Warbler - First 19 May (1) Fargo (REM,CDE). Peak 25 May (7) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 27 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Magnolia Warbler - First 11 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 20 May (12) Fargo (REM,CDE). Last 27 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Cape May Warbler - First 14 May (2) yard (EEF). Peak 19 May (5) Fargo (REM,CDE). 21 May (3) Fargo, (2) *Barnes* (REM,CDE). 21 May (2) Schnell Ranch, *Stark* (JWH). Last 25 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Black-throated Blue Warbler - 16 May (1) Orchard Glen, singing (REM). 19 May (1) Armour Park, West Fargo (REM,CDE,DWR).

Yellow-rumped Warbler - First 01 Apr (1) N.Fargo (DPW). Peak 05 May (142) ND (REM). Last 23 May (1) Oak Park (REM).

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's form) - 22 Apr (1) Schnell Ranch, *Stark* (JWH).

Black-throated Green Warbler - First 16 May (1) TRSP (TL). Peak 17 May (3) Grand Forks (EEF). 19 May (2) Fargo (REM,CDE). 20 May (1) yard in Fargo (DPW). Last 21 May (1) Fargo (REM,CDE).

Blackburnian Warbler - First 26 Apr (1) Jamestown (AI). Next 20 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). No peak.. Last 27 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

**Pine Warbler** - 24 Apr (1) GF Cemetery (DOL),(BBC,TGD), (REM,CDE,DWR). Photographed.

Palm Warbler - First 26 Apr (1) *Cass* (MAO). Peak 13 May (25) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 14 May (1) Schnell Ranch, *Stark* (JWH). Last 22 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF).

Bay-breasted Warbler - First 16 May (1) Wahpeton (REM,CDE). Peak 19 May (4) Fargo (REM,CDE). 21 May (2) Dawson WMA,*Kidder* (HCT). Last 29 May (1) Van Hook rec area (DLi).

Blackpoll Warbler - First 01 May (1) Oak Park (REM). Peak 21 May (30) Dawson WMA, *Kidder* (HCT). Last 30 May (1) Oak Park (REM).

Black-and-white Warbler - First 30 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 20 May (8) *Cass, Richland* (REM,CDE). Last 25 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW).

American Redstart - First 13 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 20 May (26) *Cass, Richland* (REM,CDE). 28 May (20) *Oliver, McLean* (HCT).

Ovenbird - First 14 Apr (1) Bismarck (MAG). Earliest report for the state. Next 29 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 15 May (36) *Stutsman, Cass* (REM,CDE).

N. Waterthrush - First 29 Apr (3) Grand Forks (DOL). 11 May (38) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 15 May (6) Lake Ilo NWR (JPL). Peak 16 May (41) *Cass, Richland* (REM,CDE). Last 26 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Connecticut Warbler - First 24 May (1) GF Cemetery (EEF,DOL). 25 May (1) Oak Park (REM). Peak 25 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 29 May (1) Oak Park (REM,SDL,CDE).

Mourning Warbler - First 20 May (1) W. Fargo (CDE). Peak 25 May (5) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 27 May (1) Hope (DLK), (1) Trefoil Park (DPW).

Common Yellowthroat - First 12 May (1) McKenzie Slough WMA (CDE). Peak 28 May (45) *Morton, Oliver, McLean, Burleigh* (HCT).

**Hooded Warbler** - 24 May (1) Trefoil Park (DPW), (PB,CDE,RG,LM,REM,RHO,DLR,DWR,PHS,HCT). 25 May heard before a tree trimming crew moved in. (PB).

Wilson's Warbler - First 10 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 21 May (18) *Cass, Barnes* (REM,CDE). Last 29 May (1) Oak Park (REM).

Canada Warbler - First 20 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) W. Fargo (REM,CDE,DWR). Peak 24 May (3) Grand Forks (EEF), peak and last 29 May (3) Oak Park (REM).

Yellow-breasted Chat - First 27 May (3) McLean Bottoms, *Burleigh* (CDE,DWR,HCT). 27 May (4) *Slope, Billings* (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR). Only reports.

Scarlet Tanager - First 17 May (1) *Sargent* (MAO). 20 May (1) *Dickey* (JPL). 24 May (1) female in N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 30 May (2) TRSP (EEF).

**Western Tanager** - 05 May (1) Hettinger (REM,JPL).

**Green-tailed Towhee** - Wintered just west of Grafton, *Walsh* and seen by multiple observers. (Lydia Maendel residence). Bird was still present on 31 Mar (fide DNS).

Spotted Towhee - First 22 Apr (1) Bowman (MLJ). Peak 06 May (11) sw ND (REM). 07 May (1) Hope (DLK). 17

May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 20 May (2) *McIntosh* (JPL). 27 May (4) *Burleigh* (HCT,CDE,DWR).

Eastern Towhee - First and Peak 11 May (2) *Grand Forks* (Russ Wilbur, fide EEF). 13 May (2) *Fargo* (REM). 26 May (1) female at the feeder, *Bismarck* (CDE).

Am. Tree Sparrow - Peak 12 Mar (385) sw ND (CDE,REM,DW). 18 Mar (150) *Burleigh, Oliver* (HCT). 22 Mar (350) *Stutsman* (PRS). Last 27 Apr (4) *Cass* (PRS).

Chipping Sparrow - First 03 Apr (1) *Audubon NWR* (CH). 13 May (385) *Cass, Barnes* (REM). Peak 20 May (200) *Morton* (HCT).

Clay-colored Sparrow - First 27 Apr (1) *Sawyer* (REM). Peak 13 May (50) *Barnes* (REM).

Brewer's Sparrow - 28 May (2) *Bowman* (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR).

Field Sparrow - First 29 Apr (1) *Ward* (REM), (1) *Hettinger* (CDE,JPL,REM,DLR). 05 May (6) *Sargent* (MAO). 13 May (1) *Oak Grove Park* (DPW). Peak 18 May (8) *Richland, Ransom* (REM,CDE).

Vesper Sparrow - First 08 Apr (1) *Larimore Dam* (BBC). Peak 27 Apr (58) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Lark Sparrow - First 13 Apr (1) *Audubon NWR* (CH). Peak 06 May (26) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Lark Bunting - First 17 May (1) *LLNWR* (PCV). Peak 28 May (250) sw ND (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR).

Savannah Sparrow - First 12 Apr (1) *GF Lagoons* (EEF). Peak 07 May (55) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Baird's Sparrow - First 26 May (6) *Burke* (REM). 27 May (1) *Schnell Ranch, Stark* (JWH). 28 May (3) *Slope* (JPL,CDE,REM,DWR).

Grasshopper Sparrow - First 05 May (1) *Adams* (REM). 06 May (1) *N. Fargo, unusual location* (DPW). Peak 15 May (20) *Stutsman* (PRS).

**Henslow's Sparrow** - 08-10 May (1) *Barnes* (JLe). Very unusual in spring.

LeConte's Sparrow - First 27 Apr (12) *Oakville Prairie* (REM,CDE). Peak 07 May (21) *CSNWR* (REM). 08 May (1) *Barnes* (DLK). 09 May (1) *Foster*, (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). 26 May (1) *Basaroba WMA* (JK). All reports.

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow - 19 May (1) *Richland* (REM,CDE). 26 May (1) *Burke* (REM).

Fox Sparrow - Wintered through 31 Mar in yard in *Bismarck* (MAG). First 30 Mar (3) *N. Fargo* (DPW). Peak 06 Apr (60) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 07 Apr (15) *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT). Last 15 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Song Sparrow - First 29 Mar (1) *Tesoro Refinery* (HCT). Peak 26 May (40) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Lincoln's Sparrow - First 14 Apr (1) yard in *Mandan* (HCT). Peak 05 May (30) *Adams* (REM). Last 21 May (1) *Hope* (DLK), (1) *Mandan Tesoro Refinery* (HCT), (1) *Barnes* and (1) *Burleigh* (REM,CDE).

Swamp Sparrow - First 15 Apr (2) *Trall* (REM,CDE), (1) *LLNWR* (HCT), (1) *Mandan Tesoro Refinery* (RC). Peak 17 May (13) *Cass* (REM,CDE).

White-throated Sparrow - First 30 Mar (1) migrant?, in yard in *Fargo* (KRC). Next 18 Apr (1) yard (CDE), (1) *NPWRC* (MAS). Peak 09 May (303) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 13 May (200-300) *N. Fargo* (DPW). Last 29 May (1) *Oak Park* (REM).

Harris's Sparrow - Probably wintering birds on 06 Apr (1) *Bowman* (MLJ) and 08 Apr (1) *Napoleon* (REM,CDE,HCT). First 29 Apr (2) *LLNWR* (PCV), (1) *N. Fargo* (DPW). Peak 13 May (250) *Cass* (REM). Last 21 May (3) *Barnes* (REM,CDE), (2) *Hope* (DLK), (2) *Burlington* (SDL), (1) *N. Fargo* (DPW).

White-crowned Sparrow - One individual wintered in *Sawyer* (REM). Wintering(?) 30 Mar (1) yard (HCT). First 13 Apr (5) yard (MLJ). 05 May (70) *Adams* (REM). 09 May (15) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last (5) observations on 21 May.

Dark-eyed Junco - Peak 06 Apr (1290) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 11 May (1) *Embden* (CMN,BO). Last 16 May (1) *GF*

Cemetery (EEF).

**Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed subspecies)** - 09 May (1) near Spiritwood, *Stutsman* (Lew CoWardin, fide LDI). The 8<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

McCown's Longspur - 28 May (3) Rhame Prairie (REM,CDE,JPL,DWR).

Lapland Longspur - 06 Mar (2000-4000) *Slope, Bowman* (DPW). 10 Mar (2050) *Ward, McLean* (REM). Last 25 May (1) near MSL (CDE).

Smith's Longspur - 22 Apr (4) *Wells* (REM).

Chestnut-collared Longspur - First 28 Mar (1) *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 27 Apr (24) *Kidder* (HCT).

Snow Bunting - Peak 06 Mar (162) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 12 Apr (2) GF Lagoons (EEF).

N. Cardinal - 09 May (2) Grand Forks (Rich Crawford). Peak 17 May (4) Fargo (REM,CDE). 19 May (3) Fargo (REM,CDE).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - First (6) observations on 09 May, including (1) Newtown (BH). 19 May (1) Bowman (MLJ). 19 May (25) *Cass, Richland* (REM,CDE). Peak 16 May (27) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Black-headed Grosbeak - First 07 May (1) Sibley Park, Bismarck (CDE). 13 May (1) NewTown (Rsa). 22 May (2) NewTown (BH). Peak 28 May (8) *Slope* (CDE,JPL,REM,DWR).

Lazuli Bunting - First 22 May (2) NewTown (RSa). 25 May (1) Oak Park (REM). 27 May (1) *Billings* and 29 May (1) Marmarth (JPL,CDE,REM,DWR). 30 May (5) McKenzie Slough WMA (CDE,HCT).

Indigo Bunting - First 17 May (1) Oak Grove Park (MAB). Peak 25 May (4) N. Fargo (DPW).

Dickcissel - First 29 May (1) *Cass* (GEN), (1) se of Turtle Lake (CH). Peak 30 May (3) *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT), (5) *Pierce* (WE). First May reports in some time.

Bobolink - First 08 May (2) *Stutsman* (PRS). Peak 28 May (50) *Morton, Oliver, McLean, Burleigh* (HCT).

Red-winged Blackbird - 04 Mar (5) overwintering in *Grand Forks* (EEF). First 11 Mar (1) *Morton* (DLR). Peak 03 Apr (3000) *Burleigh* (HCT). 07 Apr (3000) *McLean* (REM).

**Eastern Meadowlark** - 29 Mar (1) *Ransom* (BS).

Western Meadowlark - First 06 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 01 Apr (50) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 28 May (50) southcentral ND (HCT).

Yellow-headed Blackbird - First 04 Apr (several) along I-94 from Valley City to Jamestown (LDI). Peak 24 Apr (250) ND (REM).

Rusty Blackbird - 03 to 06 Mar (1) overwintering(?) in Hope (DLK). 27 Mar (300) Lake Bertha (CMN,BO). 27 Mar (300) *Cass* (PRS). 08 Apr (1) *Morton* (DLR). Last 16 Apr (1) overhead in N. Fargo (DPW).

Brewer's Blackbird - First 29 Mar (1) *Stutsman* (JAS). Peak 06 Apr (50) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Common Grackle - First 07 Mar (1) LLNWR (HCT). 11 Apr (500) *Burleigh, McLean* (HCT). Peak 14 Apr (1000) *Wells* (REM).

Brown-headed Cowbird - First 04 Apr (2) *Barnes* (LDI). Peak 15 May (80) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Orchard Oriole - First 19 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 30 May (26) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 28 May (1) nest building in *Slope* (REM).

Bullock's Oriole - First 28 May (1) female in Marmarth (REM,CDE,JPL,DWR). Several hybrids also present.

Baltimore Oriole - First 08 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 30 May (54) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Purple Finch - Peak 12 Mar (41) *McHenry* (CDE,REM,DW). 07 Apr (12) Grand Forks (DOL). Last 02 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW).

House Finch - 04 Mar (50) Burlington (SDL). 26 May (33) Grand Forks (EEF).

Red Crossbill - 27 May (1) Oak Park, Minot (REM). 15 May (1) Dickinson (JPL).

Common Redpoll - 26 Mar (15) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 07 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 10 Apr (1) *Morton* (fide HCT).

Pine Siskin - 12 Mar (20) *McHenry* (CDE,REM,DW). Peak 29 Mar (24) Bismarck, Mandan (HCT). 14 Apr (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 24 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

**European Goldfinch** - Photographed individual on 07 May (1) Menoken (Allan Nass). Undoubtedly an escapee, but very interesting nonetheless!

Am. Goldfinch - Peak 10 Mar (110) *McLean* (REM). 25 Mar (35) Burlington (SDL). 15 May (30) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

House Sparrow - 04 Mar (200) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 30 May (100) Mandan (HCT).

**Requiring more documentation:**

Swainson's Hawk - 10 Mar, 31 Mar (1) *Stutsman*.

Great-crested Flycatcher - 27 Apr (2) *Stutsman*.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - 01 May (1) 8 miles sw of Hazelton.

N. Rough-winged Swallow - 06 Apr (1) NPWRC.

Mountain Chickadee - 08 Apr (1) Horace.

Veery - 29 Mar (1) Bismarck.

Nashville Warbler - 23 Apr (1) McDowell Dam, *Burleigh*.

Chestnut-sided Warbler - 30 Apr (1) Bismarck.

Field Sparrow - 24 Mar (1) Davis Ranch, Sheridan.

Baird's Sparrow - 23 Apr (1) McDowell Dam, *Burleigh*.

Evening Grosbeak - 18 May (1) Riverwood GC.

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#### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

CSNWR - J. Clark Salyer NWR

GF Lagoons - Grand Forks Lagoons

KSNWR - Kelly's Slough NWR

LLNWR – Long Lake NWR

MSL - Minot Lagoons

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

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