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Annual Meeting at Ponca State Park

The 107th Annual Meeting of the NOU was held in the new Missouri River Resource and Education Center in Ponca State Park on May 19-21. Although the weather ranged from hot and windy on Friday to steady rain on Saturday morning to cool and breezy on Sunday, the 80+ attendees accumulated a list of 159 species. Warbler diversity was disappointing, but shorebirds were abundant.

On Friday evening, a program on the Galapagos Islands was presented by Dr. Paul Johnsgard, Linda Brown, Dr. Josef Kren and Allison Johnson. Each of the four recounted an aspect of their 2005 trip to the islands off the coast of Ecuador and accompanied their account with photos.

On Saturday evening, Dr. W. Ross Silcock spoke on hybridization of birds in Nebraska. A number of pairs of similar species (Rose-breasted and Black-headed Grosbeak, Baltimore and Bullock's Oriole, Eastern and Western Meadowlark, Eastern and Spotted Towhee) meet on the plains. Ross presented current theories on their status as species.

Field trips were led by Jan Johnson, Mark Brogie and Bill Huser in Ponca State Park, along the Missouri River, to Powder Creek and to Buckskin Hills. Josef Kren and Allison Johnson set up mist nets in the area between the Education Center and the river overlook and banded birds on the veranda of the Center.

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Dixon Co.	Ponca S. P.	Cedar Co.	
x			Ross's Goose
x	x		Canada Goose
x	x		Wood Duck
x			Gadwall
x	x		Mallard
x	x		Blue-winged Teal
x			Northern Shoveler
x			Green-winged Teal
x			Redhead
x			Lesser Scaup
x	x		Ruddy Duck
x	x		Ring-necked Pheasant
x	x		Wild Turkey
	x		Northern Bobwhite
x			Pied-billed Grebe
x	x		American White Pelican
x			Double-crested Cormorant
x	x		Great Blue Heron
x			Black-crowned Night Heron
x	x		Turkey Vulture
	x		Osprey
x	x		Bald Eagle
x			Sharp-shinned Hawk
x	x		Cooper's Hawk
	x		*Accipiter sp*
x			Broad-winged Hawk
	x		Swainson's Hawk
x	x		Red-tailed Hawk
x	x		American Kestrel
x			Merlin
x			Sora
x	x		American Coot
	x		Sandhill Crane

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Dixon Co.	Ponca S. P.	Cedar Co.	
x			Black-bellied Plover
x			Semipalmated Plover
x			Piping Plover
x			Killdeer
x	x		Spotted Sandpiper
x	x		Willet
x			Lesser Yellowlegs
x			Hudsonian Godwit
	x		Marbled Godwit
	x		Sanderling
x			Semipalmated Sandpiper
x			Least Sandpiper
x			White-rumped Sandpiper
x			Baird's Sandpiper
x	x		Pectoral Sandpiper
x	x		Dunlin
x			Stilt Sandpiper
x			Short-billed Dowitcher
x			Wilson's Phalarope
x	x		Franklin's Gull
x	x		Least Tern
x	x		Black Tern
x			Forster's Tern
x		x	Rock Pigeon
x	x	x	Mourning Dove
	x		Eastern Screech-Owl
	x		Great Horned Owl
	x		Barred Owl
	x		Common Nighthawk
x	x		Whip-poor-will
x	x		Chimney Swift
x	x		Ruby-throated Hummingbird
x	x		Belted Kingfisher
x	x		Red-headed Woodpecker
x	x		Red-bellied Woodpecker
x	x		Downy Woodpecker
x	x		Hairy Woodpecker
x	x		Northern Flicker
x	x		Olive-sided Flycatcher
x	x		Eastern Wood-pewee
	x		Willow Flycatcher
x	x		Least Flycatcher
x	x		Eastern Phoebe
x	x		Great-crested Kingbird
x	x		Western Kingbird

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Dixon Co.	Ponca S. P.	Cedar Co.	
x	x		Eastern Kingbird
x			Loggerhead Shrike
x	x		Bell's Vireo
x	x		Yellow-throated Vireo
	x		Blue-headed Vireo
x	x		Warbling Vireo
x	x		Red-eyed Vireo
x	x		Blue Jay
x	x		American Crow
x	x		Horned Lark
x	x		Tree Swallow
x	x		Northern Rough-winged Swallow
x	x		Bank Swallow
x	x		Cliff Swallow
x	x	x	Barn Swallow
x	x		Black-capped Chickadee
x	x		White-breasted Nuthatch
x	x		House Wren
x	x		Sedge Wren
x	x		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
x	x		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
x	x		Eastern Bluebird
	x		Veery
x	x		Swainson's Thrush
x	x		Wood Thrush
x	x		American Robin
x	x		Gray Catbird
x	x		Brown Thrasher
x	x		European Starling
x	x		American Pipit
x	x		Cedar Waxwing
x	x		Tennessee Warbler
x	x		Orange-crowned Warbler
	x		Nashville Warbler
	x		Northern Parula
x	x		Yellow Warbler
	x		Chestnut-sided Warbler
x	x		Yellow-rumped Warbler
	x		Blackburnian Warbler
	x		Palm Warbler
	x		Bay-breasted Warbler
x	x		Blackpoll Warbler
x	x		Black-and-white Warbler
x	x		American Redstart
x	x		Ovenbird

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Dixon Co.	Ponca S. P.	Cedar Co.	
	x		Northern Waterthrush
x	x		Common Yellowthroat
	x		Wilson's Warbler
x			Summer Tanager
x	x		Scarlet Tanager
x	x		Spotted Towhee
x	x		Eastern Towhee
x	x		Chipping Sparrow
x	x		Clay-colored Sparrow
x	x		Field Sparrow
x	x		Vesper Sparrow
x	x		Lark Sparrow
x			Savannah Sparrow
x	x		Grasshopper Sparrow
x	x		Song Sparrow
x			Lincoln's Sparrow
	x		White-throated Sparrow
x	x		Harris's Sparrow
x	x		White-crowned Sparrow
	x		Dark-eyed Junco
x	x		Northern Cardinal
x	x		Rose-breasted Grosbeak
x	x		Blue Grosbeak
x	x		Indigo Bunting
x	x		Dickcissel
x	x		Bobolink
x	x	x	Red-winged Blackbird
x	x		Eastern Meadowlark
x	x		Western Meadowlark
x			Yellow-headed Blackbird
x	x	x	Common Grackle
x	x		Brown-headed Cowbird
x	x		Orchard Oriole
x	x		Baltimore Oriole
x	x		House Finch
x	x		American Goldfinch
x	x	x	House Sparrow
136	126	6	
Total species:	159		