

## THE SPRING SEASON IN NORTH DAKOTA

March 1 thru May 31, 2005

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### GENERAL COMMENTS:

Following the trend of the last few springs, March and April precipitation levels were very low. Very little snow remained by the beginning of the season, but March temperatures were cool. April temperatures were above average, but May was cool and wet, again like the last few years. The insect hatch was late, and peak numbers of migrants were unimpressive. The changeable weather led to spurts of migration followed by periods of little activity. Late holdovers of invading winter species were notable. Several observers noted the absence or diminished numbers of Black-capped Chickadees, possibly related to West Nile Virus.

### SPECIES:

Common Loon - First 22 Apr (1) Lake Tschida, *Grant* (DR). 02 May (2) Sweet Briar Lake, *Morton* (CDE, LRE). Peak 15 May (3) New Johns Lake/Heckers Lake on the *Burleigh/Sheridan* County line (CDE). 26 May (2) Susie Lake, *McLean* (RSa).

Pied-billed Grebe - First 29 Mar (3) Fargo (REM), (2) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 18 Apr (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Horned Grebe - First 06 Apr (1) Lake Bertha, *Cass* (PB). Peak 23 Apr (220) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Red-necked Grebe - First 10 Apr (3) *Pierce, McHenry* (REM). . Peak 23 Apr (36) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Eared Grebe - First 21 Mar (3) Long Lake NWR (WJW). Peak 17 May (310) MSL (REM).

Western Grebe - BOP (3) wintered at Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT). First 10 Apr (1) *McHenry* (REM). Peak 29 Apr (221) Lake Alice, *Cass* (KRC). 29 May (150) *Benson* (REM)

Clark's Grebe - First 23 Apr (1) Long Lake NWR (RJJ). 27 Apr (1) Long Lake NWR (GK). 16 May (2) Johnson Lake WPA (KB). 18 May (1) Mirror Lake, Hettinger (JPL). 23 May (1) Des Lacs NWR (REM).

Am. White Pelican - First 03 Apr (2) Chase Lake NWR (RB). Peak 07 May (150) *Burleigh* (REM).

Double-crested Cormorant - First 28 Mar (1) Mandan (CDE, HCT). Peak 31 May (493) *Grand Forks*, Devils Lake including (120) on nests (EEF).

Am. Bittern - First 16 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 31 May (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Great Blue Heron - First 29 Mar (2) *Cass*, (1) *Ransom* (REM), (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 13 Apr (40) *Grand Forks*, including (20) on nests (EEF).

Great Egret - First 05 Apr (1) Long Lake NWR (Pete Taylor, fide LLNWR). Peak 31 May (15) *Benson, Ramsey* (EEF).

Snowy Egret - First 07 May (2) Alkaline Lake, Kidder (KJJ, AJ). 19 May (1) USNWR in *Renville* (D. Walsh). Peak 28 May (4) *Kidder* (REM), 31 May (4) DeWald Slough (CDE).

**Little Blue Heron** - 31 May (1) *Towner* near Lake Alice NWR (Cami Dixon, fide DOL).

Cattle Egret - First 19 Apr (5) *Kidder* (KRC, WE). Peak 24 May (87) DeWald Slough (HCT).  
Green Heron - First 17 May (1) LLNWR (LK). 19 May (3) Trefoil Park, Fargo (DPW). 21 May (3) Wahpeton (NDBS).

Black-crowned Night Heron - First 14 Apr (1) *Stutsman* (PRS). 22 May (1) Cedar Ridge, *Bowman* (JPL). Peak 31 May (15) *Ramsey, Nelson* (EEF).

**White Ibis** - 16 Apr - 25 Apr (1) 14 miles north of Steele, *Kidder* (JMM, MaAn, DLR), DNS documented and DOL photographed. Seen by many observers (KRC,BBC,RC&BC,WE,CDE,EEF,GK,LK,RJL,JPL,RHO,BSc,HCT),. 5<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

White-faced Ibis - First 15 Apr (1) Larson Lake, *Hettinger* (JPL) [Rare west of the Missouri River]. Peak 19 Apr (18) Lake Bertha (PB). 07 May and 21 May (1) Sweet Briar Lake (DLR, MaAn, JMM, CDE) and (DLR, HCT). 22 May (2) USNWR, *Ward* (DCA). 24 May (17) LLNWR, DeWald Slough (HCT).

Turkey Vulture - First 21 Mar (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 08 Apr (7) Edgeley (ST). 15 Apr (7) *Morton* (HCT), 22 May (7) Smith's Grove, *Oliver* (SDL).

Gr. White-fronted Goose - 04 Mar (2) Missouri River, Bismarck (CDE). Peak in April (10,000) *Nelson* (DOL). Last 30 May (1) *Oliver* (REM).

Snow Goose - First 06 Mar (350) Lake Bertha (MO). Peak 01 Apr (100,000) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Groups of 5-10 seen in the Carrington area at EOP. Why are they here if they are capable of flight? (DOL).

Ross's Goose - First 06 Mar (2) Lake Bertha (MO). Peak 25 Mar (200) LLNWR(HCT, GK). Last 20 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough, *Burleigh* (CDE).

Cackling Goose - First 03 Mar (1) Missouri River, Bismarck (CDE). 07 Mar (4) *Emmons* (GK). Peak 26 Mar (3150) *McLean* (REM). Last 14 May (2) McKenzie Slough (CDE, RJL).

Canada Goose - BOP ~ 10,000 on Missouri River in Bismarck-Mandan (CDE, HCT). 09 Mar (on nest) at KSNWR (EEF). Peak 26 Mar (45,000) *McLean* (REM). 17 Apr (on nest) 30 feet up in a Cottonwood tree, *Burleigh* (WAC). 10 May (5) young at GF Lagoons (EEF).

**Brant** – 27 Mar (1) *Kidder*, ½ mile west of Pettibone (RB), no details. About the 17<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

Tundra Swan - First 23 Mar (1) Jamestown (AI). Peak 12 Apr (5600) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 31 May (3) Devils Lake (EEF).

Wood Duck - First 19 Mar (4) N. Fargo (DPW). Peak 12 Apr (32) *Grand Forks* (EEF), 24 Apr (32) *Morton* (HCT). 21 May (15) in a brood at Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Gadwall - BOP (1) at GF Lagoons (EEF). First 20 Mar (12) *Oliver* (HCT), (10) LLNWR (PCV). Peak 05 Apr (2000) LLNWR (HCT).

**Eurasian Wigeon** - 03 Apr (1) LLNWR (CDE, DNS doc, HCT). Attempts to relocate at the end of the day were unsuccessful. About the 15<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

Am. Wigeon - First 13 Mar (3) Garrison Dam (REM). Peak 01 Apr (600) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Am. Black Duck – 03 May (1) Jamestown Lagoons (LDI). Peak 23 May (2) Pipestem Creek, *Foster* (AH). 31 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Mallard - First 05 Mar (2) LLNWR (PCV), (3) Fullers Lake, *Steele* (DLK). Peak 29 Mar (1000) *Burleigh*, *Morton*, *Oliver* (HCT). 15 May (9) young at GF Lagoons (EEF).

Blue-winged Teal - First 21 Mar (1) Trefoil Park (BF). Peak 30 Apr (1000) north-central ND (REM).  
Cinnamon Teal - First 19 Apr (1) LLNWR (GK). 08 May (1) *Hettinger* (JPL). 14 May to 16 May (1) 1.5 miles west of McKenzie, *Burleigh* (CDE, RJL). 18 May (1) Bowman-Haley Reservoir (JPL). 21 May (1) Sweetbriar Lake (DLR).

Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal - 14 Apr (1) McKenzie Slough (CDE, HCT). 18 May (1) Larson Lake, *Hettinger* (JPL).

Northern Shoveler - First 01 Mar (1) Nelson Lake (HCT). Peak 19 Apr (4000) GF Lagoons (EEF).

N. Pintail - First 01 Mar (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 29 Mar (2100) *Burleigh*, *Morton* (HCT). 15 May (9) young at GF Lagoons (EEF).

Green-winged Teal - First 05 Mar (1) Nelson Lake (HCT). Peak 29 Mar (1000) *Burleigh* (HCT).

Canvasback - First 21 Mar (21) LLNWR (PCV), (7) Sweet Briar Lake (HCT). Peak 29 Mar (558) *Morton*, *Burleigh* (HCT). 26 May (10) in a brood at MSL (REM).

Redhead - First 05 Mar (2) Nelson Lake (HCT). Peak 29 Mar (1010) *Burleigh*, *Morton*, *Oliver* (HCT).

Ring-necked Duck - First 06 Mar (5) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 04 Apr (1200) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Greater Scaup - First 26 Mar (2) Garrison Dam (REM). Peak 21 Apr (406) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 25 May (5) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Lesser Scaup - First 01 Mar (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 05 Apr (3000) *Burleigh* (HCT), 10 Apr (3000) north-central ND (REM).

**Surf Scoter** - 14 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 04 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Accidental in spring.

Long-tailed Duck - (2) wintered at Garrison Dam tailrace - to 26 Mar (SH, REM). 12 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 01 May to 06 May (1) Sweetbriar Lake, *Morton* (CDE) later (LRE, JPL, REM, DLR). Accidental in May.

Bufflehead - 13 Mar (7) wintering birds at Garrison Dam (REM). First 28 Mar (5) *Burleigh* (CDE,HCT). Peak 23 Apr (140) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Common Goldeneye - BOP on the Missouri River at Garrison and Bismarck/Mandan (CDE). First 07 Mar (5) East Lost Lake WPA (GK). 29 Mar (139) *Morton*, *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 05 Apr (142) GF Lagoons (EEF). Last 31 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Hooded Merganser - First 18 Mar (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 28 Mar (60) *Morton* (HCT,CDE).

Common Merganser - First 04 Mar (6) Nelson Lake (HCT,CDE). Peak 10 Apr (190) north-central ND (REM). Last 25 May (1m) LLNWR (CDE).

Red-breasted Merganser - First 28 Mar (1) LLNWR (CDE, HCT). Peak 02 Apr (7) Audubon NWR (REM). Last 18 May (1) Castle Rock Dam near Mott (JPL).

Ruddy Duck - First 29 Mar (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 23 Apr (600) *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE). Peak 28 Apr (800) MSL (REM).

Osprey - First 19 Mar (2) *Stutsman* (BG). [Very early, needs documentation]. 18 May (1) Bismarck/Mandan on Missouri R (HCT). 22 May (1) Forest River area (CMN). 30 May (1) Lake Audubon NWR (CH).

Bald Eagle - 18 Mar (on nest), 25 May (1 young) at Fordville Dam (EEF). 27 Mar active nest in *McHenry* (REM). 29 Mar (100) including 27 adults at Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Pair seen flying throughout May in vicinity of Sibley Park/Fort Lincoln SP (CDE, DLR). 31 May (on nest) at Devils Lake (EEF).

Northern Harrier - First 01 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 29 Mar (36) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Sharp-shinned Hawk - First 13 Mar (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 02 Apr (10) Grand Forks (EEF). Last 12 May (1) Sawyer (REM).

Cooper's Hawk - First 06 Mar (1) Lindenwood Park (GEN). Peak 20 Apr (7) Grand Forks (EEF). 4 pairs are nesting in a square mile of the UND Campus, Grand Forks (DOL).

Northern Goshawk - Last 19 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (HCT). 9 March sightings - all singles.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 20 Mar to 26 Mar (1) Trefoil Park, Fargo but also spending a lot of time on the Moorhead side of the river. (DPW). Seen also by (KRC,BF,JPL,CMN,RHO,DWR).

Broad-winged Hawk - First 09 Apr (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 06 May (2) Orchard Glen, Fargo (KRC). 08 May (2) Dawson WMA, *Kidder* (DNS). 12 May (2) Velva (REM). Last 25 May (1) *Oliver* (DMF).

Swainson's Hawk - First 20 Mar (1) *McIntosh* (MAS). 31 Mar (1) *Burleigh* (HCT). [March sightings should be documented]. Peak 14 May (12) *Burleigh* (JJM, MaAn, DLR).

Red-tailed Hawk - First migration away from wintering areas noted the week of 20 Mar. 29 Mar (70) southeastern ND (REM). Peak 02 Apr (82) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 09 Apr (on nest) in *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Ferruginous Hawk - First 11 Mar (1) *Burleigh* (CDE). 27 Mar (2) at nest site of many years in Oakville Pasture (EEF, DOL). Peak 28 May (5) *Kidder* (REM, Minot Bird Club).

Rough-legged Hawk - Peak 09 Mar (65) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 17 Apr (1) Bismarck (CDE). Last 19 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Golden Eagle - 09 Mar (4) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 19 Mar (1) *Pembina* (DOL). 29 Mar (1) *Richland* (REM). Last 30 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Few reported.

American Kestrel - Two seen sporadically at BOP in Bismarck/Mandan (CDE). First big movement reported by most from 18-21 March. First 18 Mar (1) Bismarck (CDE, HCT), (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 15 Apr (23) *Morton, Souix* (HCT). 15 May (5 eggs) in a Wood Duck box at Schnell Ranch (JWH).

Merlin - 03 Mar (2) Minot (SDL). 11 Mar (pair calling) at UND Campus (EEF). 01 Apr calling at Minot Country Club (REM). 13 Apr territorial pair at Icelandic Park (DOL). 06 May (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). (4) pairs in Minot area (REM).

Gyrfalcon – 08 Mar (1) *Slope* (MAG). Late 03 May (1) *Dickey* (PMK). First May report.

Peregrine Falcon - First 14 Mar (1) downtown Fargo (KRC). Peak 14 May (3) *Burleigh* (CDE, RJL). First seen 07 May a pair was observed on an abandoned water tower in Grand Forks through at least mid-May with a single bird observed in late May (BBC). One also found shot near Grand Forks, later died (fide Greg Brooks). Nest box present in Fargo atop Community First Bank hatched (4) Peregrine Falcons May 23 to May 27 (fide KRC). 29 May (2) *Pierce* (REM).

Prairie Falcon – 05 Mar (1) LLNWR (RC, BC). 04 Apr (1) *Foster* (AH). 17 Apr (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). 30 May (1) *Bowman* (JPL). Only reports.

Gray Partridge - Peak 03 Mar (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 15 May (5) *Ward* (REM). Otherwise 1 pair or less for spring season.

Ring-necked Pheasant - 10 Apr (93) *Burleigh* (HCT). 17 Apr (40) *Bowman* (MLJ). Good numbers in northern part of the state (REM).

Greater Sage-Grouse - 30 May (5) *Bowman* (JPL).

Sharp-tailed Grouse - About (50) in *Grand Forks* area (EEF). 19 Mar (55) *McLean* (REM). 10 Apr (52) Lonetree WMA, *Sheridan* (REM). 23 May (80) *Burke* (REM). Low population in *McKenzie* (JAH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken - 27 Mar (6) heard on leks in *Grand Forks* (EEF). 29 Mar (20) *Richland* (REM).

Wild Turkey - 04 Mar (42) TRSP (EEF). 31 Mar (75) *Ward* (REM). 06 Apr (102) *Morton, Oliver* (HCT).

Yellow Rail - 25 May (1) e. of Warwick, *Benson* (DOL).

Virginia Rail - First 24 Apr (1) *Steele* (DLK). Peak 19 May (3) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT).

Sora - First 15 Apr (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 24 May (32) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Am. Coot - First 17 Mar (4) LLNWR (GK, PCV). Peak 17 Apr (820) GFLagoons (EEF). 23 Apr (700) *Burleigh, Sheridan* (HCT,CDE).

Sandhill Crane - First 17 Mar (3) Jamestown (PRS). Peak 07 Apr (375) *Sawyer* (REM). Last 26 Apr (24) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE).

Whooping Crane - First 29 Mar (4) *Morton* (fide GK). 30 Apr to 02 May (2) *Morton* (NDG&F staff, fide GK). 25 May (1) *Oliver* (DMF).

Black-bellied Plover - First 20 Apr (7) *McKenzie Slough* (HCT). Peak 22 May (30) *MSL* (REM). Last 26 May (1) *McKenzie Slough* (HCT).

Am. Golden Plover - First 22 Apr (8) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE). Peak 20 May (70) standing in a water puddle in a fallow field on a 90 degree day in *LaMoure* (CDE). Last 29 May (30) *Cass* (RHO).

**Snowy Plover** - 31 May (1) Lake Etta, *Kidder* (Kim Risen) while leading a tour through *Kidder*. Bird remained through at least 05 June (CDE, JPL, REM, RHO, DNS, PHS, HCT). Photo by PHS and REM. 8<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

Semipalmated Plover - First 19 Apr (1) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE, HCT). Peak 23 May (57) LLNWR (AVN). Last 29 May (3) *Pierce, Benson* (REM).

Piping Plover - First 07 May (2) LLNWR (CDE), (2) *Bowman-Haley Reservoir* (JaS). Peak 14 May (8) *Mountrail, Burke* (REM). 30 May (6) Lake Etta, *Kidder* (Kim Risen).

Killdeer - First 04 Mar (1) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT, CDE). Peak 29 Mar (100) southeastern ND (REM). 22 May young observed at CSNWR (REM).

Am. Avocet - First 16 Apr (5) KSNWR, TRSP (EEF), (1) Lake Bertha (MO). Peak 14 May (143) *Mountrail* (REM).

Greater Yellowlegs - First 29 Mar (1) *Barnes* (LDI). Peak 29 Apr (33) Rice Lake WPA, *Burleigh* (CDE). Last 30 May (1) *Oliver* (REM).

Lesser Yellowlegs - First 05 Apr (2) LLNWR (GK). Peak 06 May (577) KSNWR (EEF). Last EOP.  
Solitary Sandpiper - First 30 Apr (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). Peak 09 May (19) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 26 May (1) *Morton* (DLR).

Willet - First 18 Apr (1) LLNWR (EEF, GK). Peak 29 Apr (43) *Burleigh* (CDE).

Spotted Sandpiper - First 23 Apr (1) *Bowman* (MLJ). Peak 27 May (91) MSL (REM).

Upland Sandpiper - First 06 May (3) *Foster* (PRS), (1) *Barnes* (DLK). Peak 15 May (18) *Ward, McLean* (REM).

**Whimbrel** – 11-16 May (1) *Dickey* (PMK). 18 May (4) near *Amidon* (JPL). 23 May (2) DLNWR (REM). 30 May (1) LLNWR (DNS).

Long-billed Curlew - 30 May (1) *Stark*, (1) *Bowman* (JPL).

Hudsonian Godwit - First 16 Apr (1) Lake Bertha (MO), (1) LLNWR (RC). Peak 19 Apr (90) *Kidder* (KRC). Last 31 May (1) n. of GF Lagoons (EEF).

Marbled Godwit - First 10 Apr (1) *McKenzie Slough* (HCT). 23 Apr (70) *Burleigh, Sheridan* (HCT, CDE). Peak 30 Apr (71) north-central ND (REM).

Ruddy Turnstone - First 07 May (2) LLNWR (REM, DNS). Peak 28 May (2000) *Devils Lake* (BBC). 31 May (1180) *Benson, Ramsey, Grand Forks* (EEF).

Red Knot - 19 May (25) LLNWR (AV), photographed. 3<sup>rd</sup> high count for spring.

Sanderling - First 18 Apr (5) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 30 May (110) *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE). Last EOP.

Semipalmated Sandpiper - First 13 Apr (4) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE). 22 May (200) KSNWR (EEF). Peak 29 May (1250) *Pierce, Benson* (REM). Last EOP.

Least Sandpiper - First 13 Apr (2) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE). Peak 24 May (500) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). Last EOP.

White-rumped Sandpiper - First 07 May (3) *Burleigh* (REM), (1) *Sweet Briar Lake, Morton* (CDE). Peak 20 May (2000) CSNWR (REM). Last EOP.

Baird's Sandpiper - First 28 Mar (2) LLNWR (HCT, CDE). Peak 24 May (1700) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). Last EOP

Pectoral Sandpiper - First 10 Apr (4) LLNWR (GK), (1) LLNWR (AVN). Peak 20 May (100) *Burke* (REM). Last 24 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Dunlin - First 13 Apr (1) *McKenzie Slough* (CDE). Peak 29 May (425) *Pierce, Benson* (REM). Last EOP.

Stilt Sandpiper - First 06 May (15) *Morton* (CDE, REM). 29 May (1140) *Pierce, Benson* (REM). Last EOP.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper - 22 May (5) MSL (REM). 31 May (1) KSNWR (EEF).

Short-billed Dowitcher - First 24 Apr (2) Bryan/Mohler WPA, *Burleigh* (HCT). Peak 20 May (45) CSNWR (REM). Last 29 May (2) Lake Bertha (RHO).

Long-billed Dowitcher - First 16 Apr (2) Bryan/Mohler WPA, *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE, LRE). Peak 06 May (200) *Morton* (CDE, REM). Last 28 May (10) McKenzie Slough (HCT, CDE).

Wilson's Snipe - First 29 Mar (1) *Ransom* (REM). Peak 16 Apr (65) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Am. Woodcock – 28 Mar (2) *Ransom* (Paul Lehman). 29 Mar (1) Grand Forks (DOL). 31 Mar (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 08 Apr (1) 5 miles w. of Moffit, *Burleigh* (GK). 18 May (2) displaying at NPRS, Jamestown (LTD) thru at least 26 May (TR), heard also on 04 Apr (LDI). 25 May (3) *Grand Forks* (DOL). 26 May a nest was found with newly hatch young with an adult close by (HAK). Excellent numbers in the Pembina Hills. At least (15) heard on 13 Apr with density estimates of (5-10) per roadside mile in best areas (DOL).

Wilson's Phalarope - First 19 Apr (8) *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE),(JIM, Jean Hushagen and BSC birding class). Peak 07 May (1500) *Burleigh* (REM), 24 May (1500) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Red-necked Phalarope - 06 May (1) Crown Butte Dam, *Morton* (CDE). 20 May (700) *Burke*, (3500) MSL (REM). Last EOP.

Franklin's Gull - First 21 Mar (1) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT), (1) Missouri River, Bismarck (CDE). 23 Apr (1500) *Burleigh* (HCT,CDE). Peak 30 Apr (1900) north-central ND (REM).

Bonaparte's Gull - First 04 Apr (2) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 26 Apr (385) *Wells, Kidder* (REM).

Ring-billed Gull - First 12 Mar (6) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (CDE). Peak 02 Apr (10000) LLNWR (CDE, JPL).

California Gull - First 10 Mar (7) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (HCT). 18 Apr (1500) in two colonies, *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE).

Herring Gull - First 12 Mar (12) Rice Lake WMA, *Burleigh* (GK), (5) Missouri River, Bismarck (CDE). Peak 23 Mar (100) Bismarck Landfill (HCT). Last 29 May (1) *Benson* (REM).

Thayer's Gull - First 17 Mar (1 ad) Bismarck Landfill (HCT). 22 Mar (2 first winter) Bismarck Landfill (HCT). 26 Mar (1) Garrison Dam (REM). Last 28 Mar (1 ad) Bismarck Landfill (CDE, HCT). Bird or birds present throughout the period (17 Mar to 26 Mar) in the Bismarck area.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** - First 08 Apr (1) Bismarck Landfill (DNS, CDE, HCT). 29 Apr (1) Bismarck Landfill (CDE).

Glauous Gull - First 21 Mar (1) Bismarck Landfill (HCT, CDE). Peak 25 Mar (3 imm, 1 ad) Missouri River (CDE, KRC, JPL, RHO, DWR, HCT). 28 Mar (1 imm) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (CDE). Last 01 Apr (1 imm) Bismarck Landfill (DNS, MAG, AS).

**Great Black-backed Gull** – 22 Mar (1) first year bird found on a Missouri River sandbar in south Bismarck (CDE, DNS, HCT, Lee Talkington). That morning a snow storm dumped 6 inches of snow on the region. Bird remained to at least 25 Mar spending days at the Bismarck Landfill and evenings on the Missouri River. (KRC, MAG, REM, JPL, RHO, DWR). First state record.

**Black-legged Kittiwake** - 15 May (1) juv. in Garrison Dam Tailrace (RJL). Still present 17 May (DMF), 22 May (DNS). Second spring report. Needs documentation.

Caspian Tern - First 01 May (2) Nelson Lake, *Oliver* (CDE). 07 May (1) Sweet Briar Lake (CDE). 13 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). 24 May (2) LLNWR (HCT). 18 May (1) Mirror Lake, Hettinger (JPL).

Common Tern - First 18 Apr (7) Salt Lake, *Burleigh* (HCT), (1) LLNWR (PCV). Peak 15 May (75) Garrison Dam (REM).

Forster's Tern - First 16 Apr (1) LLNWR (CDE). Peak 24 May (50) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). Peak 31 May (94) *Benson, Ramsey, Nelson* (EEF).

Least Tern - First 22 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 30 May (5) Missouri River in *Morton, Burleigh, Emmons* (HCT, CDE).

Black Tern - First 07 May (3) LLNWR (CDE). Peak 20 May (1200) *Ward* (REM).

Rock Pigeon - 27 Mar (200) Kist Livestock, Mandan (HCT).

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 29 Mar (1) Kindred, *Cass* (REM, Paul Lehman), also 04 Apr (2) by (RHO), and 03 Apr by (DWR). 18 Apr (1) Bowman (MLJ). 13 May (2) Jamestown (LDI). 19 May (2) Steele where they overwintered (GK). Overwintered in Grand Forks, 20 May (2) young in nest (EEF). Throughout period (2) in northwest Mandan (HCT, CDE). Also ever-present in Dickinson (JPL, JK).

**White-winged Dove** - 20 May (1) Minot (Jon Kerian, fide REM). 4<sup>th</sup> report for the state.

Mourning Dove - First 11 Mar (1) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Peak 24 May (200) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT).

Black-billed Cuckoo - First 29 May (1) Trefoil Park, Fargo (DPW).

Eastern Screech-Owl - 03 Apr (1) calling in Hope (DLK). 17 May (1) Lindenwood Park (CMN).

Great Horned Owl - 01 Mar (18) on nests through east-central ND (EEF). 06 May (2) fledged young in *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Snowy Owl - No peak. 02 Mar (1) LLNWR (CDE, TKE). 07 Mar (1) USNWR (DML). 11 Mar (1) Lake Nettie NWR (CH). 15 Mar (1) *Kidder* (GK). Last 05 Apr (1) GF Lagoons (EEF), (1) MSL (REM). All reports.

Burrowing Owl - First 15 Apr (2) and Peak 24 Apr (8) south *Morton* (HCT). 24 Apr (1) nw of Heimdal, *Wells* (BPe). 29 Apr (2) w. of Strasburg in *Emmons* where they have been for a few years (GK). 07 May (1) for a couple weeks at CSNWR (GEE).

Barred Owl - 09 Mar (1) Grand Forks (Bob Lewis), photographed 21 Mar by (DOL). 25 Mar (1) Forest River area (Kathy Thomas).

**Great Gray Owl** - 14 May (1) found injured in *Grand Forks* and sent to the MN Raptor Rehab Center (EEF).

Long-eared Owl - Individual at a winter roost through 15 Mar at a Bismarck residence (Erik Thompson). 27 Mar (3) Hannaford WMA, *Griggs*, (2) Wilbur Boldt WMA, *Oliver* (JPL). 30 Mar (1) Indian Creek WMA, *Hettinger* (JPL). 02 Apr (2) Wilbur Boldt WMA, (1) Sweet Briar Lake, *Morton* (CDE, HCT). 14 Apr (2) at Hillman WMA near Icelandic SP were suspected nesting, and confirmed in June (DOL, photographed).

Short-eared Owl - 02 Mar (2) LLNWR (CDE, TKE). Peak 16 Apr (4) *Kidder* (DLR, MaAn, JJM). 24 May (2) GF Lagoons (EEF).

Northern Saw-whet Owl - 13 Apr (3) calling in Jay Wessels WMA, *Pembina* (DOL).

Common Nighthawk - First 19 May (2) TRSP (EEF), (2) West Fargo (KRC). 29 May (6) CSNWR (GAE).



Poor-will - 22 May (2) Cedar Ridge, *Bowman* (JPL).

Whip-poor-will - 09 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Chimney Swift - First 05 May (2) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 29 May (17) *Pierce, Benson* (REM).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - First 08 May (1) Horace (LG). Peak of (2) by several observers.

Belted Kingfisher - First 19 Mar (1) Garrison Dam (REM). Peak 16 May (4) *Morton, Oliver* (HCT).

Red-headed Woodpecker - First and Peak 29 Apr (2) *Burleigh* (BS). 17 May (1) *Sheridan* (fide WE). 20 May (1) Sawyer (REM). 21 May (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). 22 May (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). 31 May (1) n. of LLNWR (GK, JK). All reports.

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 21 Mar (1) wintered in Clifford, *Trall* (ND). 08 May (1) *Morton* (CDE, MaAn, JJM, DLR). 24 Apr (3) Forest River area, *Cass* (KRC). Individual wintered at a feeder in N. Bismarck and remained to 15 May when a second bird arrived (Erik Thompson, fide HCT). 22 May (2) Forest River area, *Cass*, seen going in and out of nest hole (CMN).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - First 29 Mar (1) Lisbon (REM, Paul Lehman) [Second early]. 06 May (2) Oak Grove Park (RHO). 14 May (1) *Mountrail*, (1) *Burke* (REM). 15 May (1) Stanton City Park, *Mercer* (REM). 27-28 May (1) Pioneer Park, Bismarck drumming (CDE, JPL).

Downy Woodpecker - 14 May (6) *Burleigh* (CDE, RJJ).

Hairy Woodpecker - 14 May (4) at feeders in S. Bismarck (Lowell Fahrni).

N. “Yellow-shafted” Flicker - 04 Apr (40) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 09 Apr (68) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

N. “Red-shafted” Flicker - 04 Apr (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 12 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Northern Flicker (hybrid) - 30 May (1) *McLean* (REM).

Pileated Woodpecker - 05 Mar (2) N. Fargo (DPW). 09 Apr a nest cavity discovered at TRSP (DOL). 14 Apr (1) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). 30 Apr (1) Goose River Valley (DLK). 29 May nesting in wooden light pole of Jack Williams Field, N. Fargo (DPW).

Olive-sided Flycatcher - 15 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW). 22 May (1) Cedar Ridge, *Bowman* (JPL). 21 May (2) *McLean* (REM). 29 May to 31 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE, JPL, HCT). 31 May (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

W. Wood-Pewee - 30 May (1) Marmarth (JPL).

E. Wood-Pewee - First 19 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 25 May (4) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - First and Peak 25 May (3) Trefoil Park in N. Fargo (DPW). 25 May (1) LLNWR (CDE). 30 May (1) Hope (DLK).

Alder Flycatcher - First 15 May (1) calling at Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 28 May (7-14) N. Fargo (DPW). Last EOP.

Willow Flycatcher - First 15 May (2) Bowman (MLJ), (1) calling at Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). 30 May (9) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT, CDE).

Least Flycatcher - First 07 May (1) Bismarck (CDE). Peak 21 May (70) *Ward, McLean* (REM).

Eastern Phoebe - First 04 Apr (1) Grand Forks (DOL). Peak 06 Apr (5) N. Fargo (DPW).

Say's Phoebe - First 15 Apr (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). 15 May (1) *Ransom* (KRC). Peak 17 May (3) *Morton* (CDE). 30 May (1) *Cass* (DWR).

Gr. Crested Flycatcher - First 17 May (2) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) Michelson Park (CMN). Peak 25 May (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Western Kingbird - First 18 Apr (1) sw. of Hazelton (GK, LK) [Early]. Peak 24 May (24) *Burleigh*, *Kidder* (HCT).

Eastern Kingbird - First 21 Apr (1) n. of Embden (CMN) [Early]. Peak 30 May (29) *Morton*, *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE).

Loggerhead Shrike - First 29 Mar (1) *Stutsman* (AI). Peak 21 May (9) *Morton* (DLR).

Northern Shrike - Several reports of (1) to the end of March. Last 05 Apr (1) *McKenzie* (JAH).

Bell's Vireo – 15 May (1) *McLean* below Garrison Dam (RJL). No details.

Yellow-throated Vireo - First 16 May (1) TRSP (EEF). Peak 19 May (8) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Blue-headed Vireo - First 06 May (1) Oak Grove Park (KT). Peak 16 May (3) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 22 (1) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Warbling Vireo - First 15 May (1) Jamestown (LTD). Peak 22 May (15) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Philadelphia Vireo - First 19 May (2) Trefoil Park (DPW, CMN), (2) Grand Forks (EEF), (1) Fargo (DLK). Peak 25 May (3) *Burleigh* (CDE). Last 30 May (2) *Burleigh* (CDE, HCT).

Red-eyed Vireo - First 13 May (1) Lindenwood Park (MO). 25 May (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 31 May (16) Oak Park, Minot (REM).

Blue Jay - 25 Mar (11) at Sawyer feeder (REM). 09 May (16) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

**Clark's Nutcracker** - Wintered at the Ralph Werven farm in Pembina County. First reported on the Icelandic SP CBC, it was present daily, coming to the feeder since October. Photographed and still present 19 Mar (DOL).

Black-billed Magpie - 29 Mar (11) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 14 May on nest in Lostwood NWR (REM). Present but low population in *McKenzie* (JAH).

Am. Crow - 26 Mar (260) Burlington (SDL). 03 Apr (200) *Burleigh* (CDE).

Com. Raven – 16 Mar (2) *Pembina* (Janne Myrdal).

Horned Lark - 01 Mar (119) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 13 Mar (300) *McLean* (REM). 05 Apr (150) *Oliver*, *Burleigh* (HCT).

Purple Martin - First 08 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (CDE, JPL). Peak 24 May (30) *Burleigh*, *Morton* (HCT).

Tree Swallow - First 08 Apr (3) Schnell Ranch in *Stark* (JWH), (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF) (1) Buxton (SW). Peak 30 Apr (2450) north-central ND (REM).

Violet-green Swallow - 15 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT) [Casual away from the Badlands]. 22 May (2) TRNP (JAH).

N. Rough-winged Swallow - First 25 Apr (2) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 28 May (18) *Morton, Oliver* (HCT).

Bank Swallow - First 19 Apr (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 26 May (1275) *Morton* (HCT).

Cliff Swallow - First 23 Apr (1) New John's Lake (HCT, CDE). 19 May (1400) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 26 May (5000) MSL (REM).

Barn Swallow - First 22 Apr (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 26 May (100) MSL (REM).

Black-capped Chickadee - 20 Mar (10) Burlington (SDL). 07 Apr (12) Bismarck/Mandan (HCT). 29 Apr (11) Grand Forks (EEF). Seem to be reduced by West Nile (REM).

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 14 May (1) Powers Lake (REM). 25 May (1) *Grand Forks* (Jean Johnson). 28 May (1) *Stark* (JWH). 29 May nest in Rugby (REM). 30 May (1) Hope (DLK). March through mid-May (2) at feeder in Deering (DML).

White-breasted Nuthatch - 14 May (13) *Burleigh* (CDE, RJL).

Brown Creeper - Peak 06 Apr (8) Grand Forks (EEF). Last 06 May (1) Elmwood Park, W. Fargo (KRC).

Rock Wren - First 16 May (1) sw *Dickey* (PMK), (1) Square Butte, *Oliver* (HCT). 20 May (1) TRNP (JAH). 30 May (1) *Bowman* (JPL).

House Wren - First 04 May (1) Menoken Grove, *Burleigh* (CDE). Peak 20 May (37) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Winter Wren - 05-06 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (HCT, CDE). 16 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 20 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF) [Latest report for the spring season].

Sedge Wren - First 08 May (1) *Barnes* (JL). Peak 24 May (75) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Marsh Wren - First 05 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 20 May (50) CSNWR (REM). 30 May (42) *Morton, Burleigh* (HCT, CDE). 31 May (46) Grand Forks (EEF).

Golden-crowned Kinglet - First 29 Mar (1) *Ransom* (REM). Peak 05 Apr (22) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 07 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (CDE). 24 Apr (2) Forest River area (KRC).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - First 03 Apr (1) Jamestown (DBu). Peak 15 Apr (27) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 28 May (1) Armour Park, West Fargo (KRC).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 18 May (1) McElroy Park, Jamestown (LDI, AI). 22 May (1) Cedar Ridge, *Bowman* (JPL).

Eastern Bluebird - First 14 Mar (1) N. Bismarck (Erik Thompson). Peak 28 Mar (6) *Grand Forks* (Ann Flower), 12 Apr (6) Burlington (SDL). 11 May and thereafter lost 89 Mountain and Eastern Bluebird eggs in *Stark* after a snowfall and cold temps (JWH).

Mountain Bluebird - BOP at TRNP (JAH), LLNWR (GK, HCT). 14 Mar (2) N. Bismarck (Erik Thompson). 23 Mar (2) *Stark* (JWH). 16 Apr in Little Missouri Grasslands (SH). All reports, no peak.

Townsend's Solitaire - 19 Mar (1) Icelandic SP (DOL). 04 Apr (1) GF Cemetery (EEF). Observations up to 09 Apr in TRNP (JAH). 17 Apr (1) Dickinson Exp Station (JWH). For a week up to 18 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (CDE,HCT). 02 May (1) CSNWR (GAE). Last 22 May (1) Hettinger Cemetery (JPL) [Latest report for spring season].

Veery - First 14 May (1) *Burleigh* (HCT, BM), (1) Wing (KJJ, AGJ). 18 May (1) Bowman-Haley Reservoir (JPL). Peak 20 May (4) CSNWR (REM). 30 May (1) Burlington (SDL).

Gray-cheeked Thrush - First 08 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park, Bismarck (CDE). Peak 09 May (5) Grand Forks (EEF). Last 30 May (1) Hope (DLK).

Swainson's Thrush - First 23 Apr (1) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Peak 14 May (52) *Burleigh* (CDE, RJL). 28 May (45) *Kidder* (REM). Last 31 May (3) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE).

Hermit Thrush - First 05 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) NDSU (GEN). Peak 23 Apr (6) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 18 May (1) Bowman-Haley Reservoir (JPL).

Wood Thrush - 17 May (1) Sheyenne Nat' Grasslands at Paintner bridge (DNS).

American Robin - Birds present BOP in Bismarck, Fargo, *McKenzie*. Otherwise first migrants noted shortly after 20 March. Peak 07 Apr (182) *Morton*, *Burleigh* (HCT). 25 Apr (104) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

**Varied Thrush** - Wintering bird through 10 Apr (1) Burlington (SDL). 06 Mar (1) Embden Pines, *Cass* - same individual from previous Nov? (MO). 04 May (1) male in Oak Park, Minot (REM, SDL). 08 May (1) female at Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE, documented), and 09 May (CDE, DLR).

Gray Catbird - First 05 May (1) Valley City (JL). Peak 18 May (18) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 22 May (16) *Burleigh*, *Morton* (HCT).

N. Mockingbird - 09 May (1) *Morton* (DLR, CDE). 11 May (1) *Dickey* (PMK). 14 May (1) *Stutsman* (JAS). 15 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (HCT, CDE). 22 May (1) near Beaver Bay Rec. area, *Emmons* (JJM, LS).

Brown Thrasher - Individual survived the winter on a mixture of seeds, and sometimes suet at the residence of (DOL) in Grand Forks. Departed 10 Apr about the time migrants arrive (DOL). First 16 Apr (1) Mercer, *McLean* (EEF). Peak 09 May (42) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

European Starling - 01 Mar (800) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 25 Mar (4050) *Burleigh*, *Morton* (HCT).

Am. Pipit - First 10 Apr (2) *Sheridan* (REM). Peak 27 Apr (5) GF Lagoons (EEF). 29 Apr and 07 May (1) LLNWR (CDE). Last 12 May (3) GF Lagoons (EEF). All reports.

Sprague's Pipit - First 16 Apr (1) *McKenzie* (SH), quite common there this spring (JAH). 03 May (2) n. of Linton (GK). 20 May (10) *Burke* (REM). 28 May (1) N. Fargo Lagoons (KRC, DWR). 29 May (1) Broken Bone Lake rest stop (BBC).

Bohemian Waxwing - 22 Mar (350) in a single roaming flock, Bismarck (CDE). 02 Apr (2600) Grand Forks (EEF). An individual seen in my yard daily with Cedar Waxwings for nearly two weeks mid-April - twice was (2) individuals. Last 24 Apr (1) Bismarck (CDE).

Cedar Waxwing - 01 Mar (80) Grand Forks (EEF). 08 Mar (100) Bismarck (CDE).

Tennessee Warbler - First 09 May (2) Grand Forks (EEF), (1) Fargo (DLK). Peak 22 May (250) Oak Park, Minot (REM). Last EOP.

Orange-crowned Warbler - First 19 Apr (2) Oak Grove Park, Fargo (RHO). Peak 12 May (50) Oak Park (REM). Last 29 May (1) *Benson* (REM).

Nashville Warbler - 08 May (1) Lindenwood Park, Fargo (GF). Peak 18 May (6) Grand Forks (EEF). Last 31 May (2) Graham's Island SP near Devils Lake (EEF).

Yellow Warbler - First 07 May (1) Roosevelt Park, Minot (KRC). Peak 22 May (150) Oak Park (REM).

Chestnut-sided Warbler - First 17 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 18 May (4) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 30 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) Hope (DLK).

Magnolia Warbler - First 05 May (2) Cando (SR). 22 May (1) Lake Tschida, *Grant* (JPL). Peak 22 May (6) Oak Park (REM). 28 May (6) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 30 May (1) Hope (DLK), (1) Arrowwood NWR (PRS).

Cape May Warbler - 14 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). 16 May (1) NDSU (DPW). 17 May (1) Lindenwood Park (CMN). Last 22 May (1) Dickinson Exp Station (JPL). All reports.

Yellow-rumped Warbler - First 04 Apr (1) Jamestown (DBu). [2 reports each on 05 and 06 Apr]. Peak 06 May (235) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 30 May (2) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (CDE, HCT).

Black-throated Green Warbler - First 08 May (1) Bowman-Haley Dam (JPL). Peak 13 May (2) Lindenwood (MO). Last 19 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). 7 reports.

Blackburnian Warbler - First 19 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF), (1) Fargo (DLK). 22 May (1) Elgin City Park, *Grant* (JPL). Last 30 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Palm Warbler - First 05 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 14 May (20) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 21 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW).

Bay-breasted Warbler - First 18 May (1) Trefoil Park (DPW, CMN). Peak 22 May (2) Oak Park (REM), 28 May (2) Michelson Field, Trefoil Park (DPW). 26 May (1) Mandan (DLR). Last 29 May (1) Michelson Field (DPW).

Blackpoll Warbler - First 09 May (6) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 22 May (100) Oak Park (REM). Last 30 May (10) St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck (CDE).

Black-and-white Warbler - First 24 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). Peak 12 May (6) Oak Park, Velva (REM). Last 29 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE).

American Redstart - First 13 May (1) Oak Grove Park (CMN), (1) *Renville* (REM). 27 May (20) Smith's Grove, *Oliver* which is a breeding location (HCT). Peak 28 May (20) N. Fargo (DPW). 30 May (6) Arrowwood NWR (PRS).

**Prothonotary Warbler** – 07 May (1) at a very small stockdam in *Morton* Co. Only vegetation was a few tumbleweeds, and 3 smallish Cottonwood trees (DLR, MaAn), late evening (DNS, doc). 08 May (1) *Morton*, as the bird hopped through the mud along the waters edge (MaAn, CDE, JJM, DLR) and we watched it flush and fly away across the open prairie to the north – and then observed a Red-bellied Woodpecker fly into these lonely Cottonwood trees from the east! Eleventh report for the state.

Ovenbird - First 10 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) Fargo (DPW), (1) Trefoil Park (CMN). Peak 14 May (7) N. Fargo (DPW). 27 May (6) Smith's Grove, *Oliver* (HCT).

N. Waterthrush - First 06 May (1) Orchard Glen, Fargo (KRC). 12 May (6) *Stark* (JWH). Peak 13 May (12) Oak Park, Velva (REM). Last 30 May (1) in a sagebrush ravine in *Bowman* (JPL).

Connecticut Warbler - 16 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 21 May (4) Oak Park (REM), 28 May (4) N. Fargo (DPW). 30 May (1) Hope (DLK). EOP.

Mourning Warbler - First 14 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). 27 May (3) Sleepy Hollow (CDE). Peak 28 May (5) N. Fargo (DPW). Last EOP - 31 May (1) Sleepy Hollow (CDE), Minot (REM).

**MacGillivray's Warbler** - 18 May (1) Regent (JPL). 22 May (1) female at Sleepy Hollow (CDE, HCT), doc.

Common Yellowthroat - 05 May (1) Sibley Park, Bismarck (CDE). Peak 24 May (66) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Wilson's Warbler - First 12 May (1) Oak Park (REM), (1) Dickinson (JK). Peak 29 May (8) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 30 May (1) Hope (DLK).

Canada Warbler - First 17 May (1) Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 28 May (7) N. Fargo (DPW). Last 29 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) *Benson* (REM).

Yellow-breasted Chat - First 18 May (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). 22 May (2) Bismarck (HCT). 30 May (2) MacLean Bottoms, *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE).

**Summer Tanager** - First 10 May (1) Trefoil Park (SM). 14 May (1) Trefoil Park (DPW), doc.

Scarlet Tanager - First 18 May (1) TRSP (EEF). 21 May (2) *Richland* (NDBS). 28 May (1) Lindenwood Park (RHO). 29 May (1) Trefoil Park (DPW), (1) *Steele* (DLK).

**Western Tanager** - 15-16 May (1) home in W. Fargo (KRC, DWR). 26 May (1) at feeder in N. Bismarck (William A. Cornatzer), 27 May (CDE, JPL, HCT), doc.

Spotted Towhee - First 21 Apr (2) Bowman (MLJ). 08 May (1) CSNWR (GAE). Peak 15 May (7) *Mercer* (REM).

Eastern Towhee - First 06 May (1) *Grand Forks* (JJ). 08 May (1) s. Bismarck (JDS). 09 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 12 May (1) Fargo (Lorn Ostlie, fide RHO). 13 May (1) yard, Bismarck (CDE). 12-16 May (1) Jamestown (MAS). All reports.

Am. Tree Sparrow - Peak 19 Mar (110) *Morton, Oliver* (CDE, BM). Last 13 Apr (2) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Chipping Sparrow - First 21 Mar (1) NDG&F headquarters, Bismarck (SRD). Next 13 Apr (1) NDSU (GEN). Peak 09 May (280) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Clay-colored Sparrow - First 24 Apr (1) yard, Bismarck (CDE). Peak 14 May (176) *Burleigh* (HCT, BM). 28 May nest with eggs found at LLNWR (CDE), 30 May same nest had 1 cowbird egg included (CDE, HCT).

Brewer's Sparrow - 30 May (2) *Bowman* (JPL).

Field Sparrow - First 24 Apr (1) *Morton* (HCT). Peak 16 May (4) *Burleigh* (HCT), 30 May (4) McLean Bottoms, *Burleigh* (HCT, CDE).

Vesper Sparrow - First 09 Apr (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT), (1) *Mountrail* (REM). Peak 05 May (24) *Ward* (REM).

Lark Sparrow - First 16 Apr (1) Lake Bertha, *Cass* (MO). Peak 14 May (5) *Mountrail, Ward* (REM).

Lark Bunting - First 24 Apr (1) *Morton* (HCT). Present in the west - peak reported was (2).

Savannah Sparrow - First 13 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 06 May (162) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Baird's Sparrow - First 07 May (1) Lake Etta, *Kidder* (DNS). 15 May (1) *Ward* (REM). 20 May (8) *Burke* (REM). 30 May (1) *Oliver* (REM). Only reports.

Grasshopper Sparrow - First 08 May (1) *Barnes* (JL). Peak 30 May (8) *Mercer, Oliver* (REM).

Le Conte's Sparrow - First and Peak 20 May (13) CSNWR (REM).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow - First 04 May (1) n. of Brown WPA (GK). Peak 10 May (3) Lake Bertha (RG). 20 May (3) *Burke* (REM). 24 May (2) Bacabra WPA (GK).

Fox Sparrow - First 29 Mar (3) *Ransom* (REM). 04-05 Apr (1) Sleepy Hollow (CDE, HCT). Peak 06 Apr (10) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 07 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Song Sparrow - First 01 Apr (1) Burlington (SDL). Peak 10 May (40) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Lincoln's Sparrow - First 23 Apr (1) Jamestown (DBu). Peak 09 May (17) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 29 May (1) W. Fargo (KRC).

Swamp Sparrow - First 16 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 09 May (6) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

White-throated Sparrow - 3 overwintered at UND Campus Grand Forks as they have for several years now (DOL). First 16 Apr (1) yard, W. Fargo (KRC). Peak 06 May (218) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 31 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE).

Harris's Sparrow - Wintering? 31 Mar (1) Rath WPA, *Burleigh* (HCT). First 02 May (20) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Peak 09 May (143) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last EOP in *Grand Forks* (EEF).

White-crowned Sparrow - First 02 May (20) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Peak 14 May (118) *Burleigh* (HCT, BM). Last 22 May (1) *Ward* (REM).

Dark-eyed Junco - 06 Apr (268) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 09 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

McCown's Longspur - 30 May (4) *Bowman* (JPL).

Lapland Longspur - Peak 27 Mar (9450) *Ward, McHenry* (REM). 06 May (50) *Foster* (PRS). Last 07 May (40) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Smith's Longspur - 14 May (2) *Mountrail* (REM).

Chestnut-collared Longspur - First 09 Apr (4) *Ward, Mountrail* (REM), (1) *Barnes* (DLK). Peak 24 May (46) *Burleigh, Kidder* (HCT). 26 May (pair) at GF Lagoons (EEF).

Snow Bunting - Peak 04 Mar (125) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Last 03 May (1) GF Lagoons (EEF).

N. Cardinal - 30 Mar (2) Forest River area (KRC). 17 May (1) Sheyenne Nat' Grasslands at Paintner Bridge (DNS). 18 May (1) Lindenwood Park (GF). 24 May (1) at feeder in *Grand Forks* (EEF). One seen on 3 occasions at N. Fargo residence (DPW). 26 Mar (2) singing in my neighborhood. One or two pair nesting north of UND Campus where nesting has occurred in recent years. Seems to be more sightings than ever, increasing evidence that some birds are moving through in late March and early April. (DOL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - First 03 May (1) Arrowwood NWR (PRS). Peak 19 May (28) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 30 May (1) *Bowman* (MLJ).

Black-headed Grosbeak - First 05 May (2) Sibley Park, Bismarck (CDE). 15 May (2) Burlington (SDL). 18 May (1) McElroy Park, Jamestown (LDI, AI). Peak 20 May (12) s. Bismarck (Lowell Fahrni, fide HCT).

Lazuli Bunting - First 15 May (1) *McKenzie* (JAH). 20 May (1) Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). 22 May (1) Oak Park (REM). Peak 26 May (10) NewTown (RSa). 27 May (4) yard, Mandan (HCT). 30 May (2) MacLean Bottoms, *Burleigh* (CDE, HCT). All reports.

Indigo Bunting - First 17 May (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Common from 21 May onward in N. Fargo (DPW). 25 May (1) Logan (REM). 28 May (1) n. Bismarck (Erik Thompson).

Bobolink - First 21 Apr (1) LLNWR (NAB). 11 May (40) GF Lagoons (EEF). Peak 17 May (42) MSL (REM). Red-winged Blackbird - First BOP. 30 Mar (3000) *McLean* to Grand Forks (EEF). Peak 05 Apr (5000) LLNWR (HCT).

Western Meadowlark - First 06 Mar (1) LLNWR (Tom & EllaMae Thompson, fide CDE). Peak 14 May (125) *Burleigh* (HCT, BM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird - First 26 Mar (1) *Grand Forks* (DOL). Peak 30 Apr (500) *McLean, Ward* (REM).

Rusty Blackbird - 06 Mar (50) *Cass* (MO). Last 04 Apr (3) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Brewer's Blackbird - First 29 Mar (8) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 30 Apr (270) north-central ND (REM).

Common Grackle - First 21 Mar (4) n. of Tappen (GK, LK). Peak 30 Apr (5000) north-central ND (REM).

Brown-headed Cowbird - First 09 Apr (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF). Peak 06 May (70) *Grand Forks* (EEF), 14 May (70) *Burleigh* (CDE, RJI).

Orchard Oriole - First 16 May (1) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT). Peak 24 May (7) *Grand Forks* (EEF), 30 May (7) Tesoro Refinery, Mandan (HCT).

Baltimore Oriole - First 09 May (1) N. Fargo (DPW), (1) CSNWR (GAE). Peak 19 May (15) *Grand Forks* (EEF).

Bullock's Oriole - First 22 May (1) Cedar Ridge, *Bowman* (JPL). 25 May (1) TRNP (JAH).

Pine Grosbeak – 15 May a pair observed at Lake Ilo NWR, *Dunn* (DMF) [First May report for the state]. No details.

Purple Finch - 06 Apr (8), 8 males appeared to be on territory 13-15 Apr at Icelandic SP and vicinity (DOL). Last 18 May (1) Sawyer (REM).

House Finch - 30 Mar (20) Grand Forks (EEF). 06 Apr (1) gathering nesting materials at Sleepy Hollow Park (CDE). 21 Apr (20) Bismarck, Mandan (HCT). 06 May (1) young begging from adult, Grand Forks (EEF).

Red Crossbill - 02 Apr (2) Burlington (SDL). 15 Mar (6) Jamestown (JAS). 11 May (25) *Ward* (REM), (15) St. Mary's Cemetery (CDE), 30 May (1 pair) may be nesting (CDE).

White-winged Crossbill – 01 Apr (1) Marion (JL).

Common Redpoll - 05 Mar (75) Burlington (SDL). Peak 18 Mar (435) *Ward* (REM). Last 04 Apr (1) *Grand Forks* (EEF), (1) *McKenzie* (JAH).



Hoary Redpoll – 14-27 Mar (2) Horace (JG, LG). 04 Apr (1) Horace (JG, LG).

Pine Siskin - 30 Mar (60) N. Bismarck year (Erik Thompson). 07 May fledged young with parents at feeder (EEF). Widespread nesting by EOP (REM).

Am. Goldfinch - 30 Apr (40) *McHenry* (REM). 18 May (60) *Grand Forks* (EEF). 19 May (40) *Burleigh, Morton* (HCT). 21 May (41) *McLean* (REM).

Evening Grosbeak – 14 Mar (4) females visited feeder sporadically throughout the winter in New Town (Rita Satermo), seen through at least 11 May.

House Sparrow – Present

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#### **EXOTICS:**

Chukar – 26 Mar (1) in se Mandan (fide HCT).

Ringed Turtle-Dove – 08 May (1) Dickinson. Also seen in April (JPL).

#### **Requiring more documentation:**

Glossy Ibis - 29 May (1) near Cando (Sheila Rabe).

Glaucous-winged Gull – 21-24 Mar (1) at Bismarck Landfill (DNS, REM, MAG, CDE, JPL, HCT), Possible hybrid, photos by (REM).

Great Black-backed Gull – 18 Mar (1) McKenzie Co. (Richard Goll).

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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  
USNWR - Upper Souris NWR

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