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NOU AND NAMC SPRING BIRD COUNTS MAY 1996

Bird species seen in a Nebraska five-county area during the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union 17-19 May, are presented in Table 1 on pages 84-90. The total count was 161 species.

The table also includes data for the North American Migration Count on 11 May in two Nebraska counties, Boone (compiler: Wayne Mollhoff, Ashland), and Sarpy (compiler: Betty Grenon, Bellevue). Observations in Boone Co. were made between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with two observers for 6 hours and one observer for 3 hours. They covered 3 miles on foot for 6 hours and 40 miles by car for 3 hours. The temperature ranged from 38-55°F and the wind from 5-20 mph. There was 100% cloud cover with some sprinkles in the afternoon. Observations in Sarpy Co. were made between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. with 31 observers in 14 parties. They covered 36 miles on foot in 173 hours and 152 miles by car in 18.5 hours. Two observers covered 0.5 miles and 1 hour owling, and two observers spent 1 hour at one feeding station. The temperature ranged from 40-60°F, and the cloud cover from 10-75%. Supporting details for Water Pipit and Townsend's Warbler, both seen in Sarpy County, are given as follows.

Water Pipit. At 7:00 a.m. on 11 May 1996, Gertrude Wood and I observed 6-7 birds at a distance of 20 feet for 5-10 minutes as they walked along the corn rows on Cedar Island in Sarpy Co., NE. The sun was at our backs, and we had perfect viewing conditions. They were smaller than a robin and had brownish-gray on the back and crown, a light-tannish throat, and a very buffy breast with faint streaking. They had a tannish line through the eye and lore, and almost blackish mandibles. The belly and undertail coverts were buffy, and the retrices were almost blackish. They did not make any sound.

----Ruth C. Green, 506 West 31 Ave., Bellevue, NE 68005

Townsend's Warbler. At 10:00 a.m. on 11 May 1996, Sue Gentes and Sandy Karanda observed a male in a bur oak from a distance of 15 feet in Schramm Park, Sarpy County, NE. The bird was warbler size, and had a black forehead and crown, black auricular, and black neck. The throat and upper part of chest were black, with yellow lower on chest and black streaking along the sides, then white farther back. The nape was black, and the mantle was greenish with black streaks. The wings were black with two wing bars. The bird looked like a Black-throated Green Warbler, but differed from it in the black ear patch, yellow below the black throat, and black streaking on the greenish mantle.

----Sent by Betty Grenon, 1409 Childs Rd. East, Bellevue, NE 68005

Table 1. Bird species observed during NOU Annual Meeting 17-19 May 1996 in five Nebraska counties, and North American Migration Counts (NAMC) 11 May 1996 in two Nebraska counties. X = species present.

Species	Counties in NOU count					NAMC counts	
	Buff-alo	Phelps	Kear-ney	Hall	Clay	Boone	Sarpy
Pied-billed Grebe		X			X	10	11
Eared Grebe		X			X		
Western Grebe				X			
Amer. White Pelican		X			X		220
Double-cr. Cormorant		X		X	X	12	289
American Bittern		X					
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X			1	13
Great Egret	X				X		4
Snowy Egret					X		
Little Blue Heron					X		
Cattle Egret		X	X	X	X	9	20
Green Heron					X		1
Black-cr. Night Heron					X	1	
Yellow-cr. Night Heron		X					
White-faced Ibis	X	X		X	X		
Greater White-fronted Goose		X		X			
Snow Goose		X		X	X		
Canada Goose	X	X		X			41
Wood Duck	X	X	X	X		5	82
Green-winged Teal		X			X		4
Mallard	X	X	X	X	X	15	26
Northern Pintail		X			X		
Blue-winged Teal		X		X	X	40	115
Northern Shoveler		X	X	X	X	10	12
Gadwall		X					30
American Wigeon		X	X		X	2	2
Redhead		X		X	X		
Ring-necked Duck						3	
Lesser Scaup		X			X		20
Hooded Merganser					X		
Ruddy Duck	X	X			X	2	17
Turkey Vulture	X					1	32

Species	Counties in NOU count					NAMC counts	
	Buff- alo	Phelps	Kear- ney	Hall	Clay	Boone	Sarpy
Osprey						1	1
Northern Harrier					X		
Sharp-shinned Hawk			X				
Red-shouldered Hawk							3
Broad-winged Hawk							5
Swainson's Hawk		X			X	2	3
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X	X	3	16
American Kestrel		X	X			4	5
Peregrine Falcon		X			X		2
Ring-necked Pheasant						15	20
Wild Turkey	X		X				19
Northern Bobwhite	X	X				1	6
Virginia Rail		X					
Sora		X			X	2	
American Coot	X	X		X	X	60	317
Sandhill Crane	X		X				
Black-bellied Plover		X		X	X		
Amer. Golden-Plover		X					
Semipalmated Plover		X			X		
Piping Plover				X			
Killdeer	X	X	X	X	X	5	39
American Avocet		X					
Greater Yellowlegs		X			X		5
Lesser Yellowlegs		X			X	3	55
Solitary Sandpiper					X	3	7
Willet					X		
Spotted Sandpiper	X	X			X	4	19
Upland Sandpiper	X		X		X	4	2
Whimbrel		X					
Hudsonian Godwit							11
Ruddy Turnstone					X		
Sanderling		X			X		
Semipalmat. Sandpiper		X		X	X		13
Least Sandpiper		X			X	8	7
White-rump. Sandpip.		X			X		9
Baird's Sandpiper		X				2	2
Pectoral Sandpiper		X			X		99

Species	Counties in NOU count					NAMC counts	
	Buff- alo	Phelps	Kear- ney	Hall	Clay	Boone	Sarpy
Dunlin		X					1
Stilt Sandpiper		X					
Buff-breast. Sandpip.		X			X		
Short-bill.Dowitcher					X		
Long-bill. Dowitcher		X			X		
Common Snipe						1	
Wilson's Phalarope		X			X		
Franklin's Gull		X	X		X	450	106
Bonaparte's gull					X		7
Ring-billed Gull		X					266
Forster's Tern				X	X	1	3
Least Tern				X			5
Black Tern		X			X	30	128
Rock Dove	X		X	X		16	24
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X		40	271
Eastern Screech-Owl			X			1	
Great Horned Owl	X	X	X				3
Burrowing Owl		X					
Barred Owl							2
Common Nighthawk			X				1
Whip-poor-will							1
Chimney Swift	X	X	X		X	4	118
Ruby-thr.Hummingbird							1
Belted Kingfisher	X		X			2	7
Red-head. Woodpecker	X	X	X	X		1	142
Red-bell. Woodpecker	X		X			1	65
Downy Woodpecker	X		X			2	68
Hairy Woodpecker		X					5
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X			1
Yellow-shaft.Flicker						12	71
Olive-sid.Flycatcher							1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	X						12
Yell.-bel.Flycatcher							1
Willow Flycatcher	X	X					
Least Flycatcher	X	X		X			54
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.							120
Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X				14

Species	Counties in NOU count					NAMC counts	
	Buff- alo	Phelps	Kear- ney	Hall	Clay	Boone	Sarpy
Great Cr. Flycatcher	X						39
Western Kingbird	X	X		X		1	5
Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	X			30
Horned Lark		X		X		2	4
Purple Martin				X		1	40
Tree Swallow				X			134
Northern Rough- winged Swallow	X			X	X	25	188
Bank Swallow		X				1	5
Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	X			11
Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X	X	20	195
Blue Jay	X	X	X	X	X	20	374
Black-billed Magpie	X		X				
American Crow		X	X	X	X	41	74
Black-cap. Chickadee	X		X			3	174
Tufted Titmouse							54
Red-breasted Nuthatch							2
White-br. Nuthatch	X			X		2	55
Carolina Wren							5
House Wren	X	X	X		X	3	225
Sedge Wren				X	X		
Marsh Wren		X			X		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1	10
Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher							12
Eastern Bluebird	X		X	X		2	17
Veery							1
Gray-cheeked Thrush							56
Swainson's Thrush	X					14	499
Wood Thrush							8
American Robin	X	X	X	X	X	25	485
Thrush sp.							4
Gray Catbird	X	X	X	X			50
Northern Mockingbird				X	X		4
Brown Thrasher	X	X	X	X	X	6	127
American Pipit							6
Cedar Waxwing	X		X				28
Loggerhead Shrike	X					1	3

Species	Counties in NOU count					NAMC counts	
	Buff- alo	Phelps	Kear- ney	Hall	Clay	Boone	Sarpy
European Starling	X	X	X	X	X	36	272
Bell's Vireo	X		X				
Solitary Vireo							24
Yellow-thr. Vireo							7
Warbling Vireo	X	X	X		X	1	40
Red-eyed Vireo	X						2
Golden-wing. Warbler							2
Tennessee Warbler	X			X			9
Orange-crown. Warbler						3	24
Nashville Warbler			X				4
Northern Parula							11
Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	X	X	2	56
Magnolia Warbler							3
Yellow-rump. Warbler	X	X					756
Myrtle Warbler						18	
Townsend's Warbler							1
Black-throated Green Warbler							4
Blackburnian Warbler							3
Yellow-thr. Warbler							2
Palm Warbler							26
Blackpoll Warbler	X						14
Black-&-wh. Warbler							110
American Redstart							20
Prothonotary Warbler							2
Ovenbird							59
Northern Waterthrush	X	X				6	28
Louisiana Waterthr.							4
Waterthrush sp.							4
Kentucky Warbler							2
Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	X	X	1	119
Wilson's Warbler							7
Yellow-breasted Chat			X				
Scarlet Tanager							3
Northern Cardinal	X		X			1	130
Rose-breast. Grosbeak	X					1	64
Black-head. Grosbeak	X		X				
Lazuli Bunting		X	X				

Species	Counties in NOU count					NAMC counts	
	Buff- alo	Phelps	Kear- ney	Hall	Clay	Boone	Sarpy
Indigo Bunting			X		X	1	5
Dickcissel	X	X	X	X	X	2	54
Eastern Towhee							16
Spotted Towhee	X						1
Amer. Tree Sparrow							3
Chipping Sparrow	X		X			2	508
Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X			X	15	100
Field Sparrow	X		X			2	35
Vesper Sparrow						1	1
Lark Sparrow	X						19
Lark Bunting		X					
Savannah Sparrow		X			X		10
Grasshopper Sparrow	X		X		X	2	21
LeConte's Sparrow						1	
Song Sparrow	X	X	X		X	5	58
Lincoln's Sparrow			X		X	3	44
White-throat Sparrow							199
White-crown. Sparrow	X					12	62
Harris' Sparrow						14	235
Bobolink	X	X		X	X		45
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X	150	513
Eastern Meadowlark	X			X	X	3	16
Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	X	X	25	25
Meadowlark sp.							15
Yellow-headed	X	X			X	4	1
Great-tailed Grackle		X		X	X	7	
Common Grackle	X	X	X	X	X	60	832
Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	X	X	4	215
Orchard Oriole	X	X	X	X	X		7
Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	X	X	1	122
House Finch	X			X	X	4	54
Pine Siskin	X						6
American Goldfinch	X	X	X	X	X	5	196
House Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X	16	169