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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Breeding Bird Atlas is a relatively simple, repeatable, probabilistic grid-based survey that aims to monitor and document changes in the distribution of breeding birds on a large scale. Results of the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas, conducted from 1988-1992, were extremely valuable in describing the status and distribution of South Dakota's breeding birds and established a baseline against which future changes in breeding bird populations will be measured. Since the first Breeding Bird Atlas, South Dakota's landscape has changed, and most likely, these changes are impacting South Dakota's breeding birds. The second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas is scheduled for 2008 - 2012 and aims to survey 433 3mi x 3mi blocks. The goal of SDBBA2 is to document the current distribution of every bird species that nests in South Dakota and to compare these distributions to those of the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas. These data will support the efforts of land-use planners, decision-makers, researchers, educators, students, and bird enthusiasts to maintain healthy bird populations and conserve avian diversity within the state.

During the first four years of the project, volunteers and paid staff have visited 413 blocks at least once (95% of all blocks), with a total of 1,798 visits. Observers have spent 5,828 hours on blocks and submitted 26,784 individual bird records. On 270 'finished' blocks observers found an average of 59 species (range 19-100 species). Blocks in the prairie pothole and coteau regions of the state have the highest number of species while southwestern grassland blocks have the lowest.

With four years of data collection, SDBBA2 (251 species, 224 confirmed breeding) already has 32 more species than recorded 20 years ago during the first atlas (219 species, 212 confirmed). Six additional species either are non-breeding summer residents or are currently awaiting verification from the state Rare Bird Committee. Mallard is the most frequently reported species (465 records), Brown-headed Cowbird and Mourning Dove have been reported within the highest percentage of blocks (93%), and 19 species have been reported from all 66 counties. Eighteen species have been recorded during SDBBA2 that were not reported during the first South Dakota Atlas and atlasers have confirmed breeding by 13 of these: Common Loon, Sandhill Crane, Herring Gull, Snowy Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Black Rail, Eurasian Collared-dove, Prothonotary Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Virginia's Warbler, Great-tailed Grackle, Cassin's Sparrow, and Lesser Goldfinch.

Summer 2012 will be the last scheduled field season for the second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas. The first major challenge will be to finish surveys on all unfinished atlas blocks. Many of the remaining blocks only need one more visit while other blocks still need a considerable amount of work. We will need to replace at least four blocks, and possibly up to 14 blocks, and complete surveys

on these in one season. Our strategy will be to begin the field season targeting blocks with few or no visits, or those that have never been visited before June. As the summer progresses and these blocks are finished, we then will go to blocks that need a moderate amount of work, and finally, to those that need just one visit. The second major challenge will be to increase the number of observations of rarer species so that their maps will more accurately reflect their true breeding distribution within the state. This can be accomplished by spending more time on blocks, challenging birders to search for a targeted list of species, and obtaining more data from outside sources, such as university research projects or bird surveys by other agencies and organizations.

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INTRODUCTION

The Breeding Bird Atlas is a relatively simple, repeatable, grid-based survey that aims to monitor and document changes in the distribution of breeding birds on a large scale (Smith 1990). The first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas (SDBBA) began 20 years ago (Peterson 1995). During that ambitious project, 71 volunteers collected data over six years of fieldwork and submitted more than 24,000 breeding records, representing 219 bird species. The resulting resource has been extremely valuable in describing the status and distribution of South Dakota's breeding game and nongame species. The first atlas database also represents a baseline against which future changes in breeding bird populations can be measured.

Since the first Breeding Bird Atlas commenced in 1988, South Dakota's landscape has changed (e.g., Bakker and Higgins, 1998, Higgins *et al.* 2002, Grant *et al.* 2004). In addition, land-use changes in the upcoming few years could be staggering. Increasing CRP conversion, bio-fuels production, wind farm development, and urbanization, are a few landscape alterations of concern to conservation biologists (Stephens *et al.* 2006, Stubbs 2007). South Dakota's Wildlife Action Plan (SD GFP 2006) explicitly notes the link between habitat quality/quantity and the health of animal populations. Most likely, these landscape-level changes are impacting South Dakota's breeding birds. Regular monitoring of all breeding species on a large scale allows us to detect impacts of such large-scale landscape changes. Repeating the Breeding Bird Atlas approximately every 20 years not only documents bird response to habitat deterioration and loss, but also can improve our understanding of bird response to management actions designed to improve wildlife habitat quality and quantity. In addition, each Breeding Bird Atlas serves as a baseline to which future changes can be compared.

The goal of the second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas is to document the current distribution of every bird species that nests in South Dakota and to compare these distributions to those of the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas (1988-1992). These data will support the efforts of land-use planners, conservation decision-makers, researchers, educators, students, and bird enthusiasts to maintain healthy bird populations and conserve avian diversity within the state. Specific objectives include:

1. Document current distribution of all breeding bird species, including under-surveyed species such as owls and secretive marshbirds.
2. Assess changes in distributions of breeding birds since the first SDBBA (1988-1992).
3. Identify habitat associations and requirements for all breeding species.
4. Produce a report and interactive web site with species distribution maps and analyses results.

Scientific questions to be addressed are:

1. What is the current statewide distribution of occurrences and nesting of every breeding bird species?
2. Which species have declined or increased in distribution since 1988-1992?
3. Are non-native bird populations increasing within or throughout the state?
4. What are the habitat associations or requirements of each breeding species?

Expected Benefits include:

1. More complete and up-to-date knowledge of breeding bird species status and distribution.
2. Improved understanding of changes in breeding bird populations over last 20 years.
3. More complete knowledge of bird-habitat associations.
4. Identification of species that have declined in distribution over the past 20 years and may require active management to keep from becoming a Species of Greatest Conservation Need.
5. An established baseline of species distribution for future surveys and atlases.
6. Contribution to a better understanding of regional breeding bird status and distribution, in conjunction with simultaneous atlases being conducted in Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska.
7. Provision of a resource for researchers, land managers, land-use planners, students, agency personnel, educators, and others.
8. An increased interest in birds by the general public and an opportunity for knowledgeable birders to engage in citizen science.

One important issue is that not all species are detected, no matter how much effort one puts into the survey (MacKenzie *et al.* 2006). Detectability, the probability that a species is detected when present, is affected by time of day, season, weather, observer abilities, species-specific characteristics, and habitat, among other factors. Failing to record a species that is actually there (false absence) biases the resulting maps and analyses, and makes interpretation of survey results more difficult. When detectability is quantified, we can make statements about the 'completeness' of a distribution map or account for this nuisance error during analyses, especially when comparing first and second atlas results. In addition, estimating detectability allows us to estimate occupancy rates (proportion of an area occupied by a species). In conjunction with a covariate, such as habitat type, estimated occupancy rates allow us to predict where species may occur in areas that are not surveyed. In 2009 and 2010, we collected data to estimate species detection probabilities on atlas blocks. The objectives were to estimate detection probabilities for as many species as possible, and to evaluate whether collecting these sort of data 1) interferes with or detracts from collecting primary atlas data (species presence and breeding confirmation) and 2) contributes to our understanding of species distributions within the state.

METHODS

GENERAL METHODS

Data collection for the Breeding Bird Atlas involves visiting pre-selected 3-mile x 3-mile areas ('blocks') and surveying all habitats within each block for bird presence and evidence of breeding for all bird species. Each summer, 2-5 paid full-time technicians survey atlas blocks for 4-10 weeks. The goal is for paid technicians to survey 200 - 250 blocks during the 4 - 5 year atlas period. The remaining 175 - 225 blocks will be surveyed by volunteers, including agency personnel and both novice and experienced birders. A special emphasis is placed on encouraging young people to participate.

Surveys during SDBBA2 follow the standardized protocols as recommended by the North American Ornithological Atlas Committee (Smith 1990) with some minor modifications. Atlasers are encouraged to visit their block during the breeding season at least three times during the day and once in the evening. Visits should be at least 10 days apart and can be spread out over multiple breeding seasons. Atlasers are asked to tabulate the number of person-hours spent surveying their blocks with a minimum effort of at least 20 hours on their block. The entire block does not need to be surveyed; rather, efforts are focused on surveying each habitat type within a block.

The primary focus of surveys is to document all breeding birds within a block. Bird observations are categorized as *Possible* breeding, *Probable* breeding, or *Confirmed* breeding, based upon a series of standardized breeding behavior criteria, within that species' breeding season. To document breeding phenology, emphasis is placed on recording ALL observations, not just the 'highest' breeding category observed for each species. In addition, the habitat each bird is observed in is recorded. Outside of designated blocks, the atlas encourages all interested persons to submit observations of *Confirmed* breeding by any species anywhere within the state.

The SDBBA2 Handbook, available from the Project Coordinator (Nancy Drilling) or at the SDBBA2 web site (<http://www.rmbo.org/sdbba2>), gives detailed protocol information and breeding status and habitat code descriptions.

ATLAS BLOCK SELECTION

Number of Blocks The second breeding bird atlas will attempt to completely survey 425 random blocks and eight special blocks (Figure 1). Of these blocks, 124 are the same random blocks covered in the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas. The remaining 301 random blocks are newly selected for the second atlas.

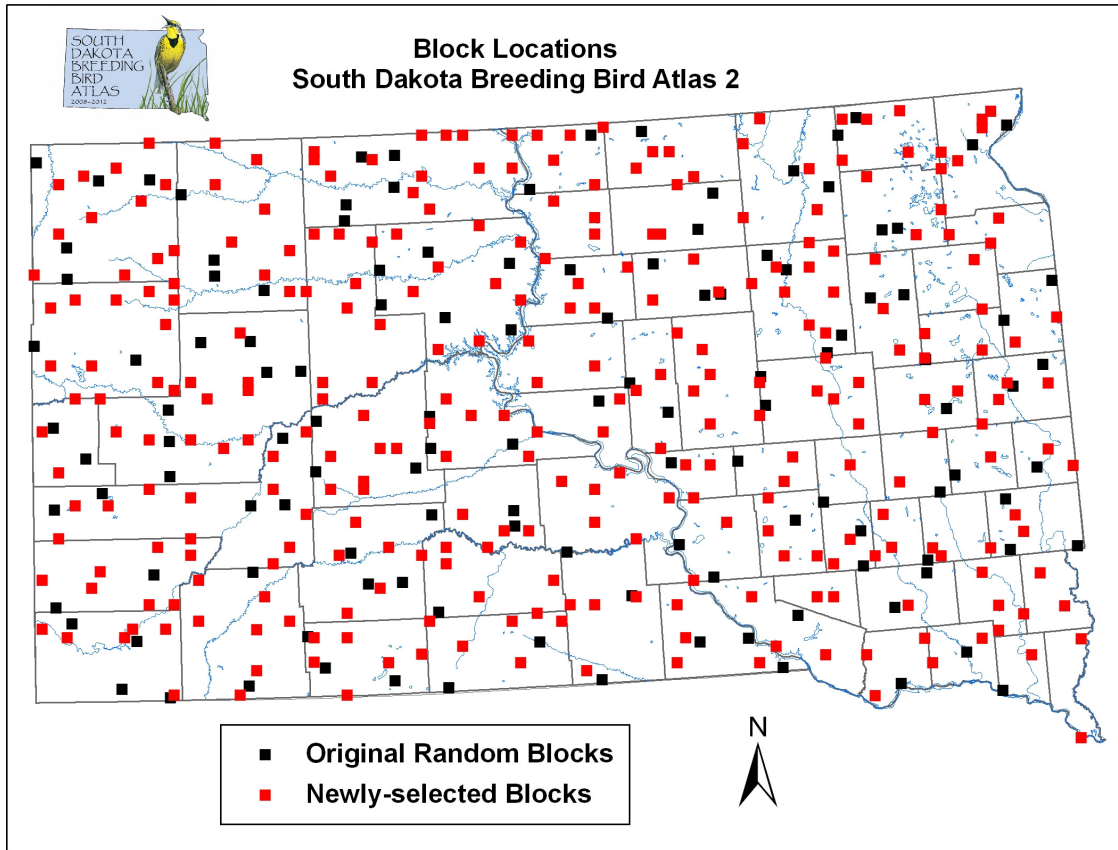


Figure 1. Location of blocks to be surveyed during the second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas. Note that block size is enlarged and not to scale.

Eight special blocks were added because they contain rare habitats that are not represented in the randomly-chosen blocks. These blocks include forested buttes in Harding County (3 blocks), mountain mahogany shrubland in Custer County (1 block), bluffs of the Missouri River (1 block), southwest sage grassland-sage shrubland in Fall River (2 blocks) and coteau forested ravines in Roberts County (1 block).

Block size and grid system. All blocks are 3 miles x 3 miles in size. Blocks selected in the two different atlases are based on different grid systems. The original blocks comprise nine Public Land Survey System (PLSS) sections. The SDBBA2 blocks are based on a uniform 3x3 mile grid placed over the entire state rather than on the PLSS sections.

Selection of original random blocks. The original 124 blocks were selected in 1988 for the first Breeding Bird Atlas. The state was divided into 62 equal-sized 'superblocks' and two 3-section x 3-section blocks were randomly selected within each superblock.

Selection of new blocks. The 301 new blocks were selected using a spatially-balanced sampling design (Stevens *et al.* 2004, Theobald *et al.* 2007). This probabilistic sampling design accounts for the fact that sites close together probably are more similar and produces a more spread out sample distribution. In ArcGIS v.9.0, a uniform grid of 8,819 3-mile x 3-mile blocks was placed over the entire state. Eight hundred blocks were randomly selected using the RRQRR algorithm developed by David Theobald at Colorado State University (Theobald *et al.* 2007). The first 301 samples 'drawn' in this procedure represented the new blocks to be surveyed during the second atlas. The center points of seven selected blocks fell outside the state border and were replaced by the next seven samples in the 800 sample list. One important assumption of spatially-balanced sampling is that blocks are surveyed in the order in which they are drawn. If they are not, the resulting design is not spatially balanced nor is it random. Thus, results from block # 276 only can be used if blocks 1-275 are also surveyed.

SPECIES DETECTION PROBABILITIES

In 2009 and 2010, paid staff collected data to estimate species detection probabilities using occupancy modeling (MacKenzie *et al.* 2006). Of the 433 atlas blocks, 130 were randomly chosen to receive special surveys that will allow us to calculate species detectability and occupancy.

Each block targeted for the special surveys was visited three times within a four-week period. These blocks could be surveyed on three consecutive days, three consecutive weeks, or at irregular intervals. Each survey lasted four hours and was finished by 10:00 AM CDT. The survey was conducted along the exact same route in each of the three visits. Observers were not required to survey the entire block or visit every habitat during the four-hour survey. If some portions of the block or certain habitats were missed during the four hours, they were to be surveyed at another time; these data are used as general atlas data but not used in estimating detection probabilities. During the survey, observers recorded the same data as in a regular Atlas survey (species, breeding status, habitat code, and location). Observers also estimated the percentage of the block surveyed during the four hours. These data were recorded on separate forms and entered in a separate database for analyses but were also included in the general atlas database of species occurrence and breeding status.

We use program PRESENCE v. 2.4 (Hines 2006) to estimate the probability of detecting a species given its presence on a block (D_p) and the proportion of atlas blocks occupied by a species (P_{si}) (Mackenzie *et al.* 2002). The occupancy model uses the detection probability to account for species that were present but undetected and adjusts the estimated proportion of blocks occupied accordingly. For the breeding bird atlas analyses, we used a single season, constant P model. We evaluated the fit of each species' occupancy model using Pearson χ^2 goodness of fit test with 1,000 bootstrap iterations (MacKenzie and Bailey 2004).

When probability of the χ^2 statistic was less than 0.20, we multiplied the D_p standard errors by the square root of \hat{c} (test statistic/average test statistic) (MacKenzie and Bailey 2004). Because the estimator is unstable when a species is too rare or too common (Mackenzie *et al.* 2006), only species which were detected on more than 10% of blocks and less than 90% of blocks are included in the analyses.

To determine whether detection probabilities differed between years for each species, we combined 2009-2010 data and compared a NULL model to a YEAR model using Akaike's Criteria (AIC) in program PRESENCE. The NULL model assumed equal probabilities between years while the YEAR model incorporated a year effect. The two models were considered equally likely when delta AIC was less than 2. For species in which the NULL model either was superior to the YEAR model or the two models were equal, data from 2009 and 2010 were combined to calculate an overall detection probability. For species which showed a year effect (i.e., YEAR model less than 2 delta AIC compared to NULL model), we report the individual detection probabilities per year.

PROJECT ORGANIZATION

The second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas is administered by two committees - a Steering Committee and a Technical Committee. The Steering Committee is responsible for overall guidance of project planning and implementation, as well as publicity and fund-raising. Members of the Steering Committee include a Project Director, Project Coordinator, representatives of federal, state, and tribal agencies, representatives of scientific and ornithological organizations and universities, and at-large and youth representatives. The Project Coordinator is in charge of actual planning, implementation, and coordination of all aspects of the Atlas. The Technical Committee is responsible for providing guidance on all scientific issues, such as appropriate methods of block selection and data collection, and data analyses and presentation. Members of the Technical Committee include the Project Coordinator, SD GFP Wildlife Diversity scientists, and three University scientists.

RESULTS

PERSONNEL

Thus far, 42 volunteers have submitted records for 94 blocks. In the summer of 2011, 21 of these volunteers spent 417 hours conducting surveys on 42 blocks during 135 visits. Five paid staff spent 1,356 hours on 234 blocks during 498 visits. In 2011, atlasers submitted 11,357 records from blocks and an additional 1,673 Extra Observations.

BLOCKS

During the first four years of the survey, atlasers visited 413 random and special blocks at least once (95% of all blocks) (Table 1, Figure 2). Of these, 270 blocks are considered 'finished' - enough hours and species detected so that future visits probably would not result in many new species' discoveries. Surveyors were denied access to four of the remaining 20 unvisited blocks. These four will be deleted and replaced with newly-chosen blocks. Atlasers still are trying to obtain access permission for 14 of the unvisited blocks.

Table 1 . Summary of annual and total block results of the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas II.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Num. blocks visited at least once	101	162	257	271	413
Total num. visits to blocks	205	448	672	609	1936
Num. counties visited	32	53	57	58	66
Num. blocks 'finished'	7	38	90	135	270
Total num. hours on blocks	1020	1512	2042	1781	6356

Only 5% of visited blocks have been visited just once during 2008-2011, while 13% have been visited twice, 21% visited three times, and 61% visited four or more times (maximum 29 visits). Only 13% of visited blocks have received less than 5 hours of total survey effort (and some of these are 'finished') while 38% have received more than the recommended 15 hours of survey effort (Figure 3).

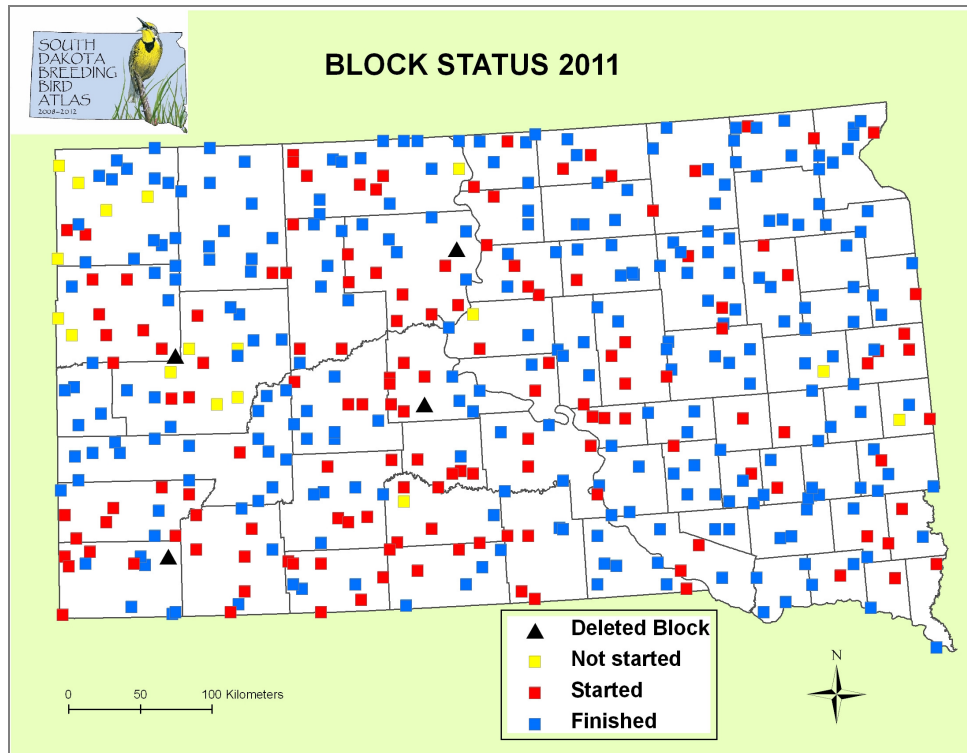


Figure 2. Survey status of atlas blocks at the end of 2011. Yellow blocks have not been visited yet, red blocks have been visited at least once and blue blocks are finished. Four blocks that have been deleted because of no access are indicated by black triangles. Note that block size is enlarged and not to scale.

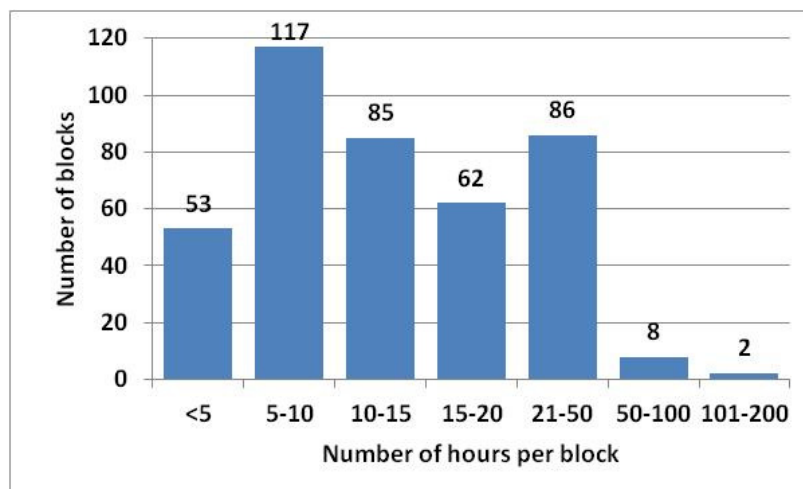


Figure 3. Frequency distribution of total number of survey hours per atlas block during 2008-2011

Atlasers have recorded 80 or more species (excluding non-breeding species) on 15 atlas blocks thus far (Appendix A). Another 31 blocks have 73-79 recorded species. Species totals on the 270 finished blocks ranged from 19-100 species (Figure 4, Table 2). Blocks with higher species richness are located in the prairie pothole and prairie coteau regions of the east, along the Missouri River, and along wooded rivers and creeks in the west (Figure 5, Appendix 2). Blocks with lower species richness occur in the James River Valley, higher elevations or burn areas of the Black Hills, and grassland blocks throughout the western part of the state (Figure 5, Appendix 3).

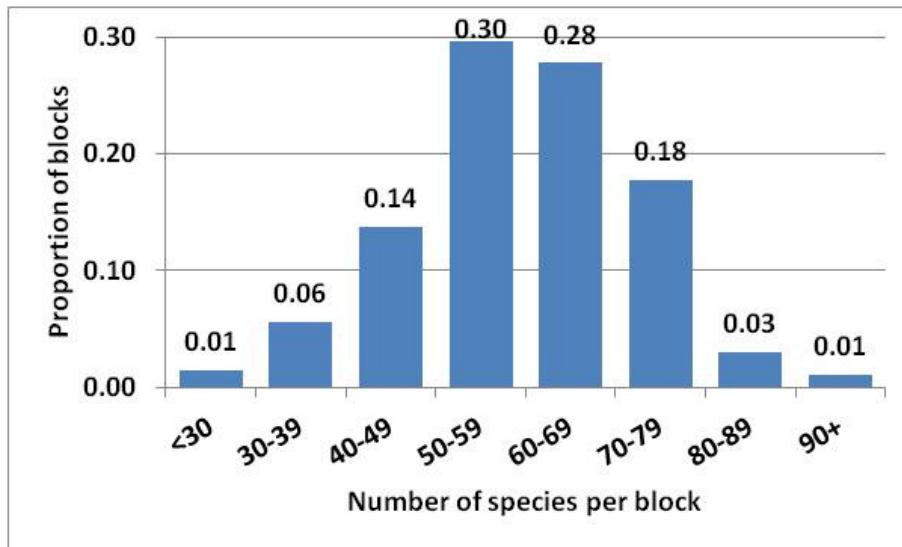


Figure 4. Frequency distribution of the number of species per finished block ($n=270$)

Table 2. Summary statistics for blocks considered finished at the end of 2011.

Number 'finished' blocks	270
Average num. visits per block (range)	6 (2-29)
Average num. hours per block (range)	18.6 (3.5-193)
Average num. species recorded per block (range)	59 (19-100)
Average % species confirmed per block (range)	25 (4-62%)

Atlas blocks have been surveyed in all 66 counties. Thus far, Pennington, Roberts, Fall River and Harding counties have the highest species counts in the state. (Appendix C).

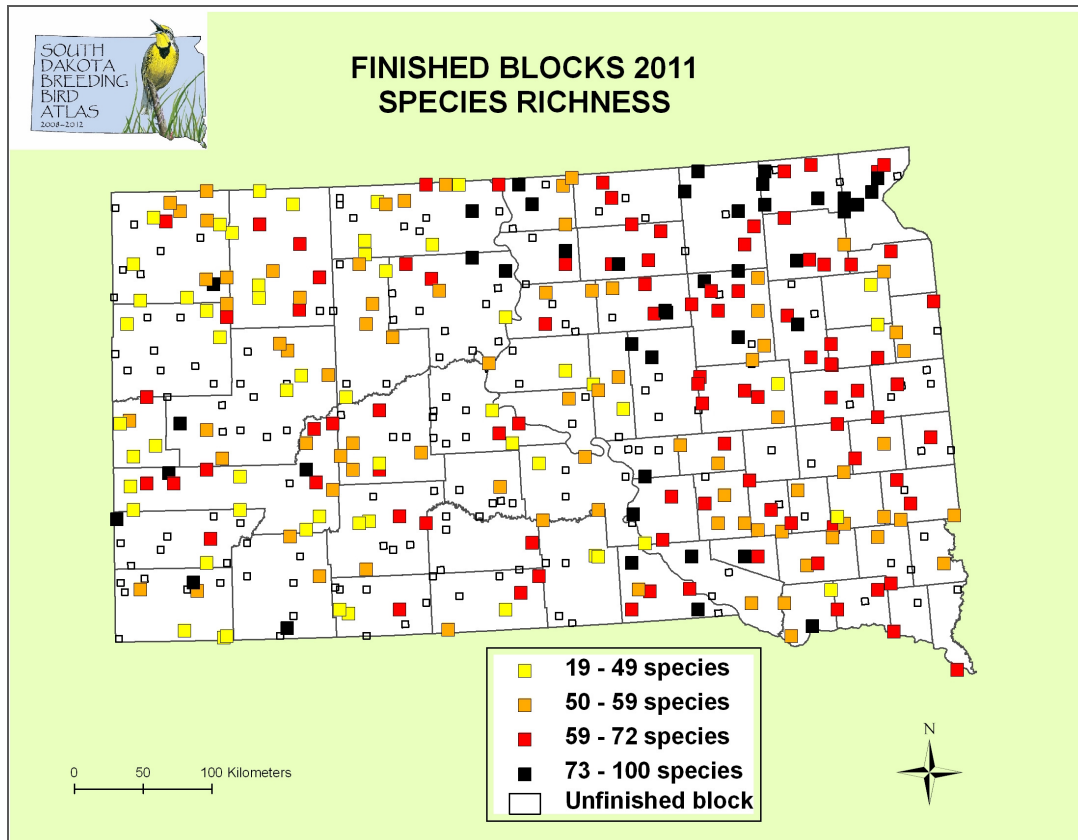


Figure 5. Spatial distribution of 270 breeding bird atlas blocks on which surveys are deemed finished, and total number of species recorded on those blocks. Note that block size is not to scale.

SPECIES

Based on 26,784 records submitted during 2008-2011, 251 species have been recorded at least once in the state (Appendix D). Of these, 224 (89%) have been confirmed as breeding, 20 (8%) are 'probable' breeders, and 7 (3%) are 'observed' or 'possible' breeders. This tally does not include three species (Williamson's Sapsucker, Bewick's Wren, Green-tailed Towhee) that are awaiting verification from the SD Rare Bird Committee, one hybrid (Indigo-Lazuli Bunting), or two non-breeding summer residents (Snow Goose and Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush).

Between 2008 and 2011, 242 species were recorded at least once on blocks while nine species were only reported as extra observations (Table 3). In addition, 14 species that were confirmed breeding during the first atlas have been reported but not confirmed breeding during the second atlas (Table 4).

Table 3. Species only recorded as extra observations during 2008-2011.

Species	# Extra Observat.	# Extra Obs Confirmed	# County Detected	# County Confirmed
Greater Sandhill Crane	1	1	1	1
Snowy Plover	1	1	1	1
Common Moorhen	1	1	1	1
Black Rail	1	1	1	1
Chuck-will's Widow	1	0	1	0
American Dipper	6	6	1	1
Hermit Thrush	1	0	1	0
Prothonotary Warbler	1	1	1	1
McCown's Longspur	2	0	2	0

Table 4. Species confirmed breeding during the first breeding bird atlas that have not yet been confirmed breeding during the second atlas.

1. Sharp-shinned Hawk	2. Least Bittern
3. Northern Bobwhite	4. Whip-poor-will
5. American Woodcock	6. Cassin's Kingbird
7. Pinyon Jay	8. Winter/Pacific Wren
9. Brown Creeper	10. Golden-crowned Kinglet
11. Sage Thrasher	12. Veery
13. Nelson's Sparrow	14. Cassin's Finch

Combining 2008-2011 data, Mallard is the most frequently reported species, Brown-headed Cowbird and Mourning Dove have been reported from the highest percentage of blocks, and 19 species have been reported from all 66 counties (Table 5).

Table 5. Most common species reported during 2008-2011, defined as those with at least 390 records, in at least 80% of all blocks, or in all 66 counties.

Species	Total # Records	% Blocks Detected	# County Detected
Mallard	465	80	66
Brown-headed Cowbird	429	93	66
Mourning Dove	434	93	66
Western Meadowlark	449	92	66
Red-winged Blackbird	436	90	66
Eastern Kingbird	399	88	65
Killdeer	400	87	66
Barn Swallow	399	85	65
American Robin	388	81	66
Common Grackle	385	81	66
Grasshopper Sparrow	365	81	66
Horned Lark	360	82	66
Brown Thrasher	343	74	66
European Starling	336	73	66
Yellow Warbler	332	72	66
American Goldfinch	320	72	66
Northern Flicker	317	71	66
Dickcissel	300	68	66
Common Yellowthroat	289	65	66
Warbling Vireo	235	52	66
Rock Pigeon	219	49	66

Eighteen species have been detected during SDBBA2 that were not reported during the first South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas (Table 6). In addition, 11 species (American Black Duck, Barred Owl, Common Moorhen, Horned Grebe, American Black Duck, Caspian Tern, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Canyon Wren, Clark's Nutcracker, Sprague's Pipit, and LeConte's Sparrow) were reported but never confirmed nesting during the first atlas but have been confirmed breeding during the current atlas.

SPECIES DETECTION PROBABILITIES

Paid staff have collected species detection probability data on 122 of 131 randomly-selected atlas blocks; 43 were surveyed in 2009, 42 in 2010, and 37 in 2011 (Figure 6). Of the remaining nine, two blocks will be deleted because of no

access and another two potentially may not be accessible. These blocks will be replaced with new blocks. We will calculate species-specific detection probabilities after these blocks are finished.

Table 6. Species reported during 2008-2011 that were not detected during the first breeding bird atlas.

Confirmed during 2 nd atlas	Reported but not confirmed
Sandhill Crane	Glossy Ibis
Common Loon	Chuck-will's-widow
Herring Gull	Hermit Thrush
Snowy Plover	Blue-winged Warbler
Black-necked Stilt	Henslow's Sparrow
Black Rail	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Prothonotary Warbler	
Virginia's Warbler	
Great-tailed Grackle	
Cassin's Sparrow	
Lesser Goldfinch	

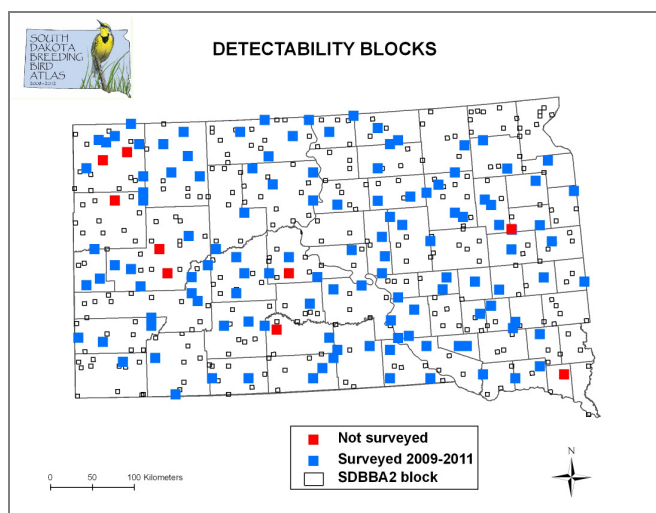


Figure 6. Location of breeding bird atlas blocks randomly selected for collecting species detectability data. Blue squares indicate locations of blocks where surveys have been completed; red squares indicate locations of blocks not done yet, open squares are blocks that were not selected.

DISCUSSION

In 2011, atlasers made significant progress towards achieving our goal of finishing field work within five years. In 2010, 354 blocks had been visited at least once and 135 were 'finished' while now, 413 blocks have been visited at least once and 270 are 'finished'. In addition, 30% of visited blocks had received less than five hours of effort at the end of 2010, while now, just 13% have received less than five hours. Of the 143 unfinished blocks, about 70 need just one good visit to be finished. Twenty blocks have not been visited. Four definitely will be replaced because of lack of access. Atlasers still are trying to obtain access permission for 14 of the unvisited blocks. Replacement blocks will be chosen before the 2012 season for these 14 blocks, in case we do not obtain permission in a timely manner. We estimate that it will take about 325 visits to finish all of the unstarted and started-but-not-finished blocks. As atlasers have been completing about 500-600 visits per summer, we feel that we should be able to finish all blocks during the 2012 field season.

During the first atlas, an average of 49 species were recorded per random block (Peterson 1996) while in this atlas, an average of 59 species have been recorded on finished blocks. In addition, SDBBA2 already has 49 blocks with more than 72 species, the maximum number of species recorded on first atlas random blocks. Because we do not know how much effort, in terms of hours, was spent per block during the first atlas, we can only speculate on whether difference in effort explains higher species totals during the current atlas. One difference between the two atlases is that the second atlas is utilizing paid staff while all first-atlas surveyors were volunteers. Paid atlasers are expert at bird-identification, while some volunteers are not. In addition, paid staff spend eight hours or more a day, six weeks a summer on atlas blocks. Volunteers, who usually have other jobs and responsibilities, are not able to spend so much time on blocks, no matter how excellent they are at atlasing. Thus, it is possible that the use of paid atlasers is a factor in higher overall species totals. Another likely contributing factor is that atlasers have focused on more 'interesting' blocks - those with considerable amounts of natural habitat or in areas of the state with higher bird diversity or density. This has pushed species totals upward. Many of the remaining blocks have a preponderance of row crops or pasture, which typically host fewer species. As these blocks are finished, the overall average should revert towards the average recorded during the first atlas.

Enough data has been collected for the second atlas that we can begin to examine patterns of bird species diversity across the state and possible reasons for those patterns (Figure 5). Habitat in many of the low diversity blocks are grassland-pasture or grassland-pasture-wheat field habitats with little to no water or trees. Low-diversity blocks in the Black Hills consist of monoculture, even-aged ponderosa pine stands where atlasers struggled to find any other habitats (riparian, shrubby, deciduous, or spruce) which would host additional bird species.

The fact that an adjacent block can have double the number of species highlights the importance of land management on bird species diversity. High bird diversity blocks are characterized by having several types of good-quality semi-natural habitat, such as ponds of various depths and sizes, large dense shelterbelts, pastures and grasslands with different grazing regimes, and very little row crop or residential habitats.

With four years of data collection, SDBBA2 (251 species, 224 confirmed breeding) already has 32 more species than recorded 20 years ago during the first atlas (219 species, 212 confirmed). The current list includes two 'new' species which have been split from Rufous-sided Towhee (now Spotted and Eastern Towhee) and Northern Oriole (now Bullock's and Baltimore Oriole) since the first atlas. The South Dakota breeding bird species total is similar to totals recorded in states of similar size but with thousands of atlasers, such as Pennsylvania (6 years, 3282 atlasers, 217 species, 189 confirmed) and New York (5 years, 1187 atlasers, 242 species, 240 confirmed). Hopefully we will be able to add to the species total and confirm more species during the final year. The challenge now is to obtain enough records to be able to define each species' distribution accurately. This is being done by spending more time on blocks, challenging birders to search for a targeted list of species, and obtaining more data from outside sources (i.e., other research projects, RMBO monitoring database, state and federal survey results, etc.).

For common species, first and second atlas results are similar. The following were most frequently reported species on first atlas random blocks (in decreasing order of frequency): Mourning Dove, Western Meadowlark, Brown-headed Cowbird, Killdeer, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Kingbird, Barn Swallow, Common Grackle, American Robin, and Mallard (Peterson 1995). This list is identical to the SDBBA2 data (Table 4).

Breeding bird highlights of 2011 were scattered throughout the state as atlasers surveyed in areas where little bird survey work has been done. These areas included the West River tribal lands, extreme northeast South Dakota, and the northwestern counties of Perkins, Harding, Meade, and northeast Pennington. From these surveys, we learned that many of these areas host high or the highest species richness in the state (Figure 6). Some volunteers made an effort to document and confirm breeding by rarer species, resulting in a jump of seven confirmed species since last year. These include confirmation of breeding by Northern Mockingbird, Scarlet Tanager, Great-tailed Grackle, Eastern Meadowlark, and Pygmy Nuthatch, among others. If accepted by the state Rare Bird Committee, observations of breeding American Black Duck and Common Loon will be first state records.

Summer 2012 will be the last scheduled field season for the second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas. The first major challenge will be to finish surveys on all unfinished atlas blocks. Many of the remaining blocks only need one more visit

while other blocks still need a considerable amount of work. We will need to replace at least four blocks, and possibly up to 14 blocks, and complete surveys on these in one season. Our strategy will be to begin the field season targeting blocks with few or no visits, or those that have never been visited before June. As the summer progresses and these blocks are finished, we then will go to blocks that need a moderate amount of work, and finally, to those that need just one visit. With this strategy, if for some reason we get behind schedule, we will have had reasonable coverage of all blocks, even if some would benefit from more visits.

The second major challenge will be to increase the number of observations of rarer species so that their maps will more accurately reflect their true breeding distribution within the state. Of the 251 reported species, 50 have fewer than 10 observations and 26 have fewer than five. Some of these species only occur in a handful of places. Many other species are localized in the Black Hills and a group of birders has already committed to increasing the number of observations of Black Hills 'special' species. As we finish blocks in other areas, we undoubtedly will add to the number of observations also.

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APPENDIX A. BLOCKS WITH HIGHEST SPECIES RICHNESS

Breeding Bird Atlas blocks with at least 80 recorded species,
excluding observed (non-breeding) species.

Block ID	Block Name	County	Num. Species	1st Atlas Results	Finished?
2R0203	Dayton Twp.	Marshall	100	N/A	Yes
2R0236	SW Drywood Lake	Roberts	99	N/A	Yes
2S0001	Sica Hollow	Roberts	98	N/A	No
2R0168	Whitestone Lake	Roberts	92	N/A	Yes
1R1107	Boyer GPA	Brule	87	49 spp	Yes
2R0212	VenJohn WPA	Hand	87	NA	Yes
2R0270	Sheep Creek	Harding	85	N/A	Yes
2R0057	Spring Lake	Walworth	85	N/A	Yes
1R1303	Mansfield WPA	Spink	84	63 spp	Yes
2R0147	Blackfoot	Dewey	83	N/A	Yes
2R0301	Jct. Hwy 10/45-112 St.	McPherson	82	N/A	No
1R0505	No Flesh Creek	Bennett	82	53 spp	No
1R0203	Silver City	Pennington	82	58 spp	Yes
2R0151	South Clark	Clark	81	N/A	Yes
2R0036	Goodwill Township	Roberts	80	N/A	Yes

APPENDIX B. BLOCKS WITH LOWEST SPECIES RICHNESS

Finished Breeding Bird Atlas blocks with less than 40 recorded species, excluding observed (non-breeding) species.

Block ID	Block Name	County	Num. Species	1st Atlas Results
1R0507	Madera Creek*	Fall River	19	31 spp
2R0056	SE Fall River County*	Fall River	22	N/A
1R0506	Swett	Bennett	28	26 spp
2R0133	Granger Creek	Harding	29	N/A
2R0174	Lame Johnny Creek	Custer	30	N/A
2R0219	Conata Basin Road	Pennington	32	N/A
2R0210	FR 283	Pennington	33	N/A
1R0708	Pleasant Valley Twp**	Tripp	33	40 spp
1R0204	South Fork Castle Creek	Pennington	34	31 spp
2R0094	West side Twin Buttes	Brule	35	N/A
2R0216	E. Branch Stove Crk Bay	Dewey	36	N/A
2R0121	Harvey Springs	Lawrence	36	N/A
2R0033	W. Side Rattlesnake Butte**	Tripp	36	N/A
2R0030	Camp Crook Road	Butte	38	N/A
2R0159	Appleby	Codington	38	N/A
1R0303	Red Willow Creek	Corson	38	32 spp
2R0228	Mahoney Creek	Codington	39	N/A
2R0190	114 St.	Todd	39	N/A

*Madera Creek and SE Fall River County blocks overlap each other

**Pleasant Valley Twp. and W. Side Rattlesnake Butte blocks overlap each other

APPENDIX C. COUNTY SUMMARY STATISTICS

Summary statistics by county, counties ordered from highest to lowest species totals. Columns include total number of species recorded in the county (Num Species), total number (Num CO) and percent (% CO) of species confirmed breeding, number of atlas blocks in the county (Num Blocks), number (# Blks Visited) of atlas blocks visited through 2011, total number of visits (Num Visits) and total number of hours (Total Hours) spent on all blocks in the county.

Rank	County	Num Species	Num CO	% CO	Num Blocks	Num Blks Visited	Num Visits	Total Hours
1	Pennington	157	90	0.57	16	16	137	494
2	Roberts	144	77	0.53	9	9	32	96
3	Fall River	139	68	0.49	12	11	71	240
3	Harding	139	96	0.69	20	15	103	480
5	Bennett	138	78	0.57	9	9	47	145
6	Custer	135	84	0.62	11	11	88	306
7	Brown	133	68	0.51	6	6	39	73
7	Marshall	133	65	0.49	7	7	21	65
7	Meade	133	67	0.50	18	13	58	202
10	Perkins	133	92	0.69	13	13	69	183
11	Dewey	127	53	0.42	15	14	47	117
12	Spink	124	53	0.42	13	13	52	173
12	Stanley	124	78	0.63	11	10	68	208
14	Shannon	121	36	0.30	9	9	34	145
15	Campbell	120	64	0.53	8	8	31	102
16	Walworth	119	58	0.48	4	4	10	26
17	Brule	118	60	0.51	4	4	27	98
17	Day	118	62	0.53	5	5	23	65
17	McPherson	118	76	0.64	5	5	22	57
20	Ziebach	115	43	0.37	9	9	38	82
21	Corson	114	58	0.51	17	16	55	125
22	Todd	112	36	0.32	8	8	30	117
22	Jackson	112	56	0.50	10	10	47	162
22	Lawrence	112	66	0.59	5	5	46	138
25	Hand	111	43	0.39	6	6	26	81
26	Edmunds	110	45	0.41	6	6	23	60
26	Haakon	110	58	0.53	10	10	44	145
28	Butte	108	59	0.55	14	11	31	88
29	Potter	107	58	0.54	6	6	17	60
29	Minnehaha	107	76	0.71	6	6	59	166
31	Lyman	105	42	0.40	7	7	22	77
31	Gregory	105	50	0.48	7	7	41	138

Appendix C: County Summary Statistics (cont.)

Rank	County	Num Species	Num CO	% CO	Num Blocks	Num Blks Visited	Num Visits	Total Hours
31	Beadle	105	61	0.58	8	8	50	130
34	Clark	104	47	0.45	5	5	25	83
35	Grant	103	34	0.33	2	2	8	18
35	Buffalo	103	35	0.34	4	4	15	42
37	BonHomme	101	42	0.42	4	4	23	75
37	Charles Mix	101	42	0.42	4	4	20	63
39	Tripp	99	46	0.46	7	7	36	83
40	Faulk	98	46	0.47	6	6	37	80
40	Hughes	98	56	0.57	3	3	11	39
42	Deuel	95	41	0.43	4	4	14	43
42	Brookings	93	41	0.44	6	5	17	51
44	Aurora	94	45	0.48	5	5	14	42
45	Yankton	93	30	0.32	3	3	13	52
46	Jerauld	92	28	0.30	3	3	13	41
47	Sanborn	89	30	0.34	2	2	10	34
47	Sully	89	39	0.44	4	3	10	34
49	Douglas	88	30	0.34	2	2	17	59
50	Hutchinson	87	26	0.30	3	3	12	28
50	Davison	87	28	0.32	4	4	12	44
50	Codington	87	35	0.40	3	3	11	34
53	Lake	86	22	0.26	2	2	10	39
53	Hamlin	86	29	0.34	4	4	21	70
55	Mellette	85	30	0.35	5	4	14	51
56	McCook	83	30	0.36	3	3	10	37
57	Kingsbury	82	28	0.34	3	2	9	39
58	Clay	81	39	0.48	2	2	9	26
58	Hyde	81	46	0.57	5	5	19	61
60	Turner	80	31	0.39	4	4	10	35
61	Hanson	79	22	0.28	3	3	10	39
62	Miner	78	28	0.36	3	3	11	44
63	Lincoln	77	37	0.48	2	2	8	27
64	Union	76	34	0.45	2	2	9	29
64	Jones	76	39	0.51	6	6	18	41
66	Moody	68	26	0.38	3	2	9	42

APPENDIX D. SPECIES SUMMARIES

Summary of block and extra observations and confirmed breeding by species. Information includes total number of records (Total Recs) and confirmed breeding (Totl Num CO); number of blocks species was reported in (Num Blks), percent of all blocks (% Blks), and number of blocks in which species was confirmed breeding (Num Blks CO); number of extra observations (Num Extra Obs) and extra confirmed breeding observations (Num Extra Obs CO); number of counties in which species was observed (Num Cnty) and confirmed breeding (Num Cnty CO); and the highest reported breeding status.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Total Recs	Totl Num CO	Num Blks	% Blks	Num Blks Confirm	Num Extra Obs	Num Extra Obs CO	Num Cnty	Num Cnty CO	Highest status
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada Goose	259	160	201	0.46	103	58	57	62	50	confirmed
<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	Trumpeter Swan	14	6	3	0.01	0	11	6	9	4	confirmed
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Wood Duck	152	55	126	0.29	31	26	24	57	29	confirmed
<i>Anas strepera</i>	Gadwall	328	145	258	0.60	77	70	78	62	39	confirmed
<i>Anas americana</i>	American Wigeon	107	18	94	0.22	8	13	10	35	10	confirmed
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	American Black Duck	2	1	1	0.00	0	1	1	2	1	confirmed
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	465	247	346	0.80	130	119	117	66	54	confirmed
<i>Anas discors</i>	Blue-winged Teal	387	222	294	0.68	131	93	91	64	53	confirmed
<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	Cinnamon Teal	6	0	2	0.00	0	4	0	5	0	probable
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Northern Shoveler	274	138	204	0.47	68	70	70	59	39	confirmed
<i>Anas acuta</i>	Northern Pintail	254	102	209	0.48	58	45	44	55	38	confirmed
<i>Anas crecca</i>	Green-winged Teal	120	19	109	0.25	9	11	10	48	12	confirmed
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Canvasback	52	15	40	0.09	6	12	9	27	10	confirmed
<i>Aythya americana</i>	Redhead	133	37	116	0.27	21	17	16	49	21	confirmed
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Ring-necked Duck	38	6	32	0.07	0	6	6	21	5	confirmed
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Lesser Scaup	54	13	39	0.09	3	15	10	29	6	confirmed
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Bufflehead	6	1	5	0.01	1	1	0	5	1	confirmed
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser	22	8	13	0.03	3	9	5	17	6	confirmed
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Common Merganser	2	1	1	0.00	0	1	1	1	1	confirmed

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Total Recs	Totl Num CO	Num Blks	% Blks	Num Blks Confirm	Num Extra Obs	Num Extra Obs CO	Num Cnty	Num Cnty CO	Highest status
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Ruddy Duck	112	10	106	0.24	7	6	3	42	8	confirmed
<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Gray Partridge	59	13	48	0.11	8	11	5	34	12	confirmed
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Ring-necked Pheasant	337	133	311	0.72	109	26	24	65	42	confirmed
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	Ruffed Grouse	3	2	1	0.00	1	2	1	2	2	confirmed
<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	Greater Sage-Grouse	3	1	1	0.00	0	2	1	2	1	confirmed
<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>	Sharp-tailed Grouse	144	41	120	0.28	26	24	15	37	22	confirmed
<i>Tympanuchus cupido</i>	Greater Prairie-chicken	28	4	23	0.05	1	5	3	18	4	confirmed
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Wild Turkey	132	38	112	0.26	20	20	18	46	25	confirmed
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite	11	0	11	0.03	0	0	0	7	0	probable
<i>Gavia immer</i>	Common Loon	3	1	1	0.00	1	2	0	4	1	confirmed
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Pied-billed Grebe	212	116	159	0.37	67	53	49	61	43	confirmed
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Horned Grebe	17	4	4	0.01	0	13	4	3	1	confirmed
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Red-necked Grebe	34	16	10	0.02	6	24	10	7	5	confirmed
<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Eared Grebe	81	43	38	0.09	5	43	38	30	18	confirmed
<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	Western Grebe	83	56	45	0.10	19	38	37	37	26	confirmed
<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>	Clark's Grebe	17	4	8	0.02	0	9	4	15	4	confirmed
<i>Grus canadensis</i>	Greater Sandhill Crane	1	1	0		0	1	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	American White Pelican	98	4	94	0.22	0	4	4	44	2	confirmed
<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Double-crested Cormorant	173	69	110	0.25	6	63	63	52	29	confirmed
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American Bittern	82	1	80	0.18	1	2	0	37	1	confirmed
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern	31	0	20	0.05	0	11	0	19	0	probable
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Great Blue Heron	292	89	208	0.48	8	84	81	65	37	confirmed
<i>Ardea alba</i>	Great Egret	56	11	44	0.10	0	12	11	29	9	confirmed
<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy Egret	18	3	14	0.03	0	4	3	12	3	confirmed
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron	3	0	2	0.00	0	1	0	2	0	possible
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Cattle Egret	41	5	34	0.08	1	7	4	22	5	confirmed
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Green Heron	27	4	17	0.04	1	10	3	15	3	confirmed
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night-heron	71	13	58	0.13	3	13	10	25	9	confirmed

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Total Recs	Totl Num CO	Num Blks	% Blks	Num Blks Confirm	Num Extra Obs	Num Extra Obs CO	Num Cnty	Num Cnty CO	Highest status
<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	White-faced Ibis	37	8	30	0.07	1	7	7	15	6	confirmed
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Turkey Vulture	187	2	183	0.42	0	4	2	51	2	confirmed
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	16	9	5	0.01	1	11	8	9	3	confirmed
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	49	18	30	0.07	3	19	15	29	14	confirmed
<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Northern Harrier	230	23	218	0.50	14	12	9	56	18	confirmed
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	0	5	0.01	0	0	0	4	0	possible
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk	88	16	57	0.13	6	31	10	43	13	confirmed
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Northern Goshawk	4	2	3	0.01	1	1	1	2	2	confirmed
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Broad-winged Hawk	12	1	8	0.02	1	4	0	5	1	confirmed
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Swainson's Hawk	238	65	194	0.45	24	44	41	55	22	confirmed
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed Hawk	386	86	338	0.78	38	48	48	65	35	confirmed
<i>Buteo regalis</i>	Ferruginous Hawk	79	13	49	0.11	0	30	13	27	8	confirmed
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden Eagle	76	25	54	0.12	6	22	19	18	8	confirmed
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	196	32	181	0.42	23	15	9	55	24	confirmed
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Merlin	7	2	4	0.01	1	3	1	5	1	confirmed
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0	2	0	observed
<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	Prairie Falcon	26	7	18	0.04	3	8	4	11	3	confirmed
<i>Laterralus jamiacensis</i>	Black Rail	1	1	0	0.00	0	1	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Rallus limicola</i>	Virginia Rail	92	18	72	0.17	4	20	14	43	14	confirmed
<i>Porzana carolina</i>	Sora	164	9	151	0.35	3	13	6	53	8	confirmed
<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Moorhen	1	1	0	0.00	0	1	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Fulica americana</i>	American Coot	243	165	180	0.42	106	63	59	59	49	confirmed
<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Snowy Plover	1	1	0	0.00	0	1	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Piping Plover	12	4	4	0.01	0	8	4	8	3	confirmed
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Killdeer	400	158	378	0.87	136	22	22	66	58	confirmed
<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Black-necked Stilt	6	2	1	0.00	0	5	2	3	2	confirmed
<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	American Avocet	102	55	57	0.13	16	45	39	32	21	confirmed
<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	Willet	52	12	43	0.10	4	9	8	22	8	confirmed

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<i>Actitis macularia</i>	Spotted Sandpiper	111	9	99	0.23	1	12	8	53	6	confirmed
<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	Upland Sandpiper	353	54	334	0.77	35	19	19	65	27	confirmed
<i>Numenius americanus</i>	Long-billed Curlew	82	9	45	0.10	4	37	5	21	7	confirmed
<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	Marbled Godwit	144	18	127	0.29	7	17	11	41	13	confirmed
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	Wilson's Snipe	97	7	90	0.21	5	7	2	38	4	confirmed
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	American Woodcock	10	0	3	0.01	0	7	0	7	0	probable
<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	Wilson's Phalarope	175	28	158	0.36	16	17	12	46	16	confirmed
<i>Larus pipixcan</i>	Franklin's Gull	64	6	59	0.14	1	5	5	26	4	confirmed
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Ring-billed Gull	73	6	67	0.15	0	6	6	28	6	confirmed
<i>Larus californicus</i>	California Gull	23	3	20	0.05	0	3	3	14	2	confirmed
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Herring Gull	2	1	1	0.00	0	1	1	2	1	confirmed
<i>Sterna caspia</i>	Caspian Tern	3	1	1	0.00	0	2	1	2	2	confirmed
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common Tern	14	6	7	0.02	0	7	6	9	4	confirmed
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Forster's Tern	41	11	29	0.07	2	12	9	18	5	confirmed
<i>Sterna antillarum</i>	Least Tern	8	1	5	0.01	0	3	1	8	1	confirmed
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Black Tern	186	30	89	0.21	13	97	17	40	13	confirmed
<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock Pigeon	219	9	212	0.49	5	7	4	66	8	confirmed
<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Eurasian Collared-dove	167	13	61	0.14	5	106	8	57	10	confirmed
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Mourning Dove	434	172	401	0.93	143	33	29	66	60	confirmed
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Black-billed Cuckoo	67	3	58	0.13	3	9	0	33	2	confirmed
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	54	8	44	0.10	3	10	5	30	8	confirmed
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl	30	26	3	0.01	1	27	25	14	12	confirmed
<i>Megascops asio</i>	Eastern Screech-owl	44	6	22	0.05	0	22	6	22	3	confirmed
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Great Horned Owl	244	84	170	0.39	22	74	62	63	33	confirmed
<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Burrowing Owl	264	181	70	0.16	19	194	162	36	26	confirmed
<i>Strix varia</i>	Barred Owl	5	2	3	0.01	0	2	2	4	2	confirmed
<i>Asio otus</i>	Long-eared Owl	43	23	9	0.02	0	34	23	10	5	confirmed
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Short-eared Owl	48	6	28	0.06	2	20	4	21	4	confirmed

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<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	Northern Saw-whet Owl	60	33	17	0.04	4	43	28	6	1	confirmed
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Common Nighthawk	202	7	192	0.44	0	10	7	50	7	confirmed
<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	Common Poorwill	21	3	12	0.03	1	9	2	8	2	confirmed
<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's Widow	1	0	0	0.00	0	1	0	1	0	probable
<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Whip-poor-will	5	0	1	0.00	0	4	0	4	0	probable
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Chimney Swift	111	4	46	0.11	0	65	4	52	4	confirmed
<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	White-throated Swift	12	1	11	0.03	1	1	0	8	1	confirmed
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	14	3	5	0.01	1	9	2	9	3	confirmed
<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5	2	3	0.01	1	2	1	2	2	confirmed
<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	Belted Kingfisher	88	16	81	0.19	13	7	3	44	12	confirmed
<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	Lewis's Woodpecker	12	7	6	0.01	2	6	5	5	2	confirmed
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	199	58	172	0.40	36	27	22	62	36	confirmed
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	Red-bellied Woodpecker	27	5	22	0.05	0	5	5	19	5	confirmed
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11	5	4	0.01	0	7	5	5	3	confirmed
<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>	Red-naped Sapsucker	20	13	11	0.03	7	9	6	4	3	confirmed
<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Downy Woodpecker	137	17	129	0.30	12	8	5	54	10	confirmed
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Hairy Woodpecker	152	24	137	0.32	13	15	11	57	17	confirmed
<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>	A.. Three-toed Woodpecker	7	1	2	0.00	0	5	1	3	1	confirmed
<i>Picoides arcticus</i>	Black-backed Woodpecker	9	3	3	0.01	1	6	2	3	2	confirmed
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	317	40	307	0.71	34	10	6	66	27	confirmed
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Pileated Woodpecker	5	0	3	0.01	0	2	0	2	0	probable
<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	1	0	observed
<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	Western Wood-pewee	52	8	48	0.11	6	4	2	12	5	confirmed
<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	46	4	40	0.09	1	6	3	24	3	confirmed
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Willow Flycatcher	166	18	161	0.37	14	5	4	57	11	confirmed
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Least Flycatcher	123	10	115	0.27	4	8	6	49	7	confirmed
<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>	Dusky Flycatcher	15	4	12	0.03	1	3	3	4	2	confirmed
<i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>	Cordilleran Flycatcher	16	5	11	0.03	2	5	3	5	3	confirmed

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<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Eastern Phoebe	71	16	62	0.14	10	9	6	40	13	confirmed
<i>Sayornis saya</i>	Say's Phoebe	110	36	96	0.22	27	14	9	30	17	confirmed
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Great Crested Flycatcher	68	9	59	0.14	5	9	4	30	5	confirmed
<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>	Cassin's Kingbird	6	0	2	0.00	0	4	0	3	0	probable
<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	Western Kingbird	371	152	345	0.80	125	26	27	65	49	confirmed
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Eastern Kingbird	399	164	379	0.88	146	20	18	65	61	confirmed
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike	145	44	117	0.27	25	28	19	40	22	confirmed
<i>Vireo bellii</i>	Bell's Vireo	80	14	69	0.16	7	11	7	32	11	confirmed
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	Yellow-throated Vireo	13	2	4	0.01	1	9	1	9	2	confirmed
<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>	Plumbeous Vireo	19	6	15	0.03	3	4	3	6	4	confirmed
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Warbling Vireo	235	20	225	0.52	13	10	7	66	13	confirmed
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Red-eyed Vireo	82	7	71	0.16	3	11	4	39	6	confirmed
<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	Gray Jay	13	2	9	0.02	1	4	1	3	2	confirmed
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Blue Jay	164	23	152	0.35	15	12	8	60	18	confirmed
<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	Pinyon Jay	2	0	1	0.00	0	1	0	2	0	probable
<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	Clark's Nutcracker	8	1	3	0.01	0	5	1	2	1	confirmed
<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	Black-billed Magpie	48	3	37	0.09	3	11	0	20	6	confirmed
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American Crow	185	11	179	0.41	6	6	5	59	8	confirmed
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Horned Lark	360	50	356	0.82	46	4	4	66	22	confirmed
<i>Progne subis</i>	Purple Martin	53	36	23	0.05	10	30	26	31	23	confirmed
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Tree Swallow	243	85	235	0.54	77	8	8	64	38	confirmed
<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	Violet-green Swallow	28	10	24	0.06	6	4	4	8	4	confirmed
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	N. Rough-winged Swallow	148	36	138	0.32	27	10	9	51	21	confirmed
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Bank Swallow	127	37	109	0.25	19	18	18	45	26	confirmed
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	Cliff Swallow	371	230	259	0.60	118	112	112	63	57	confirmed
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	399	169	370	0.85	141	29	28	65	56	confirmed
<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	Black-capped Chickadee	134	25	123	0.28	17	11	8	52	15	confirmed
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted Nuthatch	35	10	32	0.07	7	3	3	12	4	confirmed

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<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	White-breasted Nuthatch	108	23	95	0.22	13	13	10	46	12	confirmed
<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>	Pygmy Nuthatch	10	3	5	0.01	2	5	1	5	2	confirmed
<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper	10	0	8	0.02	0	2	0	4	0	probable
<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	Rock Wren	41	15	28	0.06	9	13	6	17	8	confirmed
<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	Canyon Wren	5	3	2	0.00	2	3	1	3	2	confirmed
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	House Wren	332	75	303	0.70	50	29	25	65	38	confirmed
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter Wren	2	0	1	0.00	0	1	0	1	0	probable
<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Sedge Wren	142	3	139	0.32	2	3	1	43	3	confirmed
<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Marsh Wren	139	11	134	0.31	9	5	2	48	7	confirmed
<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	American Dipper	6	6	0	0.00	0	6	6	1	1	confirmed
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	0	5	0.01	0	0	0	5	0	probable
<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	14	2	8	0.02	1	6	1	4	2	confirmed
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	15	6	7	0.02	1	8	5	7	4	confirmed
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	Eastern Bluebird	124	41	101	0.23	25	23	16	53	30	confirmed
<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	Mountain Bluebird	49	25	40	0.09	18	9	7	12	8	confirmed
<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	Townsend's Solitaire	24	8	15	0.03	2	9	6	5	4	confirmed
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Veery	6	0	3	0.01	0	3	0	4	0	probable
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Swainson's Thrush	11	2	9	0.02	0	2	2	3	1	confirmed
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Hermit Thrush	1	0	0	0.00	0	1	0	1	0	possible
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush	6	2	2	0.00	0	4	2	5	2	confirmed
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American Robin	388	247	351	0.81	211	37	36	66	65	confirmed
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Gray Catbird	150	32	135	0.31	21	15	11	59	23	confirmed
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Northern Mockingbird	28	1	18	0.04	0	10	1	20	1	confirmed
<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	Sage Thrasher	4	0	2	0.00	0	2	0	2	0	probable
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Brown Thrasher	343	103	322	0.74	83	21	20	66	50	confirmed
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	European Starling	336	182	315	0.73	164	21	18	66	64	confirmed
<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	Sprague's Pipit	44	2	11	0.03	1	33	1	10	2	confirmed
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Cedar Waxwing	149	30	136	0.31	18	13	12	56	23	confirmed

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<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	Blue-winged Warbler	2	0	1	0.00	0	1	0	2	0	probable
<i>Vermivora virginiae</i>	Virginia's Warbler	6	2	2	0.00	1	4	1	2	1	confirmed
<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Yellow Warbler	332	71	310	0.72	51	22	20	66	35	confirmed
<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	1	0	0.00	0	1	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Yellow-rumped Warbler	29	16	26	0.06	13	3	3	9	6	confirmed
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Black-and-White Warbler	11	1	6	0.01	1	5	0	7	1	confirmed
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	American Redstart	48	6	39	0.09	2	9	4	24	4	confirmed
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Prothonotary Warbler	1	1	0	0.00	0	1	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Ovenbird	33	7	25	0.06	4	8	3	12	5	confirmed
<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>	MacGillivray's Warbler	11	2	9	0.02	1	2	1	4	2	confirmed
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Common Yellowthroat	289	15	283	0.65	12	6	3	66	14	confirmed
<i>Icteria virens</i>	Yellow-breasted Chat	75	11	64	0.15	6	11	5	26	9	confirmed
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Scarlet Tanager	10	4	4	0.01	2	6	2	6	3	confirmed
<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	Western Tanager	30	10	23	0.05	7	7	3	8	6	confirmed
<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	Spotted Towhee	120	23	111	0.26	19	9	4	32	13	confirmed
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	Eastern Towhee	12	2	9	0.02	0	3	2	8	2	confirmed
<i>Aimophila cassinii</i>	Cassin's Sparrow	6	1	2	0.00	0	4	1	3	1	confirmed
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Chipping Sparrow	275	78	256	0.59	61	19	17	64	41	confirmed
<i>Spizella pallida</i>	Clay-colored Sparrow	130	22	113	0.26	7	17	15	36	9	confirmed
<i>Spizella breweri</i>	Brewer's Sparrow	18	7	11	0.03	5	7	2	4	2	confirmed
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Field Sparrow	115	28	105	0.24	20	10	8	48	21	confirmed
<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	Vesper Sparrow	243	24	238	0.55	21	5	3	61	14	confirmed
<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	Lark Sparrow	238	92	215	0.50	71	23	21	57	36	confirmed
<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	Lark Bunting	206	71	185	0.43	53	21	18	40	17	confirmed
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow	165	8	162	0.37	6	3	2	45	6	confirmed
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow	365	84	350	0.81	71	15	13	66	36	confirmed
<i>Ammodramus bairdii</i>	Baird's Sparrow	71	0	22	0.05	0	49	0	12	0	probable
<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow	7	0	6	0.01	0	1	0	7	0	probable

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<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>	Le Conte's Sparrow	82	3	28	0.06	0	54	3	14	2	confirmed
<i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i>	Nelson's Sparrow	61	0	21	0.05	0	40	0	15	0	probable
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Song Sparrow	228	36	225	0.52	33	3	3	60	25	confirmed
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Swamp Sparrow	48	2	45	0.10	1	3	1	18	2	confirmed
<i>Junco hyemalis aikeni</i>	Dark-eyed Junco	16	12	14	0.03	1	2	11	5	4	confirmed
<i>Calcarius mccownii</i>	McCown's Longspur	2	0	0	0.00	0	2	0	2	0	possible
<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>	Chestnut-collared Longspur	154	44	134	0.31	27	20	17	39	19	confirmed
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Northern Cardinal	53	14	33	0.08	2	20	12	26	9	confirmed
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	78	9	68	0.16	5	10	4	34	8	confirmed
<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed Grosbeak	88	18	77	0.18	10	11	8	25	11	confirmed
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	Blue Grosbeak	137	15	125	0.29	7	12	8	51	12	confirmed
<i>Passerina amoena</i>	Lazuli Bunting	42	4	39	0.09	2	3	2	17	4	confirmed
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Indigo Bunting	83	5	72	0.17	3	11	2	44	3	confirmed
<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel	300	27	296	0.68	25	4	2	66	21	confirmed
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Bobolink	289	37	278	0.64	30	11	7	64	25	confirmed
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Red-winged Blackbird	436	236	388	0.90	189	48	47	66	64	confirmed
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	7	1	4	0.01	0	3	1	5	1	confirmed
<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	Western Meadowlark	449	279	399	0.92	230	50	49	66	59	confirmed
<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	Yellow-headed Blackbird	254	106	222	0.51	79	32	27	64	45	confirmed
<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Brewer's Blackbird	87	26	75	0.17	18	12	8	26	13	confirmed
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common Grackle	385	259	350	0.81	224	35	35	66	64	confirmed
<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	Great-tailed Grackle	17	1	13	0.03	0	4	1	12	1	confirmed
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Brown-headed Cowbird	429	77	401	0.93	52	28	25	66	41	confirmed
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Orchard Oriole	376	128	351	0.81	107	25	21	65	54	confirmed
<i>Icterus bullockii</i>	Bullock's Oriole	35	8	33	0.08	6	2	2	12	5	confirmed
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole	198	65	178	0.41	49	20	16	54	35	confirmed
<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>	Cassin's Finch	6	0	2	0.00	0	4	0	4	0	probable
<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	House Finch	109	15	43	0.10	4	66	11	53	12	confirmed

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<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Red Crossbill	32	6	29	0.07	5	3	1	9	2	confirmed
<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	White-winged Crossbill	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	1	0	probable
<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Pine Siskin	23	6	15	0.03	3	8	3	14	6	confirmed
<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	Lesser Goldfinch	2	1	2	0.00	0	0	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	American Goldfinch	320	32	313	0.72	27	7	5	66	23	confirmed
<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	Evening Grosbeak	3	1	1	0.00	0	2	1	1	1	confirmed
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	288	134	264	0.61	111	24	23	65	52	confirmed