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NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION WINTER MEETING, KEARNEY, NEBRASKA  
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About 30 people attended the meeting at the Ramada Inn on February 28 - 29 and March 1, 1992. On Friday evening, hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed while watching videos on the snowy owl, golden eagle, and identification of waterfowl.

The weather was unusually mild through the weekend, with temperatures in the 70 to 80 degree range. An early morning field trip to Rowe Sanctuary provided a fantastic show of Sandhill Cranes, geese, ducks, and Bald Eagles. Field trips were made to other birding spots on Saturday and Sunday mornings. A total of 63 species was seen in eight counties. The list of species is given at the end of this report.

There was a papers session on Saturday afternoon, with presentations by John Dinan (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission), Norma Johnson-Mueller, NOU President, Thomas Labeledz, NOU Librarian,  
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Gary Lingle (Platte River Trust), and John Sidle (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). The papers were well received, and comments were made to have such presentations at future meetings. After the banquet on Saturday evening, Gary Lingle showed an excellent 1976 film provided by the Platte River Trust on the Whooping Cranes called "Great White Bird". The 16mm movie was made by the National Film Board of Canada, and gave a detailed account of efforts to save this species from extinction. The bird tally and door prizes closed the meeting at noon on Sunday.

In the list of species seen during the two days, the abbreviations for the counties are as follows:

B = Buffalo, C = Custer, D = Dawson, G = Gosper, H = Hall,  
HAR = Harlan, K = Kearney, P = Phelps.

American White Pelican B, HAR; Double-crested Cormorant B; Great Blue Heron B; Trumpeter Swan B; Greater White-fronted Goose B, H, P; Snow Goose B, P; Canada Goose B, H, K, P; Green-winged Teal B; Mallard B, H, K, P; Northern Pintail B, H, K; Gadwall B; American Widgeon H, K; Canvasback H; Redhead B; Ring-necked Duck H; Lesser Scaup B; Common Goldeneye H; Bufflehead H, K, P; Common Merganser B, H; Red-breasted Merganser H; Bald Eagle B, H, K, P; Northern Harrier P; Sharp-shinned Hawk B, H; Red-tailed Hawk B, H, K, P; Rough-legged Hawk B, K, P; Golden Eagle B, C, H, K, P; Prairie Falcon B, K; Ring-necked Pheasant B, P; Greater Prairie-Chicken HAR; Northern Bobwhite B; Sandhill Crane B, H, K, P; Killdeer B, H, P; Ring-billed Gull B, K, P; Rock Dove B, H, K, P; Great Horned Owl B, K, P; Belted Kingfisher B, H, P; Red-bellied Woodpecker B, H; Downy Woodpecker B, P; Hairy Woodpecker B; Northern Flicker B, H; Horned Lark P; Blue Jay B, K; Black-billed Magpie B, P; American Crow B, H, K, P; Black-capped Chickadee B, P; White-breasted Nuthatch B, P; Golden-crowned Kinglet B; Eastern Bluebird B, K; American Robin B, H, K, P; Cedar Waxwing D; Northern Shrike C, G, P; European Starling B, H, K, P; Northern Cardinal B, H, K; Rufous-sided Towhee G; American Tree Sparrow B, H, P; Harris' Sparrow G; Dark-eyed Junco B, H, K; Red-winged Blackbird B, H, K, P; Western Meadowlark B, H, K, P; House Finch B, H; Pine Siskin B; American Goldfinch B, K; House Sparrow B, H, K, P.

Editor's Note: A summary of the Annual Meeting and the minutes of the business meeting will be given in the next NBR issue.