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1990 NEBRASKA NESTING REPORTS

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The following summary compares records for four nesting seasons in Nebraska:

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Number of counties	46	52	53	36
Number of observers	32	25	25	23
Number of agencies	2	2	2	2
Number of species	72	94	105	54

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1990 NEBRASKA NESTING RECORDS (continued)

The number of counties covered and the number of observers decreased in 1990 when compared with the previous three years. In 1990, only least tern and piping plover nests were recorded in 9 of the 36 counties by 4 of the 23 observers. The information on these two species is presented in Table 1. Observers included Mark Brohman, John Dinan, and Greg Wingfield (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission), John Sidle (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Eileen Kirsch, and Jeanine Lackey.

Table 1. No. of least tern and piping plover nests initiated, 1990.

<u>County</u>	<u>Least Terns</u>	<u>Piping Plovers</u>
Keith	5	13
Lincoln	0	1
Dawson	40	5
Buffalo	26	11
Phelps	1	3
Hall	44	21
Merrick	24	3
Hamilton	8	0
Platte	6	4
Colfax	43	5
Butler	17	3
Dodge	37	4
Saunders	52	13
Douglas	47	11
Sarpy	52	10
Cass	86	26

Nesting records of other species are given in Table 2 (pages 66-69), with counties arranged from west to east, and from north to south for those on about the same longitude. Counties and contributors: Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, and Cheyenne, M. K. Clausen; Dundy, L. L. Einemann; Thomas, R. Green; Custer, R. G. Cortelyou, A. Rushton; Rock, L. Blake; Boyd, L. W. Bauman; Greeley and Hall, C. E. Johnson; Platte, M. A. Brohman; York, L. Morris; Thayer, J. Lentfer; Dixon, R. L. Johnson, J. A. Johnson; Cuming, L. L. Einemann; Saunders, J. J. Dinan, R. G. Cortelyou; Lancaster, C. L. Anderson, J. J. Dinan, L. L. Einemann, T. E. Labedz, R. G. Stutheit; Thurston, R. Klein; Johnson, R. G. Stutheit; Washington, R. G. Cortelyou, A. Rushton; Douglas, R. G. Cortelyou, C. E. Johnson, E. D. Johnson, A. Rushton; Sarpy, J. J. Dinan; Cass, C. L. Anderson; Richardson, M. K. Clausen.

The symbols used in Table 2 and their meanings are as follows: N = nest observed; NB = nest-building; CN = carrying nest material; N/A = nest with adult on it; E = eggs; N/Y = nest with young; F = adults feeding young; CF = carrying food; Y = young off nest. Numbers in parentheses refer to the number of adults, eggs, or young. More than one nest is indicated either by a comma (e.g. NB, N/A = 2 nests) or by a number in parentheses. Data were recorded on North American nest-record cards unless there is a * by the symbols. Any counties not having any of the species listed on a page of Table 2 were not included on that page.

Table 2 (continued)

Species	Kimball	Custer	Greeley	Hall	Platte	Thayer	Dixon	Cuming	Dodge	Lan-caster	Thurs-ton	Douglas	Richard-son
Rock Dove												Y(1), F	
Mourning Dove			N/A, E(2)				NB	N/A, E(2)				N/A, Y(2)	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo								N/A, E(3)					
Common Barn- Owl	N/Y(2)				Y(5)	N/A, Y(4)					Y(5)		
Common Nighthawk									N*				
Red-headed Woodpecker		Y*					Y(2)					Y(1), F Y*	
Northern Flicker							NB					Y(2), F	
Eastern Phoebe													N/A, E(5)
Say's Phoebe	Y(2), F												
Western Kingbird												N/A, Y	
Eastern Kingbird							NB					Y(2)	
Barn Swallow				N/A									
Blue Jay										NB, N/A			CF
Black-capped Chickadee							CF			NB, Y(3)			
House Wren							NB, Y(5)					N/A, E(6), Y	

Table 2 (continued)

Species	Banner	Dundy	Thomas	York	Dixon	Cuming	Lancaster	Johnson	Washington	Douglas
Eastern Bluebird								N(6), E, Y(8)		
American Robin					N/A		NB, N		N/Y*	N/A(5), F, Y(9-10)
Gray Catbird					NB, N/A Y(3)					
Brown Thrasher										N/A*
Cedar Waxwing										N/A, Y(3)
European Starling							N/A			
Warbling Vireo										NB, N/A, F, Y(2)
Yellow Warbler					NB					
Common Yellowthroat					NB					
Blue Grosbeak			Y(1)*	E(3)*						
Dickcissel						N/Y(3)				
Chipping Sparrow									CF*	
Vesper Sparrow					N/Y(4)					
Lark Sparrow		Y(3)								
Red-winged Blackbird	Y(4), F									N/A, E(4), N/Y
Common Grackle							N/A			Y(2), F

Table 2 (concluded)

Species	Lancaster	Douglas
Orchard Oriole		NB, N/A, Y, F
Northern Oriole		Y(2), F
House Finch	CN	
Pine Siskin		NB, CN, N/A
American Goldfinch	N/A, Y(4)	