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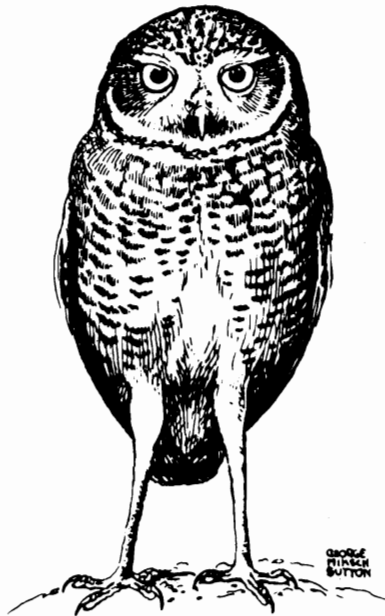
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1978 (FIFTY-THIRD) SPRING MIGRATION AND OCCURRENCE REPORT

Three Hundred species are listed in this report, from 17 localities. The comparative figures for 1977 are 281 species from 13 localities; 1976 280 from 8; and 1975 290 from 11. Three of this year's species were reported only from Garden County, which began reporting last fall, and 3 others were reported only in one of the non-standard (one to four day periods) reports.

The symbols used in the tabulation are:

Ja, Fe, Mr, Ap, My, and Je for the months

A as a column heading for Dawes and Sheridan counties

B as a column heading for York County; within column A to indicate species seen in both Dawes and Sheridan counties

C as a column heading for Saunders County

D within column A to indicate species seen in Dawes County

S within column A to indicate species seen in Sheridan County

—S to indicate a species which was reported as remaining after 1 July

W— to indicate a species which was reported as present before 1 January

X within column B to indicate a species seen in York County.

x with a month when no exact date was given; within column C see Saunders County

a,b,c,d,e,f,y, in Column C — see Saunders County

* in Garden County, see Garden County.

Two dates indicate the first and last records for the area. The information is presented in a rough west (left) to east (right) order, with areas of about the same longitude presented in a north to south order. The names of reporters (and of other observers, if known) and any special comments are given below in alphabetical order by counties. The number of species for each locality is shown in parenthesis. In making this count "Peep", "Empidonax sp.", and the like are not counted if a specific species of that group is also listed.

Adams (123), Hastings; Miss Bernice Welch (reporter). The White-faced Ibis was seen by Mrs. Elsie Helzer and Mrs. Vlasta Butler while they were checking the lagoons.

Boone (126), Albion; Wayne J. Mollhoff (reporter).

Cherry (107), Valentine; Douglas L. Ballard (reporter). A number of the reported observations were made by personnel of the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, among them being the Greater Scaup, a single bird spotted in flight by the Assistant Manager, and the Peregrine Falcon.

Custer (78), Merna; Mrs. E.M. Kieborz (reporter). She noted that her records start with March.

Dawes (47), Chadron State Park; Mrs. Tanya Bray. Species marked B or D in column A are those seen by Mrs. Bray on 19, 21, 23, and 24 June. She also saw an Indigo x Lazuli Bunting hybrid, not separately listed on the report.

Douglas (and Sarpy) (239), Omaha, Gretna, and Bellevue; Mrs. Tanya Bray, R.G. Cortelyou, Mrs. Melba Wigg, Ruth C. Green, Loren and Babs Padelford (reporters), Rose Anderson, Evelyn Conrad, Mark Egger, Sandy Kovanda, Cathy Nelson, Andy Saunders, Gertrude Wood, and Audubon Society of Omaha. A Henslow's Sparrow was reported for 26 April from Plattsmouth, just outside the reporting area. The late Harris' Sparrow (9 June) was seen and heard singing by Tanya Bray, Sandy Kovanda, and Babs Padelford, about a mile east of the Two Rivers Recreation Area. Another was banded by Ruth Green on 10 May. Mrs. Green noted that there was a large migration of Black Terns on 12 and 13 May. A late flock of Snow Geese was seen over Omaha on 15 May, and a lone Canada Goose was seen flying over Lake 16 on 17 June (these two late dates were not included in the tabulation). The Piping Plovers were found nesting at Two Rivers, by Mark Egger. He thought that the Least Terns he saw there at the same time probably were nesting nearby, but he couldn't find a nest.

Garden (185 for the Refuge itself, and 3 more for the County), Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge; C. Fred Zeilemaker (reporter), Richard C. and Dorothy Rosche, Everett Russell, Melly Zeilemaker. An * in the top line is used to mark those species which winter in Garden County along the North Platte River (Lewellen and Oshkosh) but not in the refuge itself, and one in the bottom line to mark those which summer along the river but not in the refuge.

Hall, see Howard.

Howard (and Hall) (102), St. Librory, Grand Island, and Shelton; William Schleicher (reporter), George Stoppkotte, Reva Headley. The Scarlet Tanager was seen in a canyon south of Cotesfield, while Mr. Schleicher was there on a field trip with another leader and 18 school children. On 8 June Mr. Schleicher and his sons Tom and Dave saw the Tanager in the same place. On 11 July he saw it again, but on 7 August he could hear it but not find it.

Lancaster (168), Lincoln; Ralph Harrington, Dr. Norma Johnson, Mabel B. Ott (reporters), Mark Egger. Ralph Harrington wrote that he had seen Yellowlegs, Wilson's Phalaropes, Pectoral Sandpipers, and many, many White-rumped Sandpipers at the North 27th Street ponds and at Ceresco flats well into June. He presumed that many of them were nesting because they stayed so late and because of the way they acted. The Phalaropes would keep circling him and crying out whenever he got near. He had never seen shorebirds stay so long, and thinks the reason is that there had been lots of rain and the ponds and basins filled up, so there was water and food for them. A friend, who likes to photograph birds but needs help identifying them, showed him some photographs that he (Mr. Harrington) is sure are of a pair of Blue Grosbeaks, although Mr. Harrington has never seen Blue Grosbeaks in the area. Dr. Johnson could not find the nest of White-eyed Vireos. Mrs. Ott mentioned the numbers of Common Redpolls around Branched Oak Lake, and that there were more Snow Buntings than usual there.

Lincoln (147), North Platte and Hershey; Mrs. W.H. Cunningham for the Tout Bird Club, Mrs. M.A. Cox (reporters).

McPherson (56), Tryon; Mrs. Oona S. Bassett (reporter). Mrs. Bassett is not on the ranch in the winter, but she reported that the folks there said that there were many Snow Buntings, and they were quite tame. The Scott's Oriole was seen in the yard, and was identified on the basis of its black head and wings and yellow body. (A Scott's Oriole was present at the Stoppkotte farm, near Grand Island, for a month in 1975. *NBR* 43:64. — Ed.) Mrs. Bassett also reported the largest hay crop in her 33 years on the ranch, and the most grasshoppers since the late forties.

Otoe (54), Nebraska City; Mrs. Cordelia Conkling (reporter).

Sarpy, see Douglas.

Saunders (17), Fr. T.A. Hoffman and Ralph Harrington (reporters). Father Hoffman wrote: The Creighton Jesuits have a cottage on a sand pit in Saunders County, near Morse Bluff on the south side of the Platte. I go out, usually on Saturday afternoons, with fair regularity. The following are the most interesting things I've seen:

a Several flocks of Horned Larks, Lapland Longspurs, and a few Snow Buntings on 21 January. The flocks were along the highway west of Cedar Bluffs for several weeks ends, but normally the car was full of nonbirders, so we didn't stop to check the make-up of the flocks. A dozen Bluebirds and a Kingfisher at the area near the cottage (as are all the other records) on 11 February. The Bluebirds stayed through March.

b A singing Phoebe on 1 April.

c Six Swainson's Hawks, a Broad-winged Hawk, 5 Turkey Vultures, 20 White Pelicans on 8 April.

d Piping Plovers, 1 on 29 April, 2 on 20 and 29 May, and 1 on 17 June. From 20 May on they acted like breeding birds, running down the road ahead of me as if to lead me away from a nest. I never saw either nest or young.

e A Little Blue Heron in transition plumage was seen on 6 May.

f Least Terns were seen either over the Platte or over the sand pits and dunes on 20 and 29 May and 17 and 24 June. On the latter two occasions they objected vehemently to my presence near the dunes. The numbers increased from 2 in May to 4 and then 7 on the last sighting. I saw no signs of nesting, but they were diving too vigorously for me to give much attention to the ground.

Ralph Harrington reported some species from Saunders County which he didn't see in Lancaster County; x is 10 April and y is 30 April.

Scotts Bluff (141), Scotts Bluff and North Platte National Wildlife Refuge; Mrs. Roy J. Witschy and C. Fred Zeilemaker (reporters) Lydia Bolz, Helen Brecht, Mrs. Rosina Hilpert, Alice Kenitz, Everett F. Russell. Mrs. Hilpert and her sister Helen Brecht saw the Whooping Crane in the Lake Minatare area: a very tall white bird, with black wingtips and a red head. The Witschys had a good look at the Empidonax species in their yard, and are pretty sure that it was a Willow Flycatcher. The Purple Finch was seen on the Witschy's window feeder. Mrs. Witschy commented that they had never had so many Pine Siskins and Goldfinches at their feeder before.

Sheridan (56), Mrs. Tanya Bray. Species marked B or S in column A are those seen by Mrs. Bray on 17 and 18 June.

Sioux (139), Mitchell; Helen (reporter) and David Hughson, plus observations made by Mrs. Tanya Bray in northern Sioux County on 20, 21, and 22 June. Those observations which were in addition to those reported by the Hughsons are shown as 21 June. Mrs. Hughson saw the Cerulean Warbler about 4:30 in the afternoon, and watched it bath and feed with a flock of Orange-crowned Warblers for about 30 minutes. The Magnolia Warbler was seen in the tree in front of their house by Mrs. Hughson and her sister-in-law, who is also a birder.

York, (50), Mrs. Tanya Bray (reporter), Babs Padelford, Sandy Kovanda. These are birds seen 19 May in York County on a trip to see the Buff-breasted Sandpipers on Lee Morris' farm.

	Scotts A Gar-	Cher-	McPh.	Lin-	Gus-	Adams	Boone	B Lan-	C Doug-	Otoe
	Sioux Bluff	den	ry	coln	ter	Hall		Caster	Sargy	
Common Loon	- My 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- Ap 3	-
Horned Grebe	- Mr 24 - Ap 3 My 11 My 7 My 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- My 13	-
Eared Grebe	Ap 30 Ap 15 S Ap 3 My 1 My 17 - S	My 1	My 29 Ap 20 Je 30 My 13	-	-	-	My 16 X My 11	- Mr 30	- My 13	-
Western Grebe	Ap 21 Ap 15 - Ap 9 Ap 24 My 29 Ap 21 Je 6 - S Je 4 Je 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe	Ap 29 My 10 - Ap 3 - S - S	My 30 - Je 30	-	-	-	-	Ap 2 Ap 21 X Mr 30 - - S My 15 Ap 15	- Mr 30 My 15	-	-
White Pelican	Ap 30 Ap 14 - Ap 5 Mr 30 My 17 - S	-	Mr 11 My 13	-	-	-	-	- c Ap 6	- My 13	-
Double-crested Cormorant	Ap 30 Ap 15 - Mr 28 Ap 6 Je 20 - S	-	Ap 4 My 13	-	-	-	Ap 21 - Mr 30 - Ap 10 My 13	- Mr 31 My 13	-	-
Anhinga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- Ap 8	-
Great Blue Heron	Mr 29 Ja 6 S Mr 22 Mr 28 - S - S	My x Mr 20 Je 30 - S	-	-	My 13 My 21 Ap 11 - - S - S - S	-	Ap 7 -	- Mr 25 - S	-	-
Green Heron	-	-	My 10	-	My 20 My 7 My 16 - My 28 - S - S	-	-	- Mr 24 - S	-	-
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	My 1 - Je 3	-	-	- e Ap 10 Ap 27	-	-
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	My 28	-	-	X Ap 22 - Ap 12 Ap 20	-	-	-
Great Egret	-	-	My 11	-	-	-	- Je 19 -	- Ap 6 My 2	-	-
Snowy Egret	- My 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-crowned Night Heron	- S Ap 3 My 1 - S	Je 3 Ap 18 Je 30 - S	-	-	-	My 21 My 16	-	- Mr 29 My 13	-	-
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- Ap 23 My 21	-	-
Least Bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	- Je 19 -	- Ap 8 My 4	-	-

NOTES

ALBINOS. Norris Alfred and I were birding in mid-August 1978 and saw a white Brown-headed Cowbird in with a large flock of ordinary ones. This was unusual enough, but a couple of days later, while I was mowing alfalfa, Barn Swallows were swarming around me, catching insects, and among them was a white Barn Swallow. It stayed around until I finished and then came up in the yard and perched on the light wires. These two sightings were within half a mile of each other.

—Lee Morris, *Benedict*

American Bittern	-	-	-	Ap 20	Ap 17	-	-	-	My 21	-	-	Ap 3	My 2	-
				- S								Ap 30	My 11	
White-faced Ibis	My 12	-	-	Je 20	Ap 21	-	-	-	My 18	-	-	-	-	-
				- S										
Whistling Swan	-	-	-	Mr 24	-	-	My 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trumpeter Swan	-	-	-	-	Ja 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
					Mr 23									
Canada Goose	Fe 10	Mr 10	-	Mr*11	P	-	W	-	Ap 3	Fe 13	-	W	-	P
	Mr 25	My 30	-	- S		-	My 13	My 1	Ap 11		-	Mr 23	Mr 23	
White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 23	Ap 3	-	-	Mr 26	-	-
								Ap 21				Mr 23	Mr 23	
Snow Goose	-	Mr 12	-	Mr*9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 26	-	W
		Ap 20	Ap 20	Ap 20					Ap 4		Ap 2	Ap 2	Ap 22	Mr 2
Ross' Goose	-	-	-	Ap 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mallard	Mr 24	P	S	Mr*10	P	My 29	P	Ap 3	Ap 2	P	X	P	W	Mr 2
	- S		- S			Je 30		My 10	- S				- S	
Gadwall	Mr 27	Mr 24	S	Mr*19	Mr 19	-	Mr 20	-	My 21	Ap 4	-	Mr 26	-	Mr 23
		My 26	- S			Ap 20						Mr 30	My 14	
Pintail	Mr 27	Mr 11	S	Mr*17	Mr 17	My 29	Fe 19	Ap 3	Ap 2	Mr 24	X	W	-	Mr 19
		Ap 15	- S			Je 29	My 13	My 10	Ap 4	Ja 21	My 14	My 14	My 14	Mr 2
Green-winged Teal	Mr 27	Mr 24	-	Mr*13	Mr 18	Je 4	Mr 29	Ap 3	My 13	Ap 2	Mr 30	X	Mr 26	-
		Je 7	- S			Je 30	Ap 28	My 1	Ap 11				Mr 19	
Blue-winged Teal	Mr 29	Ap 21	S	Mr 19	Mr 29	My 29	Mr 29	Ap 3	My 21	Mr 30	X	Mr 26	-	Mr 23
	Je 21	Je 30	- S			Je 30	My 13	My 10	Je 30	Je 30	Je 30	Je 30	Je 17	
Cinnamon Teal	-	Ap 21	-	Mr 30	My 23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 2	-
		Je 6	My 25											
American Wigeon	Mr 27	Fe 4	-	Mr*17	Mr 19	-	Ja 8	-	My 21	Mr 20	-	Mr 18	-	Mr 21
		My 31	- S							Mr 30	Mr 26	Ap 26	Ap 26	
Northern Shoveler	Mr 27	Mr 24	S	Mr 21	Mr 18	My 29	Mr 20	Ap 3	Ap 2	Mr 31	X	Mr 26	-	Mr 21
		My 31	-			Je 30	My 13	My 10	Ap 21	My 21		My 21	My 21	
Wood Duck	-	Ap 27	-	Je 16	My 13	-	Ap 5	-	-	Mr 26	-	Ap 28	-	Mr 19
		- S	- S			My 13			- S			- S	- S	

FLAMMULATED OWL? On the night of 30 June 1978 I heard what I believe to have been a Flammulated Owl in the ponderosa pine woods at Chadron State Park. Though the bird hooted only for about two minutes, it sounded good — a long series of soft, medium-pitched “hoos” in a monotonous progression. I am familiar with the calls of most of the North American owls, including Pygmy and Saw-whet, and it matched none of these. Though Peterson's recording of Flammulated Owl was a bit higher-pitched, tone and sequence were identical. The area of the Pine Ridge seems to be excellent habitat for this species, and I don't know why it wouldn't be present.

— Mark Egger, Corvallis, Oregon

If Mr. Egger's assumption is correct this would be a first record for Nebraska. There are records from the Rockies and their eastern foothills.

	Scotts Bluff	A Gar-den	Cher-ry	McPh. Lin-coln	Cus-ter	Howard Hall	Adams	Boone	B Lan-caster	C Doug-Sarpy	Otoe
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	Mr 21 My 18	Mr 23	-	Ap 21	-	Ap 21	Mr 30 Ap 10	Mr 23 My 13	-
Canvasback	Mr 27	Mr 24 My 31	Mr 17 - S Je 4	Mr 18	-	Mr 20	-	My 21 Ap 4	Mr 30 - Mr 30	Mr 23 My 13	-
Greater Scaup	-	-	Mr 21 My 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Scaup	Mr 29	Mr 24 My 17	Mr 17 - S	Mr 23	-	Fe 20 My 13	Ap 3 My 1	Mr 30 My 15	Mr 26 Mr 27	Mr 19 Je 21	-
Common Goldeneye	-	Mr 24 Ap 15	Mr 12 Ap 21	Mr 19	-	Mr 21	-	-	-	Fe 23 Ap 15	-
Bufflehead	Ap 12	Mr 24 My 17	Mr 14 Mr 29	Mr 19	-	Mr 8 My 13	Ap 10	-	Mr 19 Mr 26	Mr 23 My 13	-
Ruddy Duck	My 3	Ap 15 Je 6	Mr 19 - S Je 4	Mr 19 My 31 Je 30	My 20 My 13	-	My 21	-	Mr 26 Mr 30	Mr 23 My 13	-
Hooded Merganser	-	-	Ap 21	-	Ap 10	-	-	-	-	Mr 23 Ap 27	-
Common Merganser	-	Mr 24 My 7	Mr*12 Ap 4	Mr 19	-	Mr 26 Mr 27	-	Mr 17 Ap 21	Mr 26 Mr 30	Fe 5 My 13	-
Red-breasted Merganser	-	Ap 15	Ap 4	-	-	-	-	Ap 21	-	Mr 30 My ?	-
Turkey Vulture	Je 21	Ap 23 - S	B Ap 3 My 18	Mr 27	-	My 13 My 20	-	-	Mr 25 My 12	c Mr 20 Je 25	-
Goshawk	-	-	My 10 My 13	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 14	-	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	Mr*23 Ap 23	Ap 10	-	-	-	-	W - Mr 28	Ja 24 Je 5	-
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	Ja 20	-	-	Fe 13 My 13	Ja 28 Ap 11	My 3
Red-tailed Hawk	Ap 10	Mr 22 - S	Mr*17 - S	-	-	Ja 12 - S	My 13 Je 26	P	X P	- F	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 8 My 13	My 5

— *Lee Morris, Benedict*

—George W. Brown, Kearney

PARTIALLY ALBINO RED-TAILED HAWK. On 20 October 1977 we saw a white Red-tailed Hawk in a dead tree at the M.U.D. Cedar Island plant on the Platte River. The bird was all white except for black speckling on its back and a faded red tail. We observed it from a distance of approximately 75 yards through a 25 power Bushnell scope for several minutes before it flew away.

—Loren and Babs Padelford, Bellevue

On 28 March 1978, at about 192 and Ida (northeast of Elkhorn), I noticed a large white bird flying low over the road ahead, away from us. As it swung up to light on a telephone pole cross-

	Scotts A Gar-	Cher-	McPh.	Lin-	Cus-	Howard	Adams	Boone	B Lan-	C Doug-	Otoe
	Sioux Bluff	den	ry	coln	ter	Hall			caster	Sarpy	
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	Mr 27	Mr 27	Mr 19	Mr 19	Mr 29	Ap 21	Ap 3	Ap 2	Ap 4	Mr 26	-
Semipalmated Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Piping Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	Mr 12	Mr 12	Mr 19	Mr 18	Mr 26	Mr 18	-	Mr 18	Mr 15	Mr 20	-
American Golden Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-bellied Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruddy Turnstone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Snipe	Ap 7	-	-	Ap 13	Ap 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-billed Curlew	Ap 8	Ap 19	S	Mr 30	Ap 5	My 31	Ap 2	-	-	-	-
Upland Sandpiper	My 10	My 14	S	My 2	Ap 1	Je 4	Ap 28	-	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	-	My 5	-	My 7	My 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solitary Sandpiper	-	My 13	-	My 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	Ap 10	-	-	Mr 27	Ap 2	My 31	Mr 22	-	-	-	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	Ap 25	Ap 27	-	Ap 2	-	My 31	-	-	-	-	-

[illegible]

— R.G.Cortelyou, Omaha

AMERICAN WOODCOCK. On the afternoon of 1 April 1978 Steve Leeder saw an American Woodcock walking around in leaves in a wooded area at the intersection of Dodge Street and Highway 275. On 7 April we went with the Kovandas to the area, and at dusk heard

	Scotts A Gar- Sioux Bluff den	Cher- ry	McPh. Lin- coln	Cus- ter Hall	Adams Boone B Lan- caster Sarpy	Otoe
Glaucous Gull	- - Mr 25	-	-	-	-	-
Herring Gull	Mr 24 - Mr 19 My 17 Mr 29	-	Mr 27 - My 13 My 21	-	-	Mr 23 - My 7
Ring-billed Gull	Mr 27 Mr 11 - Mr 17 Mr 20 Je 6 - S	-	Fe 18 Ap 10 - My 13 My 1	-	-	Mr 18 - Fe 24 - Mr 26 My 15
Franklin's Gull	- Ap 23 - My 5 Ap 8 My 9 Je 22	-	Ap 22 Ap 3 Ap 27 Mr 18 Ap 21 - My 13 My 1	-	Mr 30 - Mr 30 - Ap 2 My 15	
Bonaparte's Gull	- - - Ap 21 - My 9	-	Ja 12 -	-	-	Ap 3 - My 15
Forster's Tern	- My 7 S Ap 21 My 1 My 31 - S	-	-	-	-	Mr 28 - My 15
Least Tern	- - - -	-	-	-	-	f Ap 22 - Je 28
Caspian Tern	- - - -	-	-	-	-	Ap 16 - My 14
Black Tern	My 18 My 31 S My 11 My 9 My 30 My 13 My 20 - S	-	-	-	My 7 My 16 X Je 19 - Je 30 Je 30	My 9 - Je 7
Rock Dove	P P - - -	-	P -	P P -	P -	P P
Mourning Dove	Mr 27 Mr 21 B Mr 18 Mr 29 My 29 Fe 15 Ap 3 Ja 21 Fe 19 Mr 22 X W - - S - S - S - S - S - S - S - S	-	-	-	-	W - S - S - S
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Je 21 - S Je 10 - - S	-	My 28 Je 3 Je 3 My 16 My 21 My 16 - Je 30 - S - S - S - S	-	My 21 - S - S	My 17 My 28 - S
Cuckoo sp.	- My 20 - Je 24	-	-	-	-	-
Black-billed Cuckoo	- - D - Ap 26 Je 20 Je 22	-	-	-	My 30 - My 18 - Je 30 Je 26	My 13 - Je 15
Barn Owl	- - - Mr 28 - S	-	-	P	-	-
Screech Owl	- P - -	-	-	-	P P -	P P
Great Horned Owl	P P - P -	-	P P	P P	P P -	P P
Snowy Owl	- - - -	-	-	-	-	- Fe 6 - Fe 15

the “beep” calls. We saw a Woodcock performing its courtship flights over a grassy meadow southeast of the intersection and heard the flight song until dark.

At 7:30 PM on 21 April we pulled into the parking area at Kaplan’s Point (Lake Manawa, across the river in Iowa) and heard a Woodcock “beeping” and also heard the flight song. We returned with Jim and Sandy Kovanda and Clyde and Emma Johnson on the evening of 23 April. From about 7:30 to 8:00 PM we watched two Woodcocks performing their aerial displays in a field just south and west of Kaplan’s Point parking lot. One bird was displaying in the east section of the field, the other in the west section. The songs were heard throughout the displaying. One

Burrowing Owl	Ap 8	My 14	S	Mr 28	-	-	My 15	-	Je 20	My 20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barred Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	P	-
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	Fe 23	-
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	P	Mr 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-
Chuck-will's-widow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 11	-	-	-
Whip-poor-will	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Je 3	-
Poor-will	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Je 5	-
Common Nighthawk	My 21	My 26	B	My 15	My 16	Je 4	My 18	Je 3	Ap 24	My 23	My 27	-	My 22	-	Ap 25	Je 4
Chimney Swift	My 23	My 16	-	*	My 3	-	My 1	Ap 3	My 1	Ap 25	Ap 28	X	Ap 23	-	Ap 10	My 27
White-throated Swift	Je 21	My 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 25	-	-	-	-	-	My 10	My 17
Belted Kingfisher	P	P	D	Ap 8	P	-	P	Je 3	Ap 22	P	Mr 20	-	Ja 3	b	Mr 30	-
Common Flicker	P	P	D	W	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	X	P	-	P	My 16
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ja 17	-	P	Ap 4	-	P	-	P	Fe 6	Fe 28
Red-headed Woodpecker	My 17	My 10	D	My 14	-	My 29	My 13	My 1	Ap 29	My 20	My 8	X	Ja 3	-	W	Fe 8
Lewis' Woodpecker	-	-	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 29	-	-	-	-	-	Ja 17	-	W	-
Hairy Woodpecker	P	P	D	Mr 18	-	-	P	-	P	P	W	-	-	P	Ja 2	Fe 16
Downy Woodpecker	P	P	D	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	My 15	-	P	-	P	Ja 4

—Loren and Babs Padelford, Bellevue

— R.G. Cortelyou, Omaha

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BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS. Although the Buff-breasted Sandpiper isn't commonly seen in Nebraska by most birders, it is a very common spring visitor in my part of Nebraska, which is York County. They seem to be here every year, and if they are looked for in the right habitat and at the right time of year they can be found in large numbers. Don't look for them near the water; find a field that has been cleared of all vegetation and is being planted to corn with a furrow lister. The birds will flock to the newly-turned soil to feed on the worms turned up. At this time they are very tame and easily observed; sometimes they hardly get out of the way of the machine making the next furrows. Golden Plovers are also seen with the Buff-breasteds under these same circumstances but aren't nearly as tame. Of course, if I get off the tractor the Buff-

Violet-green Swallow	Je 21	-	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tree Swallow	-	Ap 15	- Ap 20 - S	-	-	-	-	Ap 21	- Ap 10 - Je 29	Ap 8	-	-
Bank Swallow	-	-	My 1 - Je* 8	-	My 13	-	My 10 - S	-	-	Ap 30 - Je 5	-	-
Rough-winged Swallow	Ap 27 - S	Ap 27 B - S	Ap 30 My 1 - Je 8	-	My 13	Ap 10 - Je 10	My 20 - S	-	Ap 28 - Je 30	Ap 18 - Je 28	Ap 8	-
Barn Swallow	Ap 21 - S	Ap 23 S - S	Ap 20 Ap 15 - S	My 21 - Je 30	Ap 13 - S	Ap 10 - S	Ap 24 - S	Ap 29 Ap 23 X	Ap 18 - S	Ap 10 - S	My 10	S
Cliff Swallow	Ap 22 - S	My 7 S - S	Ap 30 My* 29	-	Ap 10 - S	-	My 11 - S	My 21	-	Ap 20 - My 19	-	-
Purple Martin	-	-	-	-	Ap 6 - S	Ap 3 - S	Ap 24 - S	Ap 10 - S	Mr 26 - S	Mr 27 - S	My 10	S
Blue Jay	P	P	D My* 2 - S	-	-	P	P	P	X P	-	P	P
Black-billed Magpie	P	P	D Ap* 16 *	-	-	P	P	My 21 - S	-	-	-	-
Common Crow	P	P	B Mr* 16 Ap* 5	-	-	P	P	P	X P	-	P	My 1 - My 15
Pinon Jay	P	P	D -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-capped Chickadee	P	P	D *	-	Je 2	P	P	P	-	P	Ja 4 - Ap 29	Ja 4 - Fe 19
Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	Ja 4 - Fe 19
White-breasted Nuthatch	P	-	D	-	-	-	Ja 12 - My 20	P	Ja 1 - Ap 16	-	P	Ja 2 - Fe 28
Red-breasted Nuthatch	P	My 27	D My 14	-	-	-	W - Fe 13	W - Ap 26	-	W - Je 8	Ja 6 - My 11	-
Pygmy Nuthatch	Je 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Creeper	-	-	-	-	-	-	W - Mr 3	W - My 14	-	Ja 7 - W - S	-	-

breasteds aren't quite as trusting, either. Buff-breasteds are one of the later migrants and, although I have seen them as early as 1 May, the large concentrations usually don't arrive until 10 May or later and they stay until after 20 May for sure. I'm sure they are here longer, but we are usually done planting by then and unless I am planting I don't see them nearly as often. Lots of days there are several hundreds in the field I am working in. I don't know how large an area they cover in the state, but I do know from talking to other farmers that they are in this whole area. Most farmers are planting corn at the same time, and if they all have as many Buff-breasteds as I do (and I'm sure they do, from talking to them) there must be an awful lot of them migrating

	Scotts A Gar-	Cher-	McPh.	Lin-	Cus-	Howard	Adams	Boone	B Lan-	C Doug-	Otoe
	Sioux Bluff	den	ry	coln	ter	Hall			caster	Sarpy	
House Wren	Ap 26 My 4 D My 1 - S - S Je*14	-	-	-	Ap 29 My 1 - S - S	1 Ap 24 Ap 25 Ap 30 X Ap 28 - - S - S - S - S			-	Ap 14 My 2 - S - S Je 30	
Winter Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 16 Ap 20	-
Carolina Wren	-	-	-	Ap 18	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 15 My 27	-
Long-billed Marsh Wren	My 10 - S Ap 21 My 10 - S - S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 2 My 24	-
Short-billed Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	y -	-
Rock Wren	Ap 25 My 27 - My 14 - S - S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mockingbird	My 13 Ap 29 - My 15 My 18 My 27 My 20	-	-	-	-	My 13 - S	-	-	Je 5 - - S	-	-
Gray Catbird	My 29 My 27 - My 11 - S - S Je 11	-	Je 11 Je 15	-	My 2 My 13 My 16 - - S - S - S	7 My 10 - - S - S	My 10 - - S	Ap 14 My 20 - S - S	Je 14		
Brown Thrasher	Ap 27 Ap 27 S My 3 My 2 - S - S - S	-	-	Ap 30 My 1 Ja 2 Ap 16 Ap 27 X Ap 8 - - S - S - S	Je 15 Fe 17 X Fe 11 - - S - S	Je 30 - - S	Je 15 Fe 17 X Fe 11 - - S - S	Ap 8 Je 1 - S - S	Je 20		
American Robin	Fe 6 P D Ja* 9 - S - S	P	Je 4 Fe 14 Mr 1 Fe 3 Je 30 - S - S	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 18 - Fe 20	Mr 2 Mr 6	-
Varied Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 7 - S	-
Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hermit Thrush	-	-	Ap 20 My 15	-	Je 3	-	-	-	-	Ap 1 Ap 30	-
Swainson's Thrush	My 1 My 8 - My 5 My 8 My 24 My 8 - S Je 3 Je 11 Je 5 My 13	-	-	-	-	My 7 My 8 - My 9 My 22	My 3 - My 31	Ap 18			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	My 5 My 29	-	-	-	My 21 My 5 - My 15	My 4 - My 17	-		-
Veery	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 10 Ap 24	-	-	-	My 1 Je 11	-

— *Lee Morris, Benedict*

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— *Ralph Harrington, Lincoln*

Cerulean Warbler	My 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	My 16 My 18	-	-	My 12 My 13	-	-	My 21	My 8 - My 9	-	-	-	-	- Ap 28 - s
Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	My 21	-	-	-	-	-	My 6 My 13
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 13 My 17
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	My 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- Ap 28 My 17
Blackpoll Warbler	-	My 18	-	My 15	-	-	-	-	-	My 17	My 15 -	My 5 My 18	-	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 5	My 3 -	Ap 28 My 9	-	-	-
Ovenbird	Je 21	-	D My 10 My 23	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	My 20	-	-	-	-	-	- Ap 28 - s
Northern Waterthrush	My 1	-	My 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 5	-	Ap 10 My 13	-	-	-
Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 1 Ap 6	-	-
Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 11 Je 22	-	-
Mourning Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 21	My 16 -	My 14 - My 18	My 13 My 23	-	-	-
MacGillivray's Warbler	My 26 My 27	-	-	My 10 My 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	My 12 - s	My 12 S - s	My 2 - s	My 13 Je 22 - s	Je 3 - s	My 11 Je 10 - s	My 17 - s	My 11 X - s	Ap 30 - s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-breasted Chat	My 29	My 20 D - s	My 10 My 29	My 29 Je 7 Je 9	-	-	My 20 - s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 15 Je 7	-
Wilson's Warbler	My 26	My 18 -	My 5 -	My 5 -	-	-	-	-	-	My 15 -	My 15 -	My 15 -	My 13 My 23	-	-	-

The *Nebraska Check-list* (1958) lists it as "accidental" on the basis of a specimen taken in Dawes County in 1911. The *Nebraska Bird Review* has reported it eight times in the past 13 years:

1965 Mrs. W.H. Nielsen of North Platte (*NBR* 33(1):66)

1970 Lee and Tom Morris, C.W. Huntley, and R.G. Cortelyou at the 69th Annual Meeting of NOU at Halsev (*NRR* 38(2):27)

	Sioux Bluff	Scotts A Car-den	Cher-ry	McPh. Lin-coln	Cus-howard Adams Hall	Boone B Lan-caster	Doug-Otoe Sarpy
Canada Warbler	-	-	My 8	-	-	-	My 11
American Redstart	My 23 -S	D My 11 Je 2	-	-	My 13 My 17	-	My 8 -S My 18
House Sparrow	P	- My* 3 -S	-	P	P	P	- P
Bobolink	-	My 14 S My 11 My 27	My 16 Je 19 Je 22	My 13 Je 3 Je 10	-	My 5 -S	- My 11 Je 28
Eastern Meadowlark	Je 21	- S Mr 19 -S	-	My 15	- My 13 My 21 -S	-	Mr 1 - Ap 6 -S
Meadowlark sp.	-	-	-	P	-	P	- P
Western Meadowlark	Fe 11 -S	P B Mr* 17 -S	Mr 12 My 26 Je 30	P	Mr 1 -S	P	X P - Fe 15 My 14 -S Je 18
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Ap 20 Ap 14 -S	S Mr 26 Ap 21 -S	My 26 Ap 20 Je 30	-	Ap 22 Ap 2 Mr 30	X Ap 2 -S	- Fe 18 My 14 Je 7
Red-winged Blackbird	Mr 14 -S	P B P	Mr 11 My 26 Je 30	Ja 17 Mr 16 -S	Mr 12 Mr 18 -S	P X Fe 25 -S	- Fe 4 My 14 Je 30
Orchard Oriole	My 20 -S	My 21 S -S	My 13 My 16 My 29 Je 30	My 11 My 21 -S	My 13 My 16 -S	My 11 -S	- Ap 28 Je 2 -S
Scott's Oriole	-	-	-	Je 18	-	-	-
Northern Oriole	My 30 Je 21	My 11 D -S	My 10 My 16 -S	My 10 My 10 -S	My 15 My 8 -S	X My 15 -S	- Ap 27 My 14 -S
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 22 -S My 21 Ap 6 Je 19
Brewer's Blackbird	Je 21	-	My 13	-	-	-	Mr 26 -S Ja 12 My 13
Great-tailed Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 31 -S	-
Common Grackle	Ap 3 -S	Mr 23 B -S	P	-	My 29 Mr 22 Ap 5 Je 30	Mr 24 X -S	P - Mr 11 My 12 -S

- 1971 Mrs. Clifford Kenedy, Adams County, 11 May (*NBR* 39(3):45 and 54)
 1972 Don and Mrs. Jerry Sejkora, Perkins County, 17 September to 11 November (*NBR* 41(2):37)
 1973 John C.W. Bliese, Kearney, 8 May (*NBR* 41(4):81) and the Sejkoras, Perkins County, 28 September (*NBR* 42(2):36)
 1974 Mrs. J.J. Brashear, Scottsbluff, 8 September (*NBR* 43(2):34 and 39)

No listings of the species were found in the *Nebraska Bird Review* for years prior to 1965. Careful attention should be paid to detecting the species in coming years to determine if the status of the species is now one of more frequent appearance during the migration periods or

Brown-headed Cowbird	Ap 27	My 18	S	Ap 22	My 8	-	Ap 3	My 1	Ap 29	Ap 2	Ap 12	X	W	-	-	Fe 4	-
	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	-	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S
Western Tanager	My 18	My 27	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	- S	Je 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 11	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- S	-	-	-	-	-	-	- S	-
Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 11	-
Cardinal	-	-	-	My* 3	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	-	-	-	My 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	My 14	My 7	-	My 13	Je 3	My 13	My 8	My 15	-	My 10	-	Ap 27	My 14	-
	-	-	-	My 19	-	-	Je 10	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	Je 19
Black-headed Grosbeak	My 23	My 18	D	My 10	-	-	Je 1	-	-	My 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Je 21	- S	Je 17	-	-	-	Je 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Grosbeak	-	My 19	-	Je 13	-	-	Je 10	-	-	-	Je 30	-	-	-	Je 17	-	-
	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S
Indigo Bunting	-	-	D	-	My 11	-	-	My 21	My 20	My 21	My 30	-	My 19	-	My 2	-	-
	-	-	My 29	-	My 29	-	-	Je 10	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S
Lazuli Bunting	-	My 22	-	My 10	My 11	-	-	-	-	My 20	-	-	-	-	My 14	-	-
	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S
Dickcissel	-	-	S	-	-	Je 19	Je 10	My 21	My 20	My 20	My 26	X	Ap 30	-	Ap 29	Ap 15	-
	-	-	-	-	-	Je 30	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S	- S
Evening Grosbeak	-	W	-	-	W	-	Ap 23	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ja 5	-	-	-
	My 10	-	Mr 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 27	-	-	-
Purple Finch	-	Ja 4	-	Mr 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	Fe 15	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 24	My 12	Fe 20	-	-
House Finch	-	P	-	*	-	-	Ja 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	*	-	-	My 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pine Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ja 2	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 10	-	-
Hoary Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 26	-	Fe 13	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 15	-	-
Common Redpoll	-	Fe 4	-	W	-	Ja 4	-	W	-	Fe 23	Ja 25	Ja 20	-	Ja 21	-	W	-
	-	-	-	Mr 18	Mr 9	-	Ja 10	-	-	-	-	Mr 17	Mr 18	Ap 30	-	-	-

merely a brief, but not unusual group of sightings that will not be repeated for several years.

—Stanley Longfellow, Kearney

There are two other recent records which were not available to Mr. Longfellow: 10 September 1976 at Walgren Lake, near Hay Springs (*Check-list of Birds of Northwestern Nebraska and Southwestern South Dakota*, Richard C. Rosche), and three netted at Crescent Lake NWR, reported by C. Fred Zeilemaker (*NBR* 46(2):31 and 34).

AN UNCOMMON GRACKLE. As we (John and I and our son-in-law Morelle Herzinger) drove into the parking lot on the east side of Wagon Train Lake in the afternoon of 26 March 1978 we saw a lone grackle feeding along a row of small trees (mostly willows), a few feet from the

	Scotts A Gar-	Cher-	McPh.	Lin-	Cus-	Howard	Adams	Boone	B	Ian-	C	Doug-	Otoe
	Sioux Bluff	den	ry	coln	ter	Hall				caster	Sarpy		
Pine Siskin	My 23 P -S	D W - Je 4	-	W - My 19	My 10	-	W - My 21	W - Ja 20	W - Je 10	W - My 17	Mr 7		
American Goldfinch	My 15 P -S	B P -	-	P -S	Ap 10	P -S	P -S	Mr 10	P -S	P -S	Fe 3 Je 27		
Red Crossbill	Je 21 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-winged Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	Ap 25 W - -S	D Ap 23 My 13	Ap 29	Ap 22	-	Ap 29 -S	My 21	-	Ap 11 My 3	Fe 10	-	-	-
Lark Bunting	My 4 My 10 S -S	My 7 -S	My 10 -S	My 13 -S	Je 7 -S	My 14 -S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	My 6 My 7 S My 29	My 2 My 29	-	Ap 21	-	-	-	Ap 27	-	-	My 14	-	-
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	S My 2 -S	-	My 9 Je My 13 Je	7 My 13 10 -S	-	-	-	My 11 Je 29	Ap 26 -S	-	-	-
Baird's Sparrow	-	-	-	Ap 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 13	-	-
Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	My 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vesper Sparrow	Ap 19 My 7 -S	Ap 4 Ap 16 My 18	-	Ap 17 -S	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 30 Ap 29	-	-
Lark Sparrow	Ap 27 Ap 13 S -S	Ap 21 My 6 -S	My 26 Ap 26 Je 14 Je 10	Je 7 My 20 -S	-	My 30 -S	My 30	My 30	My 30	Ap 29	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	W - Mr 27	D W - Mr 24	-	W - Mr 16	W - Ap 3	W - Ap 2	W - Ap 2	W - Ap 2	W - Ap 23	W - My 15	Ja 2 Fe 27	-	-
Gray-headed Junco	My 13 -	-	-	Ja 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tree Sparrow	W - Mr 27	W - Mr 25	W - Ap 16	W - Ja 4	-	W - Mr 27	W - Mr 18	W - Mr 31	W - Ap 2	W - Ap 10	-	-	-

water's edge. Closer examination showed that it was not a Common Grackle, although it was of that approximate size. (Female Boat-tailed and Great-tailed Grackles are about 4 inches shorter than the males, making them about the size of Common Grackles.) The back and top of the head of this bird were brown, not black, and the underparts were buffy-brown with the throat noticeable lighter. There was a light buffy-brown stripe above the dark eye. The profile was like that of the female Boat-tailed Grackle pictured on page 989 of the October 1975 issue of *American Birds*. We watched this grackle in good light for about 10 to 15 minutes, with binoculars and without, at a distance of about 20 feet, but until I see another grackle that I am certain is a female Boat-tailed or one that I am certain is a female Great-tailed I will not make a positive identification of this bird.

— Mabel B. Ott, Lincoln

Chipping Sparrow	My 26 Ap 20 B Ap 23 My 2	-	Fe 11 Mr 16 My 2 Ap 9 Ap 8 - Ap 18 - Ap 8	-
	- S - S - Je 4		My 13 - S - My 21 - S - S - S	
Clay-colored Sparrow	My 13 My 8 - My 9 My 10	-	Ap 28 My 10 Mr 3 Ap 30 Ap 28 - Ap 30 - Ap 27	-
	My 18 My 19		My 13 Mr 10 My 21 My 15	My 17
Brewer's Sparrow	- - - - -	-	- - - - -	-
	- - - - -		- - - - -	-
Field Sparrow	- - S - -	-	My 13 Je 7 My 13 - Ap 28 - Mr 26 - Ap 1	-
	- - - - -		My 29 Je 10 - S - Je 30 - S - S	-
Harris' Sparrow	- W - - My 7 Ap 29	-	W - My 1 W - W - W - W - Mr 2	
	Mr 10 My 9		My 11 My 13 My 7 My 16 My 23 Je 9	
White-crowned Sparrow	Ap 13 W - - Ap 11 Ap 29	-	Ja 10 - Fe 2 My 21 My 12 - Ap 14 - Ja 28	-
	My 27 My 10		My 13 My 10	My 23 My 13
White-throated Sparrow	- - - My 9 Ap 29	-	- - - Fe 3 - Ap 27 - W - - W -	-
	My 13		My 1 - Ap 28 My 15 My 17	
Fox Sparrow	- - - - -	-	- - - - -	-
	- - - - -		- - - - -	-
Lincoln's Sparrow	My 1 - - My 10 -	-	Ap 25 - - - Ap 23 - Ap 9 - Ap 20	-
	My 11 My 19		My 16 My 10 My 17	
Swamp Sparrow	- - S My 10 -	-	- - - Ap 21 - Ap 30 Y Mr 31	-
	- S - S		My 5 My 9	
Song Sparrow	Mr 24 W - - W -	-	Ap 25 - My 2 Ap 30 Ja 20 - W - - P	-
	Je 21 Mr 10 Ap 8		My 15 Je 3 My 21 Je 30 Ap 19	-
McGown's Longspur	Ap 1 - - - -	-	- - - - -	-
	- S - - - -		- - - - -	-
Lapland Longspurs	- - - W -	-	- - - W - - a Ja 1	-
	Mr 14		Mr 17 Fe 19 Ja 21	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	Ap 15 - - Ap 2 -	-	- - - - -	-
	- S Ap 5		- - - - -	-
Snow Bunting	Ja 8 Ja 10 - W - W -	-	Fe 11 - Ja 3 a Ja 1	-
	Mr 6 Fe 28 Mr 10 Ja 13		Mr 10 Fe 11 Mr 11	

RINGED TURTLE DOVE. On 19 August 1978 Everett and I saw a Ringed Turtle Dove here in Crete. The people in whose yard it is say that it has been around for about four months. On 21 August the Diggs, of Hamburg, Iowa, and the Otts, of Lincoln, saw the bird and verified our identification.

—Mildred Gross, Crete

1977 CHRISTMAS COUNT. Seventeen White-throated Sparrows should be added to the Lincoln figures for the 1977 Christmas Count (*NBR* 46:11).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER. On 1 June 1978 I caught a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in my mist nets at Camp Wakonda, at the south end of Fontenelle Forest. This bird was a female with a large brood patch, which indicates that it was nesting in the area. I saw this bird in a nearby tree several times throughout the day, and again on 5 June, in the same tree. This species is listed as an uncommon migrant both in Nebraska and in Iowa, and as far as I know this is the first time this species has been reported here past migration, and certainly the first indication of nesting here.

On 20 August I caught and banded an immature Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Jewel Park, Bellevue, about a mile south of Camp Wakonda. This is further confirmation that they nested in this area.

— Ruth Green, Bellevue

CERULEAN WARBLER. On 13 July 1978 we were banding birds in Fontenelle Forest and caught a female Cerulean Warbler in a net which was by the pool of water on the north side of the railroad crossing. While she was in her post-breeding molt and pin feathers were very prevalent over her body, her identification markings were quite clear. The blue head was very clear, as was the faint eye line. Her white throat was definitely distinguishable. Her large brood patch told us she had nested in the Forest. It was a first for us to have seen, as well as the first for us to band. We are told that it is the first definite proof of a pair nesting in the Forest. She is now wearing band number 1460-77470. Mrs. Robert Peterson and Ruth Green, of Bellevue, and John and Mabel Ott of Lincoln were with us at the time.

— Hazel and Fitzhugh Digs, Hamburg, Iowa

1978 Fall Field Day

The 1978 Fall Field Day was held in Lincoln on 1 October, in conjunction with the Audubon Naturalists Club of Lincoln. A get-together for early arrivals was held Friday night at the Harrington home. The morning was spent in Wilderness Park and the afternoon at Branched Oak Lake. It was a bright fall day, but a little on the windy side (gusts reached 35 mph in the afternoon). Probably over forty people participated during part of the day. Seventy-eight species (maybe one more, if any of the Meadowlark sp. were Easterns) were tallied during the day: Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Green Heron; Canada and Snow Geese; Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail; Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal; American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Duck; Red-tailed, Swainson's, and Marsh Hawks; American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sora, American Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, American Woodcock, Common Snipe, Lesser Yellow-legs; Pectoral, Baird's, Least, and Semipalmated Sandpipers; Short-billed Dowitcher; Ring-billed and Franklin's Gulls; Rock and Mourning Doves; Great Horned Owl, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker; Red-bellied, Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Eastern Phoebe; Bank, Rough-winged, and Barn Swallows.

Woodpeckers; Bank, Rough-winged, and Barn Swallows.

Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch; House and Long-billed Marsh Wrens; Gray Catbird, American Robin, Water Pipit, Starling, Warbling Vireo; Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green Warblers; Common Yellowthroat, House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark and Meadowlark sp.; Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds; Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee; Savannah, Le Conte's, Sharp-tailed, Lincoln's, Swamp, and Song Sparrows. And two others — Bell's Vireo and Black-billed Magpie — were reported by participants coming in from the west, that morning.

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