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The NOU count during Fall Field Days 27-28 September 1996 was centered at the Nebraska National Forest (NNF), which is mostly in Thomas County, and also included Thomas outside the forest and three other counties: Cherry, Brown, and Blaine (see Table 1). The total number of species was 116 compared to 103 for the same area about 10 days later in 1995. Twelve species seen in 1995 were absent in 1996, and 22 species seen in 1996 were absent in 1995.

North American Migration Counts (NAMC) for Boone and Sarpy Counties on 10 May 1997 are included in Table 1. The conditions for Boone County were as follows: partly cloudy, wind S-SW at 20-30 mph; temp. 33°F in A.M.; compiler, Wayne Mollhoff. The count, made between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., was part of a field trip for the Albion bird identification class.

The count in Sarpy County was made between 5:45 A.M. and 8:15 P.M.; temp. in the 60's (F) A.M., wind mild, 10% cloud cover; temp. in the 80's P.M., wind brisk, no cloud cover. There were 27 observers in 14 parties, and they covered 32.5 miles on foot for a total of 42.5 hrs, and 270.5 miles by car for a total of 20.5 hrs. The participants were Betty Allen, Roland Barth, Elliott Bedows, Laurine Blankeneau, Nellie Falzgraf, Ruth Green, **Betty Grenon** (compiler), Clem Klaphake, Ray Korpi, Jim and Sandi Kovanda, Jill Medland, Babs and Loren Padelford, Don and Janis Paseka, Spencer Phippen, Carol Rasmussen, Dick Rasmussen, Izen and Neal Ratzlaff, Kathleen Crawford Rose and Robert Rose, Eric Scholar, Winter Smith, Alexander Wilson, Edith Wilson.

Table 1. Bird species observed during NOU Fall Field Days 27-28 September 1996 in four Nebraska counties, with Thomas Co. divided into the portion containing the Nebraska National Forest (NNF) and the portion outside the forest; also, the North American Migration Counts (NAMC) 10 May 1997 in two Nebraska counties. X = species present.

Species	Counties in NOU fall count					NAMC counts	
	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine	Boone	Sarpy
Pied-billed Grebe		X	X		X		4
Horned Grebe		X	X				
Eared Grebe		X	X				
Western Grebe		X	X				
Am. White Pelican		X	X				
Double-crested Cormorant		X	X			2	117
Great Blue Heron		X	X			1	10
Great Egret							1
Green Heron							1
Trumpeter Swan		X					
Canada Goose		X	X				64
Wood Duck	X	X	X			15	61
Green-winged Teal		X					
Mallard		X	X			35	6
Northern Pintail		X					
Blue-winged Teal		X	X			15	42
Cinnamon Teal			X				
Northern Shoveler		X	X				2
Gadwall		X	X			2	
American Wigeon		X	X				
Redhead		X	X				
Ring-necked Duck		X					
Lesser Scaup		X					9
Bufflehead		X					
Common Merganser		X					
Ruddy Duck		X	X				2
Turkey Vulture	X	X					53
Osprey		X					
Northern Harrier		X	X	X	X		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	X				X		
Cooper's Hawk	X	X					1

Species	Counties in NOU fall count					NAMC counts	
	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine	Boone	Sarpy
Red-shouldered Hawk							3
Broad-winged Hawk							4
Swainson's Hawk	X	X	X		X	2	1
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X	X	1	13
Ferruginous Hawk			X				
Rough-legged Hawk	X						
American Kestrel	X	X	X	X	X		3
Merlin				X			
Ring-necked Pheasant		X	X			5	6
Greater Prairie-Chicken	X			X		1	
Sharp-tailed Grouse		X					
Wild Turkey	X						7
Northern Bobwhite							1
Sora						2	1
American Coot		X	X			9	14
Killdeer		X		X		3	23
Greater Yellowlegs		X					
Lesser Yellowlegs		X	X			20	9
Solitary Sandpiper							1
Spotted Sandpiper							9
Semipalmated Sandpiper		X					5
Least Sandpiper		X					8
White-rumped Sandpiper			X				
Pectoral Sandpiper		X					2
Long-billed Dowitcher		X					
Common Snipe		X				2	
Wilson's Phalarope						10	
Franklin's Gull							1
Ring-billed Gull		X	X				
Forster's Tern							8
Black Tern							11
Rock Dove		X	X			21	57
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X	X	48	142

Species	Counties in NOU fall count					NAMC counts	
	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine	Boone	Sarpy
Eastern Screech-Owl							1
Great Horned Owl	X			X			
Burrowing Owl		X					
Common Poorwill	X						
Chimney Swift						4	39
Belted Kingfisher		X	X	X	X	1	7
Red-headed Woodpecker	X	X	X			3	50
Red-bellied Woodpecker						1	51
Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X			9	49
Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X		1	4
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X	X	6	36
Least Flycatcher							34
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.							18
Eastern Phoebe						2	4
Say's Phoebe	X			X	X		
Great Crested Flycatcher							17
Western Kingbird						3	1
Eastern Kingbird						5	25
Kingbird species				X			
Horned Lark		X	X			4	7
Purple Martin							19
Tree Swallow			X			6	28
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						10	56
Cliff Swallow						20	558
Barn Swallow		X	X	X		20	138
Blue Jay	X	X	X			21	217
American Crow	X	X	X	X	X	14	69
Black-capped Chickadee	X	X				5	77
Tufted Titmouse							37
Red-breasted Nuthatch	X	X					
White-br. Nuthatch	X	X	X			2	35
Brown Creeper							5
Carolina Wren							1
House Wren	X					18	316

Species	Counties in NOU fall count					NAMC counts	
	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine	Boone	Sarpy
Marsh Wren		X					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X						3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							4
Eastern Bluebird	X	X					21
Mountain Bluebird	X						
Townsend's Solitaire	X						
Veery							1
Gray-cheeked Thrush							3
Swainson's Thrush	X						25
Wood Thrush							5
American Robin	X	X	X	X		18	279
Gray Catbird	X					3	47
Northern Mockingbird							1
Brown Thrasher						18	77
American Pipit		X					
Cedar Waxwing	X	X		X			6
Loggerhead Shrike				X			
European Starling	X	X	X			15	324
White-eyed Vireo							1
Bell's Vireo							1
Solitary Vireo							8
Yellow-thr. Vireo							18
Warbling Vireo						4	32
Philadelphia Vireo							1
Red-eyed Vireo							6
Tennessee Warbler							2
Orange-crowned-Warbler	X		X			2	12
Nashville Warbler	X						6
Northern Parula							6
Yellow Warbler						8	21
Magnolia Warbler							2
Cape May Warbler							1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X	X			9	291

Species	Counties in NOU fall count					NAMC counts	
	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine	Boone	Sarpy
Black-throated Green Warbler							1
Blackburnian Warbler							2
Yellow-throated Warbler							2
Blackpoll Warbler						2	3
Black-and-white Warbler							9
American Redstart							16
Prothonotary Warbler							2
Ovenbird							9
Northern Waterthrush							5
Louisiana Waterthrush							2
Kentucky Warbler							3
Common Yellowthroat	X					12	109
Wilson's Warbler	X						4
Summer Tanager							1
Scarlet Tanager							2
Northern Cardinal	X					4	104
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							25
Indigo Bunting						1	9
Dickcissel					X		13
Eastern Towhee	X			X		2	17
Spotted Towhee	X	X					
Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X		78
Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X			13	7
Field Sparrow	X	X	X	X			20
Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X		1
Lark Sparrow		X	X			4	9
Savannah Sparrow		X	X	X			3
Grasshopper Sparrow							5
LeConte's Sparrow		X					
Fox Sparrow							1
Song Sparrow		X			X	16	46
Lincoln's Sparrow	X					1	4

Species	Counties in NOU fall count					NAMC counts	
	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine	Boone	Sarpy
Swamp Sparrow						3	
White-throated Sparrow	X	X					7
White-crowned Sparrow	X	X				4	1
Harris' Sparrow	X	X				11	7
Dark-eyed Junco	X						
Bobolink						15	
Red-winged Blackbird		X	X	X	X	30	358
Eastern Meadowlark						1	12
Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	X	X	45	32
Meadowlark sp.							12
Yellow-headed Blackbird		X				2	
Brewer's Blackbird						20	
Great-tailed Grackle						3	
Common Grackle	X	X				10	460
Brown-headed Cowbird						50	230
Orchard Oriole						1	3
Baltimore Oriole						12	119
House Finch	X	X				3	31
Red Crossbill	X						2
Pine Siskin	X	X			X	1	2
American Goldfinch	X	X	X	X		50	260
House Sparrow				X		10	230