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1988 CHRISTMAS COUNT

One hundred ten species were reported on the 1988 Christmas Counts, and two were seen in the count circles during the count week, but not recorded on any count. And there were eight "species" reported, some of which might have added to the count if they could have been identified. Last year the count, from the same locations, was 114 species, and one species seen during the period but not included on any count. The total individual count this year was 505,823; it was 408,096 last year. DeSoto NWR had a total count of 331,124 this year, compared to 77,842 last year. This year's count includes 300,000 Snow

	S.B.	N.P.	Kear	Cal.	Loup	G.I.	B.V.	Norfolk	S.C.	Des.	Omaha	T.S.
Gr. Blue Heron	2	10	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
White-fronted G	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Snow Goose	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	12	-	300,000	2,200	250
Ross' Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Brant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Canada Goose	2,914	2,307	2,000	162	1,230	169	55	1,106	72	658	45	-
Wood Duck	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Green-winged Teal	2	-	-	12	-	-	16	8	9	-	26	-
Am. Black Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
Mallard	4,613	4,235	14	675	11,000	12,335	55,000	7	1,224	16,201	490	6,800
Northern Pintail	52	-	-	-	1	6	2	-	1	10	-	-
Northern Shoveler	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadwall	1	-	-	26	7	-	-	-	26	1	-	-
American Wigeon	55	-	1	-	-	15	1	-	6	9	1	-
Canvasback	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
Redhead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-
Lesser Scaup	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-
Common Goldeneye	15	3	-	19	-	1	-	32	38	162	61	-
Barrow's Goldeneye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bufflehead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Common Merganser	-	-	-	380	-1	8	-	3	63	22	41	-
Turkey Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bald Eagle	5	12	7	8	1	12	4	1	3	117	23	3
adult	2	-	-	4	1	7	3	1	2	46	14	2
immature	3	-	-	4	-	5	1	-	1	71	9	1
unknown	-	12	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Harrier	7	10	1	3	5	13	1	7	6	4	-	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	6	10	2	4	-



Beaver Valley, center NW corner of Sec. 5, T21N, R7W, 4 mi. W. and 1.5 mi. S. of Petersburg, including Petersburg, Raeville, Loretto, and Akron, all in northwestern Boone Co.; 16 December, 7:45 AM to 5:45 PM; Temp. 18° to 41° F., Wind NW 25-40 mph, no snow cover; still water partly open, moving water open, AM clear, PM clear; 2 observers in the field in 1 to 2 parties, none at feeders, no owling; 10.5 party-hours and 98.5 party-miles, 6 hours and 7.5 miles on foot,

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4.5 hours and 91 miles by car; Wayne Mollhoff, compiler, David Stage. Mr. Mollhoff noted: "No snow yet. No real winter weather yet. Weed seed crop above average. Wild fruit and berry crop below average. The Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler was found in cedars with flock of Juncos. Slightly smaller and slimmer than Juncos, thin warbler beak, grayish/brownish above with faint wing bars, thin, light streaking on sides. Bright yellowish rump patch. First winter record for the county.

Calmus-Loup, center NW corner of Sec. 35 of T22N, R17W. Circle lies mostly in Loup and Garfield counties; Burchard is on SE edge; 23 December, 8 AM to 5 PM; Temp. 18° to 36° F., Wind NW 0 - 5 mph, no snow cover; still water

	S.B.	N.P.	Kear	Cal.	Loup	G.I.	B.V.	Norfolk	Linc	S.C.	Des.	Omaha	T.S
Eastern Bluebird	-	-	6	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	47	22	75
Mountain Bluebird	-	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Townsend's Solit.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Robin	26	1,488	10	692	1	128	-	32	266	-	355	1,025	118
No. Mockingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	-	-	-	-
Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	-	26	50	12	-	20	-	454	104	-	49	195	87
Northern Shrike	4	3	-	4	2	5	1	11	3	-	2	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	-	-	-	1
Shrike sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Euro. Starling	1,216	3,181	174	429	114	2,067	53	2,890	5,513	50	6,894	2,000	1,355
Yellow-rumped W.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	5
Northern Cardinal	-	4	7	1	5	19	2	20	146	4	250	178	90
R-s. (Spotted) T..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	2	-	-	-	-
Am. Tree Sparrow	53	81	12	240	100	876	52	1,020	420	62	941	218	238
Lark Sparrow	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Song Sparrow	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	34	2	9
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
White-thr. Sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-
White-cr. Sp.	33	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Harris' Sparrow	-	-	3	5	7	16	7	11	98	-	37	19	60
Sparrow sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
D-e (SI-col)Junco	38	-	-	35	7	-	55	485	172	-	2	-	-
D-e (Oregon) Jun.	34	-	-	3	2	-	5	-	2	-	1	1	-
Dark-eyed Junco	55	158	85	-	-	162	20	-	847	43	536	510	266
Lapland Longspur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Snow Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Red-winged Blkbd	1,882	1,620	2	50	675	202	550	1	2	38	1,110	57	11

partly open, moving water partly open: AM partly cloudy, PM partly cloudy: 6 observers in field in 1 to 3 parties, none at feeders, no owling: 12 party-hours and 162 party-miles, 4 hours and 7 miles on foot, 8 hours and 155 miles by car; Loren Blake, Bill Huser, Bob Livermore, Wayne Mollhoff, compiler, Jerry Probst, David Stage. Mr. Mollhoff noted: "No snow yet. No real winter weather yet. We'd seed crop above average. Wild fruit and berry crop below average."

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; 18 December. 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM: Temp. 23° to 58° F., wind W. 6-8 mph; still water partly open, moving water open, AM partly cloudy, PM clear; 34

observers	in 8 parties, none at feeders:	2 hours and 3 miles	65.25 total party-hours,	479 party-miles, 31.25 hours and 38 miles on foot, 34 hours and 441 miles by car.	Betty Allen, Colleen Babcock, John Brownrigg, Ron Cisar, Amy Galperin, Sue and Rollin Gentes, James Glather, Alan Gronon, Carr Heaney, Kris Hoffman, Jerry and Joel Jorgensen, Raymond C. Korpi, Sandy and Jim Kovanda, Patrick Miller, Jennifer Nass, Donna Preschio, Mike Polly, Neal Ratzlaff, Kathleen Reed, B. J. Rose, Roger Rose, Douglas Rose, Robert Starr, David Starr, Betty Stuhnr, Jerry Toll, Eric Volden, Ione and Al Werthman, Bruce Wetteroth, Barb Wilson.							
1	5	56	22	12	52	58	6	-	39	0	48	86
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2,045	64	14,971
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	38	6,165
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	13	38	331,124	331,124
-	37	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	1,659	66	16,523
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,075	56	11,716
-	42	200	-	1	-	5	H	H	210	-	50	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	1,509	50	-

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Species	12,200	14,460
W. Meadowlark	2	
Meadowlark sp.	12	
Rusty Blackbird	-	
Brewer's Blackbird	-	
Brown Grackle	5	
Brown-headed Cowbird	-	
Blackbird sp.	-	
Purple Finch	-	
House Finch	100	
Common Redpoll	-	
Pine Siskin	57	
Am. Goldfinch	88	
Evening Grosbeak	-	427
House Sparrow	-	42
Species	42	

Bonnie Bernholtz, George W. Brown, Vicki Dougherty, Robin Harding, Alice Heckman, Jenny Henriksen, Beverly Kimball, Kenneth Kimball, Gene Maddux, Alice Rumery, compiler, Helen Shaddy, Chris Sherrerd, Dennis Sherrerd, and at feeders John Bliese, Margaret Bliese, Laurie Brown, Marion Brown, Phoebe Keenan, Norma Radford.

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. 18 December, 4 AM to 6 PM, Temp. 20° to 62° F., Wind SW 0 - 10 mph, no snow cover; still water partly open, moving water open; AM clear, PM clear; 28 observers in 10-13 parties, plus 7 at feeders; 11 hours at feeders, 8 hours and 69 miles owling; 99 total party-hours and 443 total party-miles, 69.5 hours and 88 miles on foot, 19.5 hours and 355 miles by car. Irene Alexander, Jan Burch, Jim Burch, Cindy Cochran, David Cochran, Kevin Degarmo, Larry Einemann, William Garthright, Daryl and Margaret Giblein, compilers, Everett Gross, Mildred Gross, Deborah Hauswald, Karla Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Timothy Knott, Thomas Labedz, Peter Maslowski, Rosalind Morris, Kevin Pague, Kenneth Reitan, Hazel Scheiber, Donald Showen, Francis Taylor, Moni Usasz, Lyle Vannier, Angela Williams, Donald Williams.

Loup City, NE corner of Sec. 13, T15N, R15W, Sherman Co., .5 miles N. of junction of highways 10, 58, and 92. 29 December, 8 AM to 6 PM, Temp. 15° to 40° F., Wind NW 5 - 15 mph; still water partly open, moving water partly frozen; AM clear, PM clear. 2 observers in 1 party, none at feeders, no owling; 9 total party-hours and 97 total party-miles, 3 hours and 2 miles on foot, 6 hours and 95 miles by car. Janece Hopkins, Wayne Mollhoff, compiler. Mr. Mollhoff noted: "No snow yet. No real winter weather yet. Weed seed crop above average. Wild fruit and berry crop below average. 98 prairie dogs."

Norfolk, center intersection of US 275 (business route) and US 81, (13th St. and Norfolk Ave.). 17 December, 8 AM to 5 PM, Temp. 19° to 38° F., Wind NW 0 - 5 mph.; still water frozen, moving water partly frozen; AM partly cloudy, PM partly cloudy; 26 observers in 8-12 parties, plus 2 at feeders, no owling, 6 hours at feeders. 93 total party-hours, 412 party-miles. 45 hours and 88 miles on foot, 48 hours and 324 miles by car. Pauline Blaine, Joyce Borgelt, Ed Brogie, Mark Brogie, Norma Brockmoller, Harlow Butcher, Roger and Isolde Cutshall, Ara Jane Dunlap, Jean Gahl, Jerry Goodell, Norma Jensen, R. E. Kincanon, John and Willetta Lueshen, John Manning, Dan Nielsen, Paul Pearson, John Schwartz, Lois Stage, Phyllis Trine, Delmore and Jan Uttecht, Richard and Kathy Votta, Duane Wolf, compiler. Two days after the count a Robin was discovered building a nest at the Country Inn, where they ate their noon meal during the count.

North Platte, this count does not conform to the NAS rules, because they want to include all of Lincoln Co. 17 December, 8 AM to 5 PM, Temp. 17° to 42° F., Wind NW 5 mph.; sunny, no snow cover. 10 observers. Harold Cunningham, Gregg Hoover, Eva Mae Kieborz, Nancy Jones, Margaret Morton, Pat McEvoy, Esther Newhouse, Carol Somerhalder, Howard Wyman, Wilma Wyman, compiler.

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; 17 December, 5:30 AM to 5:15 PM; Temp. 16° to 32° F., Wind NW 10 mph., still water partly open, moving water partly frozen, AM clear, PM partly cloudy; 38 observers in 9-12 parties, plus 3 at feeders, 2 hours at feeders, 7 hours and 44 miles owling; 94.25 total party-hours, 655 party-miles, 45.25 hours and 39.5 miles on foot, 49 hours and 615.5 miles by car. Betty Allen, Roger Benedict, Russell Benedict, Shelly Bonsall, Tanya Bray, John Brennenan, Duane Bright, Kelly Clarke, Richard Durand, Amy Galperin, Sue Gentes, James Glathar, Ruth Green, Alan Grenon, compiler, Essie Grill, Sam Grill, Ray Korpi, Jim Kovanda, Sandy Kovanda, Cecillia Kuzara, Ginny Maxwell, Ralph Morocco, Bill Otto, Babs Padelford, Loren Padelford, Donna Preschio, Richard Rasmussen, Neal Ratzlaff, Kathleen Reed, Kathleen Crawford-Rose, Ross Silcock, Randy Solberg, Tom Solberg, Dave Starr, Robert Starr, Ron Stirling, Jerry Toll, Pam Adams Vaughn. The yellow rumps of the Yellow-rumped Warblers were clearly visible. Two were seen, and then a third within about a quarter mile. They were less flittery than usual. The 10 species shown in *italics* are those indicated by Mr. Grenon as reported only from Iowa sections of the count. They account for 358 individuals.

Scottsbluff. The center has been moved about 2.75 miles SW of previous

center, and is now centered at the Visitors' Center of the Scotts Bluff National Monument, to include Scotts Bluff Co. Airport, portions of the Wildcat Hills, part of Carter canyon, Roubadeau Pass, 17 December, 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM, Temp. 17° to 54° F., Wind NW 10.8 mph.; still water partly open, moving water open. AM clear. PM clear: 9 observers in 4 parties, plus 1 at feeders, no owling: 3 hours at feeders, 22.75 total party-hours, 216.5 party-miles, 3.5 hours and 3 miles on foot, 19.25 hours and 213.5 miles by car. Mary Allison, Lydia Boitz, Helen Hughson, Alice Kenitz, compiler, Bob Kruger, Robert Larkin, Loni Schlothauer, Doug Thomas, Nora Mae Vance.

Sioux City, center the Sioux City (Iowa) Auditorium, 17 December, Temp. 17° to 30° F., Wind NW 0-10 mph.; no snow cover, partly cloudy; 10 observers in 4 parties, 1 hour owling by 1 party: 7 total party-hours, 6 miles on foot, 37 by car. These statistics, and the species count, are only for the Nebraska portion of the count. Gail Barels, Brad Grier, Marla Grier, Bill Huser, Keith Mast, Bob Nickleson, John Nebel, Bob Moritz, Jerry Probst, compiler, Dave Stage.

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: 31 December, Temp. 18° to 44° F., Wind S 0-5 mph., no snow cover, AM clear, PM clear: 4 observers in 2 parties, none at feeders, .25 party-hours and .25 party-miles owling. 19 total party-hours and 256 party-miles, 2 miles on foot. Tanva Bray, Ione Getscher, Doug Rose, Ross Silcock, compiler.