

Co-operative Spring?

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Seventeen Saskatchewan observers contributed first seen spring migration dates to this study in co-operation with the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Unfortunately, 14 of these localities are in the eastern half of the province and only three (Skull Creek, Swift Current and Saskatoon) in the western half. In the following table, localities are listed from south to north. Two Alberta reports are appended for comparison.

It must be kept in mind that even two observers in the same locality would usually report different dates for the same species, the difference.

	NORTH PORTAL (Munro Dunbar)	SKULL CREEK (S. A. Mann)	SWIFT CURRENT (A. Ward)	REGINA (Fred Bard)	GRENFELL (Mrs. Hubbard)	FORT SAN (E. M. Callin)	DILKE (J. B. Belcher)	YORKTON (Houston, Pawluck)	SPIRIT LAKE (Wm. Anaka)	SHEHO
CANADA GOOSE	Mr20	Mr27	Mr28	Mr30	Mr24	.....	Ap7	Mr31	Mr	
RED-WGD. BLACK-BIRD	Mr29	Ap10	Ap6	Ap3	Ap21	Mr29	Mr30	Ap3	Ap23	Ap
FLICKER	Mr29	Ap3	Ap6	Ap3	Ap20	Ap26	Ap29	Ap26	Ap24	Ap
MYRTLE WARBLER ..	Ap28	.....	My24	My1	My14	My3	My7	Ap29	My13	My
WHITE-THR. SPARROW	Ap28	.....	.....	My1	My8	Ap28	My17	My13	My9	M
PURPLE MARTIN .....	.....	.....	My28	My14	.....	Jn3	My3	My5	.....
CHIPPING SPARROW .....	.....	.....	Ap15	My12	.....	My15	My8	My15	.....	M
BARN SWALLOW	My8	My21	My20	My20	My19	My12	My24	My10	My8	My
YELLOW WARBLER ..	My8	My27	Ap15	My16	My13	My10	My20	My14	My28	My
HOUSE WREN	My13	My25	My20	My24	My14	My17	Jn2	My31	My17	My
BALTIMORE ORIOLE	My15	My24	My20	My25	My18	My10	My20	My23	My25	My
EASTERN KINGBIRD	My20	My25	My22	My22	My18	My18	My21	My18	My17	My
NIGHTHAWK	Jn1	My25	Jn5	My26	My29	My31	My
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	Jn2	My27	Jn5	J

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depending on the amount of time spent outdoors, the habitat encountered, and chance. On the average, it seems that many species take about a week to move from North Porta, 300 miles to Nipawin. The earlier migrants may take longer than this, and later ones, such as the Kingbird, seem to arrive almost simultaneously. The Myrtle Warbler migration was generally late this year.

The Purple Martin is not of regular enough distribution to be useful. Another year probably the Crow, Marsh Hawk, Killdeer, Slate-colored Junco, Blue-winged Teal and Goldfinch will be added to the list.

SASKATOON (J. D. Hogg)	NAICAM (W. Yanchinski)	WALLWORT (J. Turnquist)	SOMME (R. & D. Hooper)	TISDALE (Van Blaricom)	NIPAWIN (M. Street)	TORCH RIVER (S. Francis)	BEYNON, ALTA. (M. J. Cope)	HUXLEY, ALTA. (W. Malcolm)	
Ap18 .....	.....	My6	.....	Ap5	Ap11	.....	Mr25	.....	CANADA GOOSE
Ap25 Mr31	.....	Ap24	My16	Ap29	Ap24	.....	Ap25	Ap30	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
My5 Mr26	My15	Ap24	My3	Ap27	Ap5	.....	Ap10	Ap6	FLICKER
.....	Ap19	.....	Ap25	My16	Ap26	My10	.....	.....	MYRTLE WARBLER
Ap18 Ap26	My8	My8	My6	My4	My10	.....	.....	.....	WHITE-THROATED SPARROW
.....	My5	.....	.....	Jn7	Ap29	.....	.....	.....	PURPLE MARTIN
My18 My21	.....	My22	My21	My21	Ap25	My23	My28	.....	CHIPPING SPARROW
My24 My12	My21	My17	Jn5	My16	My18	.....	My24	.....	BARN SWALLOW
My25 My23	.....	My23	My24	My24	My30	My21	.....	.....	YELLOW WARBLER
My26 Jn5	My27	My23	My20	My21	My27	My23	My23	.....	HOUSE WREN
Jn3 My29	.....	My23	My25	My22	.....	My26	My23	.....	BALTIMORE ORIOLE
Jn2 My20	.....	My22	My28	My20	My29	My22	My27	.....	EASTERN KINGBIRD
Jn2 My28	.....	My28	Jn1	My28	My28	.....	My25	.....	NIGHTHAWK
.....	Jn5	.....	Jn2	Jn1	Jn3	Jn18	.....	.....	RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD