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Sixty people participated in at least part of the 1980 Fall Field Day, which was held from noon 4 October to noon 5 October at the 4-H Camp, Nebraska National Forest, Halsey. The weather was on the cool side, but nice - maybe too nice, for many of the warblers apparently migrated during the night. Seventy-one species were reported from the Forest or immediately adjacent to it: Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Turkey Vulture; Sharp-shinned, Cooper’s, Red-tailed, and Swansons’s Hawks; Golden Eagle (an immature, seen over the Camp after most people had left); Marsh Hawk, Osprey, Merlin, American Kestrel, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ring-necked Pheasant, Killdeer, Common Snipe, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo; Screech and Great Horned Owls; Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers; Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, Black-
billed Magpie, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee; White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches; House Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin, Eastern Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire; Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets; Cedar Waxwing, Starling; Tennessee, Orange-crowned, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Blackburnian, and Wilson's Warblers; House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark; Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds; Common Grackle; Cardinal, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee; Vesper and Lark Sparrows; Dark-eyed Junco; Tree, Chipping, Clay-colored, Field, Harris'; White-crowned, White-throated, Lincoln's and Song Sparrows. In addition, Turkey droppings were seen, a dead Rock Wren was found on a road, and Longspurs (probably Chestnut-collared) were heard overhead in migration during the night.

Birds not seen on the Forest, but seen away from the Forest (31), mostly by a party that
went north to Valentine Refuge, but also by incoming participants (mostly on the way down from Valentine) were: White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, Prairie Falcon, Greater Prairie Chicken, American Coot, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Long-billed Dowitcher, Bonaparte’s Gull, Rock Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Water Pipit, Brown-headed Cowbird, and Savannah Sparrow.

Ruth Green caught a pair of Chickadees in her nets, maybe a mile away from where she had caught them (and banded them) at the Annual Meeting this spring. It is interesting that the pair bond was still holding.