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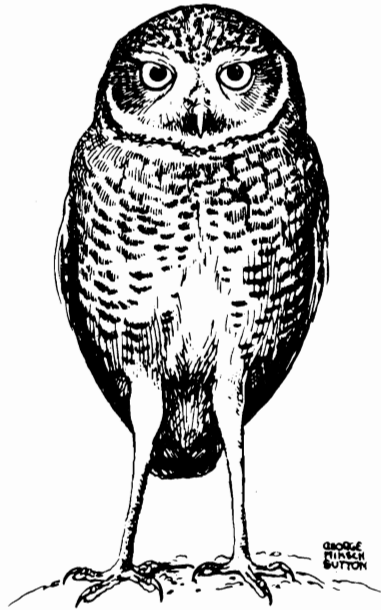
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THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting was held in Hastings on 20 May 1978 and the Seventy-fourth Annual Field Days were held in the Hastings-Grand Island area that week-end. Registration was Friday night, 19 May, at the Hastings Museum, followed by a get-together. The Museum was also the site of the papers session (all illustrated with slides) Saturday afternoon. It consisted of:

Avian Architecture, Hazel and Fitzhugh Diggs, Hamburg, Iowa
 Indoor Birding, Ralph Harrington, Lincoln
 Brooking Bird Club Slides, Dr. Carl Throckmorton, Hastings College.

(This was a selection from 87 National Audubon Society glass slides bought by the Brooking Bird Club in the mid-twenties at \$1 each. They had been rediscovered last year, and were shown on the original slide projector, since they are too large and too thick to be used in modern projectors. Some were hand-tinted black-and-white photographs, but others were mostly or completely hand-painted.)

At the Business Meeting which followed the following officers were elected: Dr. Harvey L. Gunderson, Lincoln, president; Mrs. Ruth C. Green, Bellevue, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Omaha, secretary; Mr. William Lemburg, Cairo, treasurer; Dr. Neva Pruess, Lincoln, librarian; and Dr. R.G. Cortelyou, Omaha, editor. It was decided to join the University of Nebraska at Omaha in sponsoring the 1979 meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society to be held at Omaha 4-8 April. The by-laws were revised to eliminate the requirement that new members be approved at each annual meeting, and to eliminate the requirement of a bond for the treasurer and librarian. The banquet that night was held at Bellevue House, Hastings College, and the speaker was Mr. Ross Lock, Lincoln, who spoke on "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife of Nebraska".

The Saturday morning field trip was to Camp Augustine, and the highlight of it probably was the discovery of the nest of a Bobwhite. It was rather windy and the sky was overcast. The Sunday morning trip included Hastings and areas to the south and east, and its highlight probably was the Great-tailed Grackle colony at the Ammunition Depot. Over a hundred birds, including fledgling, were seen. The weather was better -- sunny, and less windy than Saturday. The official count was compiled after lunch at Crystal Lake Recreation Area, near Ayr. One hundred twenty-five species were recorded for the two days and another - a Swainson's Hawk - was seen Friday afternoon near Hastings by an incoming participant. Species recorded in both places are not marked; those recorded only in Hall County are marked H; and those seen only in Adams and western Clay counties are marked A. The species reported are: Pied-billed Grebe (A); Great Blue (A) and Green (H) Herons; Black-crowned Night Heron, American Bittern (A) Mallard, Gadwall (A), Pintail (A), Blue-winged Teal, American Wigeon (A), Northern Shoveler, Wood Duck (H), Redhead (A), Canvasback (A), Lesser Scaup (A), Ruddy Duck (A), Turkey Vulture (H), Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle (H), Marsh Hawk (A), American Kestrel (H), Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, American Coot, Killdeer; Upland (H) and Spotted Sandpipers; Lesser Yellowlegs (A); Pectoral (A), White-rumped (A), Baird's (A), Semipalmated, and Western (A) Sandpipers; Sanderling (A), Long-billed Dowitcher (A), Stilt Sandpiper (A), Hudsonian Godwit (A), and Wilson's Phalarope (A).

Franklin's Gull, Black Tern (A); Rock and Mourning Doves; Yellow-billed and Black-billed (A) Cuckoos; Screech, Great Horned (H), and Burrowing (A) Owls; Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird (H), Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker; Red-bellied (A), Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Eastern and Western Kingbirds; Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe; Yellow-bellied and Least Flycatchers; Eastern Wood Pewee (H), Horned Lark (H); Rough-winged (H), Barn, and Cliff Swallows; Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie (A), Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted and Red-breasted (H) Nuthatches; House Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin; Swainson's and

Gray-cheeked (A) Thrushes; Ruby-crowned Kinglet (A), Cedar Waxwing (A), Loggerhead Shrike (A), Starling; Solitary (H), Red-eyed (A), Philadelphia (H), and Warbling Vireos; Tennessee, Orange-crowned (H), Yellow, Magnolia (A), Blackburnian (A), Yellow-throated (A), Chestnut-sided (H), and Blackpoll (A) Warblers; Ovenbird (A), Mourning Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, House Sparrow, Bobolink (H); Eastern (A) and Western Meadowlarks; Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds; Orchard and Northern Orioles; Great-tailed (A) and Common Grackles; Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak; Indigo and Lazuli (A) Buntings; Dickcissel, Pine Siskin (A), American Goldfinch Rufous-sided Towhee; Grasshopper (H), Chipping, Clay-colored (A), Brewer' (A), Field (H), White-throated (H), and Song (A) Sparrows.

1977 (TWENTIETH) FALL OCCURRENCE REPORT

Two hundred sixty-seven species are listed in this report, which covers eleven localities. The figures compare with 271 from eleven localities in 1976, 267 from nine localities in 1975, and 267 from thirteen localities in 1974.

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. Two dates indicate the first and last records during the period. The symbols used are:

Jl, 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, 93 species, Miss Bernice Welch, reporter.

Boone, Albion, 100 species, Wayne J. Mollhoff, reporter. The Falcon sp. probably was a Peregrine, but might have been a Prairie. On 2 October he found 175 birds killed by a TV tower. Twenty-six species were identified and included in his report; some possible Baird's and Henslow's Sparrows were found but since the identification was not positive they were not shown in the report. On 31 December he found 75 Lapland Longspurs dead there.

Cherry, Valentine, 88 species, Douglas L. Ballard, reporter. The Scoters were on Meritt Reservoir, southwest of Valentine. With a 20-45x spotting scope he could see only one with the orange bill of a male, so presumably the other four were females or immatures. Personnel of the Valentine Migratory Waterfowl Refuge found a dead Barn Owl this fall, about the second or third confirmed record for the Refuge. Mr. Ballard saw more Snow Buntings this year than in the past two or three years combined.

Douglas (and Sarpy), Omaha and Bellevue, 196 species. R.G. Cortelyou, Ruth Green, Loren and Babs Padelford, Melba Wigg (reporters), Tanya Bray, Evelyn Conrad, Ellen Davidson, Dot Duda, Clyde and Emma Johnson, Jim and Sandy Kovanda, Marian Meier, B.J. Rose, Alice Rushton, Andy Saunders. The House Finch was seen by Marian Meier on her patio in mid-morning. She observed the bird (a male) for about five minutes at a distance of 10 or 15 feet, through her window. It was in a forsythia bush, pecking at the buds, and then flew to the ground below the feeders and fed on the spill before flying away. She noted its streaked flanks

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		Scotts Sioux	Gar- Bluff	Cher- den	ry	McPh.	Lin- coln	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan- cast.	Doug- Sarpy
Common Loon	-	Oc 11 Oc 25	No 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 24 No 27
Horned Grebe	-	Sp 20 No 15	Sp 5 No 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 10 No 27
Eared Grebe	-	Au 19 No 15	S - No 10	Oc 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 15
Western Grebe	-	Sp 20 De 7	S - No 22	De 6	S - Jl 18	Oc 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe	Sp 5	Au 6 No 15	S - No 10	Au 3 De 6	S - Au 11	Sp 20 Oc 10	-	Jl 22	Oc 3	Au 12 No 16	S - No 20	-
White Pelican	-	-	S - No 6	Oc 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 5 De 14
Double-crested Cormorant	-	Au 7 Oc 11	S - No 10	Oc 5	-	-	-	-	Oc 2	Oc 16	Au 16 Oc 25	-
Great Blue Heron	De 10	S - De 17	S - No 10	Oc 17	S - Au x	S - Oc 10	S - Sp 26	S - Sp 26	S - Oc 5	S - Oc 19	S - De 26	-
Green Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 7	S - Oc 2
Cattle Egret	-	-	Jl 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snowy Egret	-	-	Jl 30 Sp 23	S - Au 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-crowned Night Heron	Au 2	S - Jl 16	S - Oc 20	S - Sp 16	-	S - Au 26	-	Sp 18	-	-	-	Au 21 Oc 6
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 2
American Bittern	Au 20	-	S - No 6	Au 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 5 Sp 10
White-faced Ibis	-	-	S - Oc 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 28
Whistling Swan	-	-	No 17 No 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	Oc 14 De 29	Oc 8 De 27	S - De 4	-	-	Oc 10 De 18	No 10	-	No 1 De 31	Jl 7 De 18	Oc 14 No 30	-
White-fronted Goose	-	Oc 4	No 11	-	Sp 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 24
Snow Goose	-	Oc 25	No 9 No 13	-	-	De 17	-	-	-	Oc 10 Oc 28	Oc 1 De 17	-
Ross' Goose	-	No 30	No 10 No 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mallard	P	P	S - De 4	S - De 22	S - Sp 15	S - De 30	No 10	De 17	S - De 31	S - De 22	Au 13 De 5	-
Black Duck	-	-	Sp 13 Sp 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadwall	Oc 9	Oc 4 No 15	S - No 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 10 De 17
Pintail	-	Oc 11 No 30	S - No 10	Oc 5	-	-	De 12	-	-	De 18	Oc 27	-
Green-winged Teal	Sp 5	Sp 20 De 17	S - No 10	Au 20 Sp 21	-	Oc 10	-	-	-	Oc 21 Oc 28	Au 13 Oc 27	-
Blue-winged Teal	Sp 9	-	S - Oc 13	S - Au 26	-	Sp 8	-	-	Jl 4 Sp 14	Oc 5 Oc 28	Au 7 Sp 29	-

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lincoln	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
American Wigeon	Sp 9 No 30	Oc 4 No 10	S - No 10	Sp 9 Oc 5	-	Oc 10	-	-	-	Oc 26	Sp 29 No 27
Northern Shoveler	Oc 17	Sp 8 Oc 25	S - No 20	No 18	-	-	-	Oc 20	-	Oc 16	Sp 11 No 20
Wood Duck	-	Sp 8 De 15	S - Sp 14	-	-	Oc 10	-	-	S - Sp 14	-	S - No 1
Redhead	-	Oc 8 Oc 25	S - No 10	Sp 27 No 28	Sp 13	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 23 No 27
Ring-necked Duck	-	Oc 11	Sp 24 No 6	Sp 27 Oc 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 4 No 20
Canvasback	-	Oc 11	S - No 6	Oc 5 No 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 1 No 13
Lesser Scaup	-	Oc 11 No 15	S - Oc 26	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 28	Oc 4 No 27
Common Goldeneye	-	No 15 De 7	No 10 No 22	No 22 De 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 28 De 5
Bufflehead	-	Oc 11 No 30	Au 15 No 22	Oc 17 No 29	-	Oc 17	-	-	-	-	No 5
White-winged Scoter	-	-	-	No 22 De 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruddy Duck	-	Sp 20 Oc 25	S - No 11	Au 20 No 22	S - Sp 23	Oc 17	-	-	-	-	Sp 27 No 20
Hooded Merganser	-	No 15	Sp 14 No 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Merganser	-	Sp 20 No 30	No 10 No 22	No 28 - W	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 24 De 5
Red-breasted Merganser	-	Oc 11 No 15	Oc 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 27 De 17
Turkey Vulture	-	S - Jl 4	Sp 17 Sp 24	Sp 28	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 24 Sp 11
Goshawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2 Oc 3	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Au 28	De 17	Au 30 De 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 5 De 18	Au 23 No 15
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	Au 22 Oc 22	-	Sp 14 Sp 19	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 11 Sp 17
Red-tailed Hawk	Jl 29	P	S - De 2	P	-	S - Oc 10	P	P	P	P	P
Red-shouldered Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 2 Oc 28
Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	Sp 28 Oc 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swainson's Hawk	Au 28	Sp 24 Oc 6	S - Oc 6	Sp 27	Au 4 Sp 23	S - Sp 29	-	De 17	S - Sp 1	-	-
Rough-legged Hawk	Oc 15 - W	No 9 - W	Oc 23 - W	No 17 De 27	-	Oc 10 De 24	Sp 3 De 10	De 17	No 27 De 31	De 18	No 13 No 27
Ferruginous Hawk	-	-	-	Au 20 Oc 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Eagle	P	P	Jl 25 De 5	No 18	-	De 17 - W	-	-	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	-	No 16 - W	No 9 De 9	No 22 De 22	-	De 17 De 28	Sp 24 - W	-	De 31	-	Oc 1 No 29

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lin-coln	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
Marsh Hawk	P	P	P	P	-	P	Sp 30 De 28	P	Oc 5 De 15	Sp 22 - W	Au 31 No 20
Osprey	-	No 30 De 25	Sp 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 21	Sp 15 De 26
Prairie Falcon	P	Sp 20 Oc 9	Sp 17 - W	-	-	No 29 - W	-	-	-	No 25	De 5
Falcon sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	De 31	-	-
Merlin	-	Oc 8 De 17	Sp 15 De 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 28
American Kestrel	S - De 17	P	Au 15 No 13	S - De 21	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Greater Prairie Chicken	-	-	-	-	Jl 1	1	P	-	-	P	-
Sharp-tailed Grouse	P	-	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	-	-
Bobwhite	-	P	Oc 25 De 7	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ring-necked Pheasant	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Turkey	P	P	-	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-
Sandhill Crane	Oc 9 Oc 14	Sp 20 No 8	Sp 2 No 9	-	-	No 16 De 26	Oc 15 No 12	-	No 1	-	Oc 11
Virginia Rail	-	-	S - Sp 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 14
Sora	-	-	S - Oc 7	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2	-	Oc 14
American Coot	Oc 9 Oc 25	Jl 1 Oc 25	S - No 10	Oc 17	S - Sp 23	Au 8 Oc 17	-	Sp 25	-	Oc 5 Oc 16	S - De 5
Semipalmated Plover	-	-	Sp 24 Oc 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	S - Oc 15	S - De 7	S - De 4	S - Oc 4	S - Sp 15	S - Oc 23	S - Oc 25	S - De 17	S - Oc 29	S - No 5	S - De 22
Black-bellied Plover	-	-	Oc 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 20 Au 27
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 24 Oc 30
Common Snipe	S - Oc 15	P	S - Oc 20	-	-	Oc 17	-	-	De 31	No 13	-
Long-billed Curlew	S - Au 12	S - Jl 1	S - Sp 13	S - Jl 28	S - Jl 30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upland Sandpiper	-	S - Sp 4	S - Au 26	S - Au 20	S - Jl 19	S - Au 30	-	-	-	Jl 25 Sp 18	S - Au 29
Spotted Sandpiper	-	Jl 16 Sp 20	S - Sp 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 27
Solitary Sandpiper	-	-	Sp 3 Sp 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	Jl 20 No 4	-	Jl 30	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 30 Oc 23
Yellowlegs sp.	-	-	-	Sp 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	-	Jl 20 Oc 21	-	Jl 30	-	-	-	-	Oc 16	Jl 30

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lin-corn	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
Black Tern	-	Au 19	S - Sp 18	Au 16	-	Sp 7 Sp 20	-	Jl 16	-	-	Au 7 Sp 7
Rock Dove	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mourning Dove	S - Oc 16	S - De 10	S - Oc 24	S - Oc 17	S - Sp 23	S - De 29	S - Oc 29	S - De 17	S - Oc 29	S - - W	S - No 20
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	Au 23	S - Sp 13	-	-	-	S - Oc 3	S - Sp 11	-	S - Sp 15	S - Sp 15
Cuckoo sp.	-	Jl 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au x	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 4
Barn Owl	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-
Screech Owl	-	P	Oc 19 Oc 28	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P
Great Horned Owl	P	P	P	No 22	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Burrowing Owl	S - Oc 2	S - Sp 8	S - Sp 28	-	-	-	S - Au 16	Sp 18	-	-	-
Barred Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	De 10 - W	-
Short-eared Owl	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	De 23 De 31	De 22	No 29 De 17
Saw-whet Owl	De 5	-	Oc 22 Oc 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whip-poor-will	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 7
Poor-will	-	Jl 10 Au 20	Sp 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Nighthawk	S - Sp 2	S - Sp 20	S - Sp 22	S - Sp 16	S - Sp x	-	S - Sp 8	S - Sp 16	-	S - Sp 17	S - Oc 12
Chimney Swift	-	S - Au 12	-	S - Au 26	-	S - Au 20	S - Oc 7	S - Oc 11	S - Sp 25	S - Oc 14	S - Oc 8
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	Au 23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 18
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	-	Au 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	-	Sp 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hummingbird sp.	-	-	S - Au 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	P	P	Au 9 Sp 16	P	-	P	S - De 10	P	S - Sp 14	S - No 13	S - No 19
Common Flicker	P	P	P	P	S - Jl 22	P	P	P	P	P	P
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 10	P	P	-	P	P
Red-headed Woodpecker	S - Au 26	S - Sp 4	Au 10 Au 30	S - Au 24	-	S - Au x	S - Sp 8	S - Sp 25	S - Sp 14	S - Oc 3	S - De 31
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	De 20 - W	Oc 22 Oc 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	De 5
Hairy Woodpecker	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Downy	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lin-corn	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
Cedar Waxwing	-	Sp 8 - W	Au 19 No 11	-	-	Oc 29	-	Sp 17	Oc 27	Oc 10 De 18	Oc 22 De 30
Northern Shrike	Oc 29 - W	Oc 16 - W	Oc 20 - W	-	-	Oc 25	-	-	-	-	No 20
Shrike sp.	-	Oc 25	-	-	Au 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	S - Sp 28	S - Sp 9	S - Sp 10	-	-	-	-	Sp 14	S - Oc 29	S - Au 12	S - Jl 27
Starling	P	P	P	No 17	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Yellow-throated Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 6
Solitary Vireo	-	-	Sp 11 Oc 30	-	-	-	-	Oc 3	Oc 2	-	Sp 3 Oc 14
Red-eyed Vireo	S - Au 21	-	Au 19	-	-	-	-	Sp 6	Oc 2	S - Jl 15	S - Sp 10
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	No 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4 Sp 7
Warbling Vireo	S - Au 12	-	Au 10 Au 30	-	-	S - Au x	S - Au 2	S - Sp 13	-	S - Sp 2	S - Sp 11
Black-and-white Warbler	Au 12 Sp 10	-	Au 21 Au 22	-	Au 16 Sp 12	-	-	Au 31	Oc 2	Sp 2	Sp 3 Sp 5
Worm-eating Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 3 Sp 5
Tennessee Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 30	-	Oc 3	Oc 5
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	Sp 15 Oc 8	Sp 11 Oc 17	-	Sp 22	-	-	Oc 1	Oc 2	Sp 16 Oc 20	Sp 17 Oc 22
Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 15 Oc 31	Sp 1 Oc 5
North. Parula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 2
Yellow Warbler	S - Au 21	S - Jl 16	S - Sp 5	Sp 16	Au 16 Au 31	S - Au 3	S - Au 5	Oc 14	Oc 2	Sp 23	S - Au 16
Magnolia Warbler	-	-	Sp 10	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2	-	Au 28
Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Oc 9	Sp 20 Oc 13	Sp 12 Oc 19	Sp 26	-	-	-	Sp 11	Oc 2	Sp 28 Oc 11	Sp 1 No 10
Townsend's Warbler	-	-	Sp 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2	-	Sp 4 Oc 2
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2	Sp 17	Au 28 Sp 11
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 18 Sp 26
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 1 Oc 6
Ovenbird	Sp 9	-	Sp 5	-	Sp 16	-	-	-	-	-	S - Oc 3
Northern Waterthrush	Au 26	-	-	-	Sp 12	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lin-coln	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
Connecticut Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 15 Sp 18	-
Mourning Warb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 9	Sp 15	Sp 1
Macgillivray's Warbler	Au 21	-	Sp 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	S - Sp 9	S - Jl 16	S - Sp 24	-	S - Jl 6	-	S - Jl 25	S - Au 21	S - Oc 2	S - Sp 2	S - Sp 10
Yellow-breasted Chat	-	S - Jl 16	-	-	Au 18 Au 22	-	S - Jl 30	-	-	-	-
Wilson's Warbler	Sp 5 Sp 10	Sp 16 Oc 8	Au 28 Oc 6	-	-	-	-	Sp 11	Oc 2	Sp 26 Sp 28	Au 20 Sp 11
Canada Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 15	Sp 5
American Redstart	S - Sp 10	Au 28 Sp 15	Au 14 Sp 13	-	Au 16 Sp 12	-	-	Au 28	Oc 2	-	S - Sp 9
House Sparrow	P	P	Oc 6 No 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bobolink	-	-	S - Sp 18	-	Jl 5 Jl 14	-	S - Jl 30	-	S - Au 15	-	-
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	S - Sp 24	-	-	-	S - Jl 25	-	S - Oc 9	S - Oc 26	S - Sp 4
Meadowlark sp.	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	P	-	P	P
Western Meadowlark	S - De 17	P	S - No 13	S - Sp 16	S - Sp 23	P	P	-	P	S - De 28	S - No 5
Yellow-headed Blackbird	S - Sp 10	S - Sp 8	S - Oc 2	S - Sp 10	S - Sp 23	-	Sp 5 Sp 7	S - Sp 18	S - Sp 14	-	S - Sp 5
Red-winged Blackbird	S - De 19	P	P	S - Oc 17	S - Sp 23	S - Oc 25	S - Sp 5	S - De 17	P	S - De 22	S - De 5
Orchard Oriole	S - Au 26	S - Jl 16	S - Au 20	Jl 11	S - Au 25	S - Au 1	S - Au 25	S - Jl 30	S - Au 15	S - Jl 21	S - Sp 5
Northern Oriole	-	S - Au 29	S - Au 31	-	Au 13 Au 23	S - Au 1	S - Sp 8	S - Sp 14	S - Au 20	S - Sp 6	S - Sp 5
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	De 17	-	Au 4	No 10 - W
Brewer's Blackbird	-	Oc 8	Sp 6 Oc 27	Oc 4	-	-	-	Sp 18	-	-	Sp 11 Sp 29
Great-tailed Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 12	-	-	S - Jl x
Common Grackle	S - Oc 10	S - Oc 25	P	-	S - Sp 10	S - Oc 10	S - No 12	S - De 26	S - Sp 19	S - De 31	S - De 5
Brown-headed Cowbird	S - Oc 9	S - Oc 8	S - Oc 7	S - Au 16	S - Sp x	S - Oc x	S - Sp 8	S - De 21	-	S - De 31	S - No 13
Western Tanager	S - Au 20	Au 30 Sp 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 11
Cardinal	-	Jl 16	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 12	S - Sp 25	S - Sp 14	S - Sp 27	S - Sp 28
Black-headed Grosbeak	-	S - Jl 16	Au 21	-	Au 26 Au 31	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lin-coln	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
Blue Grosbeak	S - Au 28	S - Au 20	S - Au 13	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 14	-	S - Au 29
Indigo Bunting	-	S - Jl 16	-	Au 1	-	-	-	-	S - Au 15	-	S - Sp 5
Lazuli Bunting	Au 21	S - Jl 20	S - Au 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickcissel	-	-	-	-	S - Sp x	S - Au 15	S - Au 25	S - Jl 26	S - Sp 1	S - Au 8	S - Au 29
Evening Grosbeak	-	No 29 - W	Oc 19 No 6	De 21	-	Oc 17	-	-	-	No 9	Oc 28
Purple Finch	-	-	No 11	-	-	De 2	-	-	-	No 12 De 31	Oc 6 De 31
House Finch	-	P	-	-	-	Sp 29 Oc 10	-	-	-	-	De 12
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	Oc 1 - W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Redpoll	-	-	De 11 - W	-	-	De 20	-	-	-	-	De 17
Pine Siskin	P	P	Sp 4 - W	-	-	De 17	-	De 17	No 27	No 29 De 31	Oc 2 - W
American Goldfinch	S - Oc 9	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	S - Sp 14	P	P
White-winged Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	No 19	-	-	-	No 19	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	S - Sp 11	S - De 20	Sp 24 No 25	Au 1	Sp 10 Sp 19	-	S - Au 13	De 8 De 17	No 5	Oc 3 Oc 28	S - No 10
Lark Bunting	S - Sp 3	S - Sp 6	S - Sp 10	S - Sp 12	S - Sp x	-	S - Au 3	-	Jl 1 Au 6	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	Au 21	Au 28	S - Oc 3	-	Jl 13	-	-	-	Oc 2	Oc 5 Oc 14	Sp 27 No 5
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	S - Sp 10	-	S - Sp x	-	S - Au 10	-	S - Oc 2	S - Oc 10	S - Sp 29
Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2	-	Sp 29 Oc 14
Vesper Sparrow	S - Sp 10	S - Sp 25	S - Oc 3	Oc 5	-	S - No 16	-	-	Oc 2	-	Sp 25 Oc 29
Lark Sparrow	S - Sp 5	S - Au 24	S - Sp 5	S - Au 3	S - Sp 4	-	S - Au 10	-	-	S - Sp 7	-
Dark-eyed Junco	Oc 15 - W	Oc 8 - W	Sp 24 - W	No 18	-	Oc 5 - W	Oc 24 - W	Oc 3 - W	No 5 - W	Oc 12 - W	Sp 24 - W
Gray-headed Junco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 2
Tree Sparrow	Oc 15 - W	Oc 16 - W	Oc 17 - W	No 22 De 22	-	Oc 25 - W	No 28 - W	De 17 - W	Oc 29 - W	Oc 28 - W	Oc 22 - W
Chipping Sparrow	S - Sp 3	S - Jl 19	S - Oc 14	S - Sp 28	-	-	S - Au 10	De 17	S - Oc 2	S - Au 30	S - Oc 7
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	Au 21 Oc 8	S - Sp 26	-	Au 13 Sp 20	-	Oc 10 No 13	-	Oc 2	Oc 6	Sp 24 Oc 23
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 8	S - De 17	-	S - Oc 28	Jl 4 Oc 23

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh.	Lin-corn	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	Lan-cast.	Doug-Sarpy
Harris' Sparrow	No 4 No 5	Oc 16 De 17	Oc 9 Oc 29	-	-	De 17	Oc 19 - W	No 3 - W	De 23 - W	Sp 26 - W	Sp 29 - W
White-crowned Sparrow	Oc 14	Sp 30 - W	Sp 24 Oc 27	-	Au 25 Sp 22	-	Sp 3 No 10	-	Oc 9	Sp 25 No 2	Sp 29 Oc 24
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	Oc 6	-	-	-	Oc 3	-	Oc 2	Sp 22 De 31	Sp 23 De 12
Fox Sparrow	Oc 14	Oc 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 6 Oc 29	Oc 6 No 10
Lincoln's Sparrow	Au 12	-	Sp 25 Oc 12	-	Sp 8	-	-	-	Sp 14 Oc 10	Sp 27 No 3	Sp 10 Oc 30
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	Sp 13 Oc 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oc 13 Oc 24
Song Sparrow	Sp 9	Sp 28 De 30	Au 19 - W	-	-	-	Sp 30 De 13	De 17	Sp 14	P	P
McCown's Longspur	S - Oc 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lapland Longspur	-	-	No 5 - W	-	-	-	-	De 17	De 1 - W	No 13 De 22	-
Chestnut-colored Longspur	S - Sp 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longspur sp.	-	-	-	-	-	De 18 - W	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Bunting	-	-	-	De 6 - W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

and somewhat pinkier red than the wine-red of the Purple Finch. She is familiar with the House Finch from a winter in Arizona and from seeing them in Colorado. There was a strong cold wind blowing from the west that day, which may have helped bring the bird so far east of its normal range. The Gray-headed Junco was seen by Ruth Green in her yard. It looked exactly like the slightly larger juncos of Colorado with the large rufous patch on the back. She had plenty of time to study the bird, so she had no doubt about the identification. There were no other juncos around at the time. Strong winds from the west a day or so before may have brought this bird, too, east of its normal range. Some unusual dates which were not included in the tabulation include a lone White Pelican 24 July, a Mallard 13 August, a female Ruddy Duck which stayed as late as 11 July, an Osprey 30 July, and a Dickcissel 1 October.

Garden, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 185 species. C. Fred Zeilemaker (reporter), Everett F. Russell. The dates given are for the Refuge. A few birds of some species wintered on the North Platte River: Great Blue Heron, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Bobwhite, Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, American Robin, Townsend's Solitaire, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, and House Finch; and a Golden Eagle or so wintered near the Refuge. Three Townsend's Warblers were netted 11 September.

Hall, see Howard

Howard (and Hall), St. Libory and Grand Island, 84 species. Bill Schleicher (reporter), George Stoppkotte. A Brown Thrasher and a Common Grackle appeared at the Stoppkotte farm in mid-December and remained into January.

Lancaster, Lincoln, 125 species. Dr. Norma Johnsen, Mrs. Mabel B. Ott (reporters). Dr. Johnson saw an unusually large number of raptors, and of Fox Sparrows.

Lincoln, North Platte and Hershey, 90 species. Mrs. W.H. Cunningham and Mrs. M.A. Cox. Mrs. Cunningham assumed the responsibility for the North Platte report in October, so

the summer North Platte records are missing. The White-winged Crossbills were at the Wyman's feeder for about four days.

McPherson, Tryon, 66 species. Mrs. Oona S. Bassett (reporter). The report ends with 23 September, when Mrs. Bassett left for the winter. The Cooper's Hawk, an immature, was an unwelcome visitor, since it scared off the other birds. The water birds seen 30 July were on a nearby ranch where the moist summer produced four sizeable ponds. She was not able to visit the area as much as she would have liked because the road was washed and she was afraid of getting hung up. She suspects that the number of fall migrants this year was low because the birds were killed in a hailstorm last fall. She missed the Blue Grosbeaks and Field Sparrows in particular.

Sarpy, see Douglas

Scotts Bluff, Scottsbluff, 150 species. Mrs. Roy J. Witschy and C. Fred Zeillemaker (reporters), Richard C. Rosche, Everett F. Russell, and members of The Nature Club. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird appeared in the Witschy garden about 5 P.M. and fed on every delphinium blossom there, the Broad-tailed was identified by Mrs. J.J. Brashear, and the Rufous fed all day on the nasturtiums at the home of Mrs. Palmer Allen, Morrill.

Sioux, Mitchell RFD, 107 species, David and Helen (reporter) Hughson. The Saw-whet Owl sat out a snowstorm in a tree near their house.

Some additional Lancaster county records, most (if not all) by Daryl Giblin, were reported in *American Birds* (32:224-226) after the above article was completed: Cattle Egret, Sp 4; White-winged Scoter, No 27; Red Knot, Oc 30; Northern Shrike, Oc 23-De 4; Golden-winged Warbler, Sp 5; and Common Redpoll, end of November. The same issue also included a report of Mountain Bluebirds in Gage County, by Suzy Albury.

These added records increase the Lancaster County species count by 7, to 132, and the state count by 2, to 269.

BOOK REVIEW

Watching Birds. Roger F. Pasquier. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. 301 pp. \$10.00

This work by Roger Pasquier meets a long-felt need of the average birder, that of an understandable text that treats the biology of birds. It is particularly noteworthy in light of the limited variety of college textbooks on the subject which are available. Ornithology professors generally agree that no one textbook is ideal for their ornithology students.

Roger Pasquier is particularly concerned with providing depth for the birder in adding new dimensions to the birder's observations. He feels that knowing many of the whys for a bird's existence will not only add excitement to the birding experiences but will also allow birders "to become part of the natural world". He acknowledges the bird watcher's ability to discriminate and identify a bird in the environment, and wishes to unite this art "with the environmentalists awareness of general truths".

Pasquier assumes that the reader has little or no understanding of biological principles. He very neatly weaves concepts of genetics, evolution, ecology, energy flow, and physiology into his topical treatments. His style flows well and his figures are quite elucidating.

The topics Pasquier has chosen for exploration include such diverse aspects of avian biology as Origin; Evolution and Speciation; Voice; Feathers and Flight; The Breeding Cycle; Territory, Courtship, Nest, and Eggs; Hatching and Development of Young; and Migration and Winter Habits.

I found his accuracy to be good, but his clarity in some areas wanting. His treatment of genetics, for instance, is insufficient to provide a good basic understanding of evolution and adaptation. His treatment of speciation is equally brief to the point of overgeneralization, which is surprising in light of a birder's interest in identifying species. Likewise, his treatment of taxonomy does not develop an obvious relationship between name changes (Baltimore and

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Bullock's Orioles to Northern Oriole, e.g.) and our understanding of speciation -- a subject that necessarily must be treated well to answer the complaints of bird listers.

The illustrator, Margaret La Farge, is very talented and Pasquier was not only careful in selecting illustrations but also was well aware of the current deficiencies in college texts. Selfishly, my only regret was that he chose not to include illustrations that help explain bird navigational systems. None yet have been produced that adequately illustrate for college students the operation of some of these systems. My only complaint about the illustrations is the lack of figure references. Although a figure may be offered to explain a concept in the text, the reader has no knowledge of its existence except by stumbling upon it. This problem is especially critical when the figure, as happens all too frequently, appears on pages following the supporting text.

For those readers with an appetite for additional information on a subject Pasquier has included a Further Reading Chapter which provides carefully selected general references for each chapter. Unfortunately, some of the most elucidating works appear in scientific journals and are not referenced by Pasquier. It is to be hoped that after reading his book the more curious readers should have a sufficient understanding of avian biology to tackle these technical articles. And if the reader's curiosity is so piqued, his interest would carry him through those articles.

Although I have noted some deficiencies in *Watching Birds*, I believe that the average birder will benefit from reading it. It is not a reference book, nor is it necessarily entertaining. It is valuable reading, however, to the birder who wishes to understand as well as watch his subject.

I recommend it for your bookshelf.

—Roger S. Sharpe, University of Nebraska at Omaha