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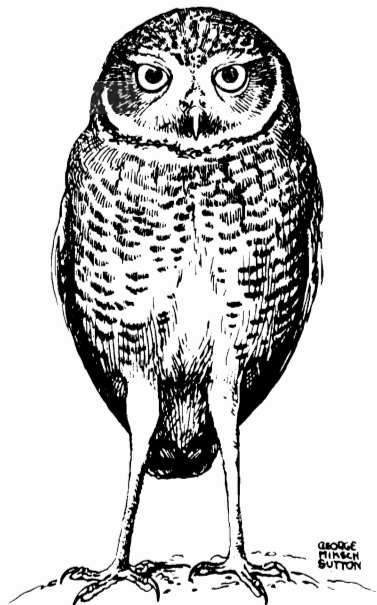
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GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES NESTING IN NEBRASKA

Great-tailed Grackles (*Cassidix mexicanus*) were found in two places in Nebraska at almost the same time. They have been extending their range northward, so that their discovery was not unexpected.

On 12 May 1977 Mrs. Ronald Whitaker, who had seen them in the South, noticed some around some blue spruces at the Officers' Club at the old Hastings Ammunition Depot, now the Central Nebraska Technical College campus. Her report was greeted with skepticism, but those who went out to see found several pairs of Great-tailed Grackles around the spruces. Because the females were seen to carry food to the spruces, and then disappear inside in a secretive manner, it is assumed that they had nests and nestlings in the trees, although no nestling calls were heard and no nests were found. Although this seems early for nestlings, young Common Grackles and Robins were seen out of their nests during the Field Day trips at Lincoln 21 May. It maybe these Great-tailed Grackles have been in the area the last one or two years. After they were indentified and talked about some people, who were not experts in bird identification, said they were aware that there were black birds there.

On 14 May B.J. Rose, his wife Sharon, and daughter Tammy, set out to try to break the one-day record for species of birds seen in Nebraska. They failed in that, but they did see Great-tailed Grackles around the lake at Boys' Town - two males and a female. On 16 May Mr. Rose led a group of Omaha birders out to see them, and they had three males in view at one time, and two females at another time. (Later the count was raised to at least four males.) The next day Mr. Rose spotted a nest, in a clump of small willows out in the lake. (The lake had been drained for a couple of years, and just closed this last winter.) He later got out to the nest and found three eggs in it.

This account is limited to information available up to the last week of May. Any important information which becomes available later will be the subject of further notes.

1976 (NINETEENTH) FALL OCCURRENCE REPORT

Two hundred seventy-one species are listed in this report, which covers eleven localities. These figures compare with 267 from 9 localities in 1975, 267 from 13 localities in 1974, and 281 from 12 localities in 1973.

The information is presented in a rough west (left) to east (right) order, with locations of about the same longitude listed with the northern-most first (left). Two dates indicate the first and last records during the period. The symbols used are:

J1, Au, Sp, Oc, No, and De for the months.

S - to indicate a species which arrived before 1 July.

- W to indicate a species which remained after 31 December.

P to indicate a species which is present all the year, although the same individuals may not be present during the whole year, and the numbers may vary greatly between periods. (S - W) also indicates much the same thing, but is used in cases which are considered special circumstances, rather than a normal pattern).

x where the exact date in a month was not given.

The reporting locations, contributors, and special comments are:

Adams, Hastings, 90 species, Miss Bernice Welch, reporter.

Boone, Albion, 58 species, Wayne J. Mollhoff, reporter. Several of the records are from TV tower kills. The Pelican record was of a flock of 97 seen in the late afternoon.

Cherry, Valentine, 82 species, Douglas L. Ballard, reporter. The Snow Buntings, a flock of 23, were seen at Merritt Reservoir. The Reservoir had open water later than usual this fall, and it attracted a number of Bald Eagles, presumably from those that winter along the Snake and

Niobrara rivers. He was told that there were 16 there at one time, but his highest count was 15 - 11 adults and 4 immatures - on 11 December. The day before he had seen 13 - 9 Adults and 4 immatures. This contrasts with the 1 or 2 at a time seen occasionally on the Reservoir in past winters.

Custer, Merna, 63 species, Mrs. Eva Mae Kieborz, reporter.

Douglas (and Sarpy), Omaha and Bellevue, 209 species, R.G. Cortelyou, Ruth Green, Loren and Babs Padelford, Melba Wigg (reporters), Dale Becker, Tanya Bray, Evelyn Conrad, Dot Duda, Janet Greet, Ann Hodgson, Fr. T.J. Hoffman, Cathy Nelson, Andy Saunders, Warren Tatro, Gerturde Woods. The Red-throated Loon was seen by Ruth Green on Base Lake, under favorable conditions, late in the day. There was just a small ice-free area on the lake, and the next morning the lake was completely frozen and the bird had left. Andy Saunders had seen a Red-throated Loon at De Soto Refuge, near Blair, on 3 November. The Red-necked Grebe was also found on Base Lake by Mrs. Green, but it stayed long enough to be seen by many others. A spring Shoveler was seen as late as 3 July. The Jaeger was reported in *NBR* 44:58. A Hermit Thrush was seen on 18 December, on the Christmas Count. They have been reported on previous Christmas Counts. A Rufous-sided Towhee was also seen on the Christmas Count. Mrs. Green saw the Pine Warblers on the Walking Club Trail in Fontenelle Forest. She is familiar with them from seeing them in Mississippi. There were at least 10 sightings of Woodcocks in the Forest reported. This unusually high number probably is due to the drought conditions which forced the birds to concentrate along the streams and made them more likely to be flushed.

Hall, see Howard.

Howard (and Hall), St. Libory and Grand Island, 88 species, Bill Schleicher, reporter, George Stoppkotte. The Mourning Doves were wintering in an abandoned barn near St. Libory. The hayloft was full of hay and there was plenty of wheat and corn on the lower level floor. The last eastern race Towhee was seen 3 September, but a western race Towhee was seen 19 and 20 October.

Lancaster, Lincoln, 180 Species, Shirley L. Doole, Dr. Norma Johnson, Mabel B. Ott, Cliff Toews, reporters. The Rough-legged Hawk was a light phase one. The Carolina Wren and the Blue Grosbeak were seen in Wilderness Park; the Bobolink and the Swamp Sparrow were seen at Branched Oak Lake.

Lincoln, North Platte and Hershey, 135 species and the possibility that the "Herring/Ring-billed Gull" was a Herring Gull and that the "Meadowlark sp." was an Eastern Meadowlark, Mrs. E.C. Logan for the Tout Bird Club, and Mrs. M.A. Cox, reporters.

McPherson, Tryon, 64 species, Mrs. Oona S. Bassett, reporter. Mrs. Bassett left for the winter on 12 October so the winter birds are not represented. She reported that it was the driest summer they have had in 31 years she lived on the ranch. They had a hailstorm 5 August, with large hail and considerable wind, and from that time on there were very few birds anywhere.

Sarpy, see Douglas.

Scotts Bluff, Scottsbluff, 153 species, Mrs. Roy J. Witschy, reporter, Mrs. Harry Banghart, Mrs. J.J. Brashear, Mrs. Lee Kenitz.

Sioux, Mitchell, 92 species, Helen (reporter) and David Hughson. The Varied Thrush was seen about 4:15 PM on a lower branch of the tree directly in front of their house. After it flew Mrs. Hughson decided to walk around their wood lot and creek area and she saw the Thrush three more times.

After the above report and tables were in type the March 1977 issue of *American Birds* published some items which would change the tables: White-winged Crossbills in Douglas/Sarpy 11 and 23 November, which increases both the county and state totals of species reported; and for Lancaster County Daryl Giblin's record of a Red-necked Grebe 17 October, which increases the county species total, and Snow Buntings 7 November, to increase the length of time they were observed. They also commented that Ground Doves frequently wander north in the fall, and gave some examples, and then continued: "But one at Lincoln, Nebraska, November 13 and 15 seems incredible although excellent details were presented." (By Craig Corder). This is apparently the first report of Ground Doves for Nebraska, although the A.O.U. Check-list (Fifth Edition) does include Iowa (and New York) in its list of "casual or accidental" locations.

	Scotts Sioux	Cher- Bluff	ry McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy	
Common Loon	-	-	-	-	Sp 22	-	-	-	Oc 31	Sp 28 Oc 30	
Red-throated Loon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 27	
Red-necked Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 12 Oc 14	
Horned Grebe	-	Sp 21 Oc 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 20 Oc 30	
Eared Grebe	-	Oc 2	-	-	Oc 9	-	-	-	-	Sp 20 Oc 31	
Western Grebe	-	Sp 24 Oc 15	No 4	Jl 4	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 1 No 2	
Pied-billed Grebe	-	Sp 6 Oc 5	Au 27 Sp 7	-	-	Sp 7	-	No 7	-	Jl 19 Oc 23	Au 13 No 11
White Pelican	-	Sp 12 Sp 18	Sp 8	-	Jl 10 Sp 22	-	-	Sp 10 Sp 17	Oc 6	Oc 3	Sp 7 Oc 14
Double-crested Cormorant	-	S - Oc 2	Au x	-	Sp 8	-	-	Oc 24	-	Au 17 Oc 19	Sp 12 No 4
Great Blue Heron	-	S - De 15	No 4	Jl 1	S - De 18	-	-	Jl 8 Sp 11	Jl 4 De 18	Jl 27 Sp 29	S - No 4
Green Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 14	S - Sp 19
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 27	-
Great Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 20	Au 2 Au 5
Black-crowned Night Heron	-	S - Jl 7	-	-	S - Au 29	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 16	Oc 30
Trumpeter Swan	-	-	Au 10 Oc 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	Oc 15	Oc 2 De 18	S - No 10	Jl 1 Au 1	Oc 4 De 31	De 29	No 30	-	No 7	Sp 27 Oc 3	Oc 2 No 19
White-fronted Goose	-	Oc 2	-	Jl 20 Au 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2
Snow Goose	-	-	-	-	De 18	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 21 De 18
Mallard	P	P	S - No 22	-	P	Sp 16	De 10 De 20	P	P	S - No 24	Au 16 De 18
Gadwall	-	Oc 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 17 No 10	Sp 20 No 8
Pintail	-	Oc 2 De 18	No 10	-	Sp 26 De 18	-	Sp 10 No 30	-	-	-	Sp 4 No 13
Green-winged Teal	-	Oc 2 De 18	-	-	Sp 8	-	-	-	-	Au 8 Au 20	Au 31 De 18
Blue-winged Teal	-	Jl 1 Oc 2	Sp 14	-	Au 28 De 18	Sp 4 Sp 16	-	-	-	Au 2 Oc 31	Au 16 Oc 4
Cinnamon Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 14
American Wigeon	-	Oc 2 De 18	-	-	Sp 28 De 18	-	-	-	-	Oc 6 Oc 20	Sp 20 No 16
Northern Shoveler	-	Au 27 Oc 15	-	-	Oc 30 No 11	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 4 No 1

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	Scotts Sioux	Bluff	Cher- ry	McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy
Wood Duck	-	De 18	-	-	Jl 4 No 27	-	-	-	-	Au 8 Oc 15	S - Oc 10
Redhead	-	Au 27 No 7	No 10	-	Jl 21	-	-	-	-	Oc 31	Sp 18 No 27
Ring-necked Duck	-	Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 23	Sp 25 No 13
Canvasback	-	Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 25 No 20
Lesser Scaup	-	Sp 26 Oc 15	-	-	Oc 20 De 31	-	-	No 7	-	Oc 23 Oc 31	Sp 25 No 21
Common Goldeneye	-	De 18	De 9	-	De 1 De 31	-	-	-	-	-	No 4 De 18
Bufflehead	-	No 7	No 22	-	No 8 De 18	-	-	-	-	Oc 31	Oc 16 No 20
Surf Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 10
Ruddy Duck	-	Oc 1 Oc 2	Au 28	Jl 1	No 15	-	-	-	Oc 22	Au 2 Oc 31	Au 31 No 21
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 30 No 13
Common Merganser	-	Sp 24 De 18	De 9	-	De 18	-	-	-	-	Oc 31	No 13 De 18
Turkey Vulture	-	S - Oc 3	Oc 1	-	-	Jl 24	-	-	-	Jl 1	Au 14 Sp 12
Goshawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 1 Oc 3	Oc 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	-	-	No 24	-	-	-	-	Sp 11 No 24	Sp 20 De 18
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	Oc 4	-	-	De 11	-	-	-	Sp 4 Oc 7
Red-tailed Hawk	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	Sp 11	Oc 10	P	P
Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	-	De 4	-	-	-	-	Sp 5	Au 7 Oc 16
Swainson's Hawk	-	S - No 18	Sp 28	Jl 1	S - De 1	Jl 12 De 20	-	-	Jl 4	-	-
Rough-legged Hawk	Oc 16 - W	De 18 - W	Sp 28 Oc 1	-	Oc 29 De 18	-	De 11	-	-	Jl 21	Sp 5 De 18
Golden Eagle	P	P	Oc 25	-	Oc 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	-	No 16 - W	No 7	-	No 29 - W	-	De 18	-	No 25 De 18	-	Sp 16 De 18
Marsh Hawk	P	P	P	Jl 1	Sp 28 De 18	-	Oc 10 No 30	De 18	-	Oc 19 De 29	Oc 10
Osprey	-	Oc 15	-	-	Oc 9	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 12 Sp 25
Prairie Falcon	P	P	Sp 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 30
Merlin	-	De 18 - W	-	-	-	-	-	-	De 18	-	De 2
American Kestrel	P	P	De 17	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P
Greater Prairie Chicken	-	-	-	Jl 1 Oc 8	P	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Scotts Sioux	Bluff	Cher- ry	McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	-	Au 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 27 Au 20	Au 10 Sp 4
Western Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 19 Au 20	Au 10 Au 20
Sanderling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 27 Au 20	Au 20
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 8 Oc 19	-
Dowitcher sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2 No 13
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	De 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 19	No 13
Stilt Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 19	-
American Avocet	-	S - Jl 1	S - Au 31	Jl 4 Jl 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 18 Sp 28
Wilson's Phalarope	-	S - Oc 2	-	Oc 6	-	-	-	-	-	Au 20	-
Northern Phalarope	-	-	-	-	Jl 25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaeger sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 8	No 13
Herring/ Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	-	Oc 5	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2 Oc 13
Ring-billed Gull	Oc 2	Jl 1 De 18	No 22	-	Jl 14 De 18	Sp 16	-	-	-	Au 8 Oc 19	Sp 4 No 27
Franklin's Gull	-	Jl 1 Oc 2	Sp 7	Sp 25	Jl 14 Oc 5	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 25 Oc 13
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 31	Sp 25 Oc 30
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 27 Au 20	Jl 24 Oc 13
Common Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 14	Au 22
Caspian Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4 Sp 25
Black Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 19 Au 20	Jl 26 Sp 6
Rock Dove	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	-	P	P
Mourning Dove	S - Sp 29	S - Oc 10	S - Oc 13	Jl 1 Sp 29	S - Oc 17	S - Sp 16	S - De 30	S - - W	S - No 10	S - - W	S - - W
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 28	S - Sp 1	Jl 4	S - Sp 5	S - Sp 5
Cuckoo sp.	-	Jl 27 Au 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 7	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 5	-
Screech Owl	-	P	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	-	P
Great Horned Owl	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Snowy Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	De 16	-	De 5 De 29	No 16

	Scotts Sioux	Cher- Bluff	ry McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy
Eastern Wood Pewee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 26	S - Oc 7
Western Wood Pewee	S - Sp 4	S - Sp 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	Au 7	-	-	-	-	Sp 11	-	Au 29	Sp 5 Sp 24
Horned Lark	P	P	P	P	P	P	No 12 - W	De 30 - W	P	P
Violet-green Swallow	-	Jl 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tree Swallow	-	Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 1 Au 20	S - Oc 25
Bank Swallow	-	-	-	-	Jl 10 Au 26	-	S - Au 2	-	Au 1 Sp 5	S - Au 30 Sp 18
Rough-winged Swallow	S - Sp 12	S - Oc 2	-	-	Jl 14	S - Au 14	S - Au 27	-	-	S - Sp 5 Oc 10
Barn Swallow	S - Sp 6	S - Oc 7	S - Sp 28	Jl 1	S - Sp 29	S - Au 14	S - Oc 3	S - Sp 14	S - Sp 28	S - Oc 1 Oc 30
Cliff Swallow	S - Au 23	S - Oc 7	S - Sp 14	-	S - Au 26	-	Jl 3 Au 12	-	Au 1	Au 21 Oc 31
Purple Martin	-	-	-	-	S - Au 25	S - Au 14	S - Au 27	S - Au 27	-	S - Au 17 Oc 15
Blue Jay	P	P	P	-	P	Jl 12 Au 14	P	P	P	P
Steller's Jay	Oc 6	De 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-billed Magpie	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	-
Common Crow	P	P	P	Oc 5	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pinon Jay	P	P	-	-	Sp 10 Sp 17	-	-	-	-	-
Black-capped Chickadee	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mountain Chickadee	-	De 5 - W	-	-	No 16	-	-	-	-	-
Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 22 Sp 15	P
White-breasted Nuthatch	P	Sp 15 Oc 21	-	-	Au 26 - W	De 29	Oc 17 - W	P	Oc 10 - W	P
Red-breasted Nuthatch	P	P	-	Oc 3	De 18 - W	-	De 3 - W	Sp 24 - W	-	No 1 - W Oc 10 - W
Pygmy Nuthatch	P	-	-	-	Sp 30	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Creeper	-	De 18 - W	No 23	Sp 29 Oc 11	De 18 - W	De 29	Oc 26 - W	Oc 10 - W	-	Sp 29 - W Oc 7 - W
House Wren	S - Sp 21	S - Sp 17	Jl 22	-	S - Sp 5	S - Au 2	S - Sp 27	S - Oc 12	S - Sp 10	S - Oc 13 Oc 7
Winter Wren	Sp 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 3 No 1	Sp 25 - W
Bewick's Wren	-	-	-	-	Sp 14 Sp 23	-	-	-	-	-
Carolina Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 6 Au 9	-	Au 29 Oc 10	S - - W

	Scotts Sioux Bluff	Cher- ry	McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy	
Long-billed Marsh Wren	S - Au 23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 1	Oc 2	
Short-billed Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 20	Au 1 Au 20	Sp 22 Oc 5	
Rock Wren	S - Sp 22	S - Oc 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mockingbird	-	-	-	Sp 2 Oc 12	-	Jl 10 Au 27	Oc 30	-	S - Au 19	-	
Gray Catbird	S - Sp 21	Sp 24 Oc 2	-	Sp 18 Sp 30	Au 7	Jl 12 Au 2	S - Sp 3	S - Sp 15	-	S - Oc 1	S - Oc 14
Brown Thrasher	S - - W	S - Sp 30	S - Au 27	Jl 1 Oc 2	S - Sp 28	S - Sp 16	S - Sp 24	S - No 25	Jl 4 Oc 1	S - No 29	S - Oc 1
Sage Thrasher	-	Au 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
American Robin	P	P	P	Jl 1 Oc 11	P	S - No 6	S - De 13	S - - W	S - N 19	P	S - - W
Varied Thrush	Oc 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 5	S - Sp 14	
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 3 Oc 5	Oc 6 Oc 7	
Swainson's Thrush	S - Sp 29	-	-	Sp 23 Sp 29	Sp 10	-	-	Sp 12	-	Sp 5 Oc 18	Sp 4 Oc 7
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 7	
Eastern Bluebird	-	-	Oc 22 Oc 26	-	S - No 10	-	S - De 10	-	S - Sp 25	S - Sp 26	P
Mountain Bluebird	-	Jl 4 Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Townsend's Solitaire	Sp 20 Sp 21	Sp 19 - W	-	Oc 10	Sp 28 - W	-	De 11	-	-	-	De 18 De 25
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	De 18	-	-	De 18	-	-	No 8	Oc 31	Oc 10 No 24	Oc 6 De 18
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sp 21 Oc 1	Oc 2 Oc 6	-	Sp 18 Oc 8	-	-	De 11 Oc 27	Sp 9	De 10	Au 31 No 1	Sp 21 De 18
Water Pipit	-	Oc 2 Oc 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 16	No 4
Sprague's Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 17	-	-	
Bohemian Waxwing	-	Sp 25 - W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cedar Waxwing	-	Sp 1 - W	No 24	Sp 26 Sp 30	Jl 14 No 24	-	Au 3 Au 10	No 7	-	No 8	Sp 11 No 5
Northern Shrike	No 26 - W	No 5 - W	Sp 2	-	De 18	-	-	-	-	-	
Shrike sp.	-	-	-	-	-	De 6	-	-	Oc 15 De 3	-	
Loggerhead Shrike	S - Au 23	S - Sp 18	S - Au 27	-	S - No 13	-	Jl 20 Au 12	-	-	S - De 28	S - No 14
Starling	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 28 Sp 22	

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Bell's Vireo	-	Au 7	-	-	Au 5	-	-	-	Jl 31 Au 29	S - Jl 31	
Yellow-throated Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 15 Oc 17	
Solitary Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 12	-	Au 31 Oc 1	Sp 5 Oc 12	
Red-eyed Vireo	-	S - Jl 28	-	Sp 21	-	Jl 24	-	-	S - Sp 26	S - Sp 2	
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 17	Au 20 Sp 4	
Warbling Vireo	S - Au 21	S - Jl 1	-	-	Au 1 Au 7	Jl 12 Jl 24	Jl 3 Oc 20	S - Au 6	-	S - Sp 17	S - Sp 22
Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-	Sp 18	-	-	-	-	-	Au 27 Sp 10	Sp 1 Oc 4
Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 4
Tennessee Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 28 Oc 27	Sp 24	-	-	Sp 22 Oc 5	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	Sp 7 Oc 2	-	Oc 4	-	-	-	Oc 19	-	Au 29 Oc 10	Sp 21 Oc 25
Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	Oc 4	-	-	-	-	-	Au 29 Oc 29	Au 29 Oc 4
Northern Parula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 3 Sp 7
Yellow Warbler	S - Sp 3	S - Sp 19	S - Au 27	-	S - Sp 4	S - Jl 24	Jl 1 Au 15	S - Oc 18	-	Jl 31 Au 29	S - Sp 21
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Oc 1	Oc 2 Oc 21	-	Sp 18	-	S - Jl 24	-	Oc 30	-	Sp 26 Oc 17	Sp 10 De 18
Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 26 Oc 3	Sp 3 Sp 28
Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-	Sp 14 Oc 4	-	-	-	-	Au 29 Sp 1	Sp 4
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 1 Oc 3	Sp 1 Oc 4
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 5 Oc 4	Sp 4 Oc 4
Pine Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 7
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 5
Ovenbird	-	Jl 1 Au 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 5 Oc 3	Sp 2 Sp 5
Northern Waterthrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 27
Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 23
Mourning Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 15 Oc 1	Sp 1 Oc 5
Macgillivray's Warbler	-	Sp 16 Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	S - Sp 21	S - Oc 2	-	-	S - Oc 4	S - Au 14	S - Au 13	Au 11	-	S - Oc 3	S - Oc 2

	Scotts Sioux	Cher- Bluff	ry McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy	
Yellow-breasted Chat	-	S - Au 2	-	-	Jl 8	-	Jl 14 Au 10	-	-	-	
Wilson's Warbler	Au 26 Sp 29	Sp 7 Oc 7	-	Sp 16 Oc 8	-	-	Sp 20 Sp 23	Sp 19 No 20	Au 29 Sp 18	Sp 1 Sp 28	
Canada Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 3 Sp 16	Sp 1 Sp 4	
American Redstart	S - Sp 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 3	-	Sp 5 Sp 7	S - Sp 4
House Sparrow	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Bobolink	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 14	-	S - Au 2	-	Au 10 Au 8	Au 1 Au 28	S -
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 10	-	-	S - De 22	S - Oc 2
Meadowlark sp.	-	-	-	-	Jl 8	-	-	P	De 3	P	P
Western Meadowlark	P	P	S - No 1	Jl 1 Oc 4	P	P	P	-	Jl 4	P	S - Oc 16
Yellow-headed Blackbird	S - Sp 21	S - Oc 2	S - Sp 21	Jl 1	S - Jl 8	-	-	-	-	Jl 19 Au 20	S - Sp 6
Red-winged Blackbird	S - No 28	S - De 18	S - Oc 13	Jl 1	S - De 18	S - Oc 3	S - Au 30	S - De 18	De 18	S - No 11	S - De 28
Orchard Oriole	-	S - Au 6	-	Jl 1 Au 4	S - Jl 8	S - Au 14	S - Au 10	S - Jl 25	-	Au 15	S - Au 22
Northern Oriole	-	S - Au 31	S - Jl 29	-	S - Jl 8	S - Au 14	S - Au 3	S - Sp 7	S - Jl 10	S - Sp 15	S - Sp 23
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 7	-	Jl 7 Jl 17	Oc 31 No 17
Brewer's Blackbird	-	Sp 25 Oc 2	-	-	Jl 29	-	-	De 18	-	Jl 5 Sp 10	Jl 15 Sp 18
Common Grackle	S - No 8	S - Oc 23	-	Jl 1	S - De 18	S - Au 14	S - Oc 25	S - De 18	-	S - De 26	S - No 21
Brown-headed Cowbird	S - No 8	S - De 3	-	-	Jl 29	S - Au 14	S - Sp 10	-	-	S - De 31	S - De 28
Western Tanager	Au 4 Sp 21	Au 7 Sp 20	-	-	Au 29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 26	S - Sp 28
Cardinal	-	Au 7	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 15 Au 10	S - Jl 23	-	S - Sp 26	S - Oc 5
Black-headed Grosbeak	S - Au 29	S - Sp 5	-	-	Jl 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Grosbeak	-	S - Au 14	S - Au 25	Jl 1 Jl 18	S - Jl 4	-	-	-	S - Au 10	Sp 5 Sp 6	S -
Indigo Bunting	-	Jl 1 Au 7	-	-	-	Jl 24	Jl 3 Oc 28	-	-	S - Au 8	S - Oc 7
Lazuli Bunting	-	S - Au 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickcissel	-	-	-	Jl 1	S - Jl 15	S - Jl 24	S - Au 10	S - Au 8	Jl x	S - Au 17	S - Sp 11
Evening Grosbeak	-	No 8 - W	De 22	-	De 13 - W	-	-	No 27 De 10	-	-	-

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	Scotts Sioux	Cher- Bluff	ry McPh.	Lin- coln	Gus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy	
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 13	-	-	No 1 De 31	No 1 De 29	
House Finch	-	P	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	
Pine Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	No 16	-	-	-	-	-	
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	Oc 19	-	-	-	-	De 25	
Pine Siskin	-	P	-	-	De 18	Sp 16	De 11	De 18 - W	-	-	
American Goldfinch	S - Oc 1	P	-	Jl 2 Jl 19	P	S - Oc 3	P	P	S - De 18	P	
Red Crossbill	-	De 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 17	
Green-tailed Towhee	Sp 21 Sp 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rufous-sided Towhee	S - Sp 21	S - Oc 14	S - Oc 7	Sp 18 Oc 10	S - Oc 19	S - Jl 24	S - Oc 20	S - De 2	-	Sp 26 Oc 24	S - Oc 30
Lark Bunting	S - Sp 12	S - Sp 11	S - Sp 7	Jl 1 Sp 7	Sp 14	S - Jl 24	S - Au 20	-	-	-	
Savannah Sparrow	Oc 2 Oc 2	Au 31 Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 31	-	Sp 4 Oc 25
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	S - Au 27	-	Jl 3 Au 3	-	-	S - Au 7	S - Au 1
Baird's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	Au 26	-	-	-	-	-	
Vesper Sparrow	S - Sp 29	S - Oc 2	Sp 22	-	Sp 27	-	-	-	-	Au 27 Oc 9	Sp 11
Lark Sparrow	S - Sp 21	S - Au 27	-	Jl 1	-	-	Jl 2 Au 20	-	Sp 10	Sp 18	Sp 11
Dark-eyed Junco	Sp 29 - W	Sp 28 - W	Oc 7 Oc 20	Sp 26 Oc 10	Sp 1 - W	-	Oc 10 - W	Sp 24 - W	De 18 - W	Sp 29 - W	Sp 25 - W
Gray-headed Junco	Sp 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tree Sparrow	Oc 28 - W	No 7 - W	Oc 20 No 29	-	Oc 3 - W	-	Oc 4 - W	Oc 30 - W	Oc 20 - W	Sp 14 - W	Oc 13 - W
Chipping Sparrow	S - Au 23	S - Oc 2	Au 3	-	S - De 18	Oc 3	Jl 20 Au 28	S - Oc 30	-	S - Sp 10	S - Oc 25
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	Au 28 De 18	-	Sp 29	-	-	Oc 26 No 3	Oc 2	-	Sp 26	-
Brewer's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 24	-	-	-
Field Sparrow	-	Oc 2	-	Sp 26 Oc 4	Oc 4	-	S - Au 23	S - Oc 24	-	S - Oc 13	S - Oc 25
Harris' Sparrow	Oc 28 No 9	Oc 19 Oc 9	Oc 20	Sp 26 Oc 11	Oc 6 De 18	Oc 3	Oc 13 - W	Oc 12 - W	Oc 3 - W	Jl 9 - W	Sp 16 - W
White-crowned Sparrow	Oc 1 - W	Au 28 - W	Sp 28 Oc 20	Sp 20 Oc 8	De 18	Oc 3	Oc 25 De 18	Oc 2	-	Oc 3	Oc 10
White-throated Sparrow	Oc 1	-	Oc 7	Sp 24 Oc 3	-	-	Oc 18 De 11	De 18	-	Sp 26 De 31	Sp 21 De 2
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	Sp 24	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 5 Oc 25	Oc 7 No 16
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 10 Oc 31	Sp 11 De 18
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 29	Au 1	Oc 17 Oc 31

	Scotts Sioux	Bluff	Cher- ry	McPh.	Lin- coln	Cus- ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy
Song Sparrow	De 31	Sp 16	Sp 28	-	Oc 9	Oc 3	Oc 10	De 18	-	S -	P
	- W	Oc 7			De 18		No 3			- W	
McCown's Longspur	S -	Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sp 25										
Lapland Longspur	-	-	-	-	Oc 30	-	-	No 12	No 20	De 29	-
								De 18	De 30		
Chestnut-col- lared Longspur	S -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sp 5										
Snow Bunting	-	-	No 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 19	No 16

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting was held at the Villager Motel in Lincoln on 21 May 1977. There was an informal get-together the night before. The Seventy-third Annual Field Day (actually two days) was held on 21 and 22 May, with the final count held at the Chet Agar Nature Center in Pioneers Park. Official registration for the Meeting was in the low thirties, with the total attendance at parts of the Meeting and Field Day probably in the forties.

At the 1976 Meeting it had been decided to devote more time to birding and less to the formal program, so the latter was held in the afternoon. The formal program consisted of:

Bird Study Diggs' Fashion, Hazel and Fitzhugh Diggs, Hamburg, Iowa

Nebraska Falconry Today, Ben Ohlander, La Vista

Return of the Wild Turkey to Missouri, Richard Sperber, Missouri Conservation Commission

Some Evening Observations of Sandhill Cranes, Gregg Ahlers and Kathie Kjar, Kearney State College

At the business meeting the invitation to hold the 1978 Annual Meeting at Hastings was accepted. The following officers were elected: Lee Morris, Benedict, president; Norris Alfred, Polk, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Omaha, secretary; A.W. Madison, Sutherland, treasurer; Dr. Neva Pruess, Lincoln, librarian; and R.G. Cortelyou, Omaha, editor. Because the cost of the bond for the treasurer and the librarian, required by the by-laws, had increased to \$50 from the previous \$10 per year it was decided to ask for a change in the by-laws to eliminate the requirement, and in the mean time a temporary personal bond was supplied by some of the members. Mrs. C.H. Wyman, of North Platte, in the discussion on the Treasurer's Report, questioned the need for the \$2,000 in savings held in the treasury. It was pointed out that a good part of this was necessary to assure the life members of the benefits of continuous membership, and that some of it was a "security blanket" against less prosperous days for NOU. It was agreed that a more detailed explanation would be given in a forth-coming Newsletter.

At the banquet Dr. Paul Johnsgard spoke on the "Breeding Biology of the Swans of the Tetons", and before the meeting broke up various prizes were awarded to the holders of lucky numbers.

Birding trips were made to Branched Oak Lake, Wilderness Park, and Pioneers Park on both Saturday and Sunday. There was a rain Friday night, and Saturday looked threatening, but only the Branched Oak party was rained on, in a few brief but sharp showers. Fortunately, they were near or in their cars each time. Sunday also was cloudy, but no one got rained on. On both days the winds were strong enough to hamper hearing bird calls, but in spite of the disadvantages 115 species were reported, plus two unidentified species - Empidonax sp. and Waterthrush sp. which might have been ones not reported. And at least two others - Chestnut-sided and Bay-breasted Warblers - were seen in Lincoln during the period by observers not part of the official observing parties.

Species reported were: White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant; Green and Little Blue Herons; Canada Goose, Mallard, Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler; Wood and Ruddy Ducks; Red-tailed and Marsh Hawks; American Kestrel, Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, American Coot; Semipalmated and Piping Plovers; Killdeer, Common Snipe; Upland and Spotted Sandpipers; Lesser Yellowlegs; Pectoral, White-rumped, Baird's, and Least Sandpipers; Dunlin; Semipalmated and Western Sandpipers; Sanderling, Stilt Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope; Ring-billed, Laughing, and Franklin's Gulls; Forster's, and Black Terns; Rock and Morning Doves; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker; Red-bellied, Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Eastern and Western Kingbirds; Great Crested, Yellow-bellied, and Least Flycatchers; Eastern Wood Pewee, Horned Lark.

Tree, Bank, Rough-winged, Barn, and Cliff Swallows; Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin; Wood, Swainson's, and Gray-cheeked Thrushes; Veery, Eastern Bluebird, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling; Bell's, Red-eyed, and Warbling Vireos; Black-and-white, Blue-winged, Tennessee, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Blackburnian, and Blackpoll Warblers; Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, House Sparrow; Eastern and Western Meadowlarks; Red-winged Blackbird; Orchard and Northern Orioles; Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Scarlet Tanager, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee; Savannah, Grasshopper, Chipping, Field, White-crowned, and Song Sparrows.

Two Laughing Gulls were seen at Branched Oak Lake at close range under very favorable conditions for a considerable period of time, so that both Peterson and Robbins could be checked carefully, by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrington, Lee Morris, Norris Alfred, Ruth Green and R.G. Cortelyou. They noted the relatively large size, the dark upper wing with dark tips and white trailing edge, white tail, dark head with white around the eyes, and dark bill and legs, Unfortunately, the birds were silent. Dr. Esther Bennett had seen some unusual gulls - presumably these - at Branched Oak Lake on 19 May but had not seen them well enough to determine what species they were.

BOOK REVIEWS

Animal Communication. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Hubert and Mable Frings. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma. xi+ 207. 5½ x 8½ inches, indexed. Hardbound, \$9.95.

The preface to the first edition says: "This is not meant to be an exhaustive treatise, but is intended primarily for nonspecialists — students, specialists in other fields of science, and educated laymen", and this is true of this edition. There are no footnotes, but there is a bibliography, with a key to the chapters to which the book applies. The bibliography, too, is of books for nonspecialists. This is an interesting discussion of communication — tactile, chemical, visual, vocal — between members of the animal kingdom, from one-celled beings on up. One interesting point they make is that what may seem to humans as the important part or characteristic of a communication may not be what is important to those doing the communicating. Another interesting discussion is on dialects in communications, with one example being that of German and Italian bees. But read it yourself, you'll like it (but in the copy reviewed pages 86 and 87 are reversed, and it makes easier reading to allow for that). And incidentally, the Fringses are both member of NOU.

— Ed.

Birdwatcher's Guide to Wildlife Sanctuaries. Jessie Kitching. Arco Publishing Company, Inc., New York. xv+223. 5½ x 8½ inches, indexed. Hardbound. \$8.95.

The preface states: "This guide is aimed at describing most of the major and many of the minor sanctuaries that will admit the public in the United States and Canada, and one in the Virgin Islands", and goes on to point out that in some of them game birds may be shot in hunting

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season. The selection of sanctuaries to be included apparently was made on the basis of the availability of checklists, which leads to odd results: In Nebraska the only entry is for Chet Agar Nature Center in Lincoln (with no reference to the Salt Valley lakes, or other birding areas nearby). The Lillian Annette Row Audubon Sanctuary may be too new to be included; the Fontenelle Forest checklist might have been issued after the basic collection was made; but if memory serves checklists were available both for Crescent Lake and for Cheyenne Bottoms (in Kansas), and they are not included. (De Soto Bend and Squaw Creek refuges are, however.) For the places listed in the book the following information is given: the mailing address, how to reach the refuge, number of species sighted (qualified by a note on how many are rare in the refuge), which of the birds are unlikely, which are common, the look of the land and water (facilities, sports, interesting trips, other attractions), and precautions to take. Under Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is the statement: "The apapane is commonly found here, but nowhere else". In the original information the "here" presumably applied to the Hawaiian Islands, rather than just the Park, as it probably would be understood by the average reader. To determine that there were not other similar statements would require a much more detailed knowledge of local situations than this reviewer has. So we have here a book which gives interesting and useful (and maybe slightly optimistic) information about many birding places, but since it may not cover other places which are just as good, or maybe even better, probably should be supplemented by reference to other sources if they are available.

— Ed.

NOTE

EAGLES NEAR COLUMBUS. Norris Alfred and I went to see what we could find around the Columbus lakes 13 March 1977. We found lots of geese and ducks but the most interesting sights of the day were two Golden Eagles. One was very close to us at Lake Babcock, the other one along the Platte west of Columbus. We also saw one adult Bald Eagle and three other Eagles too far away for positive identification — probably immature Bald Eagles.

— Lee Morris, Benedict