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### EAGLES

For the past three years, the Central Nebraska Public Power District has operated an Eagle Viewing Center at our J-2 Hydropower plant south of Lexington, and this past year below Kingsley Dam on Lake Ogallala.

The following are some results recorded at the sites:

At J-2 Hydroplant:

January 1990—Observations were recorded on 23 days. 263 birds were sighted for a daily average of 11.4 per day. The highest count was 20 birds on January 2.

February 1990—Observations were recorded on 15 days. 28 birds were sighted for a daily average of 1.9 per day. The highest count was 16 birds on February 26.

January 1991—Observations were recorded on 19 days. 254 birds were sighted for a daily average of 13.4 per day. The highest count was 26 birds on January 20.

February 1991—Observations were recorded on 8 days. 52 birds were sighted for a daily average of 6.4 per day. The highest count was 17 birds on February 1.

At Lake Ogallala:

January 1991—Observations were recorded on 27 days. 1121 birds were sighted for a daily average of 41.6 per day. The highest count was 103 birds on January 22.

February 1991—Observations were recorded on 18 days. 355 birds were sighted for a daily average of 19.7 per day. The highest count was 62 birds on February 1.

#### Records of Eagle Sightings

Dates	J-2 Hydroplant near Lexington				Lake Ogallala Below Kingsley Dam	
	Jan 1990	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	Feb 1991	Jan 1991	Feb 1991
1	NA	NA	NA	17	13	62
2	20	NA	NA	NA	16	NA
3	NA	NA	NA	NA	24	NA
4	8	NA	3	NA	18	36

5	11	NA	4	7	24	42
6	5	NA	6	5	19	NA
7	6	4	NA	5	13	45
8	6	2	NA	6	12	54
9	NA	1	NA	6	30	NA
10	NA	1	6	3	NA	NA
11	8	6	10	NA	39	8
12	14	2	9	NA	38	18
13	16	NA	9	NA	33	14
14	12	NA	NA	3	39	11
15	14	1	NA	NA	38	10
16	6	1	NA	NA	39	NA
17	15	2	19	NA	71	NA
18	13	2	13	NA	42	12
19	10	NA	NA	NA	43	7
20	12	NA	26	NA	72	10
21	12	0	23	NA	62	16
22	NA	1	NA	NA	103	NA
23	9	2	NA	NA	66	NA
24	12	1	18	NA	63	NA
25	17	2	15	NA	52	5
26	11	16	14	NA	NA	5
27	14	NA	22	NA	NA	0
28	7	NA	NA	NA	52	0
29	NA	--	9	--	48	--
30	NA	--	24	--	51	--
31	NA	--	13	--	NA	--
<b>Totals</b>	263	28	254	52	1121	355
<b>Daily Aver.</b>	11.4	1.9	13.4	6.4	41.6	19.7

The District plans to operate the viewing centers at both locations next winter starting on or about December 1. Photography blinds will be available for use on a pre-scheduled basis. Individuals using the blinds will be expected to enter the blind well before sunup and stay in the blind until bird activity ceases (usually after noon). For information and scheduling, contact Jay Maher, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, 4th and Lincoln, Holdrege, NE, 68949.