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New Editor for *The Nebraska Bird Review*

by Janis Paseka

On behalf of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, I would like to take this opportunity to announce a change in *The Nebraska Bird Review*. Dr. Bill Clemente, Professor of English at Peru State College, has resigned as Editor, due to increasing demands on his time from his teaching and research and his family in Wisconsin. His resignation is accepted with regrets, for he has served the publication ably since he took over the job from Rosalind Morris at the beginning of 1998. We thank Dr. Clemente for his years of service and wish him well in the future.

Many of you know me, at least by name. Although my membership in the NOU dates only from 1995, I have served two years as your vice president and two years as your president. I am not a Nebraska native, but I am a life-long birder, having been introduced to the activity by my mother as a young child in Topeka.

I graduated from the University of Kansas Phi Beta Kappa with a B. A. in English and linguistics, but my qualifications end there, since I have spent the time since graduation assisting, and occasionally hindering, my husband Don (also a birder) in our farming operation northwest of Fremont. We have raised three daughters, none of whom has the slightest interest in birding at this point. I appreciate your confidence in me and I am looking forward to the challenge of editing the *Review* and maintaining the high standards set by former editors.

The job of editing is made much easier by all the people who help. Co-Editor Stephen J. Dinsmore, who is with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Mississippi State University, has agreed to continue editing the Editor, which will allow the Editor to sleep better at night. Another indispensable role is filled by W. Ross Silcock, who has been doing the gargantuan job of sifting through our reported sightings and assembling seasonal reports for over 10 years now. I would also like to recognize the contributions of Neal Ratzlaff, who keeps our membership and subscription lists up to date, and Linda Brown, without whom nothing would get mailed. The contributions of all these people, and of others not named here who also help out, is much appreciated.

The purpose of this publication, as I see it, is to record and disseminate knowledge about the birds of Nebraska. This is achieved in large part through the publication of seasonal Occurrence Reports, Christmas Bird Count data, nesting reports, and Records Committee reports. Beyond these basic reports, we publish articles on a variety of topics about Nebraska birds. Although these manuscripts are often scholarly accounts written by experts in the field of ornithology, we also welcome submissions by ordinary birders. If you have observed an unusual bird in Nebraska, or noted an interesting behavior by a common bird, or had a serendipitous experience while birding in Nebraska, I encourage you to write up your experience and send it in, even if it's only a paragraph or two. Neither impressive credentials nor polished writing skills are necessary. The important things are accuracy in observation and choosing a topic of lasting interest to Nebraska birders.