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BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER IN BUFFALO COUNTY

On May 9, 1991, while doing a weekly least tern and piping plover survey, we observed two Black-bellied Plovers (*Pluvialis squatarola*). The birds were observed foraging along the shoreline of a sandpit near Elm Creek, Nebraska. The birds were viewed through a 30X spotting scope at approximately 25 yards. The white rump observed on one of the plovers characterizes the birds' summer phase. The white rump is one characteristic which helps distinguish it from the Lesser Golden Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*). The coloration of the other plover was a drab gray and brown.

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