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ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM THOMAS COUNTY, SPRING 1988. Mike Dwyer, then working on a grouse telemetry project at Halsey Forest for the Game and Parks Commission, reported a Northern Saw-whet Owl 10 May. Mr. Dwyer's comments were: Most likely territorial male. Constant repetitions whistle. First vocalizations heard at 2345 h. in mixed hardwood/conifers. On 13 June he reported a Chuck-will's-widow, with these remarks: Was close enough to detect the "chuck" syllable of the call. Calling occurred at dusk in mixed hardwoods/conifers.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER. This bird was photographed 25 May 1988, in mid-afternoon. It was there only long enough for me to get the picture, then it disappeared. It was the only time I saw it. I was in a blind just north of our ranch buildings, 7 miles west, 1 mile south, and .25 mile west of Chambers, Holt Co. The blind was sitting on the south edge of a tree but near a small drainage ditch that drains the water away from the livestock well in the corral.

-- Loren Blake, HC 65, Box 16, Chambers, Neb. 68725

ANTING. About mid-July 1988 I saw four Blue Jays out in our yard, seemingly picking up something and then tucking it under their wings. Shortly after that Robert McMorris's column in the Omaha World-Herald reported a story told to the Wertmans in their capacity as answerers of the Audubon Society of Omaha's phone number. A woman had put out mothballs to keep the Grackles away from her marigolds. "That brought in the grackles by
the dozens. They picked up the mothballs and rubbed them into their feathers, probably as a treatment for their mites or lice. Then they dropped the mothballs onto the woman's deck. After I saw that I think the Jays were picking up insecticide pellets which had been put on our lawn. They were using an area where the grass was rather thin and the pellets would be more visible.

--- Ellen Davidson, 4829 Pratt St., Omaha, Neb. 68104

BIRD AGES I had a Blue Jay return to my yard on 6 November 1987 that I had banded over 7 years ago as a hatching year bird. It is not uncommon to get returns of Chickadees that are 8 to 10 years old. I recaptured a Common Yellowthroat in Fontenelle Forest this past summer that I had banding the same place 5 years ago, and it was at least a year old at that time. On 24 September 1984 I banded a hatching year Blue Jay in my yard. This bird was recovered over three years later, 20 January 1988, near North Platte.

--- Ruth C. Green, 508 W. 1st Avenue, Bellevue, Neb. 68005