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NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION FALL FIELD DAYS, OCTOBER 6-8, 1995
AT THE NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST NEAR HALSEY

Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting
(Robin Harding, Secretary)

Betty Grenon, Treasurer, reported that NOU has 240 members.

George Brown, Past President, reported on plans for the 1996 Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, NE on May 17-19. Bill Huser, Vice President, announced that the 1997 Annual Meeting will be held jointly with The Iowa Ornithologists' Union and The South Dakota Ornithologists' Union in South Sioux City, NE. in May (dates not set). There was some discussion about having a hospitality room to encourage mixing of the three groups. The 1996 Fall Field Days will be held at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey on the first weekend of October.

Neal Ratzlaff, President, received favorable comments on the revised NOU field card. Printing costs will be paid by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission non-game wildlife fund, and the cards will be free of charge to NOU members. The possibility of selling the field cards through the American Birding Association's ABA Sales Catalog, was discussed. Neal will ask Ross Lock for the approval of the Game and Parks Commission before a decision is made. Neal said that Ross wants to see an outline if an NOU member wishes to publish an article about the field card and the importance of documenting bird migration, in the Nebraskaland magazine.

The Breeding Bird Atlas Project is on hold, waiting for Wayne Mollhoff to get time to finish it. The proposal by Tom Meyers to archive NOU records has made no further progress.

NOU Fall Bird Count, October 7-8, 1995

The count locations included the Nebraska National Forest, which is mostly in Thomas County, and four counties: Blaine, Brown, Cherry, and Thomas (outside the forest). The sightings totalled 103 species during the count period, compared to 118 in 1994 and 100 in 1993 for the same locations but about a month earlier.

The species are listed in the following table.

Table 1. Bird species observed October 7-8, 1995, in four Nebraska counties, with Thomas Co. divided into the portion containing the Nebraska National Forest (NNF), and the portion outside the forest. X = species present.

Species	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (- NNF)	Blaine
Pied-billed Grebe		X	X		
Eared Grebe		X			
Western Grebe		X			
Amer. White Pelican	X	X		X	X
Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	X	X
Great Blue Heron	X	X			X
Cattle Egret			X		

Species	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine
Trumpeter Swan		X			
Canada Goose		X	X		X
Wood Duck	X	X			X
Green-winged Teal		X	X		
Mallard	X	X	X		X
Northern Pintail		X			
Blue-winged Teal	X	X	X		
Northern Shoveler		X	X		
Gadwall		X	X		
American Wigeon		X	X		
Canvasback			X		
Redhead		X	X		
Ring-necked Duck		X	X		
Lesser Scaup		X	X		
Bufflehead		X			
Ruddy Duck		X	X		X
Turkey Vulture	X	X		X	
Northern Harrier	X	X	X		X
Sharp-shinned Hawk	X		X	X	
Swainson's Hawk	X		X		X
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X	X
Ferruginous Hawk	X	X		X	X
Rough-legged Hawk	X				X
Golden Eagle		X			
American Kestrel	X	X		X	X
Peregrine Falcon	X				
Prairie Falcon	X	X	X	X	
Ring-necked Pheasant		X	X	X	X
Greater Prairie-Chicken	X		X	X	X
Sharp-tailed Grouse	X			X	X
Wild Turkey	X			X	X
Virginia Rail					X
American Coot		X	X		
Killdeer	X			X	
Greater Yellowlegs		X	X		
Spotted Sandpiper	X				
Ring-billed Gull		X	X		X
Rock Dove		X			X
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X	X

Species	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine
Eastern Screech-Owl	X			X	
Great Horned Owl	X			X	
Burrowing Owl		X			
Common Poorwill	X				
Belted Kingfisher	X	X	X	X	X
Red-headed Woodpecker	X			X	
Downy Woodpecker	X	X		X	
Hairy Woodpecker	X	X		X	
Northern Flicker	X	X		X	X
Say's Phoebe				X	
Horned Lark	X	X			X
Purple Martin		X	X		
Barn Swallow	X		X		X
Blue Jay	X		X	X	
American Crow	X	X	X	X	X
Black-capped Chickadee	X	X		X	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	X	X		X	
White-breasted Nuthatch	X				
House Wren	X	X			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X		
Eastern Bluebird	X	X		X	X
Townsend's Solitaire	X	X		X	
American Robin	X	X		X	X
Gray Catbird	X				
Brown Thrasher	X				
American Pipit		X			
Cedar Waxwing	X			X	
Shrike species					X
Orange-crowned Warbler	X	X	X		
Nashville Warbler	X				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X	X		
Northern Cardinal	X	X			
Rufous-sided Towhee (spotted)	X		X	X	
American Tree Sparrow		X		X	X
Chipping Sparrow	X	X			X
Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		X	X
Field Sparrow	X	X		X	X
Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X

Species	NNF	Cherry	Brown	Thomas (-NNF)	Blaine
Lark Sparrow					X
Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X
Song Sparrow	X	X	X		
Lincoln's Sparrow	X				
Swamp Sparrow	X				
White-throat. Sparrow	X	X			
White-crowned Sparrow	X	X		X	
Harris' Sparrow	X	X	X	X	
Dark-eyed Junco	X	X		X	X
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X
Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	X	X
Yellow-headed Blackbird		X			
Common Grackle	X	X		X	X
Purple Finch	X				
House Finch	X			X	
Red Crossbill	X				
Pine Siskin	X				
American Goldfinch	X	X		X	X
House Sparrow		X			X