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**Watchable Birds of the Black Hills, Badlands, and Northern Great Plains**

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255 color photographs  
glossary • species checklist  
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The Northern Great Plains region hosts one of the most remarkable assortments of bird species on earth. Here the ranges of many birds overlap, offering birders the unique possibility of glimpsing both eastern and western—or northern and southern—species on a single outing. In the spring and fall, vast numbers of migrating birds pass through the Great Plains region on their way to summer nesting grounds and winter residences. With the highest elevations between the Rockies and the Alps, the Black Hills provide an island of evergreen mountains amidst the surrounding prairies and badlands and are home to birds found nowhere else in the vicinity.

This book covers North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, with eastern Montana, eastern Wyoming, northwestern Colorado, and the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains. With 255 beautiful color photographs, the book profiles 77 of the bird species that birdwatchers and outdoor enthusiasts are most likely to see, along with pictures of similar species and tips for distinguishing them in the field.

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