1982 Fall Field Day

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Those who came in Friday to the 4-H Camp at Halsey National Forest ran into rain there or on the way in, but Saturday and Sunday, 2 and 3 October, were bright, but a little too windy and a little too chilly to be perfect. Sixty-three registered for the meeting. Of the birds submitted for consideration, the directors selected the Scarlet Tanager at Scotts Bluff as the best and the Cattle Egret in Sioux Co. as second. (NBR 50:65 and 67). It was decided to have a new field card, on stiffer stock and smaller sized than the present card, to reflect the changes in the new A.O.U. Checklist, and to use the new names and order beginning in 1983. There was a slide show on Saturday night, but otherwise the time was spent in birding.

Seventy-eight species were recorded on or near the Forest, and nine others (marked (L)), which were not reported from the Forest, were reported by a party which went up through Purdham to Long Lake; Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican (L), Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, American Bittern (L), Canada Goose (L), Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Turkey Vulture; Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-tailed, Swainson's, and Marsh Hawks; Peregrine Falcon, American Kestrel, Greater Prairie Chicken, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, American Coot (L), Killdeer, Common Snipe, Spotted Sandpiper, Mourning Dove; Screech and Great Horned Owls; Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker (both forms); Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Horned Lark; Rough-winged and Barn Swallows; Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee; White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches; House Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Hermit and Swainson's Thrushes; Eastern Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire; Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets; Cedar Waxwing, Starling, Tennessee, Orange-crowned, and Yellow-rumped Warblers; Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, House Sparrow; Eastern and Western Meadowlarks; Yellow-headed Blackbird (L), Red-winged
Blackbird, Common Grackle, Cardinal, Black-headed Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Savannah (L), Baird's (L), Le Conte's (L), Vesper, and Lark Sparrows; Dark-eyed Junco; Chipping, Clay-colored, Field, Harris', White-crowned, White-throated, Lincoln's, Swamp (L), and Song Sparrows.