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#### 1991 NEBRASKA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The 1991 count yielded a total of 109 identified species (Table 2), and seven not identified to species (Table 1). The number of individual birds totalled 109,335 (Tables 1 and 2). In comparison with the previous two years, there was an increase in the number of identified species in 1991, but a decrease in the number of individual birds, which follows the trend of recent years. The number of reporting locations was 10 in 1991 compared to 6 in 1990 and 14 in 1989. The data and conditions on the dates chosen for the counts are given in Table 3.

The Lake McConoughy area, included in 1991 but not in the previous two years, added 16 species not seen elsewhere. These included Common Loon, Horned and Western Grebes, 9 duck species (Northern Shoveler, Canvasback, Ring-necked, Greater Scaup, Oldsquaw, White-winged Scoter, Bufflehead, Hooded and Common Mergansers), American Coot, Killdeer, and Bonaparte's and California Gulls. Among unique sightings elsewhere were Blue-winged Teals and Marsh Wren (Scottsbluff), Peregrine Falcon, Long-eared Owls, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Rusty Blackbirds (Lincoln), Eastern Bluebird (Omaha), Northern Mockingbird and Yellow-rumped Warbler (Tristate).

#### PARTICIPANTS (COMPILERS IN CAPS):

**Calamus-Loup:** Loren Blake, Joyce Borgelt, NORMA BROCKMOLLER, Isolde Cutshall, Roger Cutshall, Gerry Gooddall, Jerry Gooddall, Steve Van Sickle.

**Four Corners:** Carol Beaty, Loren Blake, Joyce Borgelt, NORMA BROCKMOLLER, Isolde Cutshall, Roger Cutshall, Gerry Gooddall, Jerry Gooddall, Steve Van Sickle.

**Grand Island:** Colleen Babcock, Bob Braun, Faye Conlon, Tom Conlon, Paul Currier, Todd Jensen, Anne Kruse, Ron Kruse, GARY LINGLE, Ryan Lingle, Connie McCartney, Jim Meyers, Scott Purdy, Vern Throop, Ericka Wilson, Diane Zwink.

**Kearney:** Compilers for field and feeders - GEORGE BROWN and ROBIN HARDING. In field - Marian Brown, George Brown, Bill Dunn, Robin Harding, Lanny Randolph, Alice Rumery, Delphine Sanks, Lee Sanks, Mark Urwiller. At feeders - Bonnie Bernholtz, Margaret Bliese, John Bliese, June Clark, Dick Clark, Norma Schrack, Ward Schrack, Chris Sherrard, Dennis Sherrard, Jamie Urwiller, Vicky Urwiller.

**Lake McConoughy:** STEPHEN DINSMORE and ROSS WILCOX.

**Lincoln:** Compilers for field and feeders - DARYL GIBLIN, MARGARET GIBLIN. In field - Irene Alexander, Matt Beisel, Michael Bessert, Ann Bleed, Terry Brown, Kevin De Garmo, Joe Doremus, Larry Einemann, Bill Garthright, Margaret Giblin, Daryl Giblin, Joseph Gubanyi, Ellen Harrington, Norma Johnson-Mueller, Karla Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Tim Knott, Thomas Labedz, Peter Maslowski, Rosalind Morris, Ken Reitan, Julie Savidge, Hazel Scheiber, Don Showen, Ellen Stepleton, Clare Sward, Francis Taylor, Moni Usasz, Gertrude Wood. At feeders - Mrs. R. E. Blomquist, Garnett Bond, Nye Bond, Carol Closter, Peg Fletcher, Maxine Keller, Ken Keller, Ann Kelley, Alice Lane, Alyce Studnicka, James Studnicka, Betty Vlasnik, Barbara Voeltz, Dick Voeltz.

**Lincoln County:** Florence Clough, Esther Cunningham, Harold Cunningham, Gregg Hoover, Pat McEvoy, Margaret Morton (from window), Darlene Schick, Carol Somerhalder, WILMA WYMAN, Howard Wyman.

**Omaha:** Compiler - BETTY GRENON. There were 29 participants in the field and 1 feeder-watcher, but names were not provided.

**Scottsbluff:** Mary Allison, Sue Amiotte, Lucile Bigelow, Helen Hughson, ALICE KENITZ, Robert Larkin, Loni Schlothauer, Sam Schlothauer.

**Tristate:** Babs Padelford, Loren Padelford, Neel Ratzlaff, D. Rose, Roger Rose, ROSS SILCOCK, Jerry Toll.

TABLE 1. BIRDS NOT IDENTIFIED TO SPECIES.

<u>Bird</u>	<u>Location and Number</u>
Accipter sp.	Lincoln (1)
Buteo sp.	Calamus-Loup (3), Four Corners (1), Omaha (1)
Hawk sp.	Lincoln (7)
Longspur sp.	Omaha (4)
Meadowlark sp.	Lake McConoughy (1), Lincoln (114), Omaha (3), Tri-state (15)
Owl sp.	Omaha (1)
Scaup sp.	Lincoln (1), Omaha (1)
Shrike sp.	Lincoln (1)

TABLE 3. COUNTS FOR 10 LOCATIONS IN NEBRASKA, DECEMBER, 1991. W = seen during count week, H = high site-count.

Name of Bird	Scotts -bluff	Lake McCon- oughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri- state
Common Loon		1								
Horned Grebe		1								
Western Grebe		5								
Amer. White Pelican			3		1					
Great Blue Heron		8	2				1	1		1
Trumpeter Swan		W								
Greater White- fronted Goose					559		86			
Snow Goose			1		50: 29 wh, 21 blue		530 H	2	8000	300
Canada Goose	2607	116	5637	850	4152		5550	835	353	
Green-winged Teal	1	8		6						
Mallard	3259	398	74	843	170		3484	464	703	
Northern Pintail	1	W					1	2		
Blue-winged Teal	6									
Northern Shoveler		1								
Gadwall		17		4						
Amer. Wigeon	6	9		2			10			
Canvasback		3								
Redhead		1						1		

Name of Bird	Scotts -bluff	Lake McCon- oughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri- state
Ring-necked Duck		22							1	
Greater Scaup		46								
Lesser Scaup		28		1				2	1	
Oldsquaw		1								
Surf Scoter		W								
White-winged Scoter		1								
Common Goldeneye	12	289	15	39	7		64 H	72	502	
Bufflehead		51							1	
Hooded Merganser		19							200	
Common Merganser		30,000		29			1	509		
Red-breasted Merganser		6								
Bald Eagle (total no.)	5	8	11	17	3	1	14	1	35	15
Immature	1	3		5			10			
Adult	4	5		12		1	4	1		
Undesignated			11		3				35	15
Northern Harrier	3	1	6	2		9	6	2	1	1
Sharp- shinned Hawk		2				2	1	1	2	
Cooper's Hawk		1		2		1		3		
Northern Goshawk						1		1		
Red-tailed Hawk	3	4	5	10	4	5	31	53	38	30

Name of Bird	Scotts -bluff	Lake McCon- oughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri- state
Ferruginous Hawk	2				2					
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1	6	12	1	22	5	2	1	1
Golden Eagle				2 ad		1 ad				
Amer. Kestrel	16	2	19	19	7	1	21	36	35	20
Merlin		2			2		2	2		1
Peregrine Falcon								1		
Prairie Falcon	3	1					1	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	20	1	1	2	2	6	7	17	5	
Greater Prairie- Chicken		1		49		3				
Wild Turkey	42		73	84			14	1	11	14
Northern Bobwhite			14	27			57	7		
Amer. Coot		8								
Killdeer		1								
Common Snipe	1	4					3			
Pomarine Jaeger								1		
Bonaparte's Gull		1								
Ring-billed Gull		1500	201					100	63	
California Gull		46								
Herring Gull		156						10	1	3

Name of Bird	Scotts -bluff	Lake McCon- oughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri- state
Rock Dove	75	2	47	84	28	4	169	191	118	88
Mourning Dove								135	3	
Eastern Screech-Owl		1	1				6	16	5	3
Great Horned Owl	2	4	3	3	1	4	6	23	3	12
Barred Owl								6	2	2
Long-eared Owl								4		
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	5		6		6	10	2	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1	3	3	6		2	23	24	48
Yellow- bellied Sapsucker									1	2
Downy Woodpecker	5	4	8	8	7	19	25 H	92	64	61
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	3	7	2	8	1	22	13	8
Northern Flicker (total no.)	9	4	11	16	2	3	16	22	22	20
Yellow-sh.				12	1	2		7		
Red-sh.				4	1	1				
Undesignated	9	4	11				16	15	22	20
Horned Lark	90	86		55	12		11	1	2	
Blue Jay	21	1	4		2	2	24	377	44	114
Black-billed Magpie	20	61	16	14	35	4	8	2		
American Crow	144	W	29	1166	12	102	258	1218	220	140

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Black-capped Chickadee	39	3	14	60	36	64	104	460	302	149
Tufted Titmouse								1	15	20
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2	2				4		
White- breasted Nuthatch	1		5	1	11	11	12	128	72	74
Brown Creepers			1	2	1		1	27	11	7
Carolina Wren								2	1	5
Winter Wren									1	1
Marsh Wren	1									
Golden- crowned Kinglet					6			25	14	4
Eastern Bluebird									1	
Mountain Bluebird		3	70							
Townsend's Solitaire	17	14	1				1			
American Robin	26	262	63	424			2	63	2	
Northern Mockingbird										1
Brown Thrasher								1		
Cedar Waxwing		155		127				263	12	
Northern Shrike			10	9		1		5		



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Name of Bird	Scotts-bluff	Lake McCon-oughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri-state
Western Meadowlark			16			1	38	17		
Rusty Blackbird		W						3		
Brewer's Blackbird		W								
Common Grackle			22			2	9	19	2	
Purple Finch	1	2						11	2	6
House Finch	61	5	62		26		53	60		
Common Redpoll		1							1	
Pine Siskin	11							6		
American Goldfinch	10	55	141	355	15	23	26	420	98	45
House Sparrow	484	44	228	225	350	292	924	2582	878	1454
Total No. of Species	43	66	45	41	35	31	50	73	56	42
Total No. of Birds	9563	33,955	7084	4638	5741	4716	12,417	13,406	13,447	4217

TABLE 3. COUNT INFORMATION AND WEATHER CONDITIONS, DECEMBER, 1991.

Count data	Scotts-bluff	Lake McCon-oughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri-state
Dec. Date	21	19	28	21	21	22	21	15	14	29
Start a.m.		6:45	8:30	8:00		11:30	7:30	4:00		
End p.m.	4:00	4:45	5:00	5:30		4:30	5:30	6:00		
Miles, Car		122		371		237	504	486	477.5	242
Miles, Foot	1.75	4		7.5		5.5	14	82.1	22.5	4

Count data	Scotts-bluff	Lake McConoughy	Lincoln Co.	Calamus Loup	Kearney	Four Corners	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tri-state
Miles Owling		2						65.5	44	4
Hours, Car		4.5		25		18.75	21	33.9		
Hours, Foot	2.25	5		6.5		3.5	8	87.4	71.75	26
Hours Owling		0.5						6.4	5	1
Hours at Feeders	10							9	4	
Max. Temp. (F)	50	35	36	33		32	45	37	34	34
Min. Temp. (F)	15	27	33	19		20	20	23	20	30
Wind Direction	Varied	SE	SW	SW		NW		N	NW	SE
Wind Speed (mph)	4-8	20	5	5-10		5-10		0-20	5	0-5
Weather (a.m.)	Clear	Cloudy, foggy, light rain	Low overcast	Partly cloudy		Partly clear		Clear	Clear	Cloudy
Weather (p.m.)	Clear		Low overcast	Partly cloudy		Partly clear		Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy
Snow Cover	0			0		0	0	0	0	0
Still Water	Partly open	Open		Partly open		Partly open	Pits 50% frozen	Open		
Moving Water	Open	Open		Open		Open	Open	Open		
# Field Observers	8	2	9	8	9	9	16	29	29	7
# Parties	1-3	1		4		4	5	17	10	3
# Feeder Watchers	5	0	1	0	11	0	0	14	1	0