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1987 CHRISTMAS COUNT

There were two new reporting areas this year - Loup City, and the Nebraska portion of the Sioux City count. One hundred fourteen species are included in the report, but two of them were only from Loup City and one only from Sioux City, to leave 111 species from areas that reported 109 species last year. One species was reported present during the count period, but not included in any count last year. This year's report form did not include a tabulation of such species. The total individual count this year was 408,096, with 394,127 from the areas that reported last year. This compares with 279,291 last year, and 124,642 in 1985. Some of the larger differences, with 1987 total first, 1987 comparable areas, and 1986, are: Snow Goose, 36,368, 38168, 61,618; Canada Goose 7,053, 7,015, 18,001; Mallard 89,038, 77,538, 43,393; Crow 1,791, 1,758, 4,222; Robin 10,410, 10407, 213; Starling 33,404, 33,069, 35,364; Red-wings 189,244, 189,140, 80,803; Tree Sparrow 4,268, 3,977, 3,002; House Sparrow 13,483, 13,163, 13,975; sub-total 385,164, 374,235, 260,591; all others 22,882, 19,892, 18,700; total 408,046, 394,127, 279,291.

The columns are arranged in an approximate west (left) to east (right) order, with the northernmost of those with about the same longitude given first. The symbol H is used to indicate a species which was present during

the count week, but not recorded on the count day (no longer included in the offical report form, but in this case volunteered by Scotts Bluff and Norfolk). Figures which were underlined on the reports are underlined in the table, to indicate high counts. Sightings reported as "species" are not included in the count of species reported if any of that group were reported.

Beaver Valley, center NW corner of Sec. 5, T21N, R7W, 1.5 miles S and 4 miles W. of Petersburg, including Petersburg, Raeville, Loretto, and Akron (all in northwestern Boone Co.); elevation 1850 to 2150 feet; habitat coverage: farnmland 52%, native grassland 40%, bushy swamp 4%, deciduous woods 2%, coniferous woods 1%, shelterbelts 1%; 22 Dec., 7:15 AM to 5:15 PM; Temp. 23° to 38° F.; wind W, 5 - 10 mph, no snow cover; still water partly open, moving water open, AM clear, PM partly cloudy. 6 observers in 1 - 2 parties, total party-hours 14, party-miles 68. 6 hours and 8 miles on foot and 8 hours and 60 miles by car. Harlow Butcher, Robert Freiberg, Ray Korpi, Wayne J. Mollhoff (compiler), David Stage, Duane Wolff. Mr. Mollhoff commented that there had been no real winter weather prior to count day.

Calmus-Loup, center at NW corner Sec. 35, T22N, R17W, 5 miles N. and 6 miles E. of Taylor. The circle lies mostly in Loup and Valley counties. Taylor and Burwell lie on the SW and SE edges of the circle, respectively, which includes the entire lake behind the new Calmus River dam. Elevation around 2100 to 2350 ft.; 17 Dec., 8:15 AM to 5:15 PM, Temp. 16° to 34° F.; wind SE 5-10 mph; no snow cover; stillwater partly open; moving water open; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; 4 observers in 1 - 2 parties, total party-hours 10 and party-miles 125: 6 hours and 10 miles on foot; 4 hours and 125 miles by car; observers Wayne Mollhoff (compiler), Jerry Probst, David Stage, and Duane Wolff. Mr. Mollhoff commented: no real winter weather prior to the count, plus a superabundant crop of cedar berries may acount for an estimated minimum of 50,000 Robins in the count circle. (And see comments for Loup City).

DeSoto NWR, center Refuge headquarters building, west to Blair, and east to Missouri Valley, Iowa, including all of the Refuge, Wilson Island, and Fort Calhoun, elevation 992 to 1375 ft.; habitat coverage: cultivated fields 40%, woodlands and open brush 40%, water 5%, urban and residential 15%; 3 Jan. 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Temp. 13° to 27° F., wind NW 15-25 mph; .1 inch snow cover; Still water partly frozen, moving water open, clear all 36 observers in 7 parties, 1.5 hours and 3 miles owling; total party-hours 64.5 and party-miles 551; 25 hours and 25 miles on foot, 39.5 hours and 526 miles by car; Betty Allen, John Brennenman, Ron Cisar, Lisa Currier, K. L. Drews (compiler), Lori Foresman, Stephanie Fryers, George E. Gage, Sue Gentes, James A. Glathar, Ruth Green, Alan Grenon, Elizabeth Grenon. Chris Hoffman, Eunice Kawamoto, Ray Korpi, Raymond C. Korpi, Jim Kovanda, Sandy Kovanda, Eunice Livisay, Nalani McCutcheon, Pat Miller, Harold Morrow, Jennifer Nass. Babs and Loren Padelford, Kirk Payne, Donna Peschio, Chris Rasmussen, Neal Ratzlaff, Alan Rose, B. J. Rose,

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Pied-billed Gr.	-
D-c. Cormorant	-
G. B. Heron	-
Gr. W-f. Goose	
Snow Goose (all)	-
(blue form) (white form)	-
(undesignated)	-
Ross' Goose	-
Canada G. (all)	1,606
(large forms) (small forms)	$\frac{1,006}{600}$
(undesignated)	
Wood Duck	-
Green-winged T.	-
Am. Black Duck	-
Mallard	7,642
Northern Pintail	15
No. Shoveler	-
Gadwall	-
American Wigeon	<u>244</u>
Canvasback	-
Redhead	-
Ring-necked D.	-
Lesser Scaup	-
C. Goldeneye	1
Bufflehead	-
Hooded Merg.	-
Common Merg.	-
Ruddy Duck	-
duck, sp.	-
Turkey Vulture	-
Bald Eagle (all)	6 4
(adult) (immature)	2
(undesignated)	-
Northern Harrier	5
Sharp-shin. H.	-
Cooper's Hawk	-
Red-tailed Hawk	4
Ferruginous H.	-
Rough-legged H.	3
Buteo, sp.	3
Gold, Eagle (all)	1
(adult) (immature)	-
(undesignated)	-

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Douglas Rose, David Starr, Robert Starr, Jacqueline Straub, Betty Stuhr, Jerry Toll, Eric Volden, Ione and Al Werthman, Gretchen White.

Grand Island, center NW 1, NW 1, Sec. 1, T10N, R10W, to include all of Grand Island, Cornhusker State WMA, south half of Hall Co. Airport, and Crystal Lake; elevation from 1840 to 1945 ft.; habitat coverage: woodland 50%, freshwater 30%, residential 10%, open fields/cropland 10%; 20 Dec., 7:30 AM to 5:34 PM; Temp. 28° to 42°F.; wind WNW 5-20 mph; no snow cover; still water partly open, moving water partly frozen; AM clear, PM partly cloudy; 16 observers in 4 - 5 parties, 3.5 hours and 40 miles owling; total party-hours 37.5 and party-miles 417; 15 hours and 12 miles on foot, 22.5 hours and 405 miles by car. .75 hours and 35 miles by air; Jerry Brabander, Dave Carlson, Paul Currier, Betty Elder, Craig Faanes, Dennis Grundman, Gary (compiler) and Kari Lingle, Connie McCartney, Jim Meyer, Gene and June Miller, Scott Purdy, John Sidle, Laurie Smith, Steve Walker.

Kearney, center bridge over the Platte River south of Kearney, including Kearney Cemetery, Harmon Park, Cottonmill Lake Park, Platte River bridges, Fort Kearney State Park and Bike-Hike Trail, Fawn Meadows Woods, connecting roads, sandpits, and local feeders; elevation around 2150 ft.; habitat coverage: parks and cemetery 30%, river bottomlands 30%, roadsides 30%, feeding stations 10%; 28 Dec.; 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Temp. 13° to 26° F.; wind, calm to light from north; 6 inches of snow; river open with slush ice floating; clear most of the day, partly cloudy to cloudy later; 14 observers in 1 party, plus 7 at feeders; 64.5 party-miles, 4.5 on foot, 60 by car. George W. Brown (compiler), Laurie Brown, Mildred Eckwert, Robin Harding, Glen Hasalbarth, Richard and Marty Mathesen, Ward and Norma Schrack, Ken and Marie Strom, John Taylor, Mark Urwiller, Mark Walker, and at feeders John and Margaret Bliese, Marian Brown, Ken and Bev Kimball, Gary Paine, Norma Radford. The Inca Dove is the subject of a separate article, page 3.

Lincoln, center South Coddington and West A streets, to include Pioneers Park, about 8 miles of Wilderness Park, Lagoon Park, Yankee Lake and Conestoga Lake areas, eastern half of Pawnee Lake, and Wyuka Cemetery; elevation 1000 to 1300 ft.; habitat coverage: deciduous creek bottoms 40%, rural farmland 25%, coniferous woods 15%, residential and cemeteries 10%, lakes 5%, city landfill 5%; 20 Dec., 4:05 AM to 5:50 PM; Temp. 25° to 45° F.; wind NW-SW 5-20 mph; no snow cover; still water partly open, Moving water open, AM partly cloudy, PM clear; 28 observers in 8-13 parties, plus 13 at feeders. 21.5 hours at feeders, 7.2 hours and 51 miles owling, total party-hours 88.7 and party-miles 373, 61.3 hours and 76 miles on foot, 27.4 hours and 297 miles by car. Irene Alexander, Jan Burch, Helen Campbell, Cindy Cochran, David Cochran, Kevin De-Garmo, Larry Einemann, William Garthright, Daryl and Margaret Giblin (compilers), Everett Gross, Mildred Gross, Karla Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Timothy Knott, Thomas Labedz, Thomas Mackey, Peter Maslowski, Marilyn McCluskey, Richard McCluskey, Rosalind

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American Kestrel	17
Merlin	2
Peregrine Falcon	-
Prairie Falcon	1
falcon, sp.	-
Gray Partridge	-
Ring-necked Ph.	14
Gr. Prairie-Ch.	-
Sharp-tail. Gr.	-
Wild Turkey	-
No. Bobwhite	28
American Coot	-
Killdeer	1
Common Snipe	-
Ring-billed Gull	-
Herring Gull	-
gull. sp.	-
Rock Dove	107
Mourning Dove	-
Inca Dove	-
E. Screech-Owl	-
Great Horned O.	4
Barred Owl	-
Long-eared Owl	-
Short-eared Owl	-
N. Saw-whet Owl	-
owl, sp.	-
Belt. Kingfisher	1
Red-head. Wood.	-
Red-bell. Woodp.	-
Yellow-bell. Sap.	-
Downy Woodp.	12
Hairy Woodp.	1
No. Flicker (all)	37
(Yelshaft) (Yel.xRed.)	9 5
(Red-shaft.)	23
(undesignated)	-
Horned Lark	52
Blue Jay	28
Black-b. Magpie	87
American Crow	77
Blc. Chickadee	42

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Morris, Kenneth Reitan, Hazel Scheiber, Donald Showen, Francis Taylor, Betty Vlasnik, Angela Williams, Donald Williams, Maxine Zimmerman.

Loup City, NE corner of Sec 13, T15N, R15W, Sherman Res., ½ miles N. of junction of highways 10, 58, and 92, Loup City. 1 Jan. 9AM to 5:45 PM, Temp. -10° to 15° F.; wind NW 10-15 mph; 6 inches snow cover. still water frozen, moving water partly open, clear all day. 1 observer in 1 party; total party hours 8.75 and party-miles 89. 3.75 hours and 4 miles on foot, 5 hours and 85 miles by car. Wayne J. Mollhoiff,(compiler). Mr. Mollhoff commented: It is interesting to compare this count with the Calmus Loup count, done 2 weeks earlier, 30° warmer, and with no snow. The two count circles are about 40 mles apart, and have a similar mix of habitat and terrain, except that part of the Calmus-Loup area is sandhills pasture, while Loup City has clay/loess hills grassland.

Norfolk, intersection of US 275 (business route) and US 81, (13th St. and Norfolk Ave.); elevation 1500 to 1600 ft.; habitat coverage: river bottom timber and shelterbelts 45%, farmsteads and farmlands 35%, residential 15%, marshlands and springs 5%; 19 Dec., 8 AM to 5 PM; Temp. 30° to 42° F.; wind NW 5-10 mph; $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 inch snow cover; still water frozen, moving water open; AM cloudy, foggy, light rain, PM cloudy; 26 observers in 7-10 parties, plus 2 at feeders; 3 hours at feeders; total party-hours 57 and party-miles 364; 27 hours and 20.5 miles on foot, 35 hours and 343.5 miles by car. Pauline Blake, Joyce Borgelt, Ed Brogie Mark Brogie, Harlow Butcher, Roger and Isolde Cutshall, Ara Jane Dunlap, John and Sandi Homan, George Jenkins, Francis Kirch, John and Wiletta Lueshen, Wayne Mollhoff, Dick and Nancy Jo Powers, Hebret Schrein, John Schwertly, Dave and Louise Stage, Delmore and Jan Uttecht, Richard and Kathy Votta, Duane Wolff (compiler). Mr. Wolff commented: We had a very mild fall as far as temperature and lack of snowfall were concerned. Food supplies seemed good this year, with plenty of open water and a lot of standing cover. this year we missed finding our state bird, the Western Meadowlark, on count day, but it was seen during count week.

North Platte, This count does not conform to the NAS rules, because they want to include all of Lincoln Co. 19 Dec. 8 AM to 4:30 PM; 32° F,; windy and cold; snow cover not mentioned. 12 observers, Betty and Pat McEvoy, Harold Cunnigham, Carol and Bert Somerhalder, Irma Grille, Margaret Morton, Nancy Jones, Esther Newhouse, Greg Hoover, Wilma (compiler) and Howard Wyman. Mrs. Wyman commented: The Turkey Vultures were sighted near the North Platte River by 4 well-qualified observers. It is unusual for them to be here that late. The Mountain Bluebirds seem to spend at least part of our winter season in the protected canyons southeast of North Platte. Adequate food supply and privacy there.

Omaha, center Offutt Air Force Base Lake, to include Fontenelle Forest, Lake Manawa (Iowa) State Park, Plattsmouth Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of the Platte and Missouri rivers; elevation 985 to

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Tufted Titmouse	-
Red-br. Nuth.	1
White-br. Nut.	-
Brown Creeper	-
Carolina Wren	-
Winter Wren	-
Marsh Wren	-
Goldcr. King.	1
Eastern Bluebird	-
Mt. Bluebird	-
Townsend's Sol.	6
American Robin	5
Gray Catbird	-
No. Mockingbird	-
Brown Thrasher	-
Cedar Waxwing	Н
Northern Shrike	3
Loggerhead Shr.	_
Euro. Starling	1,012
Y-r. (Myrtle) W.	· -
North. Cardinal	_
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(Spotted)	-
(Eastern)	-
Am. Tree Spar.	89
Chipping Spar.	-
Vesper Sparrow	-
Song Sparrow	4
Lincoln's Spar.	-
Swamp Sparrow	-
White-throat Sp.	-
White-cr. Sp.	19
Harris' Sparrow	4
sparrow, sp.	-
Junco (all) (Slate-colored)	117 19
(Oregon)	41
(undesignated)	57
Lapland Longsp.	-
Red-w. Blckbrd.	352
Meadowlark (all) W. Meadowlark	195 168
Meadowl. sp,	27
Rusty Blackbird	-

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1200 ft.; habitat coverage: woodlands 50%, cultivated
fields 30%, meadows and grassy fields 8%, roadside
ditches 5%, rivers and lakes 5%, residential, parks,
and cemeteries 2%; 26 Dec., 5:30 AM to 5:30 PM.
Temp. 15° to 37° F.; wind calm, 1 inch snow cover;
still water frozen, moving water partly open; AM
clear, PM partly cloudy, 37 obvservers in 13 parties,
plus 1 at feeders. 6 hours at feeders, 6 hours
and 44 miles owling, total party-hours 119 and party-
miles 677; 70 hours and 57 miles on foot, 49 hours
and 620 miles by car. Roger Benedict, Russell
Benedict, Shelly Bonsall, Duane Bright, Barb Brukner,
David Brukner, Ric Chamberlin, Kelly Clarke, Ste-
phanie Fryers, Sue Gentes, Jim Glathar, Ruth Green,
Alan Grenon, Betty Grenon (compiler), Rick Helprin,
Clem Klaphake, Eric Klaphake, R. C. Korpi, Ray
Korpi, Jim Kovanda, Sandy Kovanda, Eric Molho,
Ralph Morocco, Bill Otto, Babs Padelford, Loren Padel-
ford, Donna Preschio, Chris Rasmussen, Neal Ratzlaff,
Ross Silcock, Bob Starr, David Starr, Bob Steinauer,
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Brewer's Blkbd. Common Grackle Brown-head. Co. blackbird, sp. Purple Finch 72 House Finch Pine Siskin Am. Goldfinch 42 Even. Grosbeak 531 House Sparrow 44 Species 12,575 Individuals

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Ron Stirling, Marlene Weber, Barb Wilson, Donna Woods, Gary Woods. Mrs. Grenon commented: This is the highest species count we have ever had. It is the first time in 10 years that we have had a Carolina Wren on the count, and the first time ever that we have had a House Finch.

Scottsbluff, center bridge over North Platte River at S. Broadway, to include Scottsbluff and Gering; elevation 3810 to 5030 ft.; 19 Dec., 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM. Temp. 25° to 41° F.; wind NW 8-12 mph., NE 13 mph.; no snow cover; still water partly open, moving water open; AM clear, PM partly clear; 16 observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 34.5 and party-miles 305, 7.5 hours and 11 miles on foot and 27 hours and 294 miles by car. Mary Allison, Jason Arizmendez, Lucile Bigelow, Lydia Bolz, Jason Branson, Joyce Brashear, Helen Hughson, Alice Kenitz (compiler), Bob Kruger, Bob Larkin, Gary Lofing, David McNair, Loni Schlothauer, Sam Schlothauier, Nora Mae Vance, Rick Wright.

Sioux City, centered on the Sioux City Auditorium, elevation around Continued on facing page.

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187	300	70	320	2,603	500	1,734	2,483	-	2,569	1,458	791
42	55	53	45	63	50	51	66	32	65	70	50
3,308	4,350	17,467	3,678	16,221	13,228	7,910	11,476	10,241	77,842	219,610	10,140

1100 ft.,3 observers in 1 party, 7.25 party-hours and 8 party-miles on foot, 1 feeder observer. Chuck Hinrichsen, Bill Huser (compiler), Jenelle Huser, Bob Nickolson. Sioux City has been included before (1984, NBR 53:23), but at that time the count was only in Iowa. This time Mr Huser has provided a count on the Nebraska birds only, on and beyond Snyder's Bend Lake. The restricted area and type of habitats gives peculiar results, e.g. no Starlings or House Sparrows.

Tristate, center Mile 556 on the Missouri River, to include Nebraska City and the Missouri River bottoms and farmlands in Nebraska, Waubonsie State Park and Hamburg in Iowa, and extreme northwest Missouri down to the Nishnabotna River; elevation 900 to 1270 ft.; habitat coverage: farmland 50%, park and residential 25%, woodland 18%, streamside 5%, riverbank 2%; 20 Dec., Temp. 25° to 37° F.; wind NW 0-10 mph; no snow cover, clear all day. 5 observers in 2 parties, 17 total party-hours, 206 party-miles, 3 by foot, 203 by car; .75 party-hours and 1 party-mile owling. Tanya Bray, Ione Getscher, Ross Silcock (compiler), Douglas Rose, Barbara Wilson.