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## 1989 CHRISTMAS COUNT

One hundred three species and one hybrid were reported on the Christmas counts for 1989, and two were seen within the count circles during the count week, but not reported on the count, and there is the possibility that some of the "species" reported were ones not individually listed. The figures for last year, with one less reporting site, were 110, no hybrids, and two seen during the count week but not on the count day. The total individual count this year was 132,212, compared to 505,823 last year and 408,096 the year before. A drop of 264,575 Snow Geese from the 1988 count at DeSoto, and of 187,058 Red-winged Blackbirds from the 1987 count at Omaha, account for much of the difference.

The columns are arranged in a 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 in the count circle during the count week, but not recorded on the count day. 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, 4 mi. w. and 1.5 mi. s. of Petersburg, including Petersburg, Raeville, Loretto, and Akron, all in northwestern Boone Co.; 27 December, 8 AM to 4:10 PM, temp. 43° to 57° F., wind NW 5-10 mph., no snow cover, still water frozen, moving water partly open, AM and PM partly cloudy, 4 observers in 2 parties, total party-hours 16 and party-miles 68, 4 hours and 6 miles on foot, 12 hours and 62 miles by car, participants Harlow Butcher, Bub Dietz, David Stage, Duane Wolff, Wayne J. Mollhoff (compiler).

Calmus-Loup, center NW corner of Sec. 35, T22N, R17W, 7 mi. w. and 4 mi. n. of Burwell. Circle lies mostly in Loup and Garfield counties, 29 December 7:45 AM to 5:30 PM, temp. 25° to 32° F., wind NW 15-30 mph., no snow cover mentioned, still water frozen, moving water partly open, AM cloudy, light freezing rain/snow, PM cloudy, 9 observers in 4-6 parties, total party-hours 70 and party-miles 206, 8 hours and 7 miles on foot, 62 hours and 199 miles by car, participants Loren Blake, Joyce Borgelt, Norma Brockmoller, Roger and Isolde Cutshall, Jerry and Gerry Goodell, Nancy Jo Powers, Jan Uttecht, Wayne J. Mollhoff (compiler).

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, 16 December, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, temp. -11° to 14° F., wind n. 1-2 mph., 2 inches snow cover, still water partly open, moving water partly open, AM clear, PM partly cloudy, 31 observers in 7 parties, none at feeders and no owling, total party-hours 56 and party-miles 419.25, 21.25 hours and 25.25 miles on foot, 34.75 hours and 394 miles by car, participants Betty Allen, Linda Bluedorn, Ralph Bluedorn, John Brenneman, Jack Brownrigg, Ron Cisar, Donna Daly, Harry Duncan, Rollin Gentes, Sue Gentes, James Glather, Ruth Green, Essie Grill, Sam Grill, Jeannie Henrickson, Raymond Korpi, Jim Kovanda, Sandy Kovanda, B. J. Rose, Douglas Rose, Roger Rose,

	S. B.	N. P.	Kear.	Calm.	Loup C.	G. I.	4Cor	B. V.	Norf.
Grt. Blue Heron	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
White Fr. Goose	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Goose	<u>1</u>	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Canada Goose	894	3,601	7,000	1,123	1,490	1,482	-	1	1
Green-w. Teal	9	1	-	-	-	<u>32</u>	-	3	-
Am. Blk. Duck	-	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	-
Mallard	2,801	2,086	16	2,573	5,000	<u>18,812</u>	1	4,972	77
No. Pintail	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
MallardxPintail	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gadwall	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Am. Wigeon	25	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Redhead	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-
Ring-neck. D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Scaup	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Com. Goldeneye	1	61	1	38	-	4	-	4	-
Com. Merganser	-	3	14	35	5	8	-	-	2
Bald Eagle	3	21	9	6	4	<u>13</u>	-	7	7
adult	2	-	-	6	4	<u>4</u>	-	6	5
immature	1	-	-	-	-	<u>9</u>	-	1	1
undesignated	-	21	9	-	-	-	-	-	1
No. Harrier	2	13	-	2	-	14	1	1	2
Sharp-shined H.	<u>1</u>	1	3	-	2	1	1	-	6
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Accipiter sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Red-shoulder.H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Red-tailed H.	3	15	4	8	9	41	1	1	36
Ferruginous H.	-	4	1	-	4	-	-	-	-
Rough-legged H.	1	19	5	4	-	12	1	6	12
Buteo sp.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Golden Eagle	H	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
immature	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
undesignated	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eagle sp.	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Am. Kestrel	6	19	7	5	3	20	1	3	27
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Peregrine Fal.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Prairie Falcon	H	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	2
falcon sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Partridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Ring-necked Ph.	10	6	-	9	4	50	1	70	255
Gr. Prairie-Ch.	-	12	-	52	-	-	1	2	14
Sharp-tail. G.	<u>3</u>	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	23	16	165	2	-	<u>76</u>	-	-	7
No. Bobwhite	1	-	14	11	6	<u>49</u>	-	-	387
Killdeer	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Snipe	2	-	-	-	1	<u>10</u>	-	1	4
Rock Dove	132	60	162	5	6	131	4	7	179
Mourning Dove	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	3
E. Screech Owl	-	-	-	-	2	7	1	-	1

Lincoln	Soo C.	DeSoto	Omaha	Tri-S.
1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	35,425	1	-
562	2	1,701	98	-
-	3	-	10	-
-	1	-	2	1
168	3,000	12,502	1,270	800
-	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	2	-	13	-
-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	-
-	6	155	106	-
-	28	21	7	1
-	3	68	38	5
-	2	31	30	4
-	1	24	8	1
-	-	13	-	-
7	-	4	2	1
7	-	1	2	1
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	2	-
-	-	-	H	-
-	-	-	-	-
50	6	47	53	28
-	-	-	-	-
1	-	3	2	1
3	-	4	4	-
-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-
22	-	13	38	6
-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	-	-
7	3	226	38	69
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	28	35	23
H	-	125	15	17
-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	-
263	-	161	159	103
75	-	37	4	6
5	-	3	8	6

Ross Silcock, David Starr, Robert Starr, Linda Thompson, Jerry Toll, Eric Volden, John Weber, Marlene Weber, Al Werthman, Ione Werthman, compiler Melinda Rosenbaum.

Four Corners, center NW corner of Sec. 4, T23N, R12W, 8 miles north and 9 miles west of Bartlett, Wheeler Co., 3 January, 8:15 AM to 5:15 PM, temp. 25° to 30° F., wind NW 10-25 mph., no snow cover, still water frozen, moving water partly open, AM clear, PM cloudy, 1 observer in 1 party, total party-hours 9, total party miles 72, 3 hours and 3 miles on foot, 6 hours and 69 miles by car, participant (and compiler) Wayne J. Mollhoff.

Grand Island, center NW ¼, NW ¼, Sec. 1, T10N, R10W, to include all of Grand Island, Cornhusker State WMA, south half of Hall Co. Airport, and Crystal Lake, 16 December, 7:45 AM to 5:45 PM, temp. -10° to 19° F., wind SW 5-10, light snow cover, 5% open water, partly cloudy, fair mast crop, 16 observers in 4 parties plus 1 at feeders, plus 3.5 hours and 40 miles by car in 2 parties, owling, total party-hours 39 and total party-miles 321, 9 hours and 11 miles by foot, 30 hours and 310 miles by car, participants Chuck Aubushon, Kenny Dinan, Craig Fannes, Dennis Grundman, Mike Hopper, Ron Kruse, Mike and Shelly LaValley, Gary Lingle (compiler), Connie McCartney, Peter McDonald, Jim Meyer, Scott Purdy, Wende Rosier, Vern Throop, Diane Zwink. Mr. Lingle comments that in spite of the record cold temperature they did well, and had 20 species make new high counts.

Kearney, center bridge over the Platte River, south of Kearney, including Kearney Cemetery, Harmon Park, Cottonmill Park, Fort Kearney State Park, Hike-Bike Trail, Platte River bridges, Kearney and Odessa, Fawn Meadows and Woods, sandpits, roadside areas, local feeders. 8 AM to

	S. B.	N. P.	Kear.	Calm.	Loup C.	G. I.	4Cor	B. V.	Norf.
Gr. Horned Owl	-	1	2	4	6	<u>13</u>	6	1	12
Snowy Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barred Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	<u>5</u>	-	-	-
owl sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bltd Kingfisher	1	1	1	-	-	6	-	-	2
Red-headed Wpkr	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-bellied Wpr	-	3	4	-	-	5	-	-	12
Y-b. Sapsucker	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Downy Woodpeck.	H	7	9	4	7	<u>17</u>	3	4	100
Hairy Woodpeck.	2	3	5	3	1	2	-	1	35
No. Flicker	22	8	8	3	1	19	-	1	33
Yellow-shf.	4	-	8	3	-	-	-	-	33
Red-shafted	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
undesignated	7	8	-	-	-	19	-	1	-
Horned Lark	<u>2,062</u>	97	150	3	15	927	13	6	623
Blue Jay	19	1	13	1	-	<u>73</u>	-	3	44
Pinyon Jay	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bl-bill. Magpie	81	44	7	19	8	<u>19</u>	8	1	56
American Crow	90	278	5,000	<u>956</u>	16	297	79	15	357
Bl-cap. Chick.	14	15	8	33	15	<u>214</u>	2	7	445
Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R-br. Nuthatch	1	1	4	-	-	6	-	1	4
W-br. Nuthatch	-	8	17	3	2	10	4	3	66
Brown Creeper	-	-	7	2	1	<u>11</u>	-	1	4
Carolina Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wren sp.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
G-c. Kinglet	1	-	6	-	-	5	-	-	1
R-c. Kinglet	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Bluebird	-	10	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Mt. Bluebird	-	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Townsend's Sol.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Am. Robin	6	123	17	<u>3,615</u>	3	34	-	1	522
Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bohemian Waxw.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	-	-	25	26	-	47	-	3	66
No. Shrike	1	4	2	3	1	4	-	1	10
Loggerhead Sh.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Starling	955	1,035	94	44	130	580	21	65	542
No. Cardinal	-	6	11	-	2	<u>31</u>	-	2	73
Ruf-sid. Towhee	-	-	-	-	-	<u>2</u>	-	-	-
Am. Tree Spar.	71	59	133	141	41	481	90	13	1,716
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah Spar.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Song Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln's Spar.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wh-thr. Sparrow	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wh-cr. Sparrow	25	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Harris' Sparrow	4	-	20	11	1	<u>275</u>	-	-	291

Lincoln	Soo	C.	DeSoto	Omaha	Tri-S.
<u>27</u>	1	7	25	5	
-	-	1	-	-	
2	-	-	<u>9</u>	3	
8	1	6	<u>1</u>	-	
-	-	2	-	-	
-	-	-	2	-	
2	1	-	4	-	
4	-	-	44	4	
31	2	45	91	24	
1	-	1	1	-	
119	11	55	148	10	
19	3	7	16	2	
34	10	154	39	28	
30	-	153	-	-	
-	-	1	-	2	
4	10	-	39	26	
82	42	1,459	-	85	
<u>560</u>	11	158	151	123	
-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
418	15	76	460	70	
465	42	279	657	112	
-	-	-	39	10	
27	-	1	1	-	
90	3	52	138	17	
23	1	5	10	1	
1	-	-	2	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
17	-	3	<u>1</u>	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	30	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	
209	31	76	4	6	
2	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	
54	-	14	230	3	
1	1	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	-	
1,771	43	1,071	2,060	458	
201	2	133	274	127	
6	-	5	2	-	
1,107	18	1,204	670	<u>746</u>	
-	-	23	-	-	
<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	
15	1	48	20	10	
-	-	-	1	-	
<u>42</u>	-	3	<u>1</u>	2	
5	-	3	-	9	
<u>415</u>	-	78	18	<u>140</u>	

4:30 PM, temp. 7° to 19° F., wind SW 6 mph., ground snow covered, river frozen, AM clear, PM cloudy, 14 observers in 2 parties, plus 12 at feeders, 77.5 party-miles, 4.5 by foot, 73 by car, participants: Bonnie Bernholtz, John Bliese, George W. Brown (compiler), Marian Brown, Robin Harding, Bernice Heckman, Alice Heckman, Phebe Keenan, Helen Lindstrom, Dennis Sherrard, Mark Urwiller, Vicky Urwiller, Jamie Urwiller, Bill Wozniak, and at feeders Margaret Bliese, Dick Clark, June Clark, Norma Radford, Norma Schrack, Ward Schrack, Chris Sherrard, Hazel Shostrom, Marie Strom, Gary Zaruba, Mary Zaruba, Annette Wozniak.

Lincoln, center intersection of S. Coddington and W. "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, 17 December 5:15 AM to 6:15 PM, temp. -6° to 19° F., wind SW 0-10 mph., 3 inches snow cover, still water frozen, moving water partly frozen, AM partly cloudy, PM clear, 31 observers in the field in 13 parties, plus 31 at feeders, 57 hours at feeders, 3.5 hours and 47 miles owling, total party-hours 99 and total party-miles 743, 65 hours and 74 miles on foot, 34 hours and 669 miles by car, participants: Irene Alexander, Maxine Bishop, Jim Burch, Carl Crosby, Cindy Cochran, David Cochran, Kevin deGarmo, Joe Doremus, Larry Einemann, William Garthright, Daryl and Margaret Giblin (compilers), Everett Gross, Mildred Gross, Ellen Harrington, Karla Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Paul Kay, Timothy Knott, Thomas Labedz, Peter Maslowski, Marilyn McCluskey, Richard McCluskey, Rosalind Morris, Norma Mueller, Kevin Poague, Kenneth

	S. B.	N. P.	Kear.	Calm.	Loup C.	G. I.	4Cor	B. V.	Norf.
Dark-eyed Junco	198	69	53	72	21	<u>444</u>	1	12	1,315
Slate-color.	20	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1,315
Oregon	21	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
undesigned	157	69	53	72	8	444	1	12	-
McCown's Longsp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lapland Longsp.	-	-	-	-	-	<u>64</u>	-	-	4
Red-winged Bl.	700	55	-	-	950	18	-	6	308
W. Meadowlark	3	70	1	4	2	128	-	-	64
meadowlk sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	<u>4</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>53</u>	-	-	2
Brewer's Blackb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Common Grackle	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	5
Br-hd. Cowbird	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
blackbird sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(G-c) Rosy Finch	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
House Finch	<u>235</u>	88	110	-	-	<u>12</u>	-	-	5
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-w. Crossb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Pine Siskin	149	18	4	-	-	48	-	-	209
Am. Goldfinch	47	126	78	-	7	247	1	42	146
Evening Grosb.	56	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
House Sparrow	151	279	315	637	126	1,050	37	69	3,157
Species	47	52	51	37	35	63	23	41	61
Individuals	8,825	8,533	13,506	9,464	7,896	<u>25,942</u>	279	5,344	11,417

Reitan, Donald Showen, Frances Taylor, Lyle Vannier, Angela Williams, Donald Williams. Mr. Giblin commented: "This year we had 31 field observers in 13 parties. They logged 99 hours in the field which ties the record and which was done in cold but nearly calm weather this year. In fact, this was the second coldest day for a CBC ever held here in Lincoln. The coldest was in that awful December of 1983. We had 31 feeder watchers this year, a record effort in this department. Five participants in two parties owled before dawn. They continued on through the day as field parties. My party was plagued by the failure of both of my cassette recorders, which along with trying to recover from viral pneumonia, cut down on the time we typically spend owl-ing. Over all, the effort for this was the greatest ever done here at Lincoln. Unfortunately, the weather had not been very cooperative with our efforts. This year saw the continuation of an ongoing drought in this section of the country. However, this summer was not as severe as last year. It was not as hot and we had a little more rain. In late September we had a huge cloudburst, over 10 inches -- almost one-half the rain that fell all year! Otherwise this fall was extremely dry. As a result, the wild food crop this year was only fair except for juniper berries, which are plentiful. The areas that have Eastern Redcedars are alive this winter with Robins and Cedar Waxwings, which are to be found almost nowhere else. While this fall was warm and dry, winter hit hard with snow and temperatures almost to -20° F. a week before the

Lincoln	Soo C.	DeSoto	Omaha	Tri-S.
1,265	28	1,663	972	<u>1,076</u>
212	-	-	-	-
37	-	2	2	-
1,016	28	1,661	970	1,076
-	-	1	-	-
-	-	332	-	3
64	-	281	7	-
-	-	-	1	-
409	-	96	45	58
<u>100</u>	-	46	-	3
-	-	206	-	-
22	1	-	16	-
8	-	2	-	-
-	-	48	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
12	2	-	15	6
<u>28</u>	-	-	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	4	-	-
70	-	4	54	63
324	6	366	185	131
-	-	-	-	-
3,413	21	1,333	1,490	862
60	36	58	62	48
12,651	3,352	59,905	9,829	5,269

count, and caused the freezing over of almost all our water. The only open water was along a stretch of Haines Branch and another along Salt Creek where there were salt springs and also along Salt Creek below the discharge from the city sewage treatment plant. These stretches never freeze over, even at -30° F, to which the temperature dropped just a few days after the count. As a consequence, the number of water related species of birds was much less than in the previous years. Also, many lingering fall species cleared out with the onset of the cold weather."

"As in the years since the savage winter of 1983-1984, most upland species were found in city parks, the university campuses, and backyard feeders. However, there has been a slow increase in the numbers of species that were impacted by the weather that winter. Among the species are the American Tree Sparrow and the meadowlarks (likely Western Meadowlarks). The drought has been hampering the recovery of the Ring-necked Pheasant and North-

ern Bobwhite. The density of Eastern Screech-Owls has continued declining, likely due to the loss of habitat caused by expanding city suburbs and farming practices that lead to the clearing of shelter belts everywhere in this area. Also, the European Starling numbers have been declining, which most people don't mind. The number of House Sparrows in the countryside seems to have declined also, but in the city their numbers have been soaring. The largest increase in the number of individuals of any species was for the Harris Sparrow, which are more abundant this year than in any year in the last fifteen. The White-throated Sparrow has increased in numbers in recent years, but are found primarily on the campuses of the University of Nebraska, where many bushes have been planted in recent years. Also significantly up is the number of Blue Jays, which must have had a good year. Another development is the establishment of House Finches in this area. They have nested within the city the last two summers, and this CBC they were reported by three of the field parties and several feeder watchers. I expect this species to be a regular in the future. (It has been previously reported on a Lincoln CBC but this year there were many more in the city.) This fall there appeared some irruptive species which have remained for the CBC. These include the Red-breasted Nuthatch and Red Crossbill. In this area, both the Northern



and Loggerhead Shrikes are regular winter species, though neither is common. (I put in this comment because of contrary assertions by some nearby regional editors.)"

"No true accidentals are found on this year's count. Margaret and I found the Townsend's Solitaire at a very large grove of Eastern Redcedars. This species is a rare irruptive in this area. It had been reported once before on the CBC for Lincoln in the last 15 years. Both the Peregrine Falcon and Savannah Sparrow were found by the party of Don Showen and Lyle Vannier, and both were in the same area of Salt Creek where there are warm salt springs and partly open water. In addition, Don Showen is quite experienced as a birder. A Peregrine Falcon has been seen many times by many observers this fall and winter around downtown Lincoln. It has been harassing the city pigeons. It is quite likely the same bird as reported on the count, since the area along the creek where it was harassing some Mallards is only three miles from downtown, which is a short distance for such a bird. Over the last 20 years, the Prairie Falcon has become very rare here in the winter (or any other time), whereas the Peregrine Falcon is becoming fairly regular. Don did not notice anything like black armpits, and he mentioned the dark blue back and dark-capped head and 'sideburns,' which would indicate it as a Peregrine Falcon that he reported it as. The Savannah Sparrow was first seen from across the creek. Don and Lyle went across, found the bird again and observed it for several minutes. This species is a common fall migrant but is usually through here in migration by the first of December, thus this would be a lingering individual of this species for this area. Don indicated that the bird's streaking was too fine for a Song Sparrow, House or Purple Finch, or any of the heavily streaked sparrows, along with wrong coloration patterns for those species. It was streaked more extensively along the side than a Grasshopper Sparrow, besides having the wrong head shape. It lacked the buff under the breast streaking of a Lincoln's Sparrow, and lacked the white on the sides of tail that a Vesper Sparrow has. However, he mentioned he could not see any yellow in the eye line, but according to some field guides not all individuals have yellow there. Overall his description fits this species."

Loup City, NE corner of Sec. 13, T15N, R15W, Sherman Co., .25 mile N. of junction of Highways 10, 58, and 92 in Loup City, 1 January, 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, temp. 17° to 51° F., wind SW 5-25 mph., no snow cover, still water frozen, moving water partly open, AM clear, PM partly cloudy, 1 observer in 1 party, total party-hours 8.5, party miles 83, 1.5 hours and 2 miles on foot, 7 hours and 81 miles by car. Participant (and compiler) Wayne J. Mollhoff.

Norfolk, center intersection of US 275 (business route) and US 81, (13th St. and Norfolk Ave.), 16 December, 7 AM to 5 PM, temp. -12° to 22° F., wind SW 5-12 mph., 2-3 inches snow cover, still water frozen, moving water partly open, AM partly clear, PM cloudy, light fog, snow, 23 observers in 6-13 parties, plus 4 at feeders, 8 hours at feeders, no owling, total party-hours 66, party-miles 587, 23 hours and 25 miles on foot, 43 hours and 552 miles by car, participants not listed, compiler Duane A. Wolff. Mr. Wolff commented: "We would like to dedicate this count to the memory of Willetta Lueshen. Willie, in her passing, leaves behind hundreds of birders whose lives will be

forever richer. Longtime birder, public speaker, instructor, and past president of Inland Bird Banding Association, Mrs. Lueshen was always eager to share her knowledge and love of birds with any and all people." To which can be added that she was a former member and president of NOU, and one of the incorporators.

North Platte, this count does not conform to the NAS rules, because they want to include all of Lincoln Co., 6 January, 8 AM to 4 PM, temp. 17° to 45° F., wind light NW, no snow cover, 14 observers in 4 parties, participants: Bob Bailey, Florence Clough, Harold Cunningham, Marie Evans, Erma Grill, Gregg Hoover, Nancy Jones, Eva Mae Kieborz, Margaret Morton, Esther Newhouse, Darlene Schick, 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, 30 December, 5:30 AM to 5 PM, temp. 24° to 33° F., wind NW 4-10 mph., 4 inch snow cover, still water frozen, moving water partly open, AM cloudy, light snow, PM cloudy, 45 observers in 11-13 parties, plus 5 at feeders, 4 hours at feeders, 7 hours and 43 miles owling, total party-hours 102, party-miles 647.5, 51 hours and 47 miles on foot, 51 hours and 600.5 miles by car, species whose count is shown in *italics* were recorded only in Iowa, participants: Betty Allen, Jim Alt, Mary Babcock, Don Bailey, Ross Benedict, Tanya Bray, John Brenneman, Duane Bright, Kelly Clarke, Mike Crofoot, Donna Daly, Stephanie Fryers, Amy Galperin, Sue Gentes, Dutch Graf, Marjorie Graf, Ruth Green, Janet Greer, Alan Grenon (compiler), Betty Grenon, Essie Grill, Sam Grill, Maryjo Harlow, Jenny Henriksen, Clem Klaphake, Raymond Korpi, Jim Kovanda, Sandra Kovanda, Bruce Lund, Don Mass, Anne Maher, Eric Molho, Ralph Morocco, Kate Murphy, Shirley Noar, Bill Otto, Babs Padelford, Loren Padelford, Kevin Poague, Dick Rasmussen, Neal Ratzlaff, Kathleen Crawford-Rose, Steve Sabata, Eric Scholar, Ross Silcock, Bob Starr, Ron Stirling, Connie Tompkins, Ken Williams, Gary Woods.

Scottsbluff, center Visitor's Center, Scotts Bluff National Monument, to include Scotts Bluff Co. Airport, portions of the Wildcat Hills, part of Carter Canyon, Roubadeau Pass, 16 December, 7:00 AM to 3:55 PM, temp. 11° to 16° F., wind NW 7-18 mph., 6 inches snow cover, still water partly open, moving water open, AM partly cloudy, light snow, PM partly cloudy, 5 observers in the field in 2 parties, plus 5 at feeders, 15 hours at feeders, total party-hours 16.25 and party-miles 184, .75 hours and 1 mile on foot, 15.5 hours and 183 miles by car, participants Alice Kenitz (compiler), Bob Kruger, Robert Larkin, Nora Mae Vance, Frank Zgaynor, and at feeders Julie Joyce Brashear, Jamalee Clark, Meredyth Gentry, Mary Harvey, Rex Metzger.

Sioux City, center the Sioux City (Iowa) Auditorium, 23 January, 7:30 AM to 2 PM, temp. -24° to 10° F., wind S 5-30 mph., 2 inches snow cover, AM partly cloudy, PM clear. The following information is for only the Nebraska portion of the count. Three observers in 2 parties, total party-hours 8.5 and party-miles 36.5, 6.5 miles on foot and 30 miles by car, participants: Kurt Dean, Bill Huser, Jerry Probst (compiler).

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, 23 December, temp. -20° to 10° F., wind brief SW 5-10 mph. early PM, 3 inches snow cover, AM clear, PM partly cloudy, 7 observers in field in 3 parties, .5 hour and 1 mile owling, total party-hours 27, and party-miles 371, 2 miles on foot, 369 by car, participants: Tanya Bray, Babs Padelford, Loren Padelford, B. J. Rose, Roger Rose, Ross Silcock (compiler), Jerry Toll.

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