

**N. D. Birding Society – N. A. Birds Summer Report  
June 01 to July 31, 2005**

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

(EEF) Grand Forks - June: wet – may have effected nesting. July - 4<sup>th</sup> hottest on record. Nesting of passerines seemed reduced. Waterfowl did well as I recorded (2229) young at GF Lagoons and TRSP. Canvasback up, N. Shoveler low, hawks down. Water conditions good for migrating shorebirds.

(JAH) Grassy Butte - June: Normal temps, triple precipitation. July had normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Through June recorded more precipitation than all of 2004. I have never observed more luxuriant plant growth in the badlands.

(REM) Sawyer - June 01 recorded 7.5 inches of rain with lots of flooded fields. 16 inches of rain in June, but only 1.5 inches in July. Lakes and sloughs that were low in 2004 were again very high.

(DPW) Fargo - Cool damp June with extensive flooding along Red River followed by a hot, relatively dry July.

**MOST IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:**

The bird of the season was the **Ruff** observed near Grand Forks at the end of July. Summer reports of Surf Scoter and Townsend's Solitaire were unusual. Two Blue Grosbeak reports came from Morton county, and there were multiple sightings of Henslow's Sparrow. The big movement in spring of Northern Mockingbirds continued in the summer months, and a Trumpeter Swan report came from the northeast.

**SPECIES:**

Common Loon - 25 Jun (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 28 Jun (10) Turtle Mtn BBS (REM). 02 Jul and 14 Jul (1) New John's Lake (CDE,HCT).

Pied-billed Grebe - 25 Jul (64) adult and young in Nelson (EEF). 14 Jul (2) nests w/eggs at MSL (REM).

Horned Grebe - 04 Jun (1) Kidder (REM). Only report. [A fairly common nester only two decades ago.]

Red-necked Grebe - 28 Jun (20) Turtle Mtn BBS (REM). 25 Jul (1) adult with young, (13) independent birds in Nelson (EEF).

Eared Grebe - 14 Jul (126) including young in Burleigh (HCT). 18 Jul (250) MSL (REM).

Western Grebe - Last migrant 24 Jun (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 25 Jul (340) adult and young in Nelson (EEF). 30 Jul (250) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Clark's Grebe - 05 Jun (2) Pearl Lake, Stutsman (CDE,HCT). 05 Jun (1) Kidder (REM). 19 Jun (2) Benson (DOL). 14 Jul (4) Burleigh (HCT). All reports.

Am. White Pelican - 19 Jul (500) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). 25 Jul (247) KSNWR (EEF). 30 Jul (250) Burleigh (HCT,CDE). The mass exodus of the summer of 2004 occurred again with all but 3,000 birds leaving the nesting island at Chase Lake NWR.

Double-crested Cormorant - 03 Jun (400) adults and young, Audubon NWR (REM). 14 Jul (225) Burleigh (HCT).

Am. Bittern - 04 Jun (4) Kidder, Foster (REM). Watched an adult gorging on minnows before flying off into a field to suspected nest sight at KSNWR (DOL).

Least Bittern - 16 Jun (1) Lake Bertha (PB).

Great Blue Heron - 26 Jul (66) at 3 rookery locations in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 30 Jul (87) including young in Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Great Egret - 26 Jul (1) KSNWR (EEF). 30 Jul (22) Cass (DLK).

Snowy Egret - 10 Jun (2) DeWald Slough (HCT). 17 Jul (2) LLNWR (HCT,BG,NR). 30 Jul (4) Cass (DLK).

**Little Blue Heron** - One present beginning of period near Lake Alice NWR in Towner Co (fide DOL). 01 Jun (Kurt Tompkins, BBC). 07 Jun (Cami Dixon).

Cattle Egret - 03 Jun (75) Kidder (REM). 10 Jun (114) DeWald Slough (HCT). 23 Jun (1) near Beach (JK). [Casual in w. ND.]

Green Heron - 04 Jun (1) Mickelson Field, N. Fargo (DPW). 29 Jul (1) and 31 Jul (2) El Zagal, N. Fargo (DPW).

Black-crowned Night Heron - 16 Jun (90) Lake Bertha (PB).

White-faced Ibis - 07 Jun (9) LLNWR (AV). 25 Jun (30) Burke (REM). [New colony.] 30 Jun (50) at a colony now established at CSNWR (Tedd Gutzke).

Turkey Vulture - 01 Jun (6) Barnes (JL). 02 Jun (1) nw of KSNWR (EEF). 14 Jun (15) Slope (REM).

Snow Goose - 17 Jun (3) Sheridan (REM). (2) Throughout period at McKenzie Slough, Burleigh (HCT,CDE). Came across small groups frequently during June. Are these nonbreeders in no hurry to get north? (DOL).

Canada Goose - 03 Jun (70) over Hope (DLK). 18 Jul (160) MSL (REM).

**Trumpeter Swan** - (2) at Agnes Marsh, but didn't stay long. 1-2 miles west of Orr in Grand Forks Co (DOL), photographed.

Wood Duck - 01 Jun (28) Morton (HCT). 01 Jul (7) adults with 2 broods (13) at Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT).

Gadwall - Fledging began 23 Jun with (644) young produced in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 23 Jul (100) MSL, with lots of broods still at EOP (REM).

Am. Wigeon - 14 Jul (1) adult with (5) young at Rath WPA, east of Wing (HCT). Otherwise present.

Am. Black Duck - 01 Jun (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 30 Jul (1) McKenzie Slough (HCT,CDE). [First in 10+ years for Bismarck.]

Mallard - 03 Jun (300) loafing males KSNWR (EEF). (816) young produced at GF Lagoons (EEF). 30 Jul (200) Burleigh (REM, SDL).

Blue-winged Teal - 25 Jun (400) Burke (REM). Broods to EOP. (102) young produced at GF Lagoons (EEF).

Cinnamon Teal - 10 Jun (1) s. of Goose Lake, Emmons (HCT).

Northern Shoveler - 10 Jun (11) fledged young with adult at GF Lagoons, (93) young produced (EEF). 29 Jul (45) MSL (REM).

N. Pintail - 01 Jun (7) fledged young with adult at GF Lagoons, (88) young produced (EEF). 24 Jun (200) McHenry (REM).

Green-winged Teal - 25 Jun (50) Burke (REM). 22 Jul (4) fledged young at KSNWR (EEF).

Canvasback - 02 Jun (31) fledged young in 4 broods at GF Lagoons, (236) young produced (EEF). 18 Jul (35) MSL with broods to EOP (REM).

Redhead - 22 Jun (398) adults at GF Lagoons (EEF). (197) young produced by EOP (EEF).

Ring-necked Duck - 22 Jun (24) GF Lagoons (EEF). 03 Jul (hen with brood) at Agnes Marsh, a long overdue nesting record for Grand Forks Co (DOL), photographed. 09 Jul another hen and brood at Hofer WPA, Grand Forks Co (DOL).

**Greater Scaup** - 07 Jul (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 18 Jul (1) LLNWR (HCT,BG,DM,MM,NR). [Accidental away from Grand Forks in summer.]

Lesser Scaup - 18 Jul (110) MSL (REM). 30 Jul broods in Burleigh (REM, SDL), (HCT,CDE).

**Surf Scoter** - 03 Jul (1) photographed at LLNWR by visiting Indiana birder Riley Case (fide MAG). [3<sup>rd</sup> summer report.]

Bufflehead - 10 Jun (20) USNWR (REM). 28 Jun (broods) in Bottineau and Rollette (REM). 30 Jul (30) adults and young in Burleigh (CDE,HCT).

Com. Goldeneye - 20 Jun (2) Eddy (PRS). 28 Jun (2) Bottineau (REM). 12 Jul (2) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Hooded Merganser - 06 Jul (13 adults, 20 young in 6 broods) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 23 Jul (10) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Ruddy Duck - 07 Jul (4) fledged young at GF Lagoons (EEF). 18 Jul (375) MSL (REM). 28 Jul (300) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Osprey - 10 Jun (1) Icelandic SP, Pembina (DOL). 15 Jun (1) Ward (REM). 23 Jun (1) Audubon NWR (CH).

Bald Eagle - 13 Jun (1) CSNWR (REM). 20 Jun (on nest) at Fordville Dam, Grand Forks Co (EEF), raised one young (DOL). Adults seen on 5 dates in KSNWR area (EEF). 10 Jul (2) adults (2) young near Cross Ranch SP, Oliver (SE, fide HCT).

Northern Harrier - 04 Jun a nest with 6 eggs in Pierce (WE). Fledged young around 13 Jul but fewer than last year in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 30 Jul (10) Sheridan, Burleigh (REM, SDL).

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 23 Jul begging fledged young at Denbigh Exp Forest in McHenry (REM).

Cooper's Hawk - 04 Jul (1) carrying food in Burleigh (CDE). 11 Jul (4) on nests in GF Cemetery (EEF). Up to 4 pair / square mile of urban habitat in GF, obviously very successful (DOL). Nest at TRNP North Unit, but unsure how it fared. (JAH).

Broad-winged Hawk - 18-19 Jun (1) Sully's Hill NGP, Benson (DOL). 28 Jun (1) Bottineau (REM). 02 Jul (1) Trefoil Park, N. Fargo. 19 Jul (1) Foster (1) (PRS). [Observation coincided with flooding in the Red River after a cold damp June (DPW).]

Swainson's Hawk - 15 Jun (1) year old bird in Bowman Co (REM). 25 Jul (8) Nelson (EEF).

Red-tailed Hawk - 30 Jul (17) northcentral ND (REM, SDL), (14) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Ferruginous Hawk - 13 Jun nest with young in McHenry (REM). 19 Jun (3) Kidder (REM). 21 Jun Historical Grand Forks Co Oakville nest vacated (EEF), as the pair used an adjacent tree 100 feet away from traditional location - hopefully not the end of an era (DOL). 3 nest locations in Burleigh (HCT). 14 Jul (3) Burleigh (HCT).

Golden Eagle - 14 Jun (2) Morton (REM). 08 Jul (1) Morton (HCT,CDE). 01 Jul (1) imm attacked a coyote pup repeatedly before giving up in the TRNP North Unit (JAH).

Am. Kestrel - 15 Jun (8) sw ND (REM). This species is in noticeable decline in ND. (REM). 4 fledged young in Juniper group camp in TRNP North Unit (JAH).

Merlin - 30 Jun (2) Oak Park (REM). 15 Jul (1) seen and heard calling in Fargo (DLK). 31 Jul (1) MSL (REM). Know of two successful nestings in Grand Forks (DOL).

Peregrine Falcon – BOP the family of (4) successfully hatch in Fargo at the Bank of the West building the end of May, but one perished in first week of July (fide KRC). 7 July sightings from 08 Jul to 29 Jul at GF Lagoons (EEF). 21 Jul (1) MSL (REM). 25 Jul (1) Lake Darlingdam, USNWR (Darla Leslie, Dean Knauer). 30 Jul (1) Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Prairie Falcon - 18 Jul (1) LLNWR (GK). 2 young fledged from a usual location at TRNP North Unit (JAH).

Gray Partridge - 09 Jul adults with (7) young in Morton (HCT,CDE), but still rare in Bismarck area - only seen on 2 dates (CDE).

Ring-necked Pheasant - 08 Jun (93) Emmons (HCT). 24 Jun (110) Douglas Creek BBS, McLean (REM). Lots of broods the EOP in Burleigh area (CDE).

Sharp-tailed Grouse - 18 Jul (10) Burleigh (HCT,BG,DM,MM,NR). 30 Jul brood in Burleigh (REM,SDL). 3 broods with 20 chicks in McKenzie Co (JAH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken - 19 Jun (1) Lake Bertha (RHO). [Rare in Cass Co.]

Wild Turkey - Broods reported at Des Lacs NWR 25 Jun (REM), Morton 13 Jul (HCT), and Sawyer 22 Jul (REM).

Yellow Rail - 02 Jun (1) e. of Warwick in Benson Co (DOL). 11 Jun (2) Ransom (DLK). 15 June (20) northeast ND (DOL). 19 June (good numbers) w. of Edinburg (DOL). 25 Jun (4) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 23 Jul (1) Buffalo Lodge Lake, McHenry (REM). Also (1) in Pembina Co (DOL).

Virginia Rail - 03 Jun (lots) of calling birds north and east of Carrington (DOL). 27 Jun (adult and fledged young) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 23 Jul (6) McHenry (REM).

Sore - 11 Jun (7) Ward (REM). 25 Jun (6) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 23 Jul (8) McHenry (REM).

Am. Coot - 04 Jun (2) fledged young at KSNWR (EEF). 12 Jun feeding young at Des Lacs NWR (REM). 30 Jul (22) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

**Sandhill Crane** – 04 Jun (1) near Sawyer (Doug Chapman).

Black-bellied Plover - 04 Jun (1) Kidder (REM). Last 15 Jun (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Am. Golden Plover - First 22 Jul (1) KSNWR (EEF).

**Snowy Plover** - 31 May (1) Lake Etta (Kim Risen) while leading a birding tour. Bird still present through at least 05 Jun (CDE,JPL,RHO,DNS,PHS,HCT).

Semipalmated Plover - Last spring 06 Jun (3) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). First fall 16 Jul (5) Burleigh (HCT,CDE). 30 Jul (100) Rice Lake WMA, Burleigh (DNS,REM,SDL,CDE,HCT). 31 Jul (81) McHenry (REM).

Piping Plover - 01 Jun (2) with 3 eggs at LLNWR (GK,EK). 03 Jun (2) Audubon NWR, (4) Lake Etta, Kidder (REM). 04 Jun (1) Pierce (WE). 30 Jul (5) Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Killdeer - 30 Jul (253) Burleigh (HCT,CDE). Several observations of dependent young.

Am. Avocet - 15 Jun (5) on nests at TRSP, KSNWR (EEF). 22 Jun (4) fledged young at GF Lagoons (EEF). 30 Jul (720) Burleigh (REM,SDL), (700) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Greater Yellowlegs - First fall 25 Jun (6) Sawyer (REM). 29 Jun (30) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Peak 26 Jul (59) TRSP, KSNWR (EEF).

Lesser Yellowlegs - First fall 17 Jun (1) Sheridan (REM). Peak 23 Jul (604) KSNWR (EEF).

Solitary Sandpiper - First fall 09 Jul (3) Morton (CDE,HCT). Peak 12 Jul (7) Burleigh (CDE).

Willet - 19 Jun (40) Kidder (REM). 11 Jul fledged young at TRSP, KSNWR (EEF). Peak 29 Jul (53) MSL (REM).

Spotted Sandpiper - Peak 17 Jul (66) MSL (REM). 30 Jul (44) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Upland Sandpiper - 25 Jun (9) Ransom (DLK). 19 Jun (20) Kidder (REM). Peak 01 Jul (125) Solen BBS in Morton, Souix (MAG). 18 Jul dependent young in Morton (HCT,BG,MM,NR). Last to EOP.

**Whimbrel** - 01 Jun (1) LLNWR (Doug Chapman).

Long-billed Curlew - 14 Jun 2 adults and 2 young in Slope (REM). 24 Jun (3) Golva BBS, Golden Valley (MAG).

Hudsonian Godwit - 24 Jul (2) Pierce (REM). 30 Jul (1) Rice Lake WMA, Burleigh (CDE,HCT), (REM,SDL).

Marbled Godwit - 06 Jun (1) fledged young in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 18 Jun (365) Burleigh, Kidder (REM). 08 Jul (450) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). 30 Jul (187) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Ruddy Turnstone - Peak 04 Jun (15) Horsehead Lake (HCT,CDE). Last 19 Jun (3) Devils Lake (DOL). First fall? 14 Jul (2) Devil's Lake (PB). 25 Jul (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Only July report.

Sanderling - Peak 02 Jun (350) Lake Etta, Kidder (DNS). 04 Jun (200) Kidder (REM). Last spring 19 Jun (2) Devils Lake (DOL). First fall 14 Jul (1) MSL (REM). Peak 25 Jul (13) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Semipalmated Sandpiper - 04 Jun (348) KSNWR, GF Lagoons (EEF). Last spring 13 Jun (10) GF Lagoons (EEF). First fall 12 Jul (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Fall peak 31 Jul (2075) McHenry (REM).

Least Sandpiper - First 02 Jul (1) Salt Lake, Burleigh (CDE,HCT). Peak 16 Jul (186) Burleigh (HCT).

White-rumped Sandpiper - BOP. Peak 03 Jun (800) Kidder (REM). Last 12 Jun (4) Lostwood NWR (REM).

Baird's Sandpiper - Spring peak 01 Jun (105) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last spring 19 Jun (1) LLNWR (CDE). First fall 14 Jul (59) Burleigh (HCT). Peak 26 Jul (200) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Pectoral Sandpiper - First fall 13 Jul (4) TRSP, KSNWR (EEF). Peak 26 Jul (150) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Dunlin - Peak 01 Jun (25) GF Lagoons (EEF). 03 Jun (3) Kidder (REM). Last 06 Jun (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Stilt Sandpiper - Last spring 11 Jun (3) MSL (REM). First fall 28 Jun (9) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 31 Jul (2300) McHenry (REM).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – First “Late June” (1) Alkali Lake (NAS) Sanctuary (DBu). 30 Jul (1) Harriet Lake, Burleigh (CDE,HCT). Peak 31 Jul (7) McHenry (REM). All reports.

**Ruff** - 25 Jul (1) female documented and photographed at GF Lagoons (EEF). [9<sup>th</sup> report for the state.]

Short-billed Dowitcher - First 28 Jun (10) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 08 Jul (61) n. of GF Lagoons (EEF).

Long-billed Dowitcher - First fall 19 Jun (1) McKenzie Slough, Burleigh (CDE). Peak 30 Jul (1156) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Wilson's Snipe - 16 Jun (13) Stutsman (PRS). 25 Jun (9) Ransom (DLK). 02 Jul (12) Burleigh (HCT,CDE). 23 Jul (6) McHenry (REM).

Am. Woodcock - 13 Jun (1) one flushed a few yards from residence during a period of time where the Red River was flooding in N. Fargo. This is my second summer sighting (DPW).

Wilson's Phalarope - 14 Jul (1225) Burleigh (HCT). Peak 24 Jul (2200) McHenry, Pierce (REM).

Red-necked Phalarope - Last spring 13 Jun (8) MSL (REM). First fall 08 Jul (2) KSNWR, TRSP (EEF). Fall peak 24 Jul (425) McHenry (REM).

Franklin's Gull - Lingered at GF Lagoons to 18 Jun (2) (EEF). 10 Jun (1000s) at CSNWR (REM). 30 Jul (1500) Sheridan (REM,SDL).

Bonaparte's Gull - 17 Jun (4) McHenry (REM). 19 Jun (several) at Devils Lake (DOL). 27 Jul (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). All reports.

Ring-billed Gull - 03 Jun (5000) Audubon NWR (REM). 10 Jun (1000) CSNWR (REM). 14 Jul young of year at MSL (REM).

California Gull - 03 Jun (500) Audubon NWR (REM). 02 Jul (1000) Salt Lake (HCT,CDE). 14 Jul young of year at MSL (REM). Observed during period at the GF/Nelson County line (DOL).

**Herring Gull** - 03 Jun (4) adults at Audubon NWR (REM,CH). [Possible nesters.]

Caspian Tern - 22 Jun (1) MSL (REM). 09 Jul (6) KSNWR (EEF). 14 Jul (2) New John's Lake, Burleigh (CDE,TKE).

Common Tern - 03 Jun (12) nests at Audubon NWR (REM). 04 Jun (200) Kidder (REM). 02 Jul (300) Salt Lake, Burleigh (HCT,CDE). 30 Jul (65) feeding young in Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Forster's Tern - 25 Jul (16) Nelson (EEF). 02 Jul (20) n. Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Least Tern - 16 Jun (12) Oliver, Morton on Missouri River (HCT).

Black Tern - 25 Jun a nest with eggs found in Burke (REM). 18 Jul (65) MSL (REM).

Rock Dove - 15 Jul (150) Bismarck/Mandan (HCT).

Eur. Collared Dove - 03 Jun (1) Steele (REM). 09 Jun adult with fledged young in nest and adult on nest at EOP in Grand Forks (EEF). 16 Jul (2) Mandan as they have been for 2 years (CDE,LRE). Early July (2) in spruce tree in northeast Jamestown (TB). For the month of July (1-2) visited feeder sporadically at residence (LDI).

Mourning Dove - 25 Jun (45) in a mile in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 01 Jul (215) Solen BBS (MAG). 24 Jul (150) northcentral ND (REM).

Black-billed Cuckoo - Peak 04 Jun (3) Griggs (JL). 11 Jun (4) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 24 Jun (2) McLean (REM). 23 Jun and 07 Jul (1) McKenzie (JAH). 19 reports.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 04 Jun (1) Oak Grove Park (DPW,CMN). 29 Jun (2) Hettinger (Jan Sailer).

Great Horned Owl - 18 Jun (6) 2 family groups of fledged young in Burleigh (CDE). 16 Jul (3) Burlington (SDL,GTL).

Burrowing Owl - 03 to 04 Jun (1) Foster (DOL,CDE,SDL,REM,PRS,HCT). 14 Jun (6) Slope (REM). 19 Jul (26) including young at multiple towns in southeast Morton county (HCT,EI).

Barred Owl - 11 Jun (1) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 26 Jun (pair) still present, calling north of Grand Forks (fide DOL).

Long-eared Owl - 10 Jun Nesting confirmed in Eldon Hillman WPA, couple miles north of Icelandic SP in Pembina county (DOL).

Short-eared Owl - 16 Jul (3) Stutsman (PRS). 11 sightings of singles in summer period in Grand Forks Co, Stutsman, Burleigh, Kidder, Bowman Co.

Common Nighthawk - 04 Jun (4) Kidder, Foster (REM). 16 Jun (4) Morton, Burleigh (HCT). Calling birds mid-June in Grand Forks, but may no longer be nesting (DOL).

Chimney Swift - 25 Jun (1) Kenmare (REM). 19 Jun (10) Bismarck (CDE). 11 Jul (8) adult and young in Grand Forks (EEF).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 25 Jun (3) Burlington (SDL). 30 Jul (4) Bismarck yard (DB). Otherwise singles reported.

Belted Kingfisher - 08 Jun (2) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 23 Jun Adult feeding young in Ward (REM).

Red-headed Woodpecker - 15 Jul (6) including 2 young in Bismarck yard (LF).

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 11 Jun (2) calling in Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 11 Jun (5) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 28 Jun (1) McHenry, (2) Rollette (REM).

Downy Woodpecker - 15 Jul (7) including young in Bismarck yard (LF).

Hairy Woodpecker - 26 Jun feeding young in Sawyer (REM).

N. "Yellow-shafted" Flicker - 24 Jun (11) McLean (REM). 14 Jul (3) fledged young in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 18 Jul (12) Morton (HCT,BG,MM,NR).

Pileated Woodpecker - 04 Jun (2) N. Fargo (DPW). 11 Jun (1) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 19 Jun (1) Sully's Hill NGP (DOL). 28 Jun (1) Bottineau (REM). Two nests found fledging young at TRSP, and Central Park in Grand Forks (DOL).

Olive-sided Flycatcher - 01 Jun (2) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 09 Jun (1) Grand Forks Co (EEF). Also observed by (DOL) the beginning of June.

W. Wood-Pewee - 15 Jun (3) Slope (REM). Throughout period at TRNP North Unit campground (JAH).

E. Wood-Pewee - 04 Jun (4) N. Fargo (DPW). 11 Jun (4) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 18 Jul (3) Morton (HCT,BG,MM,NR). 23 Jul (6) Denbigh (REM).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - 01 Jun (1) Oak Park, Minot (REM). Last 04 Jun (1) Grand Forks (EEF), (1) Trefoil Park, Fargo (DPW).

Alder Flycatcher - 04 Jun (6) N. Fargo (DPW). 07 Jun (15) Oak Park, Minot (REM). 11 Jun (1) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). Summer observations at CSNWR, TRSP, Pembina Hills, Turtle Mtns.

Willow Flycatcher - 10 Jun (10) Emmons, Morton (HCT). 17 Jun (16) Sheridan (REM). 24 Jun (11) McLean (REM).

Least Flycatcher - 16 Jun (35) Morton (HCT). 18 Jul (2) fledglings in Morton (HCT,BG,MM,NR). 23 Jul (26) McHenry (REM).

Eastern Pheobe - 11 Jun (3) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 13 Jun (2) McHenry (REM). Throughout June and the first 2 days of July (1) singing in Hope (DLK).

Say's Pheobe - 14 Jun (2) Slope(REM). 24 June (3) McLean (REM). 26 Jun (1) Grand Forks Co (DOL). 04 Jul (2) adults with attending young in Burleigh (DLK). 16 Jul (3) side by side on fenceline in Morton (CDE,LRE).

Gr. Crested Flycatcher - 05 Jul (5) Burleigh, including one carrying food. I once thought these birds were uncommon at best in Burleigh/Morton counties (CDE). Common in Turtle Mtns (REM). Common in Pembina and Cavalier counties (DOL).

Western Kingbird - 13 Jul (20) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 30 Jul (163) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Eastern Kingbird - 30 Jul (69) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Loggerhead Shrike - 03 Jun (3) McLean (REM). 24 Jun (11) Stutsman (PRS). 25 Jun (2) Ransom (DLK). 14 Jul (fledglings) in Burleigh (HCT). 16 Jul (6) Morton (CDE,LRE). Very rare this year in McKenzie (JAH).

**Bell's Vireo** - 08 Jun (1) singing at Beaver Bay Rec area in Emmons where they have been for 4-5 years (HCT).

Yellow-throated Vireo - 04 Jun (4) singing on territory in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 11 Jun (4) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK).

Warbling Vireo - 04 Jun (15) singing on territory in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 16 Jun (31) Morton (HCT). 28 Jun (many) in Turtle Mtns (REM).

Red-eyed Vireo - 01 Jun (25) Oak Park, Minot (REM). 04 Jun (10) singing on territory in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 16 Jun (44) Morton (HCT). 23 Jul (20) Denbigh Exp Forest (REM).

Blue Jay - 11 Jun (6) Smith's Grove, Oliver (HCT). 13 Jul (10) Burlington (SDL).

Black-billed Magpie - 04 Jun Adult with 4 fledged young at TRNP North Unit (JAH). Present but in low numbers (REM).

Am. Crow - 4 adults at 2 nests at Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Otherwise Present.

Com. Raven - Two separate birds observed during the summer period in Pembina Hills area (DOL).

Horned Lark - 16 Jun (14) Morton (HCT).

Purple Martin - 20 nests with 5-6 eggs each in Buxton, Traill (Sharon Watson, fide EEF). Other wise 5-10 nesters at other locations.

Tree Swallow - 11 Jul (52) Burlington (SDL). 25 Jul (710) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 13 broods fledged up until 28 Jul in Buxton, Traill (Sharon Watson).

N. Rough-winged Swallow - 03 Jun (5) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 14 Jun (4) Slope (REM).

Bank Swallow - 16 Jul (460) Burleigh (HCT). 25 Jul (300) MSL (REM).

Cliff Swallow - 13 Jun (1500) MSL (REM). 14 Jul (1900) Burleigh (HCT). 28 Jul (1760) Grand Forks Co (EEF).

Barn Swallow - 15 Jun (15) Morton (HCT). Some still on nests at EOP (EEF).

Black-capped Chickadee - 24 Jun (brood) at Sawyer (REM).

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 23 Jul (4) Denbigh (REM). Observed during period by (DOL).

White-breasted Nuthatch - 11 Jun (10) Smith's Grove, Oliver (HCT).

Rock Wren - 19 Jun (1) carrying food at MacLean Bottoms, Burleigh (CDE).

House Wren - 16 Jun (56) Morton, Oliver (HCT). 31 Jul (12) at residence, Burlington (SDL).

Sedge Wren - 25 Jun (120) on territory in Grand Forks Co (EEF).

Marsh Wren - 25 Jun (50) on territory in Grand Forks Co (EEF).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 04 Jun (1) Mickelson Field, N. Fargo (DPW) doc.

Eastern Bluebird - 28 Jun (9) Turtle Mtns (REM). 04 Jul (12) Burleigh (CDE). 19 Jul (14) Burlington (SDL).

Mountain Bluebird - 10 Jun (3a,2y) CSNWR (REM). 13 Jun (8) CSNWR (REM).

**Townsend's Solitaire** - 25 Jul (1) near Caprock Trailhead, TRNP North Unit (JAH). [Accidental in summer.]

Veery - 13 Jun (3) CSNWR (REM). 16 Jun (1) Smith's Grove, Oliver and (1) Morton (HCT). 26 Jun (1) UND Forest River field station (DOL). 28 Jun (9) Turtle Mtns (REM). 11 Jul (2) Burlington (SDL). Common in Pembina Hills and Gorge (DOL).

**Swainson's Thrush** - Last 10 Jun (1) Grand Forks (Tim Driscoll). 3 other early June sightings. Mid-July (singing) at Lake Metigoshe SP (PB). [No nesting records for the state.]

Am. Robin - 08 Jun (35) Emmons (HCT).

Gray Catbird - 01 Jul adult carrying food in Hope (DLK). 09 Jul adult with fledged young at nest in Grand Forks Co, still some on nests at EOP (EEF).

N. Mockingbird - 01 Jun (1) NPRC (JAS). 04 Jun (1) Ypsilanti (HAK). 18 Jun (2) Valley City (JL). 20 Jun (1) Minot (David Walsh, fide REM). Photographed.

Brown Thrasher - 09 Jul (2) adults with fledged young at nest in Grand Forks Co (EEF).

Eur. Starling - 02 Jun (100) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 02 Jun (6) fledged young in Grand Forks (EEF). 11 Jun feeding young in Ward (REM).

Sprague's Pipit - 06 Jun (7) McHenry (DLK). 12 Jun (8) Burke (REM). 14 Jul (18) Burleigh (HCT).

Cedar Waxwing - 01 Jun (35) Oak Park, Minot (REM). 10 Jun (50) McHenry (REM).

Tennessee Warbler - Last spring 09 Jun (1) Oak Park (REM). First fall 21 Jul (1) Grand Forks (DOL).

Orange-crowned Warbler - 28 Jun (1) Bottineau Co (REM). Several spots in Pembina and Cavalier counties, especially the Pembina gorge (DOL).

Nashville Warbler - 18 Jul (1) Little Heart Bottoms, Morton (HCT,BG,MM,NR). [A very early migrant, and unusually far west.]

Northern Parula - 04 Jun (1) N. Fargo (KRC).

Yellow Warbler - 01 Jun (30) Oak Park (REM). 16 Jun (78) Morton, Oliver (HCT).

Yellow-rumped Warbler - (4) singing males at Icelandic State Park, Pembina (DOL). Also one north of Gunlogson in mature conifers (DOL).

Blackpoll Warbler - 02 Jun (1) GF Cemetery (EEF).

Black-and-white Warbler - 13 Jun (1) CSNWR (REM). 14 Jun (2) Slope (REM). 14 Jun (2) Burlington (SDL). 16 Jun (1) Huff Hills, Morton (HCT). 28 Jun (2) Turtle Mtns (REM). Present in 4 locations along the Forest River, Grand Forks Co (DOL).

American Redstart - 14 Jun (2) Slope (REM). 16 Jun (27) Oliver, Burleigh (HCT). 28 Jun (26) Turtle Mtns (REM).

Ovenbird - 11 Jun (10) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 16 Jun (18) Oliver, Morton (HCT).

N. Waterthrush - 13 Jun (1) CSNWR (REM). 28 Jun (25) Turtle Mtns (REM). (2) present at the east end of Sweetwater Lake at Sully's Hill (DOL). Never found so many in the Pembina Hills and Gorge as this year. 30 or more observed over a weekend (DOL).

Mourning Warbler - 28 Jun (6) Turtle Mtns (REM).

Common Yellowthroat - 16 Jun (66) Oliver, Morton (HCT).

Wilson's Warbler - 18 Jul (1) Little Heart Bottoms, Morton (HCT,BG,MM,NR). [Earliest fall migrant.]

Yellow-breasted Chat - 16 Jun (6) Morton (HCT). 04 Jul (3) Burleigh (CDE).

Scarlet Tanager - 12 Jun (1) at TRSP (DOL), present (EEF). 26 Jun (1) nw of McCanna along the Turtle River (DOL). 10 June (2) Pembina Hills/Gorge (DOL).

**Summer Tanager** - 01 Jun (1) Little Yellowstone Park, Ransom (JL). [No doc.]

Spotted Towhee - 16 Jun (24) Morton (HCT). 04 Jul (24) Burleigh (CDE).

Eastern Towhee - 10 June (several) Pembina Hills/Gorge, including mating pair (DOL).

Chipping Sparrow - 02 Jul (40) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Clay-colored Sparrow - 04 Jul (27) singing on territory (EEF). 30 Jul (100) Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Brewer's Sparrow - 15 Jun (10) Bowman (REM). 30 Jun (1) Williams near Williston (PB). [Well north of regular range.]

Field Sparrow - 11 Jun (6) singing plus (1) carrying food in the Sheyenne Sandhills (DLK). 16 Jun (22) Morton (HCT). 26 Jun (1) singing ne of Fordville Dam where has been present for 5 years. Maybe only reliable spot in northeast ND (DOL).

Vesper Sparrow - Species seems a lot scarcer in the wet cycle the Red River Valley is in, but reliable at Fordville Dam area (DOL).

Lark Sparrow - 04 Jun (6) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 16 Jun (28) Morton (HCT). 29 Jun (9) Ward (REM).

Lark Bunting - 02 Jun (4) Coleharbor (CH). 10 Jun (1) McHenry (REM). 19 Jun (1) Kidder (REM). 19 Jun (1) LLNWR (CDE). 24 Jun (250) Golva BBS, Golden Valley (MAG). 01 Jul (150) Solen BBS (MAG). 07 Jul (1) 4 miles north of LLNWR (PCV).

Savannah Sparrow - 25 Jun (120) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 25 Jun feeding young at Lostwood NWR (REM).

Baird's Sparrow - 04 Jun (4) Kidder (REM). 06 Jun (1) McHenry (DLK). 11 Jun (3) Ward (REM). 25 Jun nest with young at Lostwood NWR (REM). 06 Jul (3) nw of Wing, Burleigh (NAB).

Grasshopper Sparrow - 17 Jun (35) Sheridan (REM). 26 Jun (several) singing at Fordville Dam (DOL). 30 Jul (35) Burleigh, including feeding young (REM,SDL).

**Henslow's Sparrow** - 03-04 Jun (1) Foster found by a Prairie Potholes and Birding Festival participant during a field trip. Bird remained for a few days and was seen/heard by many (fide DOL),photo. Also 07 Jun (DWR). 11 Jun (1) Ransom (DLK), doc. 25 Jun (2) Eddy Co (LDI,TR).

The story from the Prairie Potholes Festival on 03 June from (DOL). How this bird was discovered makes for an interesting story. While I was leading a birding tour as a part of the festival, Brenda Johnson from Idaho brought to my attention a very distant sparrow across the marsh to the south. The light and distance made even a scope view darned hard to make anything out about the bird except for one thing. It was singing by throwing it head back for less than a second, so the song was very, very short. We couldn't hear the song from the road. Another member of our birding group, Jeff Bouton, who is familiar with Henslow's, thought it might be that species. With that suggestion, we walked closer to the bird. Soon we were hearing the song of Henslow's, and numerous images were obtained and posted to the website. Thanks to Brenda and Jeff for a memorable bird!!

LeConte's Sparrow - 03 Jun (10) Foster (REM). 17 Jun (8) Sheridan (REM). 25 Jun (5) Burke (REM). 27 Jun (6) Rollette (REM). 02 Jul (1) Slade NWR (GK).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow - 03 Jun (13) Foster, McLean (REM). 23 Jul (7) McHenry (REM). 27 Jul (8) Rollette (REM).

Song Sparrow - 04 Jun (42) singing in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 16 Jun (31) Morton (HCT).

Swamp Sparrow - 13 Jun (4) CSNWR (REM).

Harris's Sparrow - 02 Jun (1) Grand Forks Co (EEF).

McCown's Longspur - 15 Jun (4) Bowman (REM).

Chestnut-collared Longspur - 05 Jun (1) female on nest of 4 eggs at Chase Lake NWR (CDE). 11 Jun (75) Ward (REM). 13 Jun feeding young in McHenry (REM). 14 Jul (26) Burleigh (HCT).

N. Cardinal - 01 and 04 Jun (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 17 Jul (1) male at feeder in Larimore (EEF). Two pairs nesting in Grand Forks (DOL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 11 Jun (4) Sheyenne Grasslands (DLK). 11 Jul (4) fledged young in Grand Forks (EEF). 21 Jul (4) Burlington (SDL). 27 Jul (1) LLNWR Hdqtrs (NAB,JW).

Black-headed Grosbeak - 11 Jun building nest in Smith's Grove, Oliver (HCT). 16 Jun (10) Morton (HCT). 21 Jul (4) Burlington (SDL). 27 Jul (1) Sawyer (REM).

**Blue Grosbeak** - 01 Jul adult female with first summer male on fenceline in southeast Morton (MAG). 09 Jul (1) adult male 2 miles southeast of the (MAG) sighting, Morton (CDE,HCT).

Lazuli Bunting - 16 Jun (6) Oliver, Morton (HCT). 21 Jul (3) singing near MSL (REM). Present and common in McKenzie (JAH).

Indigo Bunting - 04 Jul (1) Burleigh (CDE). 06 Jul (1) Goose River Valley (DLK). 20 and 21 Jul (1) singing in shelterbelt near MSL (REM).

Dickcissel - First 09 Jun (1) Richland (KRC). 24 Jun (10) McLean (REM). 13 Jul (32) south Morton (HCT). 24 Jul (12) Pierce, Wells, McHenry (REM). Still present EOP in Burleigh (HCT,CDE), (REM,SDL).

Bobolink - 24 Jun (122) McLean (REM). 30 Jul (105) Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Red-winged Blackbird - 09 Jul (5000) Lake Patricia, Morton (HCT,CDE).

Western Meadowlark - 08 Jun (220) Emmons (HCT). 30 Jul (200) Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Yellow-headed Blackbird - 08 Jun (47) Emmons (HCT). 25 Jun (1) fledgling in Burke (REM). 25 Jul (2) scolding females, and carrying food in Steele (DLK).

Brewer's Blackbird - 16 Jul (500) Burleigh (CDE). 30 Jul (25) Burleigh, McHenry (REM,SDL).

Common Grackle - 02 Jul (200) Burleigh (HCT,CDE).

Brown-headed Cowbird - 04 Jun (70) Grand Forks Co (EEF). 08 Jun (112) Emmons (HCT).

Orchard Oriole - 04 Jun (42) singing in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 08 Jun (18) Morton, Emmons (HCT). 30 Jul (8) Burleigh (REM,SDL).

Baltimore Oriole - 04 Jun (32) singing in Grand Forks Co (EEF). 14 Jun (1) Slope (REM).

Purple Finch - 10 Jun (pair) at Icelandic State Park (DOL).

White-winged Crossbill – 02-05 Jul (1) Ross at feeder (Barb Meiers fide Jane Kostenko).

House Finch - 11 Jun (3) fledged young in Grand Forks (EEF). 31 Jul (18) Mandan (HCT).

Pine Siskin - 18 Jun (10) Sully's Hill NGP visitors center (DOL). Present the beginning of June, but at some point just faded away. First fall 29 Jul (4) Jamestown (LDI).

Am. Goldfinch - 16 Jun (51) Morton (HCT).

House Sparrow - 16 Jun (26) Morton (HCT). 28 Jun (1) fledged young begging from male in yard (EEF).

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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

NPRC - Northern Prairie Research Center - Jamestown

NWR - National Wildlife Refuge

TRSP - Turtle River State Park

TRNP - Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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