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Compiled by Dr. Esther V. Bennett

Data on the 1989 nesting season in Nebraska were received from 25 observers and two agencies, reporting on 105 species from 53 counties. Counties on the tabulation are listed in a west to east order, with the northernmost of the approximately equal locations given first. Numbers in normal type represent Nest Record Cards; numbers in *italics* represent nests reported by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; B represents nest building; C

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Bedell, GPC; Helen Seim; Hamilton (24) GPC; Harlan (16) GPC; Holt (17) GPC; D. A. Stage; Jefferson (37) GPC; Johnson (44) GPC; Keith (9) Charles Brown (*Natural History Magazine* 1990, 2:34-40), Mark M. Czaplewski, GPC; Keya Paha (15) GPC; Kimball (4) Mary K. Clausen, Alice Kenitz; Knox (21) T. E. Labedz, D. A. Stage; Lancaster (42) Irene Alexander, GPC, Sue Guild, Norma Johnson, T. E. Labedz; Lincoln (11) GPC; Madison (27) GPC; Merrick (23) GPC; Morrill (7) GPC; Otoe (52) GPC, E. D. Johnson; Pawnee (45) GPC; Pierce (26) D. A. Stage; Platte (28) GPC; Polk (29) Norris Alfred, GPC; Red Willow (13) GPC; Richardson (53) Mary K. Clausen; Saline (36) GPC; Sarpy (50) GPC, Ruth Green; Saunders (41) GPC; Scotts Bluff (2) CLR, GPC; Seward (35) GPC; Sioux (1) Larry Einemann; Stanton (32) D. A. Stage; Thayer

	Madison	Platte	Polk	Thayer	Cedar	Stanton	Colfax	Butler	Seward	Saline	Jefferson	Dixon	Cuming	Dodge	Saunders	Lancaster	Gage	Johnson	Pawnee	Dakota	Thurston	Washington	Douglas	Sarpy	Cass	Otoe	Richardson	Tot-
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	al
Sharp-t. Grouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Bobwhite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Am. Coot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Piping Plover	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	12	-	-	-	-	-	6	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	15	13	-	-	98
Killdeer	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Long-b. Curlew	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Am. Avocet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spotted Sandp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upland Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Least Tern	-	5	-	-	-	-	9	36	-	-	-	-	34	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	32	61	-	-	-	319
Rock Dove	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mourning Dove	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Barn Owl	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,12
E. Screech-Owl	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burrowing Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Barred Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-
Chimney Swift	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Kingfisher	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-headed Wpkr.	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hairy Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Flicker	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Phoebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N,E	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Say's Phoebe	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Gr. Crested Flyc.	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West. Kingbird	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission employees, aides, and contractors contributed nesting data. The Game and Parks Commission employees are: Mark Brohman, John J. Dinan, Randy Stutheit, and Greg Wingfield. Others who provided assistance to the Commission include Clyde Anderson (American Kestrel), Martha Desmond (Burrowing Owl), and Eileen Kirsch (Least Tern). Game and Parks Commission Bluebird data were submitted by individuals throughout Nebraska in response to a survey conducted in 1989. Crescent Lake NWR and North Platte NWR data were submitted by

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Fourteen species reported in the 1988 Survey were not reported in 1989: White-faced Ibis, Ferruginous Hawk, Black-necked Stilt, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Long-eared Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Carolina Wren, Bell's Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Louisiana Waterthrush, Rufous-sided Towhee, Song Sparrow, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin.

Anyone who sees evidence of nesting, young, or adult birds carrying nesting material, food, or fecal sacs, can submit the information without the use of a special form. The information should be easily separated by species and county. This information will be included in the Nebraska Nesting Report by letter rather than by numbers. Anyone who has found, or expects to find, an active nest is invited to request Nest Record Cards to use in reporting

	Stou	Bluff	Kimball	Dawes	Box Butte	Morrill	Garden	Keith	Chase	Lincoln	Thomas	Red Willow	Dawson	Keya Paha	Harlan	Holt	Buffalo	Greely	Hall	Knox	Boone	Herrick	Hamilton	Clay	Pierce
N. Cardinal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-
R-br. Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bl-head. Grosb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y,P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickcissel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chipping Sparrow	F,V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vesper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lark Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-
Grasshopper Sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R-w. Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West. Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Y-h. Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gr-tail. Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orchard Oriole	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Oriole	N,Y	-	-	N	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Finch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Am. Goldfinch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nest Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individuals	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	1
Species	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1
Game Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individuals	29	24	9	-	-	19	17	-	7	-	7	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	6	-
Species	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
No Nest Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Species	11	5	-	4	-	-	44	2	14	1	5	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	15	20	-	1	1	-	1
Total species	12	6	1	3	4	2	1	44	3	14	2	4	1	3	1	1	15	1	18	20	1	3	2	-	1

the nest. Each nest requires a separate card. Send your Nest Record Card requests, completed cards, and other information to Thomas E. Labedz, N.O.U. Librarian, W436 Nebraska Hall, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0514.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Bennett, who has compiled the Nesting Surveys from the 1967 season on to the present, is moving out of the state, which is why the Librarian is the temporary contact for nesting reports and records. In 1988, the *Review* (NBR 56:39) carried the information that NOU was one of four organizations that had contributed continuously to the nest record program since its inception in 1965. Dr. Bennett has since added two more years to the record.)

	Madison	Platte	Polk	Thayer	Cedar	Stanton	Colfax	Butler	Seward	Saline	Jefferson	Dixon	Cumming	Dodge	Saunders	Lancaster	Gage	Johnson	Pawnee	Dakota	Thurston	Washington	Douglas	Sarpy	Cass	Otoe	Richardson	Tot-	
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	al
N. Cardinal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y,1	-	-	-	-	1	
R-br. Grosbeak	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bl-head. Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Blue Grosbeak	-	-	Y	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dickcissel	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Z,V	-	-	-	2	
Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vesper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Lark Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grasshopper Sp.	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	1	
R-w. Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
West. Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Y-h. Blackbird	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gr-tail. Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Common Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Orchard Oriole	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Northern Oriole	-	-	-	-	C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	
House Finch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Am. Goldfinch	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
House Sparrow	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nest Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Individuals	-	-	-	-	57	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	-	1	1	1	93	
Species	-	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	-	1	1	1	33	
Game Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Individuals	-	8	-	1	-	13	48	-	1	-	-	-	-	40	86	9	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	57	51	76	-	543	
Species	-	2	-	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	3	3	-	-	6	
No Nest Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Species	1	-	5	-	28	-	1	-	1	1	9	2	4	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	-	63	
total species	1	2	5	1	44	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	6	3	8	1	2	1	2	2	1	11	5	6	2	1	105	