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Ferruginous Hawk

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Ferruginous Hawk in flight

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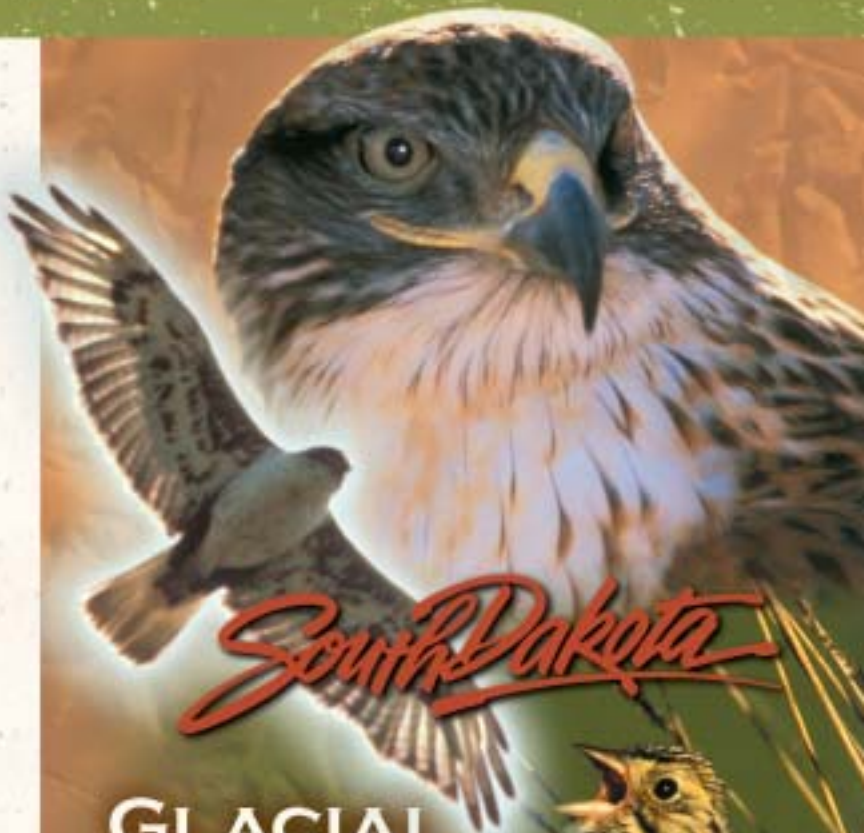
Baird's Sparrow

Greg W. Lasley, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

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Chestnut-collared Longspur

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Great Blue Heron  
Fire Sky Imaging



## Welcome to South Dakota's GLACIAL LAKES AND PRAIRIES BIRDING TRAIL

**This guidebook offers a brief overview of each site on the trail, how to get there, birds to look for, best months to visit and birding tips.**

More than 300 species of birds may be found among the 38 sites making up the trail.

Northeastern South Dakota's geologic history has created a wonderful habitat for birds.

Hundreds of large and small pothole lakes were formed by the last-to-melt scattered masses of glacial ice left behind when the glaciers receded 10,000 years ago. Here, nestled in the prairie pothole region of northcentral United States and southcentral Canada, you will find one of the most productive waterfowl breeding areas in North America.

Pristine tall-grass and mixed-grass native prairie scattered throughout the region provides a special opportunity to experience the increasingly rare grassland habitat that once covered the vast central plains of the U.S. and Canada. Look for limited-range prairie grassland species here.



# WE OFFER A FEW GENERAL BIRDING TRAIL TIPS:

**Roads** Be careful and slow down when driving on gravel roads, especially in wet or snowy conditions. A few of the trail's many gravel roads may be impassable when muddy or snow-covered. Check with local contacts if in doubt. Less-traveled gravel roads provide great birding.

**Vehicle trails** Many of the trail's state game production areas (**GPAs**) and federal wildlife production areas (**WPAs**) have rough roads. It is recommended you walk rather than attempt to drive on these dirt roads. Please respect "No vehicles beyond this point" signs.

**Multiple use** Although northeastern South Dakota has an abundance of public land, be aware of and considerate of others. Site contacts can provide specific information about hunting or other activities at locations you plan to visit.

**Weather** can change quickly in South Dakota. Be prepared with outerwear suitable to the season. Plan to include insect repellent for summer birding.

**Parks** An entrance license is required at all state parks and state recreation areas. All offer picnic areas and toilets. All except Sica Hollow offer camping. Most offer comfort stations with running water.

**Don't forget** to watch for good places to pull over and bird as you drive between the trail hot spots. There are many such places. Set the brake before you exit your car.

Sites included in this guide may not always be accessible due to changes in local flooding and road conditions.



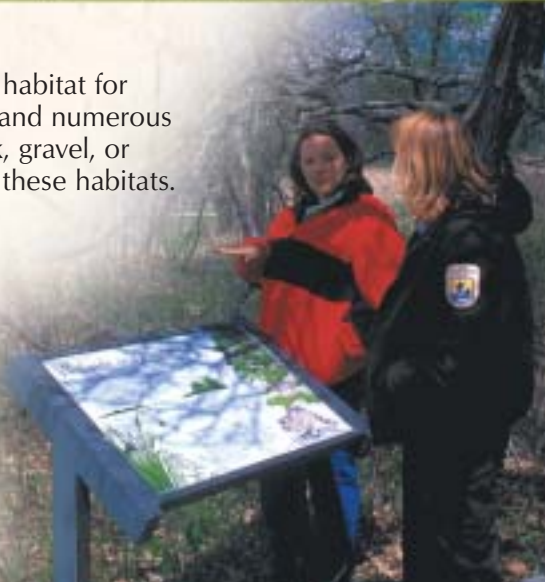
Yellow Warbler  
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Rivers and streams course through the region, providing protective riparian habitat for dozens of species. You will also find deciduous and coniferous woodlands and numerous marshes and wetlands. Hundreds of miles of shoreline offer choices of rock, gravel, or muddy edges. Look for woodland songbirds, marsh birds and shorebirds in these habitats. Watch for raptors soaring over all.

Situated on the overlapping Central and Mississippi migratory flyways, the Glacial Lakes and Prairies region of South Dakota hosts millions of migrating birds each spring and fall.













Welcome to northeastern South Dakota. Good birding!

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## Map Legend

-  Birding Locations
-  Interstate Highway
-  United States Highway
-  State Highway
-  County Highway
-  Rivers/Streams/Temporary Waters
-  U.S. FWS Waterfowl Production Area
-  S.D. GFP Game Production Area & S.D. GPA/Water Access Area (WAA)
-  Parks and Recreation Areas
-  Cities/Towns
-  Lake
-  County Boundary
- P** Parking
- T** Vault Toilet
- CS** Comfort Station

Snow Geese

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## 1. Oakwood Lakes State Park – Brookings County

**Habitat** The park is in an area encompassing eight glacially carved lakes, wetlands, deciduous and coniferous woodlands, open meadows and some native prairie. The park, plus contiguous GPA, encompasses 1,065 acres.

**Look for these birds** Many waterfowl species, huge flocks of Snow Geese with Ross' Geese in spring migration, warblers and sparrows in migration, Green Heron, Great Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, American Woodcock, Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Bluebird, Red-tailed Hawk, American Bittern, Northern Cardinal, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-bellied Woodpecker. *Rarities: Blue Grosbeak, Least Bittern*

**Best birding months** March through October  
Open: 6 a.m.–11 p.m., March–September; 6 a.m.–9 p.m., October–April. State Park entrance license required. (**T**, **CS**)

**Tips** A heron and egret colony in the northeast corner of the park is accessible by canoe. Trails, gravel and paved roads throughout park. Running south on gravel road 457th Ave., four miles west of south park entrance, for 11 miles to Lake Sinai is excellent wetland habitat on both sides of the road. Excellent birding during spring migration.

**Contact** Park Supervisor, 46109 202nd St., Bruce, SD 57220  
(605) 627-5441 [OakwoodLakes@state.sd.us](mailto:OakwoodLakes@state.sd.us)



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Above:  
*Yellow-rumped Warbler*  
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Left:  
*Red-bellied Woodpecker*  
J. Robert Woodward, Cornell  
Laboratory of Ornithology

## 2. McCrory Gardens – Brookings County

**Habitat** University-run research gardens. Wide diversity of vegetation; conifers, deciduous and orchard trees, wide range of shrubbery, flower beds and open areas spread over 60 acres in Brookings.

**Look for these birds** Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Harris' Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Bay-breasted Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Broad-winged Hawk, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Orchard Oriole

**Best birding months** March through October  
Open dawn to dusk.

**Tips** Walking trails throughout gardens. Look in mid-garden willows for warblers, check nearby tall grass for sparrows and adjacent open areas for thrushes.

**Contact** Associate Director, McCrory Gardens, Box 2140A, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007  
(605) 688-5136 [sdsu\\_hflp@sdsu.edu](mailto:sdsu_hflp@sdsu.edu)



*Eastern Bluebird*  
G. van Frankenhuyzen, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

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Green-winged Teal  
Fire Sky Imaging



## 3. Mickelson Memorial Marsh – Hamlin County

**Habitat** 1,650-acre wetland with 600-acre cattail slough, open water, marsh and shrub belt with dense nesting cover. Mudflats in low-water years, native grass uplands.

**Look for these birds** Bufflehead, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Marsh Wren, Tree Swallow, Sora, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Smith's Longspur, sandpipers, godwits, phalaropes. Huge flocks of Snow Geese with Ross' Geese intermingled. *Rarity: Great-tailed Grackle*

**Best birding months** March through October

**Tips** Don't miss birding along the north-south road running through western side of the GPA. This GPA is a very popular hunting area in September and October.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200  
Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391

## 4. Dry Lake (Sioux Poinsett GPA) – Hamlin County

**Habitat** 2,100-acre wetland, flooded, with island in middle. Scattered woodland around lake.

**Look for these birds** Great Egret, Cattle Egret, herons, Western Grebe, Short-billed and Long-billed Dowitchers, Dunlin, Stilt Sandpiper, and many other shorebird species in migration. Hundreds of thousands of Snow Geese with Ross' Geese in early spring. *Rarity: Black Duck*

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Access is good around Dry Lake. A belt of conifers in northeast corner provides shelter for finches, waxwings and songbirds. Good shorebirding in spring one and one-half miles south where Hwy 28 crosses the Big Sioux River east of Lake Poinsett.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200  
Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391

## 5. Lake Alice and Salt Lake – Deuel County

**Habitat** Lake Alice is surrounded by grassland and cropland, Ponderosa pine along north side. Nearby saline Salt Lake, on the Minnesota border, attracts large numbers of shorebirds in spring and fall migration.

**Look for these birds** Canvasback, Common Merganser, Northern Pintail, American Golden-Plover, Savannah Sparrow. *Rarities: Smith's Longspur, Le Conte's Sparrow, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck.* At Salt Lake, migrating *Black-bellied Plover, Wilson's Phalarope, Stilt Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper*

**Best birding months** Lake Alice: April through October  
Salt Lake: April through June, August through September

**Tips** Good birding along two miles of gravel vehicle trail running length of Lake Alice on east side. Drive when road is dry, walk when road is snow-covered or muddy. Look for Smith's Longspurs along roads in this area in medium to small flocks flying over sparse grasslands in April after Lapland Longspurs have left and in October before Laplands have arrived. The road running south from Lake Alice takes you past fens on private property on both sides of the road for five to six miles. A few miles south and east at Gary is Gary Gulch, a woodland similar to Sica Hollow, with a nature area and trails, deep heavily-forested ravine.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391

## 6. Round Lake and Bullhead Lake – Deuel County

**Habitat** 1,078 acres amidst series of lakes surrounded by prairie, shoreline with trees and many thickets.

**Look for these birds** Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, shorebirds, nesting Chestnut-collared Longspur. *Rarities: Ruddy Turnstone, Surf and White-winged Scoters*

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Watch for Short-eared Owls in this area. Trails in northwest corner of GPA.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391



Wood Duck  
Loren Hansen





*American Bittern*  
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## 7. Sioux River Stretch of the Watertown Recreation Trail – Codington County

**Habitat** The Sioux River Trail of the Watertown Recreation Trail is approximately two miles along the Big Sioux River in Watertown. This section of the Watertown Recreation Trail runs behind the Bramble Park Zoo at the north end to the Jack and Esther McLaughlin Wildlife Sanctuary at the south end. Habitat includes dense shrubs, deciduous woods and the river.

**Look for these birds** Least Bittern, Cape May Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Green Heron, Hooded Merganser, Wood Duck, Cooper's Hawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Scarlet Tanager, Orchard Oriole, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Explore the Kiddie Pond and wooded area over the bridge across the river at Bramble Park. For two weeks prior to fall migration, thousands of Purple Martins gather here. An asphalt nature trail runs through the McLaughlin Sanctuary at the southern end of the Sioux River Trail of the Watertown Recreation Trail. Parking on the street near the zoo's bird cages gets you quickly to the bridge. Or you can park at the sanctuary, or at McKinley Park, halfway between the two ends of the Sioux River Trail and bird your way either direction.

**Contact** Watertown Recreation Trail, Watertown Parks Department, 125 S. Broadway, Watertown, SD 57201 (605) 882-6260

## 8. Memorial Park – Codington County

**Habitat** 105 acres include deciduous woods plus some conifers and junipers, wetlands with cattails at the edge of Lake Kampeska.

**Look for these birds** American Bittern, American Woodcock, Ovenbird, Cooper's Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Black-throated Green Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, White-throated Sparrow, Harris' Sparrow

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** A nature trail circles the park's wetland. Look for the viewing blind on the south side. A butterfly garden in the park also attracts shrub-loving birds.

**Contact** Memorial Park, Codington County Parks, 1200 N. Lake Drive, Watertown, SD 57201 (605) 882-6297

*Hooded Merganser*  
Loren Hansen





## 9. Long Lake – Codington County

**Habitat** Lake and wetlands with approximately eight miles of shoreline, within a 3,600-acre game production area complex. Shore is mixed rocks, gravel and sand, with mud and shallow water in places. Cattails, trees, grassland.

**Look for these birds** White-faced Ibis, Tundra Swan, Hooded and Common Mergansers, Sora, Virginia Rail, Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, Semipalmated Plover, Least Sandpiper, Yellow-headed Blackbird, diving ducks, dabbling ducks, gulls, terns

**Best birding months** March through October

**Tips** Look for a concentration of shorebirds around the island at the southern end of the lake. A nesting area for egrets and cormorants is found on the west side.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200  
Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391

## 10. Grass Lake – Codington County

**Habitat** Large lake with approximately 500 acres of adjoining waterfowl production area and flooded wetland with island at northwest end, good variety of vegetation around lake, solid, rocky bottom to mudflats.

**Look for these birds** Colony of cattle egrets, herons in cottonwoods on east side of shore, waterfowl, White Pelican, gulls, terns, Redhead, Ruddy Duck, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black Tern, Forster's Tern, marsh birds, White-faced Ibis

**Best birding months** April through October (P)

**Tips** Road on western side of lake may be too rough for driving, but fine for walking. Three to five miles south from Wallace (437th Ave.) toward Long Lake has excellent native prairie habitat. At nearby Horseshoe Lake, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows are a possibility.

**Contact** Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, 44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273  
(605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov



*White-faced Ibis*  
Fred K. Truslow, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

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Scarlet Tanager  
W. A. Paff,  
Cornell Laboratory  
of Ornithology



## 11. Reyelts/O'Farrell WPA – Grant County

**Habitat** 1,190 acres of lake, wetlands, native tall-grass prairie.

**Look for these birds** Bobolink, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Upland Sandpiper, Sedge Wren, Marbled Godwit, Short-eared Owl, many species of shorebirds in low-water years

**Best birding months** April through October (P)

**Tips** Just west of Marvin, northeast corner of WPA is better access to good birding area.

**Contact** Waubay National Wildlife Refuge,  
44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273  
(605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov

## 12. Berwald WPA – Roberts County

**Habitat** 560-acre wetland with native tall-grass prairie. Fens in northeast corner.

**Look for these birds** Marsh birds, sparrows, waterfowl, Northern Shoveler, Upland Sandpiper, Sora, Virginia Rail, Marsh Wren, Sedge Wren

**Best birding months** April through October (P)

**Tips** Access off both old 81 and east side. Listen at night in June throughout region for singing Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows. These rare, elusive sparrows inhabit marshy cattail areas.

**Contact** Waubay National Wildlife Refuge,  
44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273  
(605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov

Red-tailed Hawk

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## 13. Hartford Beach State Park – Roberts County

**Habitat** 330-acre oak, basswood, ash woodland with patches of prairie along Big Stone Lake.

**Look for these birds** Pileated Woodpecker, American Woodcock, Cerulean, Prothonotary, Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers in migration, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Great-crested Flycatcher.  
*Rarity: Whip-poor-will*

### Best birding months

March through October

State Park entrance license required. (T, CS)

**Tips** Trails and roads throughout park. A good 150-mile birding loop for waterfowl and shorebirds from Hartford Beach north past Browns Valley along the western side of Lake Traverse, stopping at Reservation Dam on S.D. Hwy 117 to scan both Lake Traverse and Mud Lake, then north again along the west side of Lake Traverse to the Rosholt road and east to the southern end of White Rock GPA, to overlook the Bois de Sioux River (marking the north-south continental divide by flowing north to Hudson Bay), around to the west side of White Rock GPA, back past Rosholt, past the southern end of Victor GPA, down western side of Cottonwood Lake and Cottonwood Slough to Harmon GPA. Then west to County Road 8, south to Lake Bdesaka and Dry Run GPA, then south again to the northern end of Eastman GPA, then south to Wilmot and east back to Hartford Beach.

**Contact** Park Manager, RR 1, Box 50, Corona, SD 57227 (605) 432-6374  
Hartford@state.sd.us



*Franklin's Gull*

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*White Pelican*  
John Jave



*Short-eared Owl*  
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## 14. Blue Dog/Rush Lake – Day County

**Habitat** These two lakes are surrounded by prairie and pasture, with U.S. Hwy 12 dividing Rush Lake. Excellent area for Western and Clark's Grebes.

**Look for these birds** Western Grebe, Eared and Horned Grebes, waterfowl, egrets, Ross' Geese with many thousands of Snow Geese in spring migration. *Rarity: Clark's Grebe*

**Best birding months** March through June (P)

**Tips** Look for Clark's Grebes on 444th Ave., going north from U.S. Hwy 12 at the western edge of Blue Dog Lake, and along the road running south from U.S. Hwy 12 at the western edge of Rush Lake (in dry years). At Blue Dog Fish Hatchery, a trail leaves from the gazebo and follows the shore. This is good for shorebirds and waterfowl. One-half mile south of the hatchery, turn in to Veke's Point, an area of thick shrubs, willow thicket along a gravel road going out to parking at the point. This is a good spot for sparrows and other thicket birds as well as good lake vantage point.

**Contact** Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, 44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273 (605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov

## 15. Waubay National Wildlife Refuge – Day County

**Habitat** 4,650 acres of lakes, wetlands, woodlands and marshes attract nearly 250 species of birds to the refuge.

**Look for these birds** Western Grebe, American White Pelican, American and Least Bitterns, Snowy Egret, Tundra Swan, Hooded Merganser, Northern Goshawk, Gray Partridge, Piping Plover, Willet, Spotted Sandpiper, Black Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Sedge Wren, Swainson's Hawk, Eastern Bluebird, Clay-colored Sparrow, Magnolia Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler. During spring migration, look for Common Loon, one half-million Snow Geese plus Ross' Geese. Look for Red-necked Grebes in quiet bays. *Rarities: Long-tailed Duck, White-winged Scoter*

**Best birding months** March through October  
 Visitor Center hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Closed federal holidays. Refuge open daylight hours only. (T)



**Tips** Trails and roads throughout Headquarters Island on the refuge. Ask at Visitor Center about recent sightings.

**Contact the refuge** 44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273 (605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov

## 16. Wike WPA/One Road Lake – Roberts County

**Habitat** 500 acres of native tall-grass prairie, wetland, cattails and conifers.

**Look for these birds** Wetland birds, grebes, Marbled Godwit, Upland Sandpiper, Savannah Sparrow. *Rarities: Townsend's Solitaire, Long-eared Owl*

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Watch for prairie grassland birds along roads throughout the area.

**Contact** Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, 44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273 (605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov

## 17. Pickerel Lake Recreation Area – Day County

**Habitat** Lake with wetlands, woodlands and prairie, including thick conifers, cherry, crabapple and plum, totaling 368 acres.

**Look for these birds** Bohemian Waxwing, Townsend's Solitaire, Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Purple Finch, warblers, thrushes, Eastern Screech-Owl, Northern Cardinal, Pied-billed Grebe. *Rarities: Red-shouldered Hawk, Red Crossbill and White-winged Crossbill*

**Best birding months** March through October  
State Park entrance license required. (T, CS)

**Tips** Good winter birding for winter visitor species. Watch for Red-shouldered Hawk along edges of woods. Trails and roads throughout park.

**Contact** Park Manager, 12980 446th Ave., Grenville, SD 57239 (605) 486-4753 PickerelLake@state.sd.us

Eared Grebe  
John Jave



## 18. Harmon GPA – Roberts County

**Habitat** 274-acre public access to lake, wetlands surrounded by prairie, deciduous shelterbelt.

**Look for these birds** Hooded and Red-breasted Mergansers, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Ring-necked Duck, Le Conte's Sparrow, Sora, Virginia Rail, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Cattle Egret, American Avocet

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Good access on southern side. Southeast and southwest parking.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391



*Black-crowned Night-Heron*  
John Jave



*American Avocet* John Jave

## 19. Mud Lake, White Rock GPA – Roberts County

**Habitat** 1,660-acre wetland, marshes, native grass surrounding shallow Mud Lake.

**Look for these birds** Black-crowned Night-Heron, Bald Eagle, Wood Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Sora

**Best birding months** April through September

**Tips** Easily viewed from main roads. Water levels are managed from year to year to enhance waterfowl and shorebird habitat. Check with contact office for status.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391

## 20. Sica Hollow State Park – Roberts County

**Habitat** 800-acre eastern deciduous woodland on edge of the Prairie Coteau. Steep hillsides and open meadows. Native stand of sugar maples.

**Look for these birds** Veery, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Least Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Purple Finch. *Rarity: Pileated Woodpecker*

**Best birding months** April through October  
State Park entrance license required. No snow removal on park roads late fall through early spring. (T)

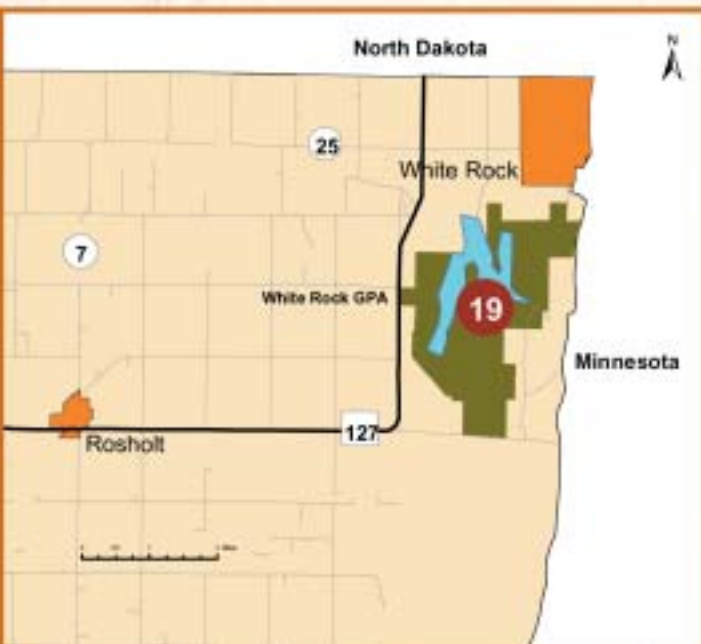
**Tips** Trails and roads throughout park. Look for an interpretive trail near the east entrance off U.S. Hwy 12. The steep hills of this area where the Coteau drops down to the prairie were called “Mountains of the Prairie” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his epic poem, “Hiawatha.”

**Contact** Park Supervisor, Roy Lake State Park, 11545 Northside Drive, Lake City, SD 57247 (605) 448-5701 RoyLake@state.sd.us



Left:  
Veery  
Mike Hopiak,  
Cornell Laboratory  
of Ornithology

Below:  
Least Flycatcher  
Loren Hansen



## 21. Roy Lake State Park – Marshall County

**Habitat** 540-acre state park with nearby 1,400-acre game production areas, including Roy Lake surrounded by woodlands and wetlands. A complex of GPAs around the lake total 3,450 acres. The park includes a heavily wooded island with a wheelchair-accessible trail. Park trails and roads run along the shore of Roy Lake. Larson GPA, northwest of the park, includes native prairie, sloughs and cedars. Clubhouse GPA, west of the park, also includes deciduous woods.

**Look for these birds** American Bittern, Pied-billed Grebe, American White Pelican, Canvasback, Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Franklin's Gull, Forster's Tern, Black Tern, migrating warblers, Eastern Phoebe, Green Heron

**Best birding months** March through October  
State Park entrance license required for the park, not the GPAs. (T)

**Tips** Trails and paved roads through park. Driving south off S.D. Hwy 10 through Larson GPA leads to Bullhead Lake boat ramp on Clubhouse GPA. Canoe access. A vehicle trail leads to the center of Clubhouse GPA. A good drive is down County Road 5, the Fort Road, to Jensen WPA. Good birding all along the road.

**Contact** Park Supervisor, Roy Lake State Park, 11545 Northside Drive, Lake City, SD 57247 (605) 448-5701 RoyLake@state.sd.us

## 22. Jensen WPA – Marshall County

**Habitat** 1,100-acre native prairie, wetlands. This one and one-half to two-mile stretch of native prairie gives a glimpse of the past when 100-million acres of prairie covered the plains.

**Look for these birds** Sharp-tailed Grouse, Savannah Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Black Tern, Bobolink, Dickcissel, grassland birds, Upland Sandpiper

**Best birding months** April through September (P)

**Tips** Access from Marshall County Road 5, through the GPA. Look for wetlands and lakes by walking to top of hill to the west. On east side of road is Opitz Lake.

**Contact** Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, 44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273 (605) 947-4521 waubay@fws.gov



Black Tern

Betty Darling Cottrille, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology



## 23. Tacoma Park/Putney Slough GPA – Brown County

**Habitat** 2,700-acre wetland, open water in wet years, grassland, trees along west side of five-mile long slough, and at Tacoma Park, next to James River.

**Look for these birds** Shorebirds migrating in spring. Flocks of thousands may be found in wet fields beside roads throughout this area, including flocks of Buff-breasted Sandpipers, American Golden-Plover, Black-bellied Plover, American Avocet. *Rarities: Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt*

**Best birding months** April through June

**Tips** Four miles east and four miles north of the northern edge of Putney Slough is Putney #3, an area equally interesting, with congregations of Bald Eagles in early spring, good parking off S.D. Hwy 37. South of Tacoma Park, along east side of James River is public, county-owned property. Access from the eastern side of the James River and drive south, cross the James River, and go south to turnaround at low-head dam.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200  
Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391



## 24. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Brown County

**Habitat** 21,500-acre refuge attracting more than 260 species to its combination of lake, wetland, grassland, deciduous woodland habitats.

**Look for these birds** Franklin's Gull colony, White Pelican, Western and Clark's Grebes, Snowy Egret, White-faced Ibis, White Pelican, Least Bittern, Black Tern, White-rumped Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Willet, Wilson's Phalarope, warblers, wrens and sparrows, Virginia Rail, Le Conte's Sparrow, one million Snow Geese in migration, Ross' Geese mixed with Snows. *Rarities: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Red Knot, Common Loon*

**Best birding months** April through October  
Visitor Center open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Refuge open daylight hours only. Refuge roads open April-October. (T, CS)

**Tips** Self-guided auto tour winds through refuge. Check at Visitor Center for recent sightings.

**Contact** Outdoor Recreation Planner, Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge, 39650 Sand Lake Drive, Columbia, SD 57433  
(605) 885-6320 Sandlake@fws.gov





## 25. Richmond Lake Recreation Area – Brown County

**Habitat** 368-acre park with conifers, deciduous woodlands and wetlands around lake.

**Look for these birds** Long-eared Owl, Northern Goshawk, loons in migration, ducks, herons, woodpeckers, songbirds, warblers in migration

**Best birding months** April through October  
State Park entrance license required. (T, CS)

**Tips** Look for Forest Drive area plus trails through park.

**Contact** Park Supervisor, 37908 Youth Camp Road, Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 225-5325  
RichmondLake@state.sd.us



*Upland Sandpiper*  
Doug Backlund, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks



*Cattle Egret*

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## 26. Samuel H. Ordway, Jr. Memorial Prairie – McPherson County

**Habitat** 7,000-acre native mixed-grass prairie preserve owned by The Nature Conservancy.

**Look for these birds** Baird's Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Upland Sandpiper, Lark Bunting, Say's Phoebe, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Western Kingbird, waterfowl in migration. *Rarity: Sprague's Pipit*

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Watch for Baird's Sparrows sitting and singing from tops of stalks in fairly heavy grasslands. Maintained walking trails in northeast corner of preserve, good gravel all the way around perimeter of preserve. West side road under water in wet years.

**Contact** Preserve Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Ordway Prairie, 35333 115th St., Leola, SD 57456 (605) 439-3475 [mmiller@tnc.org](mailto:mmiller@tnc.org)



Red-necked Grebe

Fire Sky Imaging

## 27. Berguson WPA – McPherson County

**Habitat** Approximately 2,700 acres of wetland surrounded by native prairie.

**Look for these birds** Wetland and grassland birds, Baird's Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Upland Sandpiper, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Black Tern, Cattle Egret, Sharp-tailed Grouse. *Rarity: Red-necked Grebe*

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Only access is from south. Along western edge of large WPA block, in southern corner is a rough trail going east to Perch Lake. A short walk over the ridge reveals a wetland with nesting herons and egrets. Canoe access also.

**Contact** Outdoor Recreation Planner, Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge, 39650 Sand Lake Drive, Columbia, SD 57433 (605) 885-6320 [Sandlake@fws.gov](mailto:Sandlake@fws.gov)

## 28. Long Lake – McPherson County

**Habitat** 600 acres, grassland lake with wetlands, surrounded by prairie.

**Look for these birds** Baird's Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, Swainson's Hawk, Semipalmated Plover, Short-billed Dowitcher, Hudsonian Godwit, many shorebirds, ducks and geese in migration

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Parking north and east sides.

**Contact** Outdoor Recreation Planner, Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge, 39650 Sand Lake Drive, Columbia, SD 57433 (605) 885-6320 Sandlake@fws.gov



Swainson's Hawk  
Isidor Jeklin,  
Cornell Laboratory  
of Ornithology



## 29. Mina Lake Recreation Area – Edmunds County

**Habitat** 300-acre park with lake, woods, grassland and shelterbelts.

**Look for these birds** Cooper's Hawk, Grasshopper and Clay-colored Sparrows, Bobolink, waterfowl in migration. *Rarity: White-winged Scoter in fall migration*

**Best birding months** April through October  
State Park entrance license required. (T, CS)

**Tips** Look for flocks of Lark Buntings along roads, trails and roads throughout park.

**Contact** Park Supervisor, Richmond Lake State Park, 37908 Youth Camp Road, Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 225-5325 MinaLake@state.sd.us

## 30. South Scatterwood Lake – Faulk County

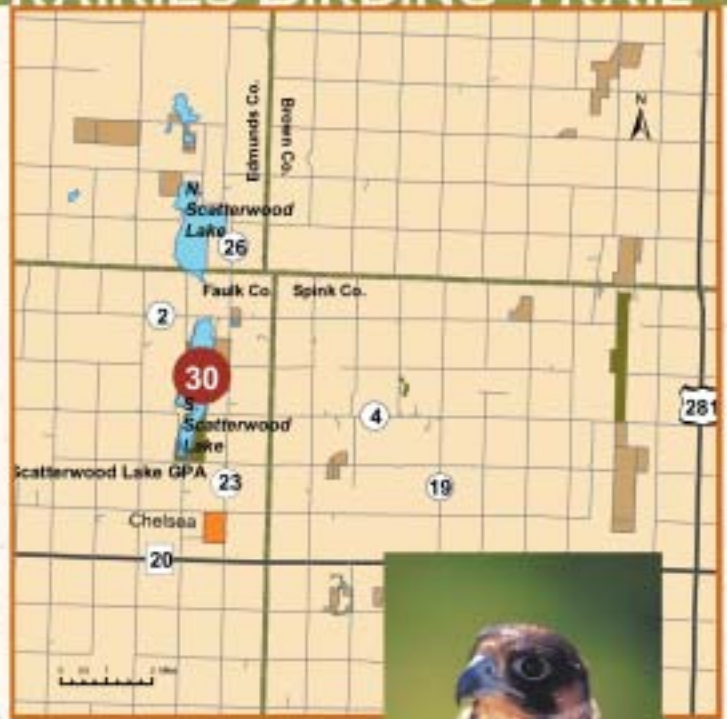
**Habitat** Lake surrounded by grassland, wetland with cattails and mudflats in dry years.

**Look for these birds** Half-million Snow Geese in spring, Ross' Geese, Bald Eagle, all shorebirds in low-water years, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Upland Sandpiper, Bobolink, Western Meadowlark, Ferruginous Hawk, sparrows, wading birds, herons and egrets, warblers in migration. *Rarity: Sprague's Pipit*

**Best birding months** March through October

**Tips** Listen for Sprague's Pipits singing in May. They grow silent in June during nesting, then sing again in July, perhaps preparatory to a second nesting. For best variety of species, follow roads and trails all around South Scatterwood Lake.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200  
Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391



*Peregrine Falcon*  
South Dakota Tourism  
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## 31. Fisher Grove State Park – Spink County

**Habitat** 270-acre park with deciduous woodland, junipers at big loop in James River.

**Look for these birds** Warblers and vireos, Indigo Bunting, Grasshopper Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Prairie Falcon, prairie resident songbirds, sparrows, kingbirds, Red-tailed Hawk

**Best birding months** April through June, September  
State Park entrance license required. **(T, CS)**

**Tips** A birding trail following the James River starts at the campground. Red-headed Woodpeckers may be seen along roads in this area.

**Contact** Park Manager, Lake Louise Recreation Area, 35250  
191st St., Miller, SD 57362 (605) 853-2533  
LakeLouise@state.sd.us



## 32. Maga Ta-Hohpi WPA – Beadle County

**Habitat** Wetland with open water, native prairie, nesting colony, grassland.

**Look for these birds** Sedge and Marsh Wrens, Great Blue Heron and cormorant colony, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Northern Shrike, Bald Eagle, Bobolink, Yellow-headed Blackbird

**Best birding months** April through October

**Tips** Watch for Red-headed Woodpeckers flying between telephone poles along roads throughout this area.

**Contact** Huron Wetland Management District, Rm. 309 Federal Bldg., 200 Fourth St. SW, Huron, SD 57350 (605) 352-5894 [huronwetlands@fws.gov](mailto:huronwetlands@fws.gov)



*Black-billed Cuckoo*  
Doug Backlund, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

*Bald Eagle*  
South Dakota Tourism and State Development



## 33. Crow Lake – Jerauld County

**Habitat** 488 acres, lake surrounded by coniferous shelterbelt and grassland.

**Look for these birds** Lark Sparrow, Goshawk, Lark Bunting, Prairie Chicken, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Orchard Oriole, Grasshopper Sparrow. Watch for Common Loon in migration and Bald Eagle in March.

**Best birding months** April through September

**Tips** Watch for Prairie Chickens along road going west towards Fisher Grove State Park. They have been seen roosting in trees. Prairie Chickens and Sharp-tailed Grouse can be found at Horseshoe Lake GPA.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391

## 34. Jackson WPA – Jerauld County

**Habitat** Approximately 1,000-acre wetland and lake surrounded by big bluestem, native prairie, wetlands, alfalfa, sedges, cattails, shelterbelts and plum thickets.

**Look for these birds** Redhead, Wilson's Phalarope, Upland Sandpiper, Grasshopper Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Sedge Wren, Sora, Virginia Rail, Great Horned Owl, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Loggerhead Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Clay-colored Sparrow, Willet, Swamp Sparrow, Short-eared Owl, Gray Partridge. *Rarities: Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak*

**Best birding months** March through October

**Tips** Good access to the WPA along the northern and western sides. From Jackson WPA, you can go north to Huron and Maga Ta-Hohpi, hot spot 32. Or, a zigzag route will take you to Twin Lakes, a few miles south and east, then up to Long Lake, hot spot 35, to the woods at the rest area on S.D. Hwy 34, just outside Forestburg, and on to Rifle Lake, which offers a mix of habitats, grassland, sloughs, and an old shelterbelt with cedars, juniper and plum thickets. Continuing north and east will then take you to Lake Thompson Recreation Area, hot spot 38 or up to U.S. Hwy 14 and De Smet.

**Contact** Huron Wetland Management District, Rm. 309 Federal Bldg., 200 Fourth St. SW, Huron, SD 57350 (605) 352-5894 [huronwetlands@fws.gov](mailto:huronwetlands@fws.gov)

*Yellow-headed Blackbird*  
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## 35. Long Lake – Sanborn County

**Habitat** 160-acre GPA with cattail slough, shelterbelt with mixed deciduous woods, grasslands and plum thickets.

**Look for these birds** Swainson's Hawk, Bell's Vireo, Swamp Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Marbled Godwit. *Rarities: Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Yellow Rail, Henslow's Sparrow*

**Best birding months**  
April through September

**Tips** Listen for Bell's Vireo in shelterbelt. Watch for Marbled Godwits on nearby prairie.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391



Ruddy Duck  
Loren Hansen



## 36. Dry Lake #2 – Clark County

**Habitat** Road north out of Willow Lake ends in the lake, once dry, now flooded, encompassing 3,750 acres. Cattails along road, nesting colony on west side.

**Look for these birds** Western Grebe, Snowy Egret, Blue-winged Teal, Ruddy Duck. *Rarities: Least Bittern, Clark's Grebe, Little Blue Heron, Tri-colored Heron, Cinnamon Teal*

**Best birding months** April through September

**Tips** Watch for Least Bitterns near colony. Access is gained to the lake on all sides by turning on section line roads toward the shore, which grows and recedes with rain each year.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Watertown Regional Office, (605) 882-5200 Aberdeen District Office, (605) 626-2391



Western Grebe  
South Dakota Tourism and State Development



## 37. De Smet Forest – Kingsbury County

**Habitat** 178-acre conifer and deciduous woodland.

**Look for these birds** Sedge Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Cooper's Hawk, warblers, sparrows, songbirds. *Rarity: Great-tailed Grackle*

**Best birding months** April through September (P)

**Tips** The adjacent rest area is wooded and attracts many warblers and songbirds. Also, from the eastern side of De Smet Forest, just north is Silver Lake WPA, with wetlands and marsh, Sedge Wren is possible.

**Contact** S.D. Game, Fish & Parks, Wildlife Division, Sioux Falls Regional Office, (605) 362-2700  
Huron District Office, (605) 353-7145

## 38. Lake Thompson Recreation Area – Kingsbury County

**Habitat** 400-acre park beside lake, with wetlands, sandy beach with gravel. Nearly 1,000 acres of game production area is adjacent.

**Look for these birds** Sanderling, Ruddy Turnstone, Marbled and Hudsonian Godwits, Wilson's Phalarope, waterfowl, shorebirds in migration, Ross' Geese with huge flocks of Snow Geese. *Rarity: White-winged Scoter in fall migration. Piping Plover have been rarely seen along flooded southeast side of lake*

**Best birding months** March through October  
State Park entrance license required. (T, CS)

**Tips** Check the northern end of the lake the last two weeks in May for Sanderlings and Turnstones. Buff-breasted Sandpipers also are seen at the north end. Look for shorebirds on eastern side of lake approximately six miles west of Oldham.

**Contact** Park Manager, 21176 Flood Club Road, Lake Preston, SD 57249 (605) 847-4893  
LakeThompson@state.sd.us



*Red-breasted Nuthatch*  
South Dakota Tourism and State Development



*Wilson's Phalarope*  
Greg W. Lasley, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology



*Black-and-White Warbler*  
Loren Hansen

## Birds of the Glacial Lakes and Prairies Region

Breeding (\*), indicates species nests in suitable habitat.

### Loons

- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon

### Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe\*
- Horned Grebe\*
- Red-necked Grebe\*
- Eared Grebe\*
- Western Grebe\*
- Clark's Grebe\*

### Pelicans

- American White Pelican\*

### Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant\*

### Bitterns, Herons, Egrets, Ibis

- American Bittern\*
- Least Bittern\*
- Great Blue Heron\*
- Great Egret\*
- Snowy Egret\*
- Little Blue Heron\*
- Cattle Egret\*
- Green Heron\*
- Black-crowned Night-Heron\*
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
- White-faced Ibis\*

### Vultures

- Turkey Vulture

### Geese

- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Ross' Goose
- Canada Goose\*

### Swans and Ducks

- Trumpeter Swan
- Tundra Swan
- Wood Duck\*
- Gadwall\*
- American Wigeon\*
- American Black Duck
- Mallard\*
- Blue-winged Teal\*
- Cinnamon Teal\*

- Northern Shoveler\*

- Northern Pintail\*
- Green-winged Teal\*
- Canvasback\*
- Redhead\*
- Ring-necked Duck\*
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup\*
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead\*
- Common Goldeneye
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser\*
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck\*

### Kites, Hawks and Eagles

- Osprey
- Bald Eagle\*
- Northern Harrier\*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk\*
- Northern Goshawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk\*
- Swainson's Hawk\*
- Red-tailed Hawk\*
- Ferruginous Hawk\*
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Golden Eagle

### Falcons

- American Kestrel\*
- Merlin
- Gyrfalcon
- Peregrine Falcon
- Prairie Falcon

### Grouse

- Gray Partridge\*
- Ring-necked Pheasant\*
- Sharp-tailed Grouse\*
- Greater Prairie-Chicken\*
- Wild Turkey\*

### Rails and Coots

- King Rail
- Virginia Rail\*

- Sora\*

- American Coot\*

### Cranes

- Sandhill Crane
- Whooping Crane

### Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Piping Plover\*
- Killdeer\*
- Black-necked Stilt\*
- American Avocet\*

### Sandpipers, Phalaropes

- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Willet\*
- Spotted Sandpiper\*
- Upland Sandpiper\*
- Whimbrel
- Hudsonian Godwit
- Marbled Godwit\*
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe\*
- American Woodcock\*
- Wilson's Phalarope\*
- Red-necked Phalarope

### Gulls

- Franklin's Gull\*
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull\*
- California Gull\*
- Herring Gull

### Terns

- Caspian Tern
- Common Tern\*
- Forster's Tern\*
- Black Tern\*

### Doves

- Rock Dove\*
- Eurasian-collared Dove
- Mourning Dove\*

### Cuckoos

- Black-billed Cuckoo\*
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo\*

### Owls

- Eastern Screech-Owl\*
- Great Horned Owl\*
- Snowy Owl
- Burrowing Owl\*
- Barred Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl\*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl

### Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk\*
- Whip-poor-will

### Swifts

- Chimney Swift\*

### Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird\*

### Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher\*

### Woodpeckers

- Red-headed Woodpecker\*
- Red-bellied Woodpecker\*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker\*
- Downy Woodpecker\*
- Hairy Woodpecker\*
- Northern Flicker\*
- Pileated Woodpecker\*

### Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee\*
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

# UNION CHECKLIST

- Alder Flycatcher
- Willow Flycatcher\*
- Least Flycatcher\*
- Eastern Phoebe\*
- Say's Phoebe\*
- Great-crested Flycatcher\*
- Western Kingbird\*
- Eastern Kingbird\*

## Shrikes

- Loggerhead Shrike\*
- Northern Shrike

## Vireos

- Bell's Vireo\*
- Yellow-throated Vireo\*
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo\*
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo\*

## Jays and Crows

- Blue Jay\*
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow\*

## Larks

- Horned Lark\*

## Swallows

- Purple Martin\*
- Tree Swallow\*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow\*
- Bank Swallow\*
- Cliff Swallow\*
- Barn Swallow\*

## Chickadees and Allies

- Black-capped Chickadee\*
- Boreal Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch\*
- Brown Creeper

## Wrens

- Carolina Wren
- House Wren\*
- Winter Wren
- Sedge Wren\*
- Marsh Wren\*

## Kinglets and Gnatcatchers

- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

## Thrushes

- Eastern Bluebird\*
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Veery\*
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin\*
- Varied Thrush

## Mimids

- Gray Catbird\*
- Northern Mockingbird\*
- Brown Thrasher\*

## Starlings, Pipits

- European Starling\*
- American Pipit
- Sprague's Pipit

## Waxwings

- Bohemian Waxwing
- Cedar Waxwing\*

## Warblers

- Blue-winged Warbler
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler\*
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler\*
- Black-and-White Warbler
- American Redstart
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Ovenbird\*
- Northern Waterthrush
- Connecticut Warbler
- Mourning Warbler

- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat\*
- Hooded Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat

## Tanagers

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager\*
- Western Tanager

## Towhees

- Spotted Towhee
- Eastern Towhee

## Sparrows

- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow\*
- Clay-colored Sparrow\*
- Field Sparrow\*
- Vesper Sparrow\*
- Lark Sparrow\*
- Lark Bunting\*
- Savannah Sparrow\*
- Grasshopper Sparrow\*
- Baird's Sparrow\*
- Henslow's Sparrow\*
- Le Conte's Sparrow\*
- Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow\*
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow\*
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow\*
- White-throated Sparrow
- Harris' Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Lapland Longspur
- Smith's Longspur
- Chestnut-collared Longspur\*
- Snow Bunting

## Cardinals and Allies

- Northern Cardinal\*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak\*
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak\*
- Lazuli Bunting
- Indigo Bunting\*
- Dickcissel\*

## Blackbirds

- Bobolink\*
- Red-winged Blackbird\*
- Western Meadowlark\*
- Yellow-headed Blackbird\*
- Rusty Blackbird\*
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Great-tailed Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird\*

## Orioles

- Orchard Oriole\*
- Baltimore Oriole\*

## Finches

- Pine Grosbeak
- Purple Finch
- House Finch\*
- Red Crossbill\*
- White-winged Crossbill
- Common Redpoll
- Hoary Redpoll
- Pine Siskin\*
- American Goldfinch\*
- Evening Grosbeak
- House Sparrow

## Casual/Accidental Species

- Tricolored Heron\*
- White Ibis
- Glossy Ibis
- Brant
- Mute Swan
- Eurasian Wigeon
- Mississippi Kite
- Yellow Rail
- Common Moorhen\*
- Whooping Crane
- Sabine's Gull
- Boreal Owl
- Vermilion Flycatcher
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- White-eyed Vireo
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Brambling
- Gray-crowned Rosy Finch

# South Dakota

## GLACIAL LAKES AND PRAIRIES BIRDING TRAIL



### Map Legend

-  Birding Trail
-  Birding Trail Site
-  United States Highway
-  Interstate Highway
-  State Highway

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- 2 McCrory Gardens
- 3 Mickelson Memorial Marsh
- 4 Dry Lake (Sioux Poinsett GPA)
- 5 Lake Alice and Salt Lake
- 6 Round Lake and Bullhead Lake
- 7 Sioux River Stretch of the Watertown Recreation Trail
- 8 Memorial Park
- 9 Long Lake
- 10 Grass Lake
- 11 Reyelts/O'Farrell WPA
- 12 Berwald WPA
- 13 Hartford Beach State Park
- 14 Blue Dog/Rush Lake
- 15 Waubay National Wildlife Refuge
- 16 Wike WPA/One Road Lake
- 17 Pickerel Lake Recreation Area
- 18 Harmon GPA
- 19 Mud Lake, White Rock GPA
- 20 Sica Hollow State Park
- 21 Roy Lake State Park
- 22 Jensen WPA
- 23 Tacoma Park/Putney Slough GPA
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