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by Janis Paseka

The 2013 NOU Fall Field Days took place at the Prairie Winds Community Center in Bridgeport on Sept. 20-22. The meeting, organized by Kathy DeLara, drew a total of 50 attendees. On Friday evening Luke Hamilton led a group owling to the Bridgeport SRA and to Courthouse Rock. Field trip destinations on Saturday and on Sunday morning included Bridgeport SRA, Fleisbach WMA (aka Facus Springs), Crescent Lake NWR, Hackberry Road in Banner Co., the I-80 Exit 1 area in Kimball Co, Oliver Reservoir, Wildcat Hills SRA and Wind Springs Ranch. Trips were led by Kathy DeLara, Ann Duey, Cheryl Hamilton, Luke Hamilton, Alice Kenitz, Helen Hughson, and Wayne Mollhoff.

On Saturday evening, Rick Wright gave a presentation on Common Nighthawks entitled "Nigh Thawks and Far Thawks: Uncommon Stories of a Common Bird". He described errors in attempts to identify goatsuckers in the 1700s and 1800s, which led to Common Nighthawks being confused with Chuck-will's-widows and Eastern Whip-poor-wills. He touched on the many folk names for Common Nighthawk, including 'pope', 'bull-bat', 'pork-and-beans' and the Algonquin word 'pisk'. Common Nighthawks are in decline in North America, and the extent of their winter range in South America is largely undetermined.

The total species count was 172. Some of the weekend highlights were male and female Red-naped Sapsuckers, both found in the pine bluffs of eastern Banner County, but not together. A Townsend's Warbler was discovered in the city park in Kimball, and many birders were able to see the Pinyon Jays which are regulars at the Hoffman ranch in Morrill Co., northwest of Dalton. Some birders also added to their trip lists with a stop in Ogallala to see the Mississippi Kites, the White-winged Doves south of Boot Hill Cemetery and the juvenile male Costa's Hummingbird, which had been present at the Belsan feeders at Lake McConaughy since mid-September.

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	Banner	Cheyenne	Garden	Kimball	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Sioux
Canada Goose			x	x	x	x	
Trumpeter Swan			x				
Wood Duck	x		x		x	x	
Gadwall			x		x		
American Wigeon			x	x	x		
Mallard			x	x	x	x	
Blue-winged Teal			x	x	x	x	
Northern Shoveler			x	x	x	x	
Northern Pintail			x	x	x		
Green-winged Teal	x		x	x	x		
Canvasback			x			x	
Redhead			x		x	x	
Ring-necked Duck						x	
Bufflehead						x	
Ruddy Duck			x	x			
Northern Bobwhite			x				
Ring-necked Pheasant		x			x		
Sharp-tailed Grouse					x		
Greater Prairie-Chicken			x				
Wild Turkey	x				x		x
Pied-billed Grebe			x		x	x	
Horned Grebe			x				
Eared Grebe						x	
Western Grebe			x			x	
Clark's Grebe			x				
Double-crested Cormorant			x			x	
American White Pelican			x			x	
Great Blue Heron			x	x	x	x	
Cattle Egret						x	
Turkey Vulture	x		x		x	x	
Osprey			x	x	x	x	
Bald Eagle					x	x	
Northern Harrier		x	x		x	x	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				x	x		
Cooper's Hawk	x				x	x	

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Broad-winged Hawk	x				x	x	
Swainson's Hawk	x		x		x	x	
Red-tailed Hawk	x		x	x	x	x	x
Ferruginous Hawk			x		x		
Golden Eagle			x		x		x
Virginia Rail					x		
Sora					x		
American Coot			x	x	x	x	
American Golden-Plover						x	
Killdeer			x	x	x	x	
American Avocet			x			x	
Spotted Sandpiper				x			
Solitary Sandpiper			x		x		
Greater Yellowlegs			x		x		
Willet			x		x		
Lesser Yellowlegs			x		x		
Sanderling						x	
Semipalmated Sandpiper					x		
Western Sandpiper						x	
Least Sandpiper			x			x	
Baird's Sandpiper						x	
Pectoral Sandpiper			x		x	x	
Long-billed Dowitcher			x		x		
Wilson's Snipe					x		
Wilson's Phalarope			x	x			
Red-necked Phalarope						x	
Franklin's Gull			x		x	x	
Ring-billed Gull			x		x	x	
Herring Gull			x				
Black Tern			x			x	
Rock Pigeon	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x	x	x	x	x	
White-winged Dove					x		
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Screech-Owl					x		

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Great Horned Owl			x		x	x	
Burrowing Owl			x		x		
Common Nighthawk						x	
Chimney Swift			x		x	x	
White-throated Swift						x	
Belted Kingfisher					x	x	
Red-headed Woodpecker	x			x	x	x	x
Red-bellied Woodpecker					x		
Red-naped Sapsucker	x						
Downy Woodpecker				x	x	x	x
Hairy Woodpecker	x				x	x	x
Northern Flicker	x		x	x	x	x	x
American Kestrel	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Merlin					x		
Prairie Falcon			x	x	x		
Western Wood-Pewee				x	x		x
Least Flycatcher					x		x
Hammond's Flycatcher				x			
Dusky Flycatcher							x
Say's Phoebe	x		x	x	x	x	x
Cassin's Kingbird	x			x	x	x	x
Western Kingbird	x		x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Kingbird						x	
Loggerhead Shrike			x	x	x		
Plumbeous Vireo							x
Cassin's Vireo					x		
Warbling Vireo	x						
Philadelphia Vireo	x						
Red-eyed Vireo				x			
Blue Jay			x	x	x	x	x
Pinyon Jay					x		x
Clark's Nutcracker							x
Black-billed Magpie						x	
American Crow	x		x	x		x	x
Horned Lark	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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Tree Swallow				x		x	
N. Rough-winged Swallow			x			x	
Bank Swallow					x		x
Cliff Swallow				x	x		x
Barn Swallow	x		x	x	x	x	x
Black-capped Chickadee	x				x	x	x
Red-breasted Nuthatch	x			x	x	x	x
White-breasted Nuthatch				x	x	x	x
Pygmy Nuthatch	x				x	x	x
Rock Wren				x	x	x	x
House Wren	x			x	x	x	x
Marsh Wren			x		x		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				x			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					x	x	x
Eastern Bluebird	x			x	x	x	x
Mountain Bluebird				x	x	x	x
Townsend's Solitaire	x			x	x	x	x
Swainson's Thrush						x	x
Hermit Thrush					x	x	
American Robin	x		x	x	x	x	x
Gray Catbird					x		x
Brown Thrasher				x	x		
European Starling			x	x	x	x	x
American Pipit		x			x		
Cedar Waxwing			x	x		x	x
Chestnut-collared Longspur							x
Orange-crowned Warbler			x	x	x	x	x
Mourning Warbler				x			
Common Yellowthroat	x				x		
Yellow Warbler				x	x		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	x			x	x	x	x
Townsend's Warbler				x			x
Wilson's Warbler	x		x	x	x	x	x
Green-tailed Towhee					x		
Spotted Towhee	x			x	x	x	x

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Chipping Sparrow	x		x	x	x	x	x
Clay-colored Sparrow			x	x	x	x	x
Brewer's Sparrow				x			
Field Sparrow					x	x	
Vesper Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lark Sparrow	x		x	x	x		x
Lark Bunting					x		
Savannah Sparrow		x	x	x	x	x	
Song Sparrow					x		x
Lincoln's Sparrow				x	x	x	x
Swamp Sparrow							x
White-throated Sparrow					x		
White-crowned Sparrow				x	x	x	x
Dark-eyed Junco							x
Western Tanager							x
Northern Cardinal					x		
Black-headed Grosbeak							x
Blue Grosbeak			x				
Lazuli Bunting							x
Red-winged Blackbird			x	x	x	x	
Western Meadowlark	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yellow-headed Blackbird			x	x	x	x	
Brewer's Blackbird				x	x	x	
Common Grackle			x	x	x	x	
Brown-headed Cowbird				x	x	x	
Cassin's Finch	x			x			
House Finch	x		x	x	x	x	
Red Crossbill	x					x	x
Pine Siskin						x	
Lesser Goldfinch				x	x	x	x
American Goldfinch	x		x	x	x	x	x
House Sparrow	x			x	x	x	
Total species: 172	44	11	79	75	116	99	62