

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Anthus spragueii/Sprague's Pipit)

Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	High. This species has not been confirmed as a nester in the region and is a common spring and fall migrant in central South Dakota and uncommon elsewhere in the state. It is an uncommon migrant in Wyoming and Nebraska, a rare migrant in Colorado and absent from Kansas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrews & Righter • Oakleaf et al. • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
2 Distribution outside R2	B	High. This species breeds in the shortgrass prairie of the northern Great Plains from Montana and North Dakota into central and western Canada.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Geographic Society • Peterson
3 Dispersal Capability	C	High They migrate to Mexico to winter and are quite capable of dispersing across landscapes to find suitable habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Geographic Society • Peterson
4 Abundance in R2	A	High. This species has not been confirmed as a nester anywhere in the region. R2 is on the extreme southern periphery of the breeding range for this species. It is likely to only be a casual visitor on NFS lands in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • Andrews & Righter • Oakleaf et al. • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Low. Population trend information is not available for this species in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al.
6 Habitat Trend in R2	D	Low. Habitat trend information is not available for this species in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al.
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	D	Low. Little is available on threats to habitats for this species for the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al.

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8 Life History and Demographics	B	High. This species is on the "Partners In Flight" moderately high priority watch list. This species has a somewhat restricted breeding and wintering range, which increases the impact of catastrophic events. They breed in shortgrass prairie and generally produce four or five eggs per nest. They may produce two broods per nesting season. They are a rare cowbird host. They winter south to central Mexico.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ehrlich et al. Pashley et al.
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National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY (L)¹ to occur:

<u>Colorado NF/NG</u>		<u>Kansas NF/NG</u>		<u>Nebraska NF/NG</u>		<u>South Dakota NF/NG</u>		<u>Wyoming NF/NG</u>	
Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely
Arapaho-Roosevelt NF		Cimarron NG		Samuel R.McKelvie NF	O	Black Hills NF		Shoshone NF	O
White River NF				Halsey NF		Buffalo Gap NG		Bighorn NF	O
Routt NF				Nebraska NF	O	Ft. Pierre NG		Black Hills NF	
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NF				Oglala NG				Medicine Bow NF	O
San Juan NF								Thunder Basin NG	
Rio Grande NF									
Pike-San Isabel NF									
Comanche NG									
Pawnee NG									

¹ Likely is defined as more likely to occur than not occur on the National Forest or Grassland. This generally can be thought of as having a 50% chance or greater of appearing on NFS lands.

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