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NOTES ON BIRD SIGHTINGS IN NEBRASKA

Lapland Longspurs Road Kill. The 10 April 1997 snowstorm had some devastating effects on Lapland Longspurs in northeast Nebraska. Tom Welstead, Wildlife Biologist in Norfolk, reported counting 103 dead birds in 0.6 miles on Highway 121 south of Battle Creek. Other unconfirmed reports of numerous dead birds on the roads were suspected to be longspurs also. While the extent of the kill was unknown, it may have been widespread. Tom also reported seeing dead birds in the parking lot of a Quick Shop in Burwell days later, apparently deposited by falling from the grilles of vehicles after they had stopped.

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